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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Wednesday, April 7, 2021

Eighteenth Day

The House of Representatives meets at the Veterans Memorial Auditorium in Providence, Wednesday, April 7, 2021, and is called to order at 4:04 o'clock P.M., by the Honorable K. Joseph Shekarchi, Speaker.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 62 members present and 13 members absent as follows:

PRESENT – 62: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Amore, Azzinaro, Baginski, Barros, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cassar, Cortvriend, Corvese, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Filippi, Fogarty, Giraldo, Hawkins, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Lima C., Lima S., Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, Phillips, Place, Potter, Price, Quattrocchi, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Solomon, Speakman, Tobon, Vella-Wilkinson and Williams.

ABSENT – 13: Representatives Alzate, Chippendale, Costantino, Handy, Knight, Lombardi, McLaughlin, O'Brien, Perez, Ranglin-Vassell, Roberts, Slater, Tanzi.

INVOCATION

The Honorable Speaker presents Representative Fellela 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 Tuesday, April 6, 2021, is approved.

COMMUNICATIONS

Representative Alzate is unable to attend session today, Wednesday, April 7, 2021.
Representative Costantino is unable to attend session today, Wednesday, April 7, 2021.
Representative McLaughlin is unable to attend session today, Wednesday, April 7, 2021.
Representative O'Brien is unable to attend session today, Wednesday, April 7, 2021.
Representative Slater is unable to attend session today, Wednesday, April 7, 2021.

NEW BUSINESS**House Bill No. 6207**

BY Lima, Morales, Fenton-Fung, Cardillo, Lima, Costantino, McGaw, Phillips, McEntee, Potter
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Excludes \$10,200 of unemployment compensation from income for tax payer/married couple with adjusted gross income less than \$150,000 retroactive to 2020 tax year only.) {LC2576/1}
04/07/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 6208

BY Morales, Williams, Kazarian, Potter, Nardone, McGaw, Solomon, Hull, Kislak, Caldwell
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.) {LC2569/1}
04/07/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 6209

BY Amore
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE (Requires coverage for treatment of pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal infections and pediatric acute onset neuropsychiatric syndrome, including, but not limited to, the use of intravenous immunoglobulin therapy..) {LC2559/1}
04/07/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 6210

BY Donovan, Kazarian, Casimiro, Speakman, Carson, Tanzi, Fogarty, Ajello
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- RHODE ISLAND HEALTH INFORMATION EXCHANGE ACT OF 2008 (Provides patients opportunity to opt out of information disclosure under HIE.) {LC2571/1}
04/07/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 6211

(by request)
BY Phillips, Bennett
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- REDISTRICTING (Requires for adoption of redistricting legislation an affirmative vote of a majority of representatives and senators voting by each of the 2 chambers' and by a majority of representatives and senators in the largest 2 member-represented political parties.) {LC2487/1}
04/07/2021 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

CONSENT CALENDAR

From the Consent Calendar are taken:

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.

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

PROXY VOTES

Majority Leader Blazewski announces pursuant to rule 47B authorizing Proxy Votes he has 6 to be recorded in the affirmative: Representatives Alzate, Costantino, Knight, Lombardi, O'Brien and Slater.

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 Consent Calendar prevails on a roll call vote, 66 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 66: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Baginski, Barros, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazewski, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cassar, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Craven, Donovan, 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, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Place, Potter, Price, Quattrocchi, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Tobon, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

CALENDAR

From the Calendar are taken:

IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7, 2021:

- 1. 2021-H 5568 SUB A**
BY Lima C.
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.

Chairman Hull moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Morales, Vella-Wilkinson, Abney, Deputy Speaker Lima C., McEntee, Casey, Casimiro, Lima S., and Ruggiero.

PROXY VOTES

Majority Leader Blazejewski announces pursuant to rule 47B authorizing Proxy Votes he has 7 to be recorded in the affirmative: Representatives Alzate, Costantino, Knight, Lombardi, McLaughlin, O'Brien, Slater, and 1 recorded in the negative: Representative Tanzi.

Minority Leader Filippi announces pursuant to rule 47B authorizing Proxy Votes he has 2 to be recorded in the negative: 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, 60 members voting in the affirmative and 10 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, Biah, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cassar, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Giraldo, Hawkins, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima C., Lima S., Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McLaughlin, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Potter, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tobon, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams.

