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Thursday, April 28, 2022

Twenty-ninth Day

The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence, Thursday, April 28, 2022, and is called to order at 4:10 o'clock P.M., by the Honorable K. Joseph Shekarchi, Speaker.

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

PRESENT – 62: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Baginski, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cassar, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Filippi, Fogarty, Giraldo, Hawkins, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McLaughlin, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Price, Quattrocchi, Ranglin-Vassell, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Tanzi, Tobon, Vella-Wilkinson and Williams.

ABSENT –13: Representatives Barros, Batista, Costantino, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Fenton-Fung, Handy, Lima C., Lima S., McGaw, Solomon, and Speakman.

INVOCATION

The Honorable Speaker presents Speaker Pro Tempore Kennedy who delivers the Invocation and leads the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

(For Invocation, see Appendix, this Journal.)

NATIONAL ANTHEM

American National Anthem: Ashley Chen

The Republic of China (TAIWAN) National Anthem: Haofang Chuang

APPROVAL OF RECORD

By unanimous consent, the House Journal of Wednesday, April 27, 2022, is approved.

COMMUNICATIONS

Representative Robert E. Craven, Sr. is unable to attend session today, Thursday, April 28, 2022.
Representative Joseph J Solomon, Jr. is unable to attend session today, Thursday, April 28, 2022.
Representative June S. Speakman is unable to attend session today, Thursday, April 28, 2022.
Representative Susan R. Donovan is unable to attend session today, Thursday, April 28, 2022.
Representative Michelle E. McGaw is unable to attend session today, Thursday, April 28, 2022.
Representative Barbara Ann Fenton-Fung is unable to attend session today, Thursday, April 28, 2022.

NEW BUSINESS**House Bill No. 8177**

BY McEntee, Craven, Azzinaro, Kennedy, Fogarty, Edwards, Casey, Casimiro, Baginski, Filippi
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT (Removes the requirement that five percent (5%) of the hotel tax be paid to the Greater Providence-Warwick Convention and Visitors Bureau and redistribute the five percent (5%) tax to the city or district where the hotel or residential unit is located.) {LC5841/1}
04/28/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 8178

BY Phillips, Casey, Lima S, McLaughlin, Ackerman, Newberry
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MAKING APPROPRIATIONS IN SUPPORT OF FY 2022 (Appropriates \$1.0 million in state funds to nonprofit hospitals serving large governmentally insured populations with a primary care focused (internal medicine and/or family practice) program that started after January 1, 2021.) {LC5823/1}
04/28/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Resolution No. 8179

BY Carson
ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$150,000 TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT (This resolution would authorize the appropriation of the sum of \$150,000 to the Department of Environmental Management.) {LC5855/1}
04/28/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Resolution No. 8180

BY Carson
ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$150,000 TO THE RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT (This resolution would authorize the appropriation of the sum of \$150,000 to the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management for the creation of a public relations and communications plan.) {LC5856/1}
04/28/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Resolution No. 8181**BY** Carson**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$250,000 TO THE RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT (This resolution would authorize the appropriation of the sum of \$250,000 to the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management for the creation of a climate dashboard.) {LC5857/1}

04/28/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 8182

(by request)

BY Carson, Abney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Allows the city of Newport to adopt separate tax rates for non-owner occupied and owner occupied residential real estate.) {LC5866/1}

04/28/2022 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 8183**BY** Vella-Wilkinson, Williams, Noret, Batista, Kazarian, Casimiro, McLaughlin, Lombardi J, Ackerman, Hull**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE ISLAND HOUSING AND MORTGAGE FINANCE CORPORATION (Requires that the Rhode Island Housing and Mortgage Finance Corporation create, maintain and update a statewide directory of all municipal and private housing rental properties, that accept government subsidized housing vouchers.) {LC5821/1}

