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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Tuesday, April 13, 2021

Nineteenth Day

The House of Representatives meets at the Veterans Memorial Auditorium in Providence, Tuesday, April 13, 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 59 members present and 16 members absent as follows:

PRESENT – 59: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Amore, Azzinaro, Baginski, Barros, Batista, Biah, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cassar, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Felix, Fenton-Fung, Filippi, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Hawkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Price, Ranglin-Vassell, Ruggiero, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Vella-Wilkinson and Williams.

ABSENT – 16: Representatives Alzate, Bennett, Chippendale, Edwards, Fellela, Henries, Lima C., Lima S., Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McLaughlin, Quattrocchi, Roberts, Serpa, Tanzi, Tobon.

INVOCATION

The Honorable Speaker presents Deputy Whip Ackerman who delivers the Invocation and leads the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

(For Invocation, see Appendix, this Journal.)

APPROVAL OF RECORD

By unanimous consent, the House Journal of Wednesday, April 7, 2021, is approved.

COMMUNICATIONS

Representative Alzate is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, April 13, 2021.
Representative Bennett is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, April 13, 2021.
Representative Edwards is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, April 13, 2021.
Representative Fellela is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, April 13, 2021.
Representative Henries is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, April 13, 2021.
Representative Lima C. is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, April 13, 2021.
Representative McLaughlin is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, April 13, 2021.
Representative Tobon is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, April 13, 2021.

CALENDAR

From the Calendar are taken:

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.

Chairman Casey moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Carson, Speakman, Amore, Phillips, Hawkins, Noret, Shanley, Vella-Wilkinson, Morales, Cardillo, Biah, Donovan, Abney, Majority Leader Blazejewski, McEntee, O'Brien, Ruggiero, Williams, Azzinaro, Speaker Pro Tempore Kennedy, Cortvriend, Handy, Ajello, Fogarty, Shallcross Smith, Hull, Deputy Whip Ackerman, Corvese, Kislak, McNamara, Minority Leader Filippi, Potter, Solomon, Casimiro, Baginski, McGaw, Messier, and Cassar.

PROXY VOTES

Majority Leader Blazejewski announces pursuant to rule 47B authorizing Proxy Votes he has 13 to be recorded in the affirmative: Representatives Alzate, Bennett, Edwards, Fellela, Henries, Lima C., Lima S., Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McLaughlin, Serpa, Tanzi, and Tobon.

Minority Leader Filippi announces pursuant to rule 47B authorizing Proxy Votes he has 3 to be recorded in the affirmative: Whip Chippendale, Representatives Quattrocchi, and Roberts.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, 74 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 74: 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, McLaughlin, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, 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:

TRANSMITTAL

By unanimous consent, 2021 H- 5432 Sub A, on the Clerk's desk is ordered to be transmitted to the Honorable Senate, forthwith.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

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.

Chairman Casey moves passage of the act, seconded by many others.

PROXY VOTES

Majority Leader Blazejewski announces pursuant to rule 47B authorizing Proxy Votes he has 13 to be recorded in the affirmative: Representatives Alzate, Bennett, Edwards, Fellela, Henries, Lima C., Lima S., Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McLaughlin, Serpa, Tanzi, and Tobon.

Minority Leader Filippi announces pursuant to rule 47B authorizing Proxy Votes he has 3 to be recorded in the affirmative: Whip Chippendale, Representatives Quattrocchi, and Roberts.

Read and passed as amended, 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, Cassar, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Filippi, Fogarty, Giraldo, Hawkins, Henries, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima C., Lima S., Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McLaughlin, McNamara, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, 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 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.

Chairman Hull moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Cassar, Abney, Whip Kazarian, Messier, Potter, Casimiro, Majority Leader Blazejewski, Hull, Cardillo, Amore, Azzinaro, Vella-Wilkinson, McEntee, Fogarty, Ruggiero, and Casey.

PROXY VOTES

Majority Leader Blazejewski announces pursuant to rule 47B authorizing Proxy Votes he has 12 to be recorded in the affirmative: Representatives Alzate, Bennett, Edwards, Fellela, Lima C., Lima S., Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McLaughlin, Serpa, Tanzi, Tobon, and 1 in the negative: Representative Henries.

Minority Leader Filippi announces pursuant to rule 47B authorizing Proxy Votes he has 3 to be recorded in the affirmative: Whip Chippendale, Representatives Quattrocchi, and Roberts.

Read and passed in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 73 members voting in the affirmative and 1 member 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, 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, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Tobon, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams.

NAYS - 1: Representative Henries.

RECUSED - 0:

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.

