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JANUARY SESSION of the General Assembly begun and held at the State House in the City of Providence on Tuesday, the Fourth Day of January in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty-Two.

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Tuesday, January 11, 2022

Third-Day

The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence, Tuesday, January 11, 2022, and is called to order at 4:11 o'clock P.M., by the Honorable K. Joseph Shekarchi, Speaker.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 55 members present and 20 members absent as follows:

PRESENT – 55: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Barros, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Carson, Casimiro, Cassar, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Craven, Donovan, Edwards, Fenton-Fung, Filippi, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Knight, Lima C., Lima S., Lombardi, McEntee, McGaw, McLaughlin, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, Place, Potter, Price, Ranglin-Vassell, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Solomon, Speakman, Vella-Wilkinson.

ABSENT – 20: Representatives Amore, Cardillo, Casey, Chippendale, Diaz, Felix, Fellela, Hawkins, Henries, Kislak, Marszalkowski, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Quattrocchi, Roberts, Slater, Tanzi, Tobon and Williams.

INVOCATION

The Honorable Speaker presents Representative Deborah L. 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, January 6, 2022, is approved.

COMMUNICATIONS

Representative Robert Phillips is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, January 11, 2022.
Representative Teresa Tanzi is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, January 11, 2022.
Representative Edward Cardillo is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, January 11, 2022.
Representative Bernard Hawkins is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, January 11, 2022.
Representative William O'Brien is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, January 11, 2022.
Representative Stephen M. Casey is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, January 11, 2022.
Representative Grace Diaz is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, January 11, 2022.
Representative Deborah Fellela is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, January 11, 2022.
Representative Gregg Amore is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, January 11, 2022.
Representative Rebecca Kislak is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, January 11, 2022.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Hull announces that the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. State Holiday commission meeting that was scheduled for Monday, January 17th has been canceled.

Representative Corvese announces that the reapportionment commission will meet tomorrow Wednesday, January, 12th at 5 p.m. in room 35.

Majority Leader Blazejewski announces all should have received an email from Speaker Shekarchi this afternoon informing everyone that there will be NO SESSION this Thursday, January 13th.

The next session will be next Tuesday, January 18th, at the usual start time of 4 p.m. Later that night, at 7 p.m., Governor McKee will be delivering the annual State of the State message in our House chamber. However, due to COVID, there will be a very limited audience with only a few House and Senate leaders, chief judges from the judiciary, and department directors. The total audience is limited to 25 in the chamber. The State of the State will be broadcast live on Capitol TV and the local TV stations.

Committee hearings will begin to meet next week. Emails were sent out last week saying committees will be meeting in a hybrid format, which means in-person and remote participation.

Majority Leader Blazejewski and Speaker Shekarchi wish both Chairman Corvese and Representative Cortvriend a very Happy Birthday!

Representative Barros would like to wish his son Zachary a Happy 25th Birthday!

Speaker Shekarchi wishes Zachary a very Happy Birthday!

IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION**House Resolution No. 7034****BY** Blazejewski, Filippi**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING CONGRATULATIONS {LC3803/1}

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. 7035**BY** Blazejewski, Filippi**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES {LC3804/1}

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. 7036**BY** Blazejewski, Shekarchi, Ajello, Filippi, Kennedy, Bennett, Fogarty, Lima C, Serpa, Casey
ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE
PASSING OF THE REV. DR. MURRAY SCOTT BLACKADAR {LC3426/1}

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 Speaker Shekarchi, and many others, by unanimous consent, on a rising vote.

House Resolution No. 7037**BY** Morales, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Speakman, McEntee, Batista, Ruggiero, Filippi, Shallcross
Smith, Barros**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION THANKING THE DEDICATED STAFF AND
VOLUNTEERS WHO HAVE WORKED AT RHODE ISLAND'S COVID-19 VACCINE AND
TESTING CLINICS AND SITES ACROSS THE STATE {LC3616/1}

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

There is no objection.