NAYS - 10: Representatives Chippendale, Fenton-Fung, Filippi, Fogarty, Nardone, Place, Price, Quattrocchi, Roberts, Tanzi.

RECUSED - 0:

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.

Chairman Casey moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Speakman, Amore, Caldwell, Donovan, Morales, Biah, Vella-Wilkinson, Ruggiero, McEntee, Majority Leader Blazejewski, Henries, Cardillo, Cassar, Azzinaro, Shallcross Smith, Ajello, Cortvriend, Bennett, Deputy Whip Ackerman, McNamara, Potter, Lima S., Hull, Whip Kazarian, Baginski, McGaw, Messier, Fogarty, Hawkins, Felix, Edwards, and Noret.

PROXY VOTES

Majority Leader Blazejewski announces pursuant to rule 47B authorizing Proxy Votes he has 9 to be recorded in the affirmative: Representatives Alzate, Costantino, Knight, Lombardi, McLaughlin, O'Brien, Slater, Tanzi, 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, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Filippi, Fogarty, Giraldo, Hawkins, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima C., Lima S., Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McGaw, McLaughlin, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Place, Potter, Price, Quattrocchi, Ranglin-Vassell, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Tobon, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

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

Chairman Bennett moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Phillips, Majority Leader Blazejewski, Speaker Pro Tempore Kennedy, Morales, Craven, Azzinaro, Abney, Lima S., Potter, Messier, Whip Kazarian, Vella-Wilkinson, Casey, Hull, Bennett, and Edwards.

Representative Newberry discusses the act.

PROXY VOTES

Majority Leader Blazejewski announces pursuant to rule 47B authorizing Proxy Votes he has 9 to be recorded in the affirmative: Representatives Alzate, Costantino, Knight, Lombardi, McLaughlin, O'Brien, Slater, Tanzi, 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, 65 members voting in the affirmative and 8 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 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, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fogarty, Giraldo, Hawkins, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima C., Lima S., Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McLaughlin, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Potter, Ranglin-Vassell, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Tobon, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams.

NAYS - 8: Representatives Fenton-Fung, Filippi, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Place, Price, Quattrocchi.

RECUSED - 0:



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

I, MARVIN L. ABNEY, State Representative, District 13, 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:

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):

(X) 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.

Handwritten signature of Marvin L. Abney, REPRESENTATIVE

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
COUNTY OF Providence

Subscribed and sworn to under the penalties for perjury before me this 7th day of April, 2021.

Notary Public seal for Michael R. Egan, State of Rhode Island, with handwritten signature.

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

Handwritten signature of the Speaker, SPEAKER

4. **2021-H 6158**
BY Shekarchi
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, Ruggiero, McEntee, Majority Leader Blazejewski, Henries, Carson, Cortvriend, Bennett, Ajello, Shallcross Smith, McNamara, Donovan, Amore, Casey, Casimiro, Whip Kazarian, McGaw, Messier, Fogarty, Corvese, Azzinaro, Cardillo, Edwards, Hull, and Felix.

PROXY VOTES

Majority Leader Blazejewski announces pursuant to rule 47B authorizing Proxy Votes he has 8 to be recorded in the affirmative: Representatives Alzate, Costantino, Knight, Lombardi, McLaughlin, O'Brien, Slater, and Tanzi.

Minority Leader Filippi announces pursuant to rule 47B authorizing Proxy Votes he has 1 to be recorded in the affirmative: Whip Chippendale.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 67 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 67: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Baginski, Barros, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cassar, Chippendale, Corvese, Costantino, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Filippi, Fogarty, Giraldo, 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, Phillips, Place, Price, Quattrocchi, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Tobon, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 1: Representative Abney.



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

I, MARVIN L. ABBEY, State Representative, District B, 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:

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):

(X) 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.

Marvin L. Abbey
REPRESENTATIVE

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
COUNTY OF Providence

Subscribed and sworn to under the penalties for perjury before me this 7 day of April, 20 21.

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

Michael P. ...
NOTARY PUBLIC
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
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SPEAKER

5. **2021-H 6178**
BY Shekarchi
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 8 to be recorded in the affirmative: Representatives Alzate, Costantino, Knight, Lombardi, McLaughlin, O'Brien, Slater, and Tanzi.