Chairman McNamara moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Carson, Speakman, Amore, Phillips, Caldwell, Morales, Vella-Wilkinson, Biah, Hawkins, Donovan, Abney, Majority Leader Blazejewski, Ruggiero, Cortvriend, Cassar, McEntee, Fogarty, Shallcross Smith, Ajello, Hull, Deputy Whip Ackerman, Azzinaro, Casey, Giraldo, Casimiro, Whip Kazarian, Potter, Messier, Fenton-Fung, Cardillo, and Costantino.

PROXY VOTES

Majority Leader Blazejewski announces pursuant to rule 47B authorizing Proxy Votes he has 13 to be recorded in the affirmative: Representatives Alzate, Bennett, Edwards, Fellela, Henries, Lima C., Lima S., Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McLaughlin, Serpa, Tanzi, and Tobon.

Minority Leader Filippi announces pursuant to rule 47B authorizing Proxy Votes he has 3 to be recorded in the affirmative: Whip Chippendale, Representatives Quattrocchi, and Roberts.

Read and passed in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 74 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 74: 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, McLaughlin, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, 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:

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.

Chairwoman Fogarty moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Carson, Morales, Vella-Wilkinson, Ruggiero, Majority Leader Blazejewski, Abney, Speakman, Cortvriend, Ajello, Azzinaro, Speaker Pro Tempore Kennedy, Cassar, McEntee, Williams, Donovan, Shallcross Smith, Cardillo, Corvese, McNamara, Hull, Fogarty, Casey, Felix, Whip Kazarian, and Barros.

PROXY VOTES

Majority Leader Blazejewski announces pursuant to rule 47B authorizing Proxy Votes he has 13 to be recorded in the affirmative: Representatives Alzate, Bennett, Edwards, Fellela, Henries, Lima C., Lima S., Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McLaughlin, Serpa, Tanzi, and Tobon.

Minority Leader Filippi announces pursuant to rule 47B authorizing Proxy Votes he has 3 to be recorded in the affirmative: Whip Chippendale, Representative, Roberts and Quattrocchi.

Read and passed in concurrence, 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, McLaughlin, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Price, Quattrocchi, Ranglin-Vassell, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Tobon, Vella-Wilkinson.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

- 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.

Chairman Hull moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Carson, Speakman, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams, Ruggiero, Morales, Majority Leader Blazejewski, Biah, Donovan, Abney, Perez, Azzinaro, Cassar, Cortvriend, Knight, Cardillo, Fogarty, Handy, Ajello, Shallcross Smith, Deputy Whip Ackerman, Hull, McNamara, Kislak, Slater, Giraldo, Potter, Felix, Whip Kazarian, Barros, McGaw and Messier.

PROXY VOTES

Majority Leader Blazejewski announces pursuant to rule 47B authorizing Proxy Votes he has 13 to be recorded in the affirmative: Representatives Alzate, Bennett, Edwards, Fellela, Henries, Lima C., Lima S., Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McLaughlin, Serpa, Tanzi, and Tobon.

Minority Leader Filippi announces pursuant to rule 47B authorizing Proxy Votes he has 2 to be recorded in the affirmative: Whip Chippendale and Representative Quattrocchi, and 1 recorded in the negative: Representative Roberts.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 68 members voting in the affirmative and 5 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, Cassar, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, 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, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Potter, Quattrocchi, Ranglin-Vassell, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Tobon, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams.

NAYS - 5: Representatives Filippi, Nardone, Place, Price, Roberts.

RECUSED - 0:

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deputy Whip Ackerman addresses members in recognition of Israel Independence Day.

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 Abney also announces all members will receive an updated budget analysis and it is also available on the General Assembly website.

Majority Leader Blazejewski announces the House will be meeting in session this Thursday, April 15th at 4 p.m. at the Vets. This will be the final session before next week's annual Spring Recess.

Members all should have received their Legislative Priority Form in an email from Speaker Shekarchi. Please take the opportunity to indicate your top three legislative priorities. The deadline to return the form is this Thursday, April 15th. For Democrats, please email them to Jennifer Amerantes or you can hand them to Larry Berman at the Vets. He also has extra forms if you need them. Republicans should return them to Leader Filippi.

PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Minority Leader Filippi rises on a point of personal privilege in regards to social media.

IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION

House Resolution No. 6223

BY Diaz, Blazejewski, Biah, Williams, Ranglin-Vassell, Fogarty, Donovan, Ajello, Shallcross Smith, McGaw

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF CECILIA MAKOR PREMY {LC2659/1}

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

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Diaz, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Biah, Williams, and Ranglin-Vassell, by unanimous consent, on a rising vote.