04/28/2022 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

GUESTS

Speaker Pro Tempore Kennedy welcomes to the House as a guests in honoring Taiwan Day: Jonathan Sun, Director-General of the Taipei Economic & Cultural Office in Boston, MA; Grace Ni, the wife of the Director-General; Jocelyn Sun, the daughter of the Director-General; Lillian Hung, Deputy-Director of TECO-Boston; Ashley Chen, American National Anthem singer from the New England Conservatory of Music; Haofang Chuang, the Republic of China (Taiwan) National Anthem Singer from the New England Conservatory of Music; Louis Yip, Chairman of RI Association of Chinese Americans; Sunny Ng, President of RI Association of Chinese Americans; Eileen Cheng, Deputy Counsel, Office of the Governor; Wellington Shih, Director of TECO-Boston; Eric Chao, Deputy-Director of TECO-Boston; Astrid Chen, Deputy-Director of TECO-Boston; Johanna Wang, Senior Consular Officer of TECO-Boston; Michael Chen, Taiwanese Americans Lion Dance & Yo Yo from Brown University Lion Dance Club; Grace Wan, Brown University; Sofie Levin, Brown University; Rebecca Li, Brown University; Yuna Sato, Brown University; Evan Li, Brown University; Peter Li, Brown University; Tristis Yoon, Brown University; Lucy Du, Brown University.

ADDRESS

Speaker Pro Tempore Kennedy addresses members in regards to Taiwan Day.

INTRODUCTION

The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi presents Director-General Jonathan Sun.

ADDRESS

Director-General Jonathan Sun address the House about Taiwan's history and friendship with Rhode Island.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

CALENDAR

From the Calendar are taken:

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 28, 2022:

Majority Leader Blazejewski moves items #3 and #6 to Thursday's calendar. There is no objection.

3. 2022-H 7140

BY Donovan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY-FEMININE HYGIENE PRODUCT DONATIONS ACT

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

6. 2022-H 7316

BY Craven

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- TAX SALES

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

Read, and by unanimous consent, placed on the Calendar for Thursday, May 5, 2022.

1. 2022-H 6663

BY Potter

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- FORCE-FED POULTRY PRODUCTS

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Vice-Chairwoman McEntee moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Serpa, Ajello, Cassar, Cortvriend, Morales, Tanzi, Corvese, Kislak, Potter, Whip Kazarian, Messier, Felix, and Tobon.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 49 members voting in the affirmative and 8 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 49: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Baginski, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cassar, Cortvriend, Corvese, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fogarty, Giraldo, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lombardi, McEntee, McLaughlin, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Potter, Ranglin-Vassell, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Tanzi, Tobon, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams.

NAYS - 8: Representatives Chippendale, Filippi, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Place, Quattrocchi, Roberts.

RECUSED - 0:

2. 2022-H 7361

BY Kazarian

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- TRADE IN ANIMAL FUR PRODUCTS ACT

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Vice-Chairwoman McEntee moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Deputy Whip Ackerman, Representatives McNamara, Fogarty, Serpa, Morales, Potter, Felix, Whip Kazarian, Kislak, Cortvriend, and Edwards.

Representative Carson and Whip Kazarian discuss the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 47 members voting in the affirmative and 10 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 47: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Baginski, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cassar, Cortvriend, Corvese, Edwards, Felix, Fogarty, Giraldo, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lombardi, McEntee, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Potter, Ranglin-Vassell, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Tanzi, Tobon, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams.

NAYS - 10: Representatives Chippendale, Filippi, McLaughlin, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Place, Price, Quattrocchi, Roberts.

