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Thursday, March 23, 2023

Twenty-first Day

The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence, Thursday, March 23, 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 68 members present and 7 members absent as follows:

PRESENT – 68: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, 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, and Vella-Wilkinson.

ABSENT – 7: Representatives Ackerman, Baginski, Carson, Fenton-Fung, Fogarty, McGaw and Voas.

INVOCATION

The Honorable Speaker presents Representative Stephen M. Casey 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 Tuesday, March 21, 2023, is approved.

RHODE ISLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY



House of Representatives

SPONSORSHIP REMOVAL REQUEST
2023

Pursuant to House Rule 15(g)(ii), Rep. DeSimone
hereby requests the removal of their co-sponsorship of Bill # H-5895
Entitled: Relating to Criminal Offenses – Threats and Extortion
which is currently in the House Committee on Judiciary.

Signature: _____

House District: _____

Date: March 15, 2023

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

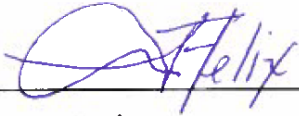
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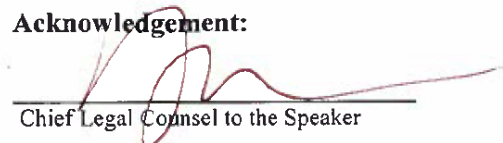
House of Representatives

CO-SPONSORSHIP REMOVAL REQUEST
2023

Pursuant to House Rule 15(g)(ii), Representative Felix
hereby requests the removal of their co-sponsorship of Bill # 5302
entitled: An Act Relating to Solemnization of
marriages
which is currently in the House Committee on Special L & S

Signature: House District # 101Date: March 23, 2023

Acknowledgement:


Chief Legal Counsel to the Speaker

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

COMMUNICATIONS

Representative Michelle E. McGaw is unable to attend session today, Thursday, March 23, 2023.
Representative Jacquelyn M. Baginski is unable to attend session today, Thursday, March 23, 2023.
Representative Kathleen A. Fogarty is unable to attend session today, Thursday, March 23, 2023.
Representative Lauren H. Carson is unable to attend session today, Thursday, March 23, 2023.
Representative Brandon T. Voas is unable to attend session today, Thursday, March 23, 2023.

March 23, 2023

Communication from Speaker K. Joseph Shekarchi:

I have reviewed the videotape of the March 17, 2023, hearing of the House Committee on State Government and Elections. During the course of that hearing, Representative Rebecca Kislak testified in support of a bill she sponsored, H-5763 AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT--EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT ACT.

While asking questions as a member of the committee, Representative Robert Quattrocchi made several references about the applicability of the legislation to “Satanists” and “pedophiles” and directly asked Representative Kislak, “Are you a pedophile?”

Representative Quattrocchi’s statements to Representative Kislak during the March 17th, hearing are not in keeping with the decorum or the integrity of this body. The use of suggestive and offensive language and the disparagement of an esteemed colleague will not be tolerated in this chamber.

I hereby direct that Representative Robert Quattrocchi be removed as a member of the House Committee on State Government and Elections, effective immediately.

CALENDAR

From the Calendar are taken:

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.

Chairwoman Donovan moves passage of the act, seconded by the Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Casey, Cortvriend, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Giraldo, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lombardi, McEntee, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Potter, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson.

Chairwoman Donovan, Representatives Lima, Ajello, Corvese, Minority Leader Chippendale, Morgan, Sanchez, Alzate, Tanzi, Morales, Brien, Place, Edwards, Cotter, Knight, Serpa, Sanchez, and Casey, discuss the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 52 members voting in the affirmative and 14 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 52: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Casey, Cortvriend, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Newberry, O'Brien, Potter, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson.

NAYS - 14: Representatives Brien, Cardillo, Chippendale, Corvese, Lima, Morgan, Nardone, Noret, Perez, Phillips, Place, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts.

RECUSED - 0:

GUESTS

Representative Phillips welcomes to the House Trudy Lamoureux and Otto Jespersen from the Club Richelieu who were here to celebrate La Francophonie Day.

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.

Chairwoman Donovan moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Speakman, Morales, McEntee, Giraldo, Kislak, McNamara, Edwards, Bennett, Whip Kazarian, Alzate, and Deputy Speaker