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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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, March 22, 2022

Nineteenth-Day

The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence, Tuesday, March 22, 2022, and is called to order at 4:12 o'clock P.M., by the Honorable K. Joseph Shekarchi, Speaker.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 71 members present and 4 members absent as follows:

PRESENT – 71: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Baginski, Barros, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, 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, Morgan, Nardone, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Place, Potter, Price, Quattrocchi, Ranglin-Vassell, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson and Williams.

ABSENT – 4: Representatives Cassar, Newberry, Perez, and Tobon

INVOCATION

The Honorable Speaker presents Archbishop Elpidophoros of America (Archbishop of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America) who delivers the Invocation and Speaker Shekarchi leads the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

APPROVAL OF RECORD

By unanimous consent, the House Journal of Thursday, March 17, 2022, is approved.

RHODE ISLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY



House of Representatives

CO-SPONSORSHIP REMOVAL REQUEST
2022

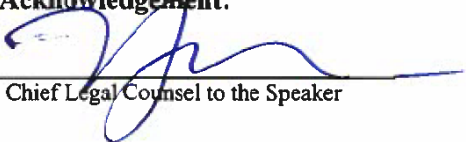
Pursuant to House Rule 15(g)(ii), Representative Quattrocchi hereby requests the removal of their co-sponsorship of Bill # H7830 entitled: An Act Relating to Elections-Registration of Voters

_____ which is currently in the House Committee on State Government & Elections

Signature: _____  (41)

House District # 41

Date: March 22, 2022

Acknowledgement:


Chief Legal Counsel to the Speaker

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

RHODE ISLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY



House of Representatives

CO-SPONSORSHIP REMOVAL REQUEST
2022

Pursuant to House Rule 15(g)(ii), Representative Roberts
hereby requests the removal of their co-sponsorship of Bill # H7830
entitled: An Act Relating to Elections-Registration of Voters

_____ which is currently in the House Committee on State Government & Elections

Signature: 

House District # 29

Date: March 22, 2022

Acknowledgement:


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COMMUNICATIONS

Representative Liana Cassar is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, March 22, 2022.

GUESTS

Representative McNamara thanks Archbishop Elpidophoros and Archdeacon Dionysios Papiris, and welcomes to the House as guests: the Honorable Stratos Efthymiou-Consul General of Greece, Boston, Father Andrew George-Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church, Cranston, Father Nick Lanzourakis-Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church, Cranston, Father Aaron Walker-St. Spyridon Greek Orthodox Church, Newport, Father Philip Zymaris-Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, and Father George Economou-Assumption Greek Orthodox Church. Parish Council Presidents: George Foussekis-Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, Pawtucket, Theofanos Markos-Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church, Cranston, and Peter Petrou-representing St. Spyridon Greek Orthodox Church, Newport. Here today for the celebration of the 201st Anniversary of Greek Independence Day.

Speaker Shekarchi thanks Archbishop Elpidophoros for coming and for all that he has done for the community.

CALENDAR

From the Calendar are taken:

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 22, 2022:

- 3. 2022-H 7087**
BY C Lima
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS -- DIVORCE AND SEPARATION

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Chairman Craven moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Solomon, Casey, Corvese, Costantino, Cardillo, Hawkins, Vella-Wilkinson, Whip Kazarian, and Biah.

Deputy Speaker Lima discusses the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 68 members voting in the affirmative and 2 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 68: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, 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, Morgan, Nardone, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Potter, Quattrocchi, Ranglin-Vassell, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams.

NAYS - 2: Representatives Place, Price.

RECUSED - 0:

1. 2022-H 7825

BY Amore

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- TEACHERS' RETIREMENT

Committee on State Government & Elections recommends passage.

Chairman Shanley moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Biah, Speakman, Carson, Amore, Philipps, Morales, Ruggiero, Vella-Wilkinson, Ajello, Shallcross Smith, Fogarty, Handy, Cortvriend, Deputy Whip Ackerman, Corvese, Diaz, Lombardi, Tanzi, McNamara, McEntee, Bennett, Solomon, Casimiro, Casey, Giraldo, McGaw, Messier, Hull, Felix, Speaker Pro Tempore Kennedy, Edwards, Abney, Ranglin-Vassell, and Donovan.

Representative Morgan and Chairman Amore discuss the act.

