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Tuesday, March 21, 2023

Twentieth-Day

The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence, Tuesday, March 21, 2023, and is called to order at 4:20 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, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson and Voas.

ABSENT – 4: Representatives Ackerman, Carson, Casey and Fogarty.

INVOCATION

The Honorable Speaker presents Father Andrew George, Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church, Cranston 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, March 16, 2023, is approved.

APPOINTMENTS

From Speaker K. Joseph Shekarchi:

Appointments:

Representative Brian Rea to the Finance Subcommittee on Education, VICE Representative George Nardone

Representative George Nardone to the Finance Subcommittee on Environment/Transportation, VICE Brian Rea

COMMUNICATIONS

Representative Lauren H. Carson is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, March 21, 2023.

Representative Kathleen A. Fogarty is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, March 21, 2023.

Representative Stephen M. Casey is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, March 21, 2023.

CALENDAR

From the Calendar are taken:

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 2023:**1. 2023-H 5040 SUB A**

BY O'Brien

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

Committee on Finance recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A in concurrence.

Chairman Abney moves passage of the act, seconded by the Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ajello, Azzinaro, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McGaw, McNamara, Morales, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Potter, Quattrocchi, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

Chairman Abney discusses the act.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, 70 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 70: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

2. 2023-H 5337 SUB A

BY Handy

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- CASUALTY INSURANCE RATING

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

Chairman Solomon moves passage of the act, seconded by The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Cardillo, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lombardi, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Potter, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Speakman, Spears, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

Chairman Solomon, Representatives Lima and Morales discussed the act.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, 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, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

3. 2023-H 5349**BY** Casey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- NURSES

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.

Chairwoman Donovan moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives McGaw, Speakman, Spears, Vella-Wilkinson, Bennett, Felix, Giraldo and Edwards.

Chairwoman Donovan Representatives Newberry and Fenton-Fung 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, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

4. 2023-S 20 SUB A**BY** Valverde**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- TEACHERS' RETIREMENT

Committee on Finance recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A in concurrence.

Chairman Abney moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, and several others.

Chairman Abney and Representative Sanchez discuss the act.

The bill marked Substitute "A", in concurrence is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, 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, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw,

McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

5. 2023-S 239

BY Pearson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage in concurrence.

Vice-Chairwoman Speakman moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Marszalkowski, Voas, Biah and Phillips.

Vice-Chairwoman Speakman discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 69 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 69: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

GUESTS

Representative McNamara welcomes to the House in recognition of the 202nd, Greek Independence Celebration from the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church, Cranston, Father Andrew George, Father Nicholas Lanzourakis, Greek Language School teachers, Ioanna Andreopoulou and Koula Rougas. Speaker Shekarchi welcomes them to the House.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Azzinaro commends three Westerly Police Officers, Brittany Carpenter, David Fernandes and Cory Torres for their outstanding efforts to quickly respond to the medical needs of a citizen. Their quick actions led to the revival of the victim and his life was saved. Speaker Shekarchi congratulates and thanked the first responders.

GUESTS

Chairwoman Alzate welcomes to the House Chamber from Gloucester United Kingdom, Marcus Hudson, who attends Bryant University and is majoring in politics.

Whip Kazarian welcomes to the House Chamber her sister and fiancé, Jackie Kazarian and Chad Austino. Speaker Shekarchi welcomes them to the House.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Solomon announces that the Committee on Corporations will meet today, at the rise of the House, in Room 101 of the State House.

Representatives Slater, McNamara, Serpa and Speaker Shekarchi express their sympathy and offer condolences to the entire family of Paul McKiernan.

GUESTS

Representative Voas welcomes to the House Chamber his grandmother, Frances Pearson and his cousin, Kailyn Mort.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Corvese announces the engagement of his daughter, Christina to Vincent Guarnieri. Speaker Shekarchi congratulates them on their engagement.

GUESTS

Chairman Azzinaro welcomes to the House Chamber Pierce Abosso, Tobey Silva, Karen Crowley, Cassie Jacobs, and Trecia Pimer who are here to testify tonight.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Tanzi announces that the Finance Subcommittee on Human Services will meet today, at the rise of the House, in Room 35 of the State House.