Minority Leader Filippi announces pursuant to rule 47B authorizing Proxy Votes he has 1 to be recorded in the affirmative: Whip Chippendale.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 68 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 68: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Baginski, Barros, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cassar, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Craven, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Fogarty, Giraldo, 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, Phillips, Place, Potter, Price, Quattrocchi, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Tobon, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 1: Representative Abney.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Diaz wishes Floor Manager Edwards a Happy Birthday.

Speaker Shekarchi wishes Floor Manager Edwards a healthy and Happy Birthday.

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 the rise of the House, in the House Lounge of the State House.

Majority Leader Blazejewski announces as a reminder, the House will not be in session tomorrow, Thursday, April 18th, because the Vets is not available. The next session days will be next Tuesday, April 13th, and next Thursday, April 15th, both starting at 4 p.m. at the Vets, with committee hearings Monday through Thursday next week. The following week, April 19th to April 23rd will be the annual Spring Recess.

Please watch for your weekly email from Speaker Shekarchi this Friday. Attached will be a Priority Form for you to list your top three legislative priorities. The deadline to return the form will be next Thursday, April 15th.

Majority Leader Blazejewski wishes both Floor Manager Edwards and Chairman Bennet a Happy Birthday.

IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION

House Resolution No. 6212

BY Ackerman, Kislak, Knight, Kazarian, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, McNamara, O'Brien, Filippi, Potter
ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING "HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY" ON APRIL 8, 2021 {LC2520/1}

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

Deputy Whip Ackerman discusses the Resolution.

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Deputy Whip Ackerman seconded by many others, by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

House Resolution No. 6213

BY Phillips, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Casey, Lima, Felix, Kazarian, Tobon, Amore, Messier
ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING PROFOUND SYMPATHY ON THE PASSING OF PAUL V. PALANGE {LC2648/1}

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

Representative Phillips and Speaker Shekarchi discuss the Resolution and express their deepest sympathy to the Palange family.

There is no objection.

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

House Resolution No. 6214

BY Marszalkowski, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Shallcross Smith, Fellela, Ajello
ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING ISABELLE MIRZAEI ON BEING
NAMED THE 2021 HASBRO CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL CHAMPION CHILD {LC2610/1}

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

There is no objection.

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

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

Representative Casimiro-An Act relating to Abused and Neglected Children

Representative S. Lima-An Act relating to Motor Vehicles
-An Act relating to State Affairs & Government

Representative Nardone-An Act relating to Public Utilities

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. 67

BY Seveney, Sosnowski, Coyne, Archambault, Murray, McCaffrey, Bell, DiMario, Burke, Mack
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- STATE
EMBLEMS (This act would designate "Northern Star Coral" as the official state coral.) {LC381/1}
04/08/2021 Referred to House Special Legislation

Senate Bill No. 68**BY** Sosnowski, Algieri, Valverde**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- HOLLEY LANDING (Renames the landing in South Kingstown known as Wordens Pond Landing to Holley Landing.) {LC418/1}

04/08/2021 Referred to House Special Legislation

Senate Bill No. 142**BY** Gallo, Ciccone, Pearson, Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- REGULATION OF SALES (Allows the sale of alcoholic beverages on New Year's Day by retail Class A licensees.) {LC984/1}

04/08/2021 Referred to House Corporations

Senate Bill No. 251**BY** Lawson, Kallman, Murray, Euer, Mack, DiMario, Mendes, Cano, Valverde, Quezada, Calkin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINALS - CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS - STATION HOUSES FOR WOMEN (Requires that as of January 1, 2022, all inmates whom menstruate shall have access to feminine hygiene products at no cost to the inmate.) {LC1451/1}

04/08/2021 Referred to House Health & Human Services

Senate Bill No. 613**BY** Ruggiero, McCaffrey, Goodwin, Ciccone, Lombardo, Lombardi, Pearson, Lawson, DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- REAL JOBS RHODE ISLAND ACT (Establishes the real jobs Rhode Island program in order to create an industry led system to advance the skills of the state's workforce, grow the state's economy and increase sustainable employment for middle class working families.) {LC2137/1}