RECUSED - 0:

4. 2022-H 7700**BY** McEntee**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- INTERCEPTION OF WIRE AND ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Vice-Chairwoman McEntee moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Noret, Ruggiero, Vella-Wilkinson, Knight, Fogarty, Hull, McLaughlin, Cassar, Tanzi, Bennett, Edwards, Williams, Felix, and Whip Kazarian.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 58 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 58: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Baginski, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cassar, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Filippi, Fogarty, Giraldo, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lombardi, McEntee, McLaughlin, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Ranglin-Vassell, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Tanzi, Tobon, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

5. 2022-H 7438 SUB A**BY** Cortvriend**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- TOXIC PACKAGING REDUCTION ACT

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

Chairman Bennett moves passage of the act, seconded by Representative Newberry, Whip Chippendale, Whip Kazarian, Representatives Tanzi, Kislak, Deputy Whip Ackerman, Edwards, Ajello, Fogarty, Cortvriend, Majority Leader Blazejewski, Carson, Phillips, Morales, Ruggiero, and McEntee.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, 59 members voting in the affirmative and 1 member voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 59: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Baginski, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cassar, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Filippi, Fogarty, Giraldo, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McLaughlin, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Price, Quattrocchi, Ranglin-Vassell, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Tanzi, Tobon, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams.

NAYS - 1: Representative Morgan.

RECUSED - 0:

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.

Representative Ranglin-Vassell wishes her sister and Public School Teacher, Mrs. Valrie Ranglin-Brown a very Happy Birthday!

Representative Vella-Wilkinson announces the Providence Veterans Affairs Regional Benefits Office presents its 5th Annual RI Woman of the Year Award to Lisa Levassor.

Representative Azzinaro would like to congratulate Director-Kasim Yarn of Veteran Services on being named the 2022 Mental Health Hero of the year, for his advocacy of people in recovery and the department's work with the veterans' suicide hotline and his encouragement among families to seek help from our service officers.

Representative Azzianro wishes his grandson Ryan Gulluscio a very Happy 29th Birthday this Saturday, April 30th.

Speaker Shekarchi wishes Ryan a very Happy Birthday and thanks to him for all his hard work.

Chairman Shanley announces that the Committee on State Government and Elections will meet today, at the rise of the House, in Room 101 of the State House.

Floor Manager Edwards wishes his mother Mary Ann Edwards a very Happy Birthday!

Speaker Shekarchi wishes Mrs. Edwards a very Happy Birthday and many more!

Representative McLaughlin would like to thank Taiwan as an ally for freedom in South Asia.

Representative Bennett wishes his Granddaughter Giana a Happy 22nd Birthday!

Speaker Shekarchi wishes Giana a Happy Birthday!

Representative Casey wishes Representative John Lombardi a Happy Birthday!

Speaker Shekarchi wishes Representative Lombardi a Happy Birthday.

Representative Lombardi rises and thanks the House for all the Birthday wishes.

Representative Amore would like to recognize the East Providence High School as a National Unified Champion School. He also wishes Representative Lombardi a Happy Birthday!

Representative Phillips congratulates his 6th grade student Jose Lopez on winning the national contest "Spring to Success" on Achieve 3000.

Majority Leader Blazewski announces next week, that the House will be meeting in session on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, all at 4 p.m.

He would like to extend congratulations to Representative Teresa Tanzi, who was presented the Mental Health Legislator of the Year Award this afternoon here at the State House.

As a reminder, Financial Disclosure Statement are due tomorrow with the Ethics Commission.

Also, Campaign Finance Reports are due with the Board of Elections this Monday, May 2nd.

Next Monday, all are invited to attend the Speaker's Scholar-Athlete Awards Ceremony in the House Chamber at 2:30 p.m. This annual event recognizes students from CCRI, RIC, and URI who have excelled in academics and athletics. Each college also honors one alumni who had achieved academic and athletic success.

Majority Leader Blazewski would like to wish Representative Lombardi and Ryan a Very Happy Birthday!

Speaker Shekarchi also congratulates Representative Teresa Tanzi on her award.

IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION

House Resolution No. 8184

BY Blazewski, Filippi

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES {LC5874/1}

Majority Leader Blazewski requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

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

House Resolution No. 8185**BY** Blazejewski, Filippi**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING CONGRATULATIONS {LC5875/1}

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. 8186**BY** Kennedy, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Edwards, Kazarian, Filippi, McNamara, Ackerman, Barros, Solomon**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION REAFFIRMING THE FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN RHODE ISLAND AND TAIWAN, AND SUPPORTING ENHANCED BILATERAL TRADE RELATIONS AND TAIWAN'S INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPATION {LC5834/1}

With the agreement of the majority and the minority, 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, and many others, by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

House Resolution No. 8187**BY** Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Alzate, Ranglin-Vassell, Giraldo, Henries, Hull, Filippi, Morales, Biah**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING LT. COL. DARNELL WEAVER ON HIS PROMOTION TO THE POSITION OF SUPERINTENDENT OF THE RHODE ISLAND STATE POLICE {LC5886/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Alzate and Speaker Shekarchi discuss the resolution.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Alzate, seconded by Speaker Shekarchi, Majority Leader Blazejewski, and many others, by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

House Resolution No. 8188

BY Casimiro, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Filippi, Messier, Serpa, Amore, Ranglin-Vassell, Donovan, Shanley

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MAY 1ST THROUGH MAY 7TH OF 2022, TO BE "TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC5441/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Casimiro discusses the resolution.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Casimiro, seconded by Speaker Shekarchi, and many others, by unanimous consent, on a rising/voice vote.

House Resolution No. 8189

BY Morales, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Filippi, Shallcross Smith, Fogarty, Ajello, Alzate, Bennett, Felix

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF DR. YVONNE MICHELLE HEREDIA {LC5884/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representatives Morales and Ranglin-Vassell discuss the resolution.

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

House Resolution No. 8190

BY Morales, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Filippi, McEntee, Tanzi, Shallcross Smith, Fogarty, Alzate, Bennett

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL 28, 2022, TO BE "WORKERS' MEMORIAL DAY" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC5883/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Morales discusses the resolution.

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

RULE 7D

The following bill was received pursuant to Rule 7D:

Representative Casey-An Act relating to Insurance - Nonprofit Hospital Service Corporations

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:

Senate Bill No. 2863

BY Sosnowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF ROBERTS AND ROCHA, INC. {LC5702/1}

04/29/2022 Placed on House Calendar (05/03/2022)

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

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

House Bill No. 7847

(Dept. of Education)

BY McNamara, Kislak, Diaz, Amore

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - PUPIL TRANSPORTATION VEHICLES (Amends the definitions of a "Pupil Transportation Vehicle" to be and constructed to seat not more than ten (10) passengers including the operator, rather than the existing limit of eight (8) passengers.) {LC5379/1}

04/29/2022 Placed on House Calendar (05/03/2022)

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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

House Bill No. 7021 SUB A

BY Bennett, Lima C, Solomon, Edwards, Shanley, Serpa, Amore, Carson, Craven, Noret
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- ANIMAL CARE (Allows emergency medical treatment to police dogs injured in the line of duty, which would include transporting by ambulance.) {LC3225/A/2}
04/29/2022 Placed on House Calendar (05/03/2022)

House Bill No. 7133 SUB A

BY McNamara, Potter, Corvese, Donovan, Ranglin-Vassell
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- PHARMACEUTICAL REDISTRIBUTION PROGRAM ACT (Authorizes the creation and implementation of a Pharmaceutical Redistribution program by the department of health (DOH) and the board of pharmacy to commence operations on January 1, 2023.) {LC3452/A/1}
04/29/2022 Placed on House Calendar (05/03/2022)

House Bill No. 7136

BY Alzate, Abney, Vella-Wilkinson, Azzinaro, Corvese, Casimiro, Place, Serpa
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY - ANIMAL CARE (Waives the adoption fee to adopt a dog or cat from a public animal shelter for a veteran that presents a current and valid driver's license or identification card with the word "veteran" printed on its face.) {LC3783/1}
04/29/2022 Placed on House Calendar (05/04/2022)