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

House Resolution No. 7038

BY Morales, Giraldo, Hull, Henries, Alzate, Biah, Blazejewski, Batista, Filippi, Felix
ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION JOYOUSLY CELEBRATING THE 218TH
ANNIVERSARY OF THE DECLARATION OF HAITIAN INDEPENDENCE ON JANUARY
1, 2022 {LC3752/1}

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

House Resolution No. 7039

BY Speakman, Knight, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Filippi, Shallcross Smith
ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION HONORING PATRICIA REDFEARN ON HER
RETIREMENT AFTER EIGHTEEN YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE AS THE DIRECTOR
OF THE GEORGE HAIL FREE LIBRARY OF WARREN {LC3716/1}

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

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Speakman, seconded by Speaker Shekarchi, by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

House Resolution No. 7040

BY Casimiro, Casey, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Filippi, Noret, Kazarian, Solomon, Alzate,
Shallcross Smith
ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2022, TO
BE "FIREFIGHTER CANCER AWARENESS MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
{LC3794/1}

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

There is no objection.

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

House Resolution No. 7041

BY Craven, Casimiro, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, McEntee, Fogarty, Shallcross Smith
ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION HONORING AND CONGRATULATING ALLIE REILLY FOR ATTAINING A SILVER MEDAL IN ROWING AT THE 2020 SUMMER PARALYMPICS HELD FROM AUGUST 24TH TO SEPTEMBER 5TH OF 2021, IN TOKYO, JAPAN {LC3785/1}

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

There is no objection.

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

House Resolution No. 7042

BY Alzate, Messier, Tobon, Barros, Amore, Kazarian, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Carson, Filippi
ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND HONORING JEANNE BOYLE, COMMERCE DIRECTOR FOR THE CITY OF PAWTUCKET, ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT {LC3204/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Alzate discusses the Resolution.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Alzate, seconded by the entire Pawtucket Delegation, by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

House Resolution No. 7043

BY Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Solomon, Kazarian, Messier, Alzate, Fellela, Kennedy, Fenton-Fung, Ackerman
ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION HONORING AND THANKING BILL WHITE ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT {LC3450/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Solomon and Speaker Shekarchi discuss the Resolution.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Solomon, seconded by the entire House of Representatives, by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

House Resolution No. 7044**BY** Noret, Hull, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Fogarty, Shallcross Smith**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION CELEBRATING NATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT APPRECIATION DAY ON JANUARY 9, 2022 {LC3801/1}

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

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Noret, seconded by Representative Hull, by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

House Resolution No. 7045**BY** Noret, Serpa, Casey, Hull, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Filippi, Messier, Kennedy, Fellela
ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF WILLIAM J. "BILL" FONTAINE, BATTALION CHIEF, CCFD (RET)
{LC3595/1}

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

There is no objection.

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

House Resolution No. 7046**BY** Carson, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Ruggiero, Cortvriend, Messier, Alzate, Fellela, Kennedy, Fenton-Fung**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING RANDALL ROSENBAUM ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AFTER TWENTY-SEVEN YEARS OF DISTINGUISHED, INNOVATIVE AND INSPIRING SERVICE AS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE RHODE ISLAND STATE COUNCIL ON THE ARTS
{LC3206/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Carson discusses the Resolution.

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

House Resolution No. 7047

BY Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Carson, Abney, Filippi, Kennedy, Ruggiero, Kislak, Cortvriend, Fogarty

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES TO THE WEIN FAMILY ON THE PASSING OF GEORGE WEIN {LC3507/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Carson discusses the resolution.

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

House Resolution No. 7048

BY Abney, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Hull, Biah, Newberry, Filippi, Kennedy, Ruggiero, Carson
ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF THE HONORABLE COLIN L. POWELL, FORMER UNITED STATES SECRETARY OF STATE AND UNITED STATES ARMY FOUR STAR GENERAL {LC3508/1}

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

There is no objection.

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

House Resolution No. 7049

BY Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Filippi, Place, Nardone, Newberry, Price, Quattrocchi, Fenton-Fung, Kennedy

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF ROBERT A. NARDOLILLO, JR. {LC3503/1}

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

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Baginski, seconded by Deputy Speaker Lima, and several others, by unanimous consent, on a rising vote.