Vice-Chairman Noret announces that the Committee on Education will meet tomorrow, at 4:00 o'clock P.M., in Room 101 of the State House.

Chairwoman Donovan announces that the Committee on Health, & Human Services will meet today, at the rise of the House, in the House Lounge of the State House.

Majority Leader Blazejewski announces that Education and Judiciary committees and the Finance Subcommittee on General Government will meet tomorrow, March 22nd, at 4 p.m.

Speaker Shekarchi has arranged for an informational briefing about Medicaid renewals for all House members this Thursday, March 23rd, at 3:30 p.m. in the House Lounge. Members are encouraged to attend to learn from the experts regarding Medicaid renewals scheduled to begin on April 1st, in accordance with federal regulations.

The next House session will be held Thursday, March 23rd at 4 p.m.

IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION

House Resolution No. 6173

BY Stewart, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Alzate, Morales, Chippendale, Sanchez, Cruz, Voas, Henries
ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION WELCOMING THE GOLDEN RULE SAILBOAT TO RHODE ISLAND IN SUPPORT OF A NUCLEAR-FREE WORLD {LC2585/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Stewart discusses the resolution.

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

House Resolution No. 6174

BY Baginski, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Hull, Noret, Chippendale, O'Brien, Kennedy, Edwards, Ajello
ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING JOZIAH FRY OF JOHNSON & WALES UNIVERSITY AND NATHAN LACKMAN OF RHODE ISLAND COLLEGE ON WINNING THE NCAA DIVISION III WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIPS {LC2577/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Batista discusses the resolution.

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

House Resolution No. 6175

BY Shallcross Smith, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Ajello, Fogarty, Chippendale, Kennedy, Edwards, Cortvriend, McGaw

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION CELEBRATING MARCH OF 2023, AS “NATIONAL SOCIAL WORK MONTH” IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC2581/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Shallcross Smith discusses the resolution.

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

House Resolution No. 6176

BY Azzinaro, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Kennedy, Shallcross Smith, Chippendale, Edwards, Ajello, Cortvriend, McGaw

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF THE HONORABLE THEODORE F. LOW, FORMER STATE REPRESENTATIVE IN THE RHODE ISLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY {LC2631/1}

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

There is no objection.

Chairman Azzinaro, Speaker Shekarchi and Representative Nardone discuss the resolution.

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

House Resolution No. 6177

BY McNamara, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Roberts, Kennedy, Edwards, Ajello, Cortvriend, McGaw

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION CELEBRATING MARCH 25, 2023, AS THE 202ND ANNIVERSARY OF GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY AND CELEBRATING DEMOCRACY IN GREECE AND THE UNITED STATES {LC1152/1}

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

There is no objection.

Chairman McNamara and Speaker Shekarchi discuss the resolution.

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

RULE 7D

The following bills were received pursuant to Rule 7D:

Representative Ajello-An Act relating to Discrimination in Housing
Representative Alzate-An Act relating to Environmental Justice Act
Representative Baginski-An Act relating to Elections
Representative Batista-An Act relating to Civil Arrests
An Act relating to Law Enforcement Officers Accountability Act
Representative Caldwell-An Act relating to Courts and Civil Procedure Court-Family Court
R Representative Cruz-An Act relating to Contractor Bonds
Representative Dawson-An Act relating to Lead Hazard Abatement Mitigation
Representative Knight-An Act relating to Motor Vehicles
Representative Morales-An Act relating to Lead Hazard and Rights to Tenants
Representative O'Brien-An Act relating to Retirement System
An Act relating to Retirement System
Representative Perez-An Act relating to Presidential Election
Representative Slater-An Act relating to Business Corporate Tax
Representative Solomon-An Act relating to Human Services-Medical Assistance
An Act relating to Human Services

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

TRANSMITTAL

By unanimous consent, all matters on the clerk's desk are ordered to be transmitted to His Excellency, the Governor, to the Honorable Senate and the Honorable Secretary of State forthwith.

(For Transmittals to Governor, see Appendix of this Journal.)