House Resolution No. 6224

BY Morales, Blazejewski, Potter, McGaw, Filippi, Williams, Batista, Kislak, Fogarty, Speakman
ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES TO THE WRIGHT FAMILY OF MINNESOTA ON THE PASSING OF DAUNTE WRIGHT {LC2699/1}

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

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Morales, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Potter, McGaw, Batista, Kislak, Williams, and Minority Leader Filippi, by unanimous consent, on a rising vote.

House Resolution No. 6225

BY Shekarchi, Blazejewski, McEntee, Costantino, Corvese, Hull, McNamara, Williams, Morales, O'Brien
ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SINCERE CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF ANTONIO CAPRIO, JR. {LC2696/1}

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

There is no objection.

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

House Resolution No. 6226

BY Shanley, Blazejewski, Donovan, Speakman, Filippi, Kennedy, Fogarty, Ajello, Shallcross Smith, Cortvriend
ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION THANKING ELIZABETH VORRO FOR HER THIRTY YEARS OF DISTINGUISHED PUBLIC SERVICE WITH THE NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD {LC2676/1}

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

There is no objection.

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

House Resolution No. 6227

BY Biah, Hull, Giraldo, Batista, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Williams, Felix, Kennedy, Fogarty
ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION HONORING CENTRAL FALLS POLICE CHIEF, COLONEL ANTHONY ROBERSON, ON BEING THE FIRST AFRICAN-AMERICAN POLICE COLONEL IN RHODE ISLAND AND THANKING HIM FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF EXEMPLARY AND DISTINGUISHED PUBLIC SERVICE {LC2612/1}

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

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Biah, seconded by Representatives Hull, Giraldo, Batista, Speaker Shekarchi, Majority Leader Blazejewski, Williams, and Felix, by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

House Resolution No. 6228

BY Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Corvese, Kazarian, Filippi, Kennedy, Ackerman, Amore, Solomon, Fogarty
ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION HONORING AND THANKING JOHN LANNI, ESQ., ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT {LC2688/1}

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

There is no objection.

Whip Kazarian discusses the Resolution.

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

House Resolution No. 6229

BY Ackerman, Knight, Corvese, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Filippi, Vella-Wilkinson, Shanley, O'Brien, Abney
ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE 73RD ANNIVERSARY OF ISRAEL'S ESTABLISHMENT ON APRIL 13, 2021, AND REAFFIRMING THE BONDS OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION BETWEEN RHODE ISLAND, THE UNITED STATES, AND THE STATE OF ISRAEL {LC2521/1}

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

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. 6230

BY Blazejewski, Filippi

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING CONGRATULATIONS {LC2686/1}

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. 6231

BY Blazejewski, Filippi

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES {LC2685/1}

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. 6232

BY Ranglin-Vassell, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, McNamara, Kennedy, Fogarty, Speakman, Donovan, Ajello, Shallcross Smith

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION CELEBRATING MARCH 22, 2021, THROUGH MARCH 28, 2021, AS "WORLD DOULA WEEK" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC2547/1}

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

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Ranglin-Vassell, seconded by Representatives McNamara, Speaker Shekarchi, Majority Leader Blazejewski, by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

RULE 7D

The following bills were received pursuant to Rule 7D:

Representative Caldwell-An Act relating to Small Business Assistance Program

Representative Carson-An Act relating to Digital Books

Representative Casimiro-An Act relating to Standards of Conduct for Notaries Public

Representative Cortvriend-An Act relating to Unemployment Security Benefits
An Act relating to DEM State Park Beaches

Representative Costantino-An Act relating to Taxation

Representative McEntee-An Act relating to Labor and Labor Relations Employment Security-General Provisions

Representative McGaw-An Act relating to EV Charging Stations in New Parking Lots

Representative Newberry-An Act relating to Direct Shipment of Wine

Representative Place-An Act relating to Education

Representative Ruggiero-An Act relating to the Costal Resources Management Council

Representative Vella-Wilkinson-An Act relating to Human Services Rhode Island Works Program

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.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE ON CORPORATIONS

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

House Bill No. 6143

BY Caldwell

ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF SALON VOGUE, INC. {LC2429/1}

04/13/2021 Placed on House Calendar (04/15/2021)

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

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

House Bill No. 5394

BY Cortvriend, Ruggiero, Shekarchi, Bennett, Handy, Cassar, McGaw, Henries, Kislak
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - PRESERVATION OF FAMILIES WITH DISABLED PARENT ACT (Precludes a parent's disability from serving as the sole basis for the state to institute an investigation of the disabled parent's family.) {LC480/1}
04/13/2021 Placed on House Calendar (04/15/2021)