House Resolution No. 7050

BY Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Ruggiero, Abney, Carson, McEntee, Shallcross Smith, Fogarty
ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING ITS DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE
PASSING OF MOLLY FALCONER DE RAMEL {LC3692/1}

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

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Ruggiero, seconded by Speaker Shekarchi, and
several others, by unanimous consent, on a rising vote.

House Resolution No. 7051

BY Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Solomon, Corvese, Bennett, McNamara, Shanley, Vella-Wilkinson,
Filippi, Kennedy
ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE
PASSING OF LILLIAN G. GINAITT {LC3482/1}

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

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Bennett, seconded by the entire Warwick
Delegation, by unanimous consent, on a rising vote.

House Resolution No. 7052

BY Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Kennedy, Ajello, Edwards, Casey, O'Brien, Bennett, Filippi,
Lombardi J
ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE
PASSING OF THE HONORABLE PETER K. ROSEDALE {LC3502/1}

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

There is no objection.

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

House Resolution No. 7053

BY Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Corvese, Messier, McNamara, Ruggiero, Kennedy, O'Brien, Filippi, Casey

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF THE HONORABLE WILLIAM D. DURAND {LC3501/1}

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

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Messier, seconded by Speaker Shekarchi, and the entire Pawtucket Delegation, by unanimous consent, on a rising vote.

House Resolution No. 7054

BY Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Kennedy, Ackerman, McNamara, Fenton-Fung, O'Brien, Edwards, Casey, Corvese

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF CLAIRE MADONNA SMITH {LC3205/1}

With the agreement of the majority and the minority, on behalf of Speaker Shekarchi, Speaker Pro Tempore Kennedy requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Speaker Pro Tempore Kennedy, seconded by Speaker Shekarchi, Majority Leader Blazejewski, Minority Leader Filippi, and the entire House of Representatives, by unanimous consent, on a rising vote.

House Resolution No. 7055

BY Ajello, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Biah, Filippi, Kennedy, Fellela, Bennett, O'Brien, Ackerman
ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF SUSAN ALDER KAPLAN {LC3400/1}

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

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Ajello, seconded by Speaker Shekarchi, and several others, by unanimous consent, on a rising vote.

House Resolution No. 7056 **BY** Kazarian, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Cassar, Knight, Filippi, Fogarty, Shallcross Smith

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF CHRISTINE DWYER KAVANAGH, THE LONGTIME AND HIGHLY-

REGARDED DIRECTOR OF THE PERFORMING ARTS PROGRAM AT ST. MARY ACADEMY BAY VIEW {LC3793/1}

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

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Whip Kazarian, seconded by several others, by unanimous consent, on a rising vote.

House Resolution No. 7057

BY Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Filippi, Ruggiero, Kennedy, Fellela, O'Brien, Bennett, Lombardi J, Costantino

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF BEVERLY E. NAJARIAN {LC3506/1}

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

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Whip Kazarian, seconded by several others, by unanimous consent, on a rising vote.

House Resolution No. 7058

BY Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Solomon, Bennett, Amore, Vella-Wilkinson, Shanley, McNamara, Potter, Baginski

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST SYMPATHY ON THE PASSING OF MEAGHAN MCGONAGLE {LC3521/1}

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

There is no objection.

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

House Resolution No. 7059

BY Shekarchi, Vella-Wilkinson, Solomon, Bennett, McNamara, Blazejewski, Shanley, Shallcross Smith

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF RETIRED COMMANDER MICHAEL J. BABULA {LC3624/1}

01/11/2022 House read and passed

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

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Vella-Wilkinson, seconded by the entire Warwick Delegation, by unanimous consent, on a rising vote.

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.