DESK HELD OPEN

The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi announces that the desk will be held open.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE SENATE

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

Senate Bill No. 29

BY Felag, DiPalma

ENTITLED, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AMENDMENTS TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF TIVERTON (Validates and ratifies amendments to the Home Rule Charter of the town of Tiverton, adopted and approved on November 8, 2022.)

{LC325/1}

03/22/2023 Referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

Senate Bill No. 110**BY** de la Cruz, Rogers**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AN AMENDMENT TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF BURRILLVILLE (Amends the Burrillville Town Charter.) {LC443/1}

03/22/2023 Referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

Senate Bill No. 114**BY** Felag, Lauria, Ujifusa**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- HISTORICAL AREA ZONING (Allows the town of Bristol to appoint a second auxiliary member to its historical district commission.) {LC880/1}

03/22/2023 Referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

Senate Bill No. 314**BY** Valverde, DiMario**ENTITLED**, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AMENDMENTS TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF NORTH KINGSTOWN (Validates and ratify amendments to the Home Rule Charter of the town of North Kingstown, which amendments were adopted and approved by the electors of the town of North Kingstown on November 8, 2022.) {LC1358/1}

03/22/2023 Referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

NEW BUSINESS**House Bill No. 6178****BY** Newberry, Brien**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- 2021 ACT ON CLIMATE (Incorporates ethical energy standards to the 2021 Act on Climate.) {LC2628/1}

03/22/2023 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 6179**BY** Donovan, Messier, McNamara, Kislak, Ajello, Speakman, Carson, Fogarty, Shallcross Smith, Potter**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- MEDICARE SUPPLEMENT INSURANCE POLICIES (Provides all Medicare recipients over sixty-five (65) years of age applying for Medicare supplement plan guaranteed issue rights regardless of medical or health or receipt of health care by the applicant.) {LC2612/1}

03/22/2023 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 6180**BY** Felix, Batista, Craven, McEntee, Knight, Hull, Tanzi, Slater, Shallcross Smith, Ajello**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT-- CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT (Repeals 42-56-38.1 and requires the department of corrections to provide free communication services to inmates and juveniles held in residential placement or detention centers and requires that those facilities provide in-person contact visits.) {LC2572/1}

03/22/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 6181**BY** Batista

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER SCREENING, DISCIPLINE AND DECERTIFICATION (Creates an officer discipline board and provides law enforcement personal to comply with this act.) {LC2217/1} 03/22/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 6182

(By Request)

BY Knight, Speakman

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING (Amends the definition of "low and moderate income housing" to include housing secured by a federal government voucher or subsidy.) {LC2621/1} 03/22/2023 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 6183

(By Request)

BY Edwards, McGaw

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT (Authorizes municipalities to establish rules and regulations and issue licenses for short-term rentals.) {LC2645/1} 03/22/2023 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 6184**BY** Knight, Speakman

ENTITLED, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AMENDMENTS TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF WARREN (Validates and ratifies amendments to the Home Rule Charter of the town of Warren, adopted and approved on November 8, 2022.) {LC2672/1} 03/22/2023 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 6185

(Board of Elections)

BY Shanley

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- GENERAL PROVISIONS (Amends the election laws to change certain deadlines for declarations of candidacy, party disaffiliation and submission of nomination papers for special federal elections.) {LC2565/1} 03/22/2023 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 6186

(Executive Office of Commerce)

BY Potter, Voas

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- REBUILD RHODE ISLAND TAX CREDIT (Provides that prevailing wage requirements for rebuild Rhode Island and historic preservation tax credits do not apply to project applications submitted prior to January 1, 2023.) {LC2081/1} 03/22/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 6187

(By Request)

BY Dawson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- BUSINESS CORPORATION TAX

(Exempts new entities in the first two (2) years of existence from paying the minimum tax if annual net taxable income is less than five thousand dollars (\$5,000).) {LC1297/1}

03/22/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 6188**BY** Slater, Diaz, Cruz, Potter, O'Brien, Corvese, Edwards, Giraldo, Voas, Solomon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- QUALITY SELF-DIRECTED