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

YEAS - 71: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Baginski, Barros, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, 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, Morgan, Nardone, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Place, Potter, Price, Quattrocchi, Ranglin-Vassell, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:



State of Rhode Island
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

I, ARON J. CORVINO, State Representative, District 53, 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: HB 7817

2. (Nature of the potential conflict) I have the following interest in the matter: SEE WITH GRI BOARD OF TRUSTEES

3. (Please select one of the following):

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

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

State of Rhode Island
County of: Providence

Arion J. Corvino
REPRESENTATIVE

Subscribed and sworn to under the penalties for perjury before me this 22 day of March, 2022

Antigone B. Carter
NOTARY PUBLIC

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

William J. D'Amico
SPEAKER

2. 2022-H 7817**BY** Fogarty**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --
OPEN MEETINGS -- REMOTE PARTICIPANTS

Committee on State Government & Elections recommends passage.

Chairman Shanley moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Minority Leader Filippi, Representatives Shallcross Smith, Fogarty, Abney, McEntee, Ruggiero, Tanzi, Whip Kazarian, Carson, and Donovan.

Representatives Morgan and Fogarty discuss the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 66 members voting in the affirmative and 3 members voting in the negative as follows:

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

NAYS - 3: Representatives Place, Price, Roberts.

RECUSED - 1: Representative Corvese.



State of Rhode Island
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

I, ANTHONY T. CORUCCO, State Representative, District 53, 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: S.B. 2372
2. (Nature of the potential conflict) I have the following interest in the matter: MAY SAUL-PH-CAN SET UP THE CARL BOARD OF TRUSTEES
3. (Please select one of the following):

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

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

State of Rhode Island
County of Providence

Anthony Corucco
REPRESENTATIVE

Subscribed and sworn to under the penalties for perjury before me this 22nd day of March, 2022

Christina S. Carter
NOTARY PUBLIC

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

Robert J. Latta
SPEAKER

4. **2022-S 2372**
BY Sosnowski
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --
OPEN MEETINGS -- REMOTE PARTICIPANTS

Committee on State Government & Elections recommends passage in concurrence.

Chairman Shanley moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, and Minority Leader Filippi.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 65 members voting in the affirmative and 3 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, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Costantino, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Hawkins, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima C., Lima S., Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McLaughlin, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Potter, Quattrocchi, Ranglin-Vassell, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams.

NAYS - 3: Representatives Place, Price, Roberts.

RECUSED - 1: Representative Corvесе.

NOW PRESIDING

At 4:39 o'clock P.M. the Honorable Speaker Shekarchi yields the rostrum to the Honorable Deputy Speaker Lima.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Chairwoman Speakman announces that the Committee on Municipal Government and Housing will meet today, at the rise of the House, in the House Lounge of the State House.

Representative McLaughlin asks that everyone continues with the prayers for the people in Ukraine.

Chairwoman Ruggiero announces that the Committee on Innovation, Internet, & Technology will meet today, at the rise of the House, in Room 101 of the State House.

Representative Shallcross Smith would like to wish her son Christopher Jason a Happy 47th Birthday! She also would like to congratulate the Lincoln Youth Basketball 8th grade boy's D 3 RI State Championship.

Majority Leader Blazejewski announces our next House session will be this Thursday, March 24th, at 4 p.m.

On Thursday, March 24, at 3 o'clock p.m., in the House Lounge, Ethics Commission Director Jason Gramitt will provide Ethics Training. He will cover financial disclosure statements, complaints, conflicts of interest, advisory opinions, and more. Director Gramitt will be available to answer questions. For attorneys, this session counts toward one general CLE credit.

Representative Ranglin-Vassell shares a few comments on the passing of her dear childhood friend Norman Alphoso Wilson.

Deputy Speaker Lima on behalf of the entire House of Representatives, extends their deepest sympathy.

Representative Tanzi would like to congratulate Elizabeth, Michael, Dayja, and Miles Gledhill on the birth of their 3rd child, Ada Louise Gledhill.

IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION

House Resolution No. 8016

BY Filippi, Blazejewski, Serpa, Tanzi, Fogarty, Lombardi J, Bennett

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF KENNETH ALLEN MAXWELL {LC5475/1}

With the agreement of the majority and the minority, Minority Leader Filippi requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Minority Leader Filippi, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, and many others, by unanimous consent, on a rising vote.