NEW BUSINESS

House Bill No. 7060

BY Alzate, McEntee, Caldwell, Lombardi J, Carson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES -- HAPPY HOUR (Allows happy hour drink specials served in conjunction with meals prepared on the premises sufficient to constitute breakfast, lunch or dinner, excluding snacks.) {LC3211/1} 01/12/2022 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 7061

BY McNamara, Potter, Casimiro, Baginski, Giraldo, Lima S, Noret

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- COUNCIL ON POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION [SEE TITLE 16 CHAPTER 97 -- THE RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION ACT] (Prohibits a college or university from withholding a student's academic transcript due to outstanding tuition fees.) {LC3181/1}

01/12/2022 Introduced, referred to House Education

(Added to Co-sponsorship is Representative Noret)

House Bill No. 7062

BY McNamara, Potter, Baginski, Casimiro, Giraldo, Lima S, Noret

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE

(Provides that in developing alternative-learning plans, consideration shall be given to the difficulties and interruptions students experience because of the Covid-19 pandemic.) {LC3442/1}

01/12/2022 Introduced, referred to House Education

(Added to Co-sponsorship is Representative Noret)

House Bill No. 7063

BY Bennett, Donovan, McEntee, Fogarty, Carson, Cortvriend, Ackerman, Abney, Edwards, Corvese

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- DISPOSABLE FOOD SERVICE CONTAINERS (Prohibits a covered establishment from preparing, selling, processing or providing food or beverages in or on a disposable food service container that is composed in whole or in part of polystyrene foam.) {LC3314/1}

01/12/2022 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

House Bill No. 7064

BY Bennett, McEntee, Fogarty, Ruggiero, Cortvriend, Carson, Ackerman, Abney, Edwards

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- PLASTIC BOTTLE AND CONTAINER LABELING ACT (Would prohibit the sale of miniature alcoholic beverage containers in Rhode Island.) {LC3485/1}

01/12/2022 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

House Bill No. 7065

BY McEntee, Cortvriend, Speakman, Donovan, Carson, Caldwell, Craven, Morales, Kislak, Ruggiero

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- PLASTIC WASTE REDUCTION ACT (Creates the "Plastic Waste Reduction Act" designed to reduce the use of plastic bags by retail establishments by offering recyclable bag options and providing penalties for violations.) {LC3347/1}

01/12/2022 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

House Bill No. 7066

BY Bennett, Shanley, Speakman, Amore, Craven, Noret, Kislak, Cortvriend, Donovan, McEntee

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY - OLD GROWTH FOREST PRESERVATION ACT (Creates state and local requirements for the protection and preservation of old growth forests located on public lands.) {LC3377/1}

01/12/2022 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

House Bill No. 7067

BY Solomon

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE - RHODE ISLAND FREEDOM TO FISH AND MARINE CONSERVATION ACT (Requires DEM to establish baseline shellfish harvest targets and a timeline to accomplish the restoration targets of quahog, oyster, and bay scallop populations.) {LC3530/1}

01/12/2022 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

House Bill No. 7068

BY Fogarty, Ruggiero, McEntee, Ajello, Carson, Donovan, Cortvriend, Bennett, Shallcross Smith, Shekarchi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- PUBLIC ASSISTANCE ACT (Requires the RI department of human services to develop a plan to streamline the application, certification and recertification process for SNAP beneficiaries aged sixty years and over.) {LC3349/1}

01/12/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7069**BY** Solomon, Serpa, Noret, McNamara, Shanley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Allows real property owner a one-time non-refundable tax credit for the actual costs of connecting a single family or multi-family dwelling to a municipal sewer system credited to the owner's personal or corporate income tax.) {LC3535/1}

01/12/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7070**BY** Solomon, McNamara, Ruggiero, Noret, Casimiro**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- HOME COMMUNITY CARE SERVICES TO THE ELDERLY (Expands eligibility for elderly services assistance to persons under age 65 suffering from Alzheimer's disease or a related dementia confirmed by a licensed physician provided that the person's joint income not exceed 250% of the federal poverty level.) {LC3532/1}

01/12/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7071**BY** Lima C, Costantino, Cardillo, Fellela, Carson, Azzinaro, Lima S**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- SALARIES AND TRAVELING EXPENSES (Prohibits the authorization of bonus or payment to state employee in labor union contracts for receiving the COVID-19 vaccine/would allow bonuses to employee if bonus is tied to employee's performance attributable to difficult COVID-19 working conditions.) {LC3317/1}