04/08/2021 Referred to House Finance

Senate Bill No. 659**BY** Cano, Kallman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Christina Marie Tucciarone to join the Honorable Leonela Felix and Gregory Donald Kowalski in marriage on or about June 12, 2021, within the City of Pawtucket, Rhode Island.) {LC2457/1}

04/08/2021 Referred to House Special Legislation

Senate Bill No. 661**BY** Coyne**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows the Honorable Roger A. Picard to join Kimberly D. Pelland and Blake S. Morphis in marriage on or about May 22, 2021, within the City of Newport, Rhode Island.) {LC2456/1}

04/08/2021 Referred to House Special Legislation

Senate Bill No. 720**BY** Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Everett Petronio, Jr., to join Bethany Josephine Coia and Mark Peter DeFanti in marriage on or about October 23, 2021, within the Town of Narragansett, Rhode Island.) {LC2023/1}

04/08/2021 Referred to House Special Legislation

Senate Bill No. 721**BY** Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Fiona Fitzpatrick to join Jane Elizabeth Stanley and David Ethan Swee in marriage on or about May 25, 2021, within the Town of New Shoreham, Rhode Island.) {LC2553/1}

04/08/2021 Referred to House Special Legislation

Senate Bill No. 443 SUB A as amended**BY** McCaffrey, Ruggerio, Goodwin, Miller, Coyne, Bell, Gallo, Lombardo, Cano, Archambault**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- THE HOSPITAL CONVERSIONS ACT (Requires the transacting parties/new hospital seeking conversion to supply additional information in application for review by the DOH/DAG relating to staffing levels/pension plans/community impact.) {LC1350/A/1}

04/08/2021 Referred to House Corporations

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**TRANSFER OF BILLS**

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

House Bill No. 6179**BY** Noret**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES – DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES (Allows RIDE to utilize Massachusetts and Connecticut licensed school bus drivers to fulfill a shortage of Rhode Island bus drivers to meet all obligations of transportation of students for a temporary period of time, up to thirty (30) days.) {LC2489/1}

04/09/2021 Committee transferred to House Education

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. 5432 SUB A**BY** Ackerman, Chippendale, Hawkins, Baginski, McNamara**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES -- THE MARYELLEN GOODWIN COLORECTAL CANCER SCREENING ACT (Insurance coverage for prostate/colon cancer screening.) {LC514/A/1}

04/09/2021 Placed on House Calendar (04/13/2021)

Senate Bill No. 383 as amended**BY** Goodwin, Ruggerio, McCaffrey, Miller, Coyne**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES -- THE MARYELLEN GOODWIN COLORECTAL CANCER SCREENING ACT (Insurance coverage for prostate/colon cancer screening.) {LC363/1}

04/09/2021 Placed on House Calendar (04/13/2021)

COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT AND HOUSING

Chairman Hull, for the Committee on Municipal Government and Housing, reports back the following measures, with recommendation of passage

House Bill No. 5260 SUB A

BY Edwards

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Makes permanent the exemption from taxation for certain residential property developments which have not been completed or, if completed, have not been sold and occupied.) {LC721/A/1}
04/09/2021 Placed on House Calendar (04/15/2021)

House Bill No. 6037

BY Kazarian, Amore

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO A TAX AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF EAST PROVIDENCE AND EXXONMOBIL OIL CORPORATION (Provides for a tax treaty between the city of East Providence and ExxonMobil Oil Corporation subject to the ratification of the East Providence city council.) {LC700/1}
04/09/2021 Placed on House Calendar (04/13/2021)

Senate Bill No. 325

BY Pearson, Picard

ENTITLED, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF CUMBERLAND TO ISSUE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND/OR NOTES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,500,000 TO FINANCE THE DEVELOPMENT, CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, IMPROVEMENT, ALTERATION, REPAIR AND EQUIPPING OF RECREATIONAL AREAS AND FACILITIES IN THE TOWN (Authorizes the town of Cumberland to issue general obligation bonds and notes not to exceed \$2,500,000 for the development/improvement/repair/alteration/construction/renovation/equipping of recreational areas and facilities in the town.) {LC1226/1}
04/09/2021 Placed on House Calendar (04/15/2021)