COMMUNICATION FROM THE SENATE

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

Senate Bill No. 22

BY Sosnowski
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- NET METERING (Amends the maximum allowable capacity for net metering systems in the Block Island Utility District and Pascoag Utility District.) {LC421/1}
04/14/2021 Referred to House Corporations

Senate Bill No. 23

BY Sosnowski
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANY SERVICES - TOWN OF NEW SHOREHAM (Provides New Shoreham has the exclusive authority to prescribe rules and regulations pertaining to the operation, licensing, and regulation of transportation network service companies and their services when TNCs are operating in the town of New Shoreham.) {LC420/1}
04/14/2021 Referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

Senate Bill No. 31

BY Seveney, Euer, DiPalma, Miller, Coyne, Goodwin
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SUICIDE PREVENTION--THE NATHAN BRUNO AND JASON FLATT ACT (Creates the "Nathan Bruno and Jason Flatt Act" which requires training of teachers/students/school personnel regarding suicide awareness and prevention, and the establishment of a conflict resolution process between teachers or school personnel/students.) {LC368/1}
04/14/2021 Referred to House Education

Senate Bill No. 79

BY Ruggiero, McCaffrey, Goodwin, Gallo, Cano, Pearson, Sosnowski, Euer, DiPalma, Ciccone
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION (Removes the requirement that the scholarship program cease with the enrollment of the high school graduating class of 2021 at the community college of Rhode Island.) {LC1153/1}
04/14/2021 Referred to House Finance

Senate Bill No. 287**BY** Gallo, Cano

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- ESTABLISHING A CLASS SIZE MAXIMUM FOR KINDERGARTEN THROUGH GRADE TWO (2) (Mandates public school classroom size be limited to twenty (20) students for kindergarten through grade two (2).) {LC1201/1}
04/14/2021 Referred to House Education

Senate Bill No. 288**BY** McCaffrey, Ruggerio

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.) {LC1404/1}
04/14/2021 Referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

Senate Bill No. 349

(General Treasurer)

BY Cano, Paolino, Felag, Euer, DiPalma, Gallo, Pearson, Miller, Goodwin, McCaffrey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- FINANCIAL LITERACY (Requires the council on elementary and secondary education, in consultation with the RI department of education, to develop and approve statewide academic standards for the instruction of consumer education in public high schools no later than 12/31/2021.) {LC1995/1}
04/14/2021 Referred to House Education

Senate Resolution No. 388**BY** Coyne, Seveney

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING THE LICENSING OF RESIDENTIAL BUILDERS AND CONTRACTORS (Creates a 13 member commission to study and provide recommendations regarding the licensing of residential builders and contractors, and who would report back no later than March 28, 2022, and whose life would expire on May 28, 2022.) {LC1721/1}
04/14/2021 Referred to House Corporations

Senate Bill No. 811**BY** Coyne

ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF MOTHERS' MORNING OUT, LLC {LC2595/1}
04/14/2021 Referred to House Corporations

Senate Bill No. 816**BY** Seveney

ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF FRAJEELAI, LLC {LC2662/1}
04/14/2021 Referred to House Corporations

NEW BUSINESS

House Bill No. 6233**BY** Morgan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF RIVER BEND CONDOMINIUM HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION, INC. {LC2677/1}

04/14/2021 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Resolution No. 6234**BY** Morgan, Slater, Messier, Price, Nardone, Shallcross Smith, Giraldo, Kazarian, Shanley, Baginski**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$500,000) FOR THE BENEFIT OF RHODE ISLAND FREE CLINIC (Authorizes the appropriation of the sum of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) for the Rhode Island Free Clinic.) {LC2658/1}

04/14/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 6235**BY** Casimiro, Vella-Wilkinson, Ackerman, Kazarian, Kennedy, Fenton-Fung, Noret**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- ABUSED AND NEGLECTED CHILDREN (Establishes a military family advocacy program to address child abuse and neglect in military families.) {LC2598/1}

04/14/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Resolution No. 6236**BY** Casimiro, Vella-Wilkinson, Ackerman, Kazarian, Kennedy, Fenton-Fung, Noret**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO REQUIRE LICENSED NURSING FACILITIES TO REPORT ON THE NUMBER AND PERCENT OF RESIDENTS AND STAFF RECEIVING COVID-19 VACCINATIONS DURING THE DECLARED FEDERAL AND STATE HEALTH EMERGENCY (AND ANNUALLY THEREAFTER IF COVID-19 OUTBREAKS OCCUR) {LC2391/1}

04/14/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 6237**BY** Knight, Kislak, Newberry, Batista, Felix, McEntee**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).) {LC2379/1}