01/12/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

(Added to Co-sponsorship is Representative Cardillo)**(For Co-sponsorship removal request, see Journal of 2-15-2022, page 2.)****House Bill No. 7072****BY** Lombardi J, Cassar, Morales, Batista**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS -- CHECK CASHING -- PAYDAY LOANS (Caps the APR for payday loans at 28%. Requires 90 day maturity date. Prohibits fees/interest payments in excess of 60% of principal. Requires monthly payments of no more than 25% of original principal amount.) {LC3749/1}

01/12/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7073**BY** Lombardi J, Hull, Cassar, Batista**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC FINANCE - REVENUE ESTIMATING CONFERENCES (Changes the dates of the Revenue Estimating Conferences meeting to the last ten (10) days of April and the first ten (10) days of November of each year.) {LC3750/1}

01/12/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7074**BY** Lima C, Serpa, Bennett, Casimiro, Solomon, Azzinaro, Batista, Lima S**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- CRUELTY TO ANIMALS (Bans the sale of cosmetics developed/manufactured using animal testing. A violation would be a \$1,000 fine for each offense.) {LC3440/1}

01/12/2022 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 7075

BY Shanley, Bennett

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATED TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- VICIOUS DOGS (Provides that a dog can only be declared vicious if it is involved in a physical attack.) {LC3459/1}

01/12/2022 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 7076

BY Bennett, Edwards, Shanley, Amore, Craven, Noret, Hull, Lombardi J, Solomon, Kazarian

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- NATIONAL CRIMINAL RECORDS CHECK SYSTEM--CRIMINAL RECORDS REVIEW (Requires patient contact employees, personal care attendants and high-risk providers to undergo a national criminal records check and disqualifies those individuals, if they have a criminal record for crimes of violence or other offenses listed.) {LC3286/1}

01/12/2022 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 7077

BY Edwards, Fogarty, Bennett, Baginski, Shanley

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS

INSURANCE POLICIES (Requires that a participant or beneficiary of a health insurance plan incur no greater out-of-pocket costs for emergency services than they would have incurred with an in-network provider other than in-network cost sharing.) {LC3682/1}

01/12/2022 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 7078

BY Edwards, Fogarty, Caldwell, Bennett, Cassar, Filippi, Baginski, Shanley

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR MENTAL ILLNESS AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE (Requires a health plan to cover clinically appropriate and medically necessary residential or inpatient services, including detoxification and stabilization services, for the treatment of mental health and substance use disorders.) {LC3679/1}

01/12/2022 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 7079

BY Edwards, Kazarian, Cassar, McEntee, Cortvriend, Bennett, Fogarty, Craven, Caldwell, Ajello

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- SEXUAL ASSAULT

EVIDENCE KITS (Requires any entity that receives, maintains, stores or preserves sexual assault evidence kits to submit a report to the department of health, annually, setting forth the total number of untested kits in possession of such entity.) {LC3681/1}

01/12/2022 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 7080

BY Edwards, Serpa, Bennett, Solomon, Lima C, Kazarian, Casimiro, Baginski, Alzate

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY --

CRUELTY TO ANIMALS (Provides that the trapping and subsequent release of any unowned feral or free roaming cat for the purpose of spaying or neutering of the cat shall not be considered abandonment.) {LC3683/1}

01/12/2022 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 7081

BY Lombardi J, Hull, Cassar, Morales, Batista

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO -- FOOD AND DRUGS -- FOOD, DRUGS, AND COSMETIC LABELING (Requires that all cosmetics manufactured, sold, delivered, or held for offering to be sold contain a label that completely and accurately lists all of its component ingredient.) {LC3738/1}

01/12/2022 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 7082

BY Lombardi J, Hull, Cassar, Batista

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- POLICE OFFICERS COMMISSION ON STANDARDS AND TRAINING (Requires mandatory training standards for police officers and trainees, in identifying, responding, and handling all incidents involving any person with a developmental disability.) {LC3736/1}

01/12/2022 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 7083

BY Ruggiero, Abney, Kennedy, Craven, Carson, Cortvriend, Kazarian, McGaw, Solomon, Fogarty