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

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

House Bill No. 6617

BY Casimiro, Vella-Wilkinson, Ackerman, Kazarian, Kennedy, Fenton-Fung, Noret
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- ABUSED AND NEGLECTED CHILDREN (Same as 21H-6235 -- Establishes a military family advocacy program to address child abuse and neglect in military families.) {LC3494/1}
04/29/2022 Placed on House Calendar (05/04/2022)

House Bill No. 7246

BY Knight, Cassar
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- EXPLOITATION OF ELDERS (Changes the definition of "elder person" for purposes of exploitation of elders from a person sixty-five (65) years of age or older to a person sixty (60) years of age or older.) {LC4113/1}
04/05/2022 Committee recommends passage

House Bill No. 7310 SUB A**BY** Shallcross Smith, Ajello, Ackerman, Fogarty**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- VITAL RECORDS -- ADOPTION OF CHILDREN (Allows the division of vital statistics to provide an original birth certificate of an adult adopted person to the adopted person's lineal descendants or the legal representative of the adopted person if the adopted person is deceased.) {LC4330/A/2}

04/29/2022 Placed on House Calendar (05/04/2022)

House Bill No. 7694

(Judiciary)

BY Craven**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- THEFT, EMBEZZLEMENT, FALSE PRETENSES, AND MISAPPROPRIATION (Corrects the erroneous misdemeanor classification of the criminal offense of fraudulent conversion by agent or factor.) {LC5008/1}

04/29/2022 Placed on House Calendar (05/05/2022)

House Bill No. 7714 SUB A**BY** Azzinaro, McEntee**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- FALSE REPRESENTATION OF MILITARY STATUS (Creates the crime of stolen valor, for falsely representing himself or herself as a member of the military or armed forces, which is punishable by imprisonment of not more than one year, a fine of one thousand dollars (\$1,000), or both.) {LC5383/A/1}

04/29/2022 Placed on House Calendar (05/05/2022)

House Bill No. 7898

(Attorney General)

BY Donovan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- OFFICE OF HEALTH CARE ADVOCATE (Permits the health care advocate to receive confidential health care information with individual patient information but would prohibit the disclosure of the information, except pursuant to judicial process.) {LC5020/1}

04/29/2022 Placed on House Calendar (05/05/2022)

House Bill No. 7935

(Dept. of Health)

BY Fellela**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE AND DISCIPLINE (Provides that any day(s) when the department of health is closed be excluded from the maximum number of days within which a hearing must be held by the board when a physician or limited registrant's license is suspended without hearing.) {LC5282/1}

04/29/2022 Placed on House Calendar (05/04/2022)

COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL LEGISLATION

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

House Bill No. 7766

(Dept. of Revenue)

BY Phillips, Cardillo, Marszalkowski, Amore, Craven

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES--LICENSE PLATES (Changes the location of "State of Rhode Island" and "ocean state" on the registration plates.) {LC5235/1}

04/29/2022 Placed on House Calendar (05/03/2022)

House Bill No. 7824 SUB A

(Office of Veteran Services)

BY McLaughlin, Hull, McNamara, Corvese, Bennett, Tanzi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES (Authorizes the administration of the division of motor vehicles to make available, to Purple Heart Medal recipients, up to two (2) sets of special registration plates.) {LC5047/A/1}

04/29/2022 Placed on House Calendar (05/03/2022)

House Bill No. 7908

(by request)

BY Tanzi, Felix, Ajello, Batista, Donovan, Ranglin-Vassell, Shallcross Smith, Cortvriend, Knight, Speakman

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- STATE EMBLEMS (Provides that trilobite be designated the state fossil.) {LC5001/1}

04/29/2022 Placed on House Calendar (05/04/2022)

COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT AND HOUSING

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

House Bill No. 7315

BY McEntee, Fogarty, Filippi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES-- ZONING BOARD OF REVIEW (Authorizes the town of South Kingstown to enact a local ordinance which increases the number of alternates on their zoning board of review from two (2) to three (3).) {LC4393/1}