House Resolution No. 8017

BY McEntee, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Ruggiero, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams, Ackerman, Shallcross Smith, Fogarty, Diaz

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION CELEBRATING THE 24TH ANNUAL "WOMEN IN CONSTRUCTION WEEK" ON MARCH 6-12, 2022, IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC5574/1}

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 Speaker Shekarchi, Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representative Ruggiero, Diaz, and many others, by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

House Resolution No. 8018

BY Kazarian, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Filippi, Casimiro, Felix, Alzate, Lima S, Solomon, Casey **ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MARCH OF 2022 TO BE "SOCIAL WORK MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC5600/1}

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 Speaker Shekarchi, Majority Leader Blazejewski, Minority Leader Filippi, and many others, by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

House Resolution No. 8019

BY Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Hull, Filippi, Fogarty, Williams, Lombardi J, Kennedy, Ajello, Cortvriend

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING DR. ASHISH JHA ON BEING NAMED COVID-19 COORDINATOR BY PRESIDENT JOE BIDEN AND THANKING HIM FOR PROVIDING HIS ERUDITION, LEADERSHIP, AND CALMING REASSURANCES TO ALL RHODE ISLANDERS DURING THE PANDEMIC {LC5568/1}

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

There is no objection.

Chairman Hull discusses the resolution.

Read and passed, on a motion of Chairman Hull, seconded by Speaker Shekarchi, Majority Leader Blazejewski, Minority Leader Filippi, and many others, by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

House Resolution No. 8020

BY Azzinaro, Kennedy, Filippi, Edwards, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Ajello, Serpa, Tanzi, Fogarty **ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF THE HONORABLE HENRY JOSEPH NARDONE, SR. {LC5594/1}

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

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Azzinaro, seconded by Speaker Shekarchi, Majority Leader Blazejewski, Speaker Pro Tempore Kennedy, and many others, by unanimous consent, on a rising vote.

House Resolution No. 8021

BY Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Corvese, Azzinaro, Kennedy, Noret, O'Brien, Ajello, Tanzi, Fogarty
ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST SYMPATHY ON THE
PASSING OF DEAN T. HOLT {LC5554/1}

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

There is no objection.

Chairman Corvese and Speaker Shekarchi discuss the resolution.

Read and passed, on a motion of Chairman Corvese, 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. 8022

BY Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Kennedy, Filippi, Azzinaro, Ajello, Serpa, Tanzi, Fogarty, Fellela
ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE
PASSING OF WARREN CHARLES LUTZEL {LC5578/1}

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.

Speaker Pro Tempore Kennedy discusses the resolution.

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

House Resolution No. 8023

BY Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Craven, Phillips, Bennett, Amore, Abney, Shanley, Kennedy,
Solomon
ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE
PASSING OF PAULA M. CASEY {LC5577/1}

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

There is no objection.

Chairman Craven discusses the resolution.

Read and passed, on a motion of Chairman Craven 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. 8024

BY McNamara, Kazarian, Corvese, Ackerman, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Ajello, Kennedy, Serpa, Tanzi

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION CELEBRATING MARCH 25, 2022, AS THE 201ST ANNIVERSARY OF GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY AND CELEBRATING DEMOCRACY IN GREECE AND THE UNITED STATES {LC4751/1}

With the agreement of the majority and the minority, Chairman McNamara requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Chairman McNamara discusses the resolution.

Read and passed, on a motion of Chairman McNamara seconded by Speaker Shekarchi, Majority Leader Blazejewski, Minority Leader Filippi, Deputy Whip Ackerman, and Whip Kazarian, by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

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

Representative Kazarian-An Act relating to Public Officers and Employees – Merit System
Representative Williams-An Act relating to Joint Appropriation, Comprehensive Housing
Affordability Act of 2022

Representative Messier-An Act relating to Digital Credentialing

Representative Fogarty-An Act relating to Businesses and Professions – Interstate Medical
Licensure Compact

Representative Kislak-An Act relating to Health and Safety - Emergency Medical
Transportation Services

Representative Cortvriend-An Act relating to Waters and Navigation

Representative McEntee-An Act relating to Retirement and Pensions

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.)