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE RHODE ISLAND BROADBAND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (Establishes the twelve (12) member broadband council to create a plan to increase the use of broadband service in the state. A broadband administrator is to be designated in RI Commerce Corporation to access federal funds and coordinate with the council.) {LC3453/1}

01/12/2022 Introduced, referred to House Innovation, Internet, & Technology

House Bill No. 7084

BY Knight, Ajello, McEntee, Morales, Craven, Caldwell, Shanley, Batista, Vella-Wilkinson, Lombardi J

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- COSTS (Provides that payment orders issued by the court would not enter unless certain procedures required by the court regarding determining a defendant's ability to pay are considered.) {LC3781/1}

01/12/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7085

BY Lombardi J, Hull, Cassar, Morales, Batista

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- THE RHODE ISLAND FIRST STEP ACT (Establishes Rhode Island First Step program requiring DOC to assist offenders with reintegration into society, counseling, medical care, education, early sentence termination or pre-release confinement for elderly and terminally ill offenders.) {LC3745/1}

01/12/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7086

BY Lombardi J, Hull, Cassar, Morales, Batista

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- EXPUNGEMENT OF CRIMINAL RECORDS (Allows expungement of multiple felony convictions for non-violent

felonies 20 years after sentence completed.) {LC3740/1}

01/12/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7087

BY Lima C, Knight, Bennett, Casimiro, Solomon, Azzinaro, Lima S

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS -- DIVORCE AND SEPARATION (Creates a custody procedure for pets in divorce and separation proceedings based on the best interests of the animal. This act would not apply to assistance/service animals.)

{LC3439/1}

01/12/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7088

BY Lombardi J, Hull, Cassar, Morales

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS -- DOMESTIC ABUSE PREVENTION (Permits the family court to award custody of household pets to the plaintiff in a domestic abuse complaint.) {LC3739/1}

01/12/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7089

BY Bennett, Edwards, Amore, Craven, Noret, Hull, Lombardi J, Fogarty, Barros, Alzate

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- FIREFIGHTERS' ARBITRATION (Provides that all contractual provisions in a firefighters collective bargaining agreement would continue until a successor agreement has been reached or an interest arbitration award has been rendered.) {LC3281/1}

01/12/2022 Introduced, referred to House Labor

House Bill No. 7090

BY Bennett, Edwards, Amore, Craven, Noret, Hull, Lombardi J, McEntee, Barros, Alzate

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- MUNICIPAL POLICE ARBITRATION (Extends provisions of an existing collective bargaining agreement for municipal police arbitration purposes until a successor agreement is reached or an interest arbitration award is rendered.) {LC3313/1}

01/12/2022 Introduced, referred to House Labor

House Resolution No. 7091

BY Speakman

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REPORTING AND EXPIRATION DATES FOR THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY THE LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING ACT (Extends the reporting and expiration dates for the Commission to study the Low and Moderate Income Housing Act from December 16, 2021, to April 12, 2023, and would expire on May 24, 2023.) {LC3873/1}

01/12/2022 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 7092

BY Solomon, McNamara

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO THE CITY OF WARWICK -- SEWER AUTHORITY (Reduces excess interest rate chargeable by the Warwick Sewer Authority from a maximum rate of one and twenty-five hundredths percent (1.25%) to a maximum rate of one-half of one percent (.5%).) {LC3229/1}

01/12/2022 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 7093

BY Ruggiero, Cortvriend, Abney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Allows the town of Middletown to adopt a new tax classification plan to provide property tax relief to its residents.) {LC3619/1}

01/12/2022 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 7094

BY Ruggiero, Cortvriend, Abney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- SIZE, WEIGHT, AND LOAD LIMITS -- COMMERCIAL VEHICLES (Prohibits commercial vehicles from operating on Chases Lane in the town of Middletown and provides for fines for violations.) {LC3233/1}

01/12/2022 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 7095

BY McEntee, Carson, Alzate, Caldwell, Costantino, Cortvriend, Craven, Morales, Batista, Kazarian

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES (Extends the period for the moratorium imposed on the enforcement of any municipal ordinance or zoning regulation relating to any alterations or modifications made to an establishment in order to comply with emergency declarations until April 1, 2023.) {LC3348/1}