04/29/2022 Placed on House Calendar (05/05/2022)

House Bill No. 7512 SUB A**BY** Cortvriend, McGaw, Donovan, Edwards**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- GENERAL POWERS-- PORTSMOUTH MUNICIPAL COURT (Repeals the current authorization for town of Portsmouth municipal court and establishes authorization which expands the jurisdiction of Portsmouth municipal court to include a municipal housing court to adjudicate violations of the state building code.) {LC4638/A/1}

04/29/2022 Placed on House Calendar (05/05/2022)

House Bill No. 7724**BY** Carson, Vella-Wilkinson, Slater, McEntee, Solomon, Barros, Cortvriend**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- TOURISM IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS (Enables municipalities to create tourism improvement districts to increase economic activity in the tourism industry.) {LC4801/1}

04/29/2022 Placed on House Calendar (05/05/2022)

House Bill No. 7991**BY** Alzate, Casimiro, Felix, Shallcross Smith, Tobon, Messier**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Exempts from taxation the real and tangible personal property of Foster Forward, a domestic nonprofit corporation, located in Pawtucket.) {LC5524/1}

04/29/2022 Placed on House Calendar (05/05/2022)

House Bill No. 8081**BY** Kazarian, Amore, Henries, Cassar**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES--EAST PROVIDENCE REVALUATION (Extends the current revaluation date in the city of East Providence from December 31, 2021 to December 31, 2022.) {LC5587/1}

04/29/2022 Placed on House Calendar (05/03/2022)

House Bill No. 8082**BY** McNamara, Bennett, Serpa, Shanley, Vella-Wilkinson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES -- WARWICK REVALUATION (Delays the city of Warwick's second statistical update following the 2015 revaluation from 2021 to 2022 and would base the update on valuations as of December 31, 2022.) {LC5617/1}

04/29/2022 Placed on House Calendar (05/03/2022)

House Bill No. 8100**BY** Fellela, Costantino, Perez, Cardillo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES--TOWN OF JOHNSTON REVALUATION (Grants the town of Johnston a one year extension to complete the revaluation due in 2022. The revaluation would be based on valuations as of December 31, 2022.) {LC5682/1}

04/29/2022 Placed on House Calendar (05/03/2022)

COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT AND ELECTIONS

Chairman Shanley, for the Committee on State Government and Elections, reports back the following measure, with recommendation of passage:

House Bill No. 7220

BY McNamara, Morales, Casimiro, Shallcross Smith, Donovan, Kislak

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- PARKING FACILITIES AND PRIVILEGES -- DISABILITY PARKING (Includes the governor's commission on disabilities on the decision making process for the disability parking enforcement enhancement program and require an annual report be submitted to the governor's commission.)

{LC3549/1}

04/29/2022 Placed on House Calendar (05/04/2022)

House Bill No. 7420

BY Azzinaro

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- TRANSFER OF VEHICLES (Requires that all motor vehicle dealers disclose in writing to the buyer whether or not a vehicle being sold has a spare tire and jack.) {LC4528/1}

04/29/2022 Placed on House Calendar (05/03/2022)

House Bill No. 7833

(Dept. of Business Regulation)

BY Hull

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- STATE BUILDING CODE (Amends and updates the qualifications for state and local building inspectors and officials aligning state law with federal law and also makes several technical corrections.) {LC4835/1}

04/29/2022 Placed on House Calendar (05/05/2022)

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:01 o'clock P.M. on motion of Representative Morales, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Dr. Yvonne Michelle Heredia; seconded by Leaders Blazejewski and Filippi the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote

Diane M. DePina
Recording Clerk

APPENDIX**INVOCATION****SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE BRIAN PATRICK KENNEDY**

Dear Lord,
We thank you that God gave wisdom to our government, public health and medical officials to put protective measures in place early on, to address the pandemic. We are thankful that during the evolution of the outbreak, our friend's from Taiwan assisted our State and the medical community in Rhode Island with the delivery of protective masks.