Senate Bill No. 363

BY Murray, de la Cruz, Paolino

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- NORTH SMITHFIELD - HISTORIC RESIDENCE TAX CREDIT (Allows North Smithfield historic residence owners to become eligible for state historic residence tax credits.) {LC2182/1}
04/09/2021 Placed on House Calendar (04/15/2021)

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}
04/09/2021 Placed on House Calendar (04/13/2021)

COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL LEGISLATION

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

House Bill No. 5593

BY Fogarty, Tanzi, McEntee

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- HOLLEY LANDING (Renames the landing in South Kingstown known as Wordens Pond Landing to Holley Landing.) {LC1039/1}

04/09/2021 Placed on House Calendar (04/15/2021)

House Bill No. 5654

BY Tanzi, McEntee

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- NAMING STATE CONSTRUCTIONS -- E. RICHARD DURFEE ROAD (Would name a certain portion of Sand Hill Cove Road in Narragansett, "E. Richard Durfee Road".) {LC1905/1}

04/09/2021 Placed on House Calendar (04/15/2021)

House Resolution No. 6043

BY Shanley, Marszalkowski, Barros

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION REINSTATING THE LIFE OF AND EXTENDING THE REPORTING AND EXPIRATION DATES OF THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION KNOWN AS THE "RHODE ISLAND ONLINE DATA TRANSPARENCY AND PRIVACY PROTECTION COMMISSION" (Reinstates the life and extends the reporting and expiration dates of the "Rhode Island Online Data Transparency and Privacy Protection Commission" from February 5, 2019, to May 5, 2021, and would expire on July 5, 2021.) {LC2165/1}

04/09/2021 Placed on House Calendar (04/13/2021)

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

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

House Bill No. 5028

BY Newberry, Amore, Carson, Noret, Kislak, Casimiro, Fenton-Fung

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE CIVIC LITERACY ACT (Requires the implementation of the civic literacy act for all students between the 8th and 12th grades.) {LC524/1}

04/09/2021 Placed on House Calendar (04/15/2021)

House Resolution No. 5828

BY Alzate, McNamara, Giraldo, Biah, Amore

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION REINSTATING THE LIFE OF AND EXTENDING THE REPORTING AND EXPIRATION DATES OF THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY AND PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ENCOURAGING MORE PERSONS OF COLOR TO ENTER THE FIELD OF EDUCATION (Reinstates the life and extends the reporting and expiration dates of the commission to study/make recommendations to encourage more persons of color to enter field of education from April 17, 2020, to April 17, 2022, and expires on June 17, 2022.) {LC1830/1}

04/09/2021 Placed on House Calendar (04/13/2021)

NEW BUSINESS

House Bill No. 6215

BY Ajello, Handy, Ruggiero, Speakman, Donovan, Tanzi, Kislak, Cassar, Kazarian, Amore
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RHODE ISLAND FAIR HOUSING PRACTICES ACT (Amends the definition of sexual orientation. Allows cases in superior court. Allows mediation prior to superior court case. Prohibits court order unless attorney fee waiver is signed. Repeals exemptions to sexual discrimination.) {LC2621/1}
04/08/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 6216

BY Lima, Williams, Morales, Batista, Biah, Perez, Corvese, Cardillo, Azzinaro, Costantino
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO AERONAUTICS -- AIRPORTS AND LANDING FIELDS-- PROVIDENCE T.F. GREEN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (Renames state airport from "T.F. Green state airport" to "Providence T.F. Green International Airport") {LC2623/1}
04/08/2021 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 6217

BY Amore, O'Brien, Henries, Biah, Barros, Corvese
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- RHODE ISLAND HOPE SCHOLARSHIP ACT (Establishes the Rhode Island hope scholarship act to provide up to the cost of two (2) years of tuition costs and mandatory fees for eligible students in hopes to increase the numbers for enrollment and graduation.) {LC2371/1}
04/08/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 6218

BY Fenton-Fung
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- EMPLOYMENT SECURITY -- BENEFITS -- RHODE ISLAND BACK TO WORK INCENTIVE PROGRAM (Provides 13 weeks of benefits to persons returning to work of \$150 per week prorated plus additional compensation up to \$1,950 prorated with benefits expiring on January 1, 2022.) {LC2628/1}
04/08/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 6219