01/12/2022 Introduced, referred to House Small Business

House Bill No. 7096

BY Ruggiero

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES (Authorizes the administrator of the division of motor vehicles to make available a special registration motor vehicle plate for the Beavertail Lighthouse Museum Association.) {LC3236/1}

01/12/2022 Introduced, referred to House Special Legislation

House Bill No. 7097

BY Carson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES (Creates a special motor vehicle registration plate for The Rose Island Lighthouse Foundation, Inc.) {LC3297/1}

01/12/2022 Introduced, referred to House Special Legislation

House Bill No. 7098

BY Barros, Baginski, Alzate, Lima S, Giraldo, Potter

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows the Honorable Mary A. Orfanello to join Marge M. Urquhart and Matthew P. Orfanello in marriage on or about April 2, 2022, within the City of Pawtucket, Rhode Island.) {LC3725/1}

01/12/2022 Introduced, referred to House Special Legislation

House Bill No. 7099**BY** Shanley, Craven, Noret, Knight, Vella-Wilkinson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION FEES (Reduces the fee to acquire an emailed duplicate motor vehicle registration certificate from seventeen dollars (\$17.00) to five dollars (\$5.00).) {LC3623/1}

01/12/2022 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 7100**BY** Kazarian, Amore, Fogarty, Alzate, Shanley, Williams, Felix, Giraldo, Kislak, Carson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- SECRETARY OF STATE -- LET RI VOTE ACT (Allows voting by mail without needing an excuse/improves voter roll cleanup/allows applying for mail ballots through online system/allows nursing home residents to receive mail ballot applications automatically/codifies mail ballot drop box requirements.) {LC3657/1}

01/12/2022 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**TRANSFER OF BILLS**

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

House Bill No. 7028**BY** Fellela, Costantino**ENTITLED**, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF JOHNSTON TO ISSUE NOT TO EXCEED \$215,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, NOTES AND OTHER EVIDENCES OF INDEBTEDNESS TO FINANCE CONSTRUCTION, ADDITIONS, RENOVATION, IMPROVEMENT, ALTERATION, REPAIR, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL FACILITIES THROUGHOUT THE TOWN, PROVIDED THAT THE AUTHORIZATION SHALL BE REDUCED BY ANY GRANT RECEIVED FROM THE SCHOOL BUILDING AUTHORITY CAPITAL FUND (Authorizes the town of Johnston to issue bonds and notes in an amount not exceeding \$215,000,000 to finance construction, additions, renovation, improvement, alteration, repair, furnishing and equipping of schools and school facilities.) {LC3369/1}

01/14/2022 Committee transferred to House Finance

ADJOURNMENT

At 4:58 o'clock P.M. on motion of Representative Carson, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of George Wein; on motion of Representative Noret, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of William Fontaine; on motion of Representative Caldwell, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Olivia Rose Passaretti; on motion of Representative McEntee, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Alfred W. Butler; on motion of Representative Vella-Wilkinson, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Commander Michael Babula; on motion of Representative McNamara, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Meaghan McGonagle; on motion of Representative Blazejewski, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Rev. Murray Blackadar; on motion of Representative Ajello, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Susan Kaplan; on motion of Representative Kennedy, and as a further

mark of respect to the memory of Claire Smith; on motion of Representative Messier, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Hon. William Durand; on motion of Representative Lombardi, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Hon. Peter Rosedale; on motion of Representative Bennett, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Lillian Ginaitt; on motion of Representative Baginski, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Robert Nardolillo; on motion of Representative Ruggiero, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Molly De Ramel; on motion of Representative Abney, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Gen. Colin Powell; on motion of Representative Kazarian and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Kristine Kavanagh and Beverly Najarian seconded by Deputy Whip Ackerman and Minority Leader Filippi the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

Diane M. DePina
Recording Clerk

APPENDIX

INVOCATION

REPRESENTATIVE DEBORAH L. RUGGIERO

Dear Lord: We pray that you bless this House of Representatives. Guide us with your wisdom and help us to always resolve conflicts with real compassion, understanding and patience.
Amen