As we watch the developments around the world, we pray for peace in southeast Asia and for the people of Taiwan and we pray that the people of the State of Rhode Island and the Republic of China (Taiwan) will continue to expand our friendship and grow and flourish with new trade opportunities that assist our economies in the years ahead.

AMEN

APPENDIX

CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MAY 3, 2022:

1. **2022-H 7847**
BY McNamara
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - PUPIL
TRANSPORTATION VEHICLES

Committee on Education recommends passage.

2. **2022-H 7021 SUB A**
BY Bennett
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY --
ANIMAL CARE

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

3. **2022-H 7133 SUB A**
BY McNamara
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY --
PHARMACEUTICAL REDISTRIBUTION PROGRAM ACT

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

4. **2022-H 7766**
BY Phillips
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES --
REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES--LICENSE PLATES

Committee on Special Legislation recommends passage.

5. **2022-H 7824 SUB A**
BY McLaughlin
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES --
REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES

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

6. **2022-H 7420**
BY Azzinaro
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES --
TRANSFER OF VEHICLES

Committee on State Government & Elections recommends passage.

7. **2022-H 8081**
BY Kazarian
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF
LOCAL TAXES--EAST PROVIDENCE REVALUATION

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

8. **2022-H 8082**
BY McNamara
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF
LOCAL TAXES -- WARWICK REVALUATION

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

9. **2022-H 8100**
BY Fellela
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF
LOCAL TAXES--TOWN OF JOHNSTON REVALUATION

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

10. **2022-S 2863**
BY Sosnowski
ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE
CHARTER OF ROBERTS AND ROCHA, INC.

Committee on Corporations recommends passage in concurrence.

IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 4, 2022:

1. **2022-H 7136**
BY Alzate
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -
ANIMAL CARE

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.

2. **2022-H 6617**
BY Casimiro
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- ABUSED AND
NEGLECTED CHILDREN

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

3. **2022-H 7310 SUB A**
BY Shallcross Smith
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- VITAL RECORDS --
ADOPTION OF CHILDREN

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

4. **2022-H 7935**
BY Fellela
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- BOARD
OF MEDICAL LICENSURE AND DISCIPLINE

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

5. **2022-H 7220**
BY McNamara
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- PARKING
FACILITIES AND PRIVILEGES -- DISABILITY PARKING

Committee on State Government & Elections recommends passage.

6. **2022-H 7908**
BY Tanzi
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --
STATE EMBLEMS

Committee on Special Legislation recommends passage.

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MAY 5, 2022:

1. **2022-H 7140**
BY Donovan
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY-FEMININE HYGIENE
PRODUCT DONATIONS ACT

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

2. 2022-H 7316**BY Craven****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- TAX SALES**

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

3. 2022-H 7694**BY Craven****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- THEFT, EMBEZZLEMENT, FALSE PRETENSES, AND MISAPPROPRIATION**

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

4. 2022-H 7714 SUB A**BY Azzinaro****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- FALSE REPRESENTATION OF MILITARY STATUS**

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

5. 2022-H 7898**BY Donovan****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- OFFICE OF HEALTH CARE ADVOCATE**

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

6. 2022-H 7833**BY Hull****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- STATE BUILDING CODE**

Committee on State Government & Elections recommends passage.

7. 2022-H 7315**BY McEntee****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES--ZONING BOARD OF REVIEW**

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

- 8. 2022-H 7512 SUB A**
BY Cortvriend
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- GENERAL POWERS--
PORTSMOUTH MUNICIPAL COURT

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

- 9. 2022-H 7724**
BY Carson
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- TOURISM
IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

- 10. 2022-H 7991**
BY Alzate
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO
TAXATION

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

Francis McCabe
Clerk of the House

Friday, April 29, 2022