BY Slater, O'Brien, Potter, Felix, Williams, Morales, Tanzi
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- RIGHT TO ORGANIZE (Allows labor organizations/unions to organize any employees who work for employers in an industry that is regulated by the medical marijuana act or cannabis-regulated industry.) {LC2582/1}
04/08/2021 Introduced, referred to House Labor

House Bill No. 6220

BY Quattrocchi
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Gary Bucci to join Jennifer Heng and Griffin Pharr in marriage on or about June 19, 2021, within the City of Newport, Rhode Island.) {LC2645/1}
04/08/2021 Introduced, referred to House Special Legislation

House Bill No. 6221**BY** Quattrocchi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Gary Bucci to join Taylor Dryden and Joseph Murray in marriage on or about December 11, 2021, within the City of Newport, Rhode Island.) {LC2646/1}

04/08/2021 Introduced, referred to House Special Legislation

House Bill No. 6222**BY** Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Kazarian, Ackerman, Edwards, Abney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT ESTABLISHING A REAPPORTIONMENT COMMISSION (Creates an eighteen (18) member special commission on reapportionment whose purpose is to draft and to report to the general assembly an act to reapportion the districts of the general assembly and the state's United States Congressional districts.) {LC2620/1}

04/08/2021 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

ADJOURNMENT

At 4:38 o'clock P.M. on motion of Representative Edwards, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Noel Berg; on motion of Representative Phillips, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Paul V. Palange; on motion of Representative Diaz, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Georgina D. Moreno seconded by Leaders Blazejewski and Filippi the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

Diane M. DePina
Recording Clerk

APPENDIX

INVOCATION

REPRESENTATIVE DEBORAH A. FELLELA

Eternal God: As the session continues we ask your blessing upon the men and women of this, the people's house. Grant that we be good in thought, gracious in word, and great in spirit. Amen

APPENDIX**CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 2021:****1. 2021-H 5432 SUB A****BY Ackerman****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES -- THE MARYELLEN GOODWIN COLORECTAL CANCER SCREENING ACT**

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

2. 2021-S 383 as amended**BY Goodwin****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES -- THE MARYELLEN GOODWIN COLORECTAL CANCER SCREENING ACT**

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage as amended in concurrence.

3. 2021-H 6037**BY Kazarian****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO A TAX AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF EAST PROVIDENCE AND EXXONMOBIL OIL CORPORATION**

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

4. 2021-H 5828**BY Alzate****ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION REINSTATING THE LIFE OF AND EXTENDING THE REPORTING AND EXPIRATION DATES OF THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY AND PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ENCOURAGING MORE PERSONS OF COLOR TO ENTER THE FIELD OF EDUCATION**

Committee on Education recommends passage.

5. 2021-H 6043**BY Shanley****ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION REINSTATING THE LIFE OF AND EXTENDING THE REPORTING AND EXPIRATION DATES OF THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION KNOWN AS THE "RHODE ISLAND ONLINE DATA TRANSPARENCY AND PRIVACY PROTECTION COMMISSION"**

Committee on Special Legislation recommends passage.

6. **2021-S 561**
BY Kallman
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RHODE ISLAND FAIR HOUSING PRACTICES ACT

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage in concurrence.

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 15, 2021:

1. **2021-H 5028**
BY Newberry
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE CIVIC LITERACY ACT

Committee on Education recommends passage.

2. **2021-H 5260 SUB A**
BY Edwards
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES

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

3. **2021-H 5654**
BY Tanzi
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- NAMING STATE CONSTRUCTIONS -- E. RICHARD DURFEE ROAD

Committee on Special Legislation recommends passage.

4. **2021-H 5593**
BY Fogarty
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- HOLLEY LANDING

Committee on Special Legislation recommends passage.

5. **2021-S 325**
BY Pearson
ENTITLED, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF CUMBERLAND TO ISSUE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND/OR NOTES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,500,000 TO FINANCE THE DEVELOPMENT, CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, IMPROVEMENT, ALTERATION, REPAIR AND EQUIPPING OF RECREATIONAL AREAS AND FACILITIES IN THE TOWN

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage in concurrence.

- 6. 2021-S 363**
BY Murray
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- NORTH SMITHFIELD - HISTORIC
RESIDENCE TAX CREDIT

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage in concurrence.

Francis McCabe
Clerk of the House

Friday, April 9, 2021