COMMUNICATION FROM THE SENATE

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

Senate Bill No. 2560**BY** Archambault**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- TEACHERS' RETIREMENT

(Temporarily suspends the cap on the amount of days retired educators can work without penalty, suspends certain transportation of pupils requirements sunseting at the end of 2021-2022 school year.) {LC5440/1}

03/22/2022 Placed on House Calendar (03/24/2022)

Senate Bill No. 2077**BY** Miller

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- ALCOHOLISM (Requires the dept of behavioral healthcare/developmental disabilities/hospitals to coordinate with the DOH to propose revisions to chapter 1.10 and 10.1 of title 23, including updates and revisions of statutory language and evidence-based best practices.) {LC3762/1}

03/23/2022 Referred to House Health & Human Services

Senate Bill No. 2564**BY** Gallo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Dr. Ryan Matthew Marnane to join Katrina Marie Holmstedt and Robert James DiMarino in marriage on or about May 7, 2022, within the Town of South Kingstown, Rhode Island.) {LC5295/1}

03/23/2022 Referred to House Special Legislation

Senate Bill No. 2660**BY** Euer

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows the Honorable Judge Judith Sheindlin to join Barbara Collins and Casey Barber in marriage on or about June 11, 2022, within the Town of Westerly, Rhode Island.) {LC5498/1}

03/23/2022 Referred to House Special Legislation

NEW BUSINESS**House Bill No. 8025****BY** Williams, Giraldo, Alzate, Biah, Vella-Wilkinson, Hull, Amore, Slater, Potter, Cassar

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CORPORATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS, AND PARTNERSHIPS -- WORKERS' COOPERATIVES (Clarifies the role of a workers' cooperative to allow it to operate as a hiring hall under certain circumstances.) {LC5449/1}

03/23/2022 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 8026

BY Handy, Phillips, Ruggiero, Kennedy, Bennett, Tobon, Batista, Cortvriend, Fogarty, Speakman

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- 2022 ENERGY STORAGE ACT (Requires the office of energy resources to initiate the process of developing one or more programs, and associated funding mechanisms, for electric energy storage resources connected to the electric distribution system.) {LC5532/1}

03/23/2022 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 8027

BY Potter

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION (Requires the PUC to establish a performance-based incentive plan that allows coordinated efforts between each electric distribution company and gas company based on the level of its success in reducing greenhouse gas emissions.) {LC5482/1}

03/23/2022 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 8028

BY Cardillo, Costantino, Hawkins, Phillips, Morales, Craven, O'Brien, Shanley, Azzinaro, Lima S

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- DISTRIBUTED GENERATION INTERCONNECTION (Modifies the application process for interconnection projects to require greater transparency/greater clarity through an 8 member committee and independent ombudsman with prospective application.) {LC5546/1}

03/23/2022 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 8029

BY Filippi, Chippendale, Quattrocchi, Place, Roberts, Nardone

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- FAILING SCHOOL CHOICE ACT (Establishes the Failing School Choice Act, to permit students at failing schools to enroll in any public school. It also establishes the Rhode Island education revitalization fund to provide funding to the school choice program.) {LC5466/1}

03/23/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 8030

BY Filippi, Chippendale, Quattrocchi, Place, Nardone, Roberts

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- LANGUAGE ACADEMIES ACT (Establishes language academies for non-English proficient students and establishes the Rhode Island education revitalization fund to provide funding to the language academies.) {LC5465/1}

03/23/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 8031**BY** Messier, Felix, Alzate, Tobon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE ISLAND HARD-HIT LIQUIDITY PROGRAM ACT (Establishes the “Rhode Island Hard-Hit Emergency Liquidity Program Act” to provide up to twenty million dollars (\$20,000,000) to businesses adversely affected by the Coronavirus pandemic by providing aid for drop in sales.) {LC5503/1}

03/23/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 8032**BY** Bennett, Casimiro, Potter, Ajello, Handy, Speakman, Carson, Edwards, Fogarty, Slater**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LICENSING OF NURSING SERVICE AGENCIES (Establishes maximum rate for services provided to client by a nurse may not exceed 200%.) {LC5581/1}

03/23/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 8033**BY** Caldwell, Shanley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT IN ACCORDANCE WITH RHODE ISLAND GENERAL LAWS § 16-7-44 APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF \$5,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, NOTES AND OTHER EVIDENCES OF INDEBTEDNESS OF THE TOWN OF EAST GREENWICH TO FINANCE THE RENOVATION, REHABILITATION, REPAIR, REPLACEMENT, IMPROVEMENT, FURNISHING, EQUIPPING AND INSTALLATION OF SCHOOLS, SCHOOL FACILITIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, SAFETY AND FIRE-CODE RELATED IMPROVEMENTS, ROOFS, HEATING, VENTILATION, ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS, LANDSCAPING, GROUNDS, ATHLETIC FIELDS, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, VEHICLES AND FOOD SERVICE FACILITIES (Serves as the enabling act required by Rhode Island general laws § 16-7-44 in order for the interest on bonds issued in support of school housing projects to be eligible for state housing aid reimbursement.) {LC5570/1}