SERVICES (Increases the hourly compensation for "individual providers" from no less than sixteen dollars (\$16.00) on April 1, 2023, and gradually increase several times until June 30, 2024, when it would be nineteen dollars (\$19.00) and continuing.) {LC2573/1}

03/22/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 6189**BY** Casimiro, Noret, Serpa, Spears, Roberts, Diaz, Morales**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- TUITION WAIVER PROGRAM FOR

CHILDREN IN RHODE ISLAND FOSTER CARE (Establishes the Tuition Waiver Program for Children in Rhode Island Foster Care program.) {LC2468/1}

03/22/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

ADJOURNMENT

At 4:59 o'clock P.M. on motion of Representative Azzinaro, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Hon. Theodore Low; on motion of Representative Slater, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Paul McKiernan seconded by Leaders Blazejewski and Chippendale the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

Diane M. DePina
Recording Clerk

APPENDIX**INVOCATION****FATHER NICHOLAS LANZOURAKIS****ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH, CRANSTON****STATE HOUSE PRAYER****ANNUNCIATION-INDEPENDENCE OBSERVANCE**

O Lord Almighty, we raise our heart, mind & soul to you in prayer as we commemorate the Annunciation of the Virgin Mary along with the Observance of the War of Independence for the nation of Greece in the modern era, (1821, inaugurated on March 25), which has become in our current days a celebration of Greek and American Democracy.

We adore you as our Creator on this day as you entered the womb of your blessed mother, setting in motion the beginning of our salvation and our freedom from enslavement to sin.

We offer thanksgiving prayers as well for the regeneration and liberation of the nation of Greece from its political enslavement which re-established democratic principles in the mother-land-of Democracy.

Show us all to be worthy of this freedom, strengthen us in safeguarding it and preserve us in peace and harmony. Let us be reminded as well of our individual freedom, which is affirmed in our oneness to Christ our Lord in adherence to His teachings which are the same, yesterday, today and forever.

Furthermore, we pray today for the elected officials of the State of RI and Providence Plantations and the members of this chamber. Protect, guide, and guard each of them and their families; bless them with good health and sound minds, so that they may lead us in the right direction as they serve and minister to its citizens.

For you are the source of life, our protector and savior and we ascribe glory to you, Father, Son & Holy Spirit - Amen!

APPENDIX

CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 23, 2023:

1. 2023-H 5044

BY Edwards

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- HARM REDUCTION CENTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND PILOT PROGRAM

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.

2. 2023-H 5682 SUB A

BY Giraldo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- OFFICE OF STATE MEDICAL EXAMINERS

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

3. 2023-H 5419

BY Kennedy

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO AERONAUTICS -- AIRPORTS AND LANDING FIELDS

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

4. 2023-H 5420

BY Kennedy

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO AERONAUTICS -- UNPILOTED AERIAL VEHICLES

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

Francis McCabe
Clerk of the House

Friday, March 17, 2023

APPENDIX**TRANSMITTED TO GOVERNOR****House Bill No. 5040 SUB A****BY** O'Brien, Biah, Slater, Serpa, Carson, Corvese, Azzinaro, Kazarian, Spears, DeSimone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- TEACHERS' RETIREMENT (Adds a section which allows substitute teachers and post-retirement employees to exceed the ninety (90) day cap on post-retirement employment if certain conditions are met.) {LC448/A/1}

03/21/2023 Transmitted to Governor

Senate Bill No. 20 SUB A**BY** Valverde, Pearson, DiMario, Acosta, Zurier, DiPalma, Gu, Britto**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- TEACHERS' RETIREMENT (Adds a section which allows substitute teachers and post-retirement employees to exceed the ninety (90) day cap on post-retirement employment if certain conditions are met.) {LC672/A/1}

03/21/2023 Transmitted to Governor

Senate Bill No. 239**BY** Pearson, Picard**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Authorizes the town of Cumberland to exempt or stabilizes tax payments for real/personal property related to environmental remediation, historic preservation, affordable housing, manufacturing, commercial, residential, or mixed-use purposes.) {LC801/1}

03/21/2023 Transmitted to Governor