04/14/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 6238**BY** Knight, Cassar, Speakman, Amore, McEntee**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Authorizes cities/towns to establish a property tax credit program in exchange for volunteer service by persons over age 60 up to \$1,500 calculated by multiplying service hours by the state minimum wage per hour.) {LC2378/1}

04/14/2021 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 6239**BY** Kislak**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – RETAIL LICENSES (Allows Little Sister located at 737 Hope Street in Providence to obtain a class B liquor license to sell beer and wine.) {LC2343/1}

04/14/2021 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 6240**BY** Lima, Casey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - DEFINITIONS AND GENERAL CODE PROVISIONS (Allows motorized campers trailers to qualify as an antique motor vehicle and display an "antique plate".) {LC2488/1}

04/14/2021 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 6241

(Secretary of State)

BY Lima, Casey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT (Allows the continuance of the remote notarization following the expiration of the executive emergency order currently in effect and requires a certificate of any notarial act.) {LC2485/1}

04/14/2021 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 6242**BY** Kazarian**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows David Klepper to join Brenna McCabe and Christopher Raia in marriage on or about July 17, 2021, within the City of Newport, Rhode Island.) {LC2684/1}

04/14/2021 Introduced, referred to House Special Legislation

ADJOURNMENT

At 4:51 o'clock P.M. on motion of Representative McEntee, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Antonio Caprio Jr.; on motion of Representative Morales, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Daunte Wright; on motion of Representative Diaz, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Cecelia (Makor) Premy seconded by Leaders Blazejewski and Filippi the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

Diane M. DePina
Recording Clerk

APPENDIX**INVOCATION****REPRESENTATIVE MIA A. ACKERMAN**

Dear Colleagues: Today we dedicate this session in honor of Israeli Independence. Conceived from the horrors of the Holocaust the modern Nation of Israel was born and gained full independence in 1948. After centuries of strife and persecution Israeli children are finally born into a life of freedom. Let us honor the sacrifices of all those who perished in creating the new modern Nation of Israel. Amen.

APPENDIX

CALENDAR

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-H 5394**
 BY Cortvriend
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -
 PRESERVATION OF FAMILIES WITH DISABLED PARENT ACT

 Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.
6. **2021-H 6143**
 BY Caldwell
 ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE
 CHARTER OF SALON VOGUE, INC.

 Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

7. **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.

8. **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

Updated: Tuesday, April 13, 2021

APPENDIX**TRANSMITTED TO GOVERNOR****Senate Bill No. 50****BY** Euer

ENTITLED, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF JAMESTOWN (This act would ratify the town of Jamestown Home Rule Charter amendment to Section 219 of the charter adopted at a November 3, 2020 referendum, concerning the process and procedures by which voter initiative can be activated.) {LC665/1}

04/13/2021 Transmitted to Governor

Senate Bill No. 224**BY** Goodwin

ENTITLED, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE TO ISSUE NOT TO EXCEED \$140,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, NOTES AND OTHER EVIDENCES OF INDEBTEDNESS TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, IMPROVEMENT, ALTERATION, REPAIR, LANDSCAPING, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL FACILITIES THROUGHOUT THE CITY, SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF STATE HOUSING AID AT A REIMBURSEMENT RATE OR STATE SHARE RATIO OF NOT LESS THAN 75% AT THE TIME OF ISSUANCE AND PROVIDED THAT THE AUTHORIZATION SHALL BE REDUCED BY THE AMOUNT OF CERTAIN GRANTS RECEIVED FROM STATE BOND PROCEEDS, FROM THE RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION OR FROM THE RHODE ISLAND SCHOOL BUILDING AUTHORITY (Authorizes Providence to issue not more than \$140,000,000 bonds to finance the construction, renovation, improvement, alteration, repair, landscaping, furnishing and equipping of schools and school facilities throughout the city of Providence.) {LC1266/1}

04/13/2021 Transmitted to Governor

Senate Bill No. 52**BY** Rogers, Raptakis

ENTITLED, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AMENDMENTS TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF COVENTRY (Validates and ratify amendments to the Home Rule Charter of the town of Coventry, which amendments were adopted and approved by the electors of the town of Coventry on November 3, 2020.) {LC248/1}

04/13/2021 Transmitted to Governor

Senate Bill No. 240**BY** Coyne

ENTITLED, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AMENDMENTS TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF BARRINGTON (Ratifies and validates Barrington Home Rule Charter amendments approved by electors at 11/3/20 election.) {LC1075/1}

04/13/2021 Transmitted to Governor

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}

04/13/2021 Transmitted to Governor