03/23/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Resolution No. 8034**BY** Solomon, Donovan, Craven, Cortvriend, Ruggiero, Shallcross Smith**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$1,500,000 FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS TO THE RHODE ISLAND TURNPIKE AND BRIDGE AUTHORITY TO COMMISSION A STUDY TO EVALUATE OPTIONS TO PREVENT AND ADDRESS THE RISK OF SUICIDES ON RHODE ISLAND'S BRIDGES (This resolution would authorize the appropriation of the sum of \$1,500,000 to the Rhode Island Turnpike and Bridge Authority for a study to recommend options to address suicide risks on Rhode Island's bridges.) {LC5584/1}

03/23/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 8035

BY Felix, Batista, Amore, Craven, Alzate, Williams, Morales, McEntee, Potter, Henries
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- SEXUAL ASSAULT SURVIVORS BILL OF RIGHTS (Creates sexual assault survivors bill of rights with right to counsel and assault counselor/rules for collection/delivery/testing/analysis/retention of forensic evidence/privacy/15 member task force with \$250,000 for 4 years of annual funding.) {LC3386/1}

03/23/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 8036

BY Alzate, Batista, Giraldo, Cassar, Henries, Amore, Felix, Carson, Speakman, Ranglin-Vassell
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ACT {LC5552/1}

03/23/2022 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 8037

BY Craven, McEntee, Cortvriend

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PARKS AND RECREATIONAL AREAS -- PUBLIC USE OF PRIVATE LANDS-LIABILITY LIMITATIONS (Changes the definition of owner to exclude the state and municipalities for the purposes of liability limitations relating to public use of private lands.) {LC5444/1}

03/23/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 8038

BY McEntee, Craven, Morales, Caldwell

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- FAIR EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES (Prohibits an employer, employment agency, labor organization, or employee, to commit any act declared to be an unlawful employment practice; individuals would be held personally liable for such conduct.) {LC5445/1}

03/23/2022 Introduced, referred to House Labor

House Bill No. 8039

BY McLaughlin, Marszalkowski, Hull, Ackerman, Tanzi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Allows the town of Cumberland to apply different tax rates against all classes of property.) {LC5572/1}

03/23/2022 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 8040

BY Craven, Casimiro

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- HARBORS AND HARBOR LINES (Allows the town of North Kingstown to regulate the activities of all houseboats in all public waters within the town's jurisdiction, including the enforcement and supervision of any ordinances, rules and regulations governing its public waters.) {LC5579/1}

03/23/2022 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 8041**BY** Filippi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- BLOCK ISLAND UTILITY DISTRICT ACT OF 2017 (Provides that the members of the board of the Block Island Utility Commission be reimbursed for the actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.) {LC5582/1}

03/23/2022 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 8042**BY** Filippi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- EXPLOSIVES (Requires two weeks' notice to all abutters within five hundred feet of the commencement of any blasting operations.) {LC5502/1}

03/23/2022 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

ADJOURNMENT

At 4:58 o'clock P.M. on motion of Representative Azzinaro, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Henry J. Nardone Sr., Albert Ferraro Jr., and Emilio "Hummie" Murano; on motion of Representative Craven, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Paula Casey; on motion of Representative Kennedy, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Warren Lutzel; on motion of Representative Corvese, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Dean Holt; on motion of Representative Filippi, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Kenneth Allen Maxwell; on motion of Representative Ranglin-Vassell, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Norman Alphonso Wilson; on motion of Representative Fogarty, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Julie Medeiros and Joan Lepry seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski and Minority Whip Chippendale the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

Diane M. DePina
Recording Clerk

APPENDIX**CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 24, 2022:****1. 2022-H 6643 SUB A****BY** McEntee**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS --
GENETIC COUNSELORS LICENSING ACT

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

2. 2022-H 7392**BY** Ackerman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- RESTROOM
ACCESS ACT

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.

3. 2022-H 7576**BY** Shekarchi**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REPORTING AND
EXPIRATION DATES OF THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY
THE ENTIRE AREA OF LAND USE, PRESERVATION, DEVELOPMENT,
HOUSING, ENVIRONMENT, AND REGULATION

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

4. 2022-S 2560**BY** Archambault**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- TEACHERS' RETIREMENT

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

Francis McCabe
Clerk of the House

Friday, March 18, 2022

Updated: Tuesday, March 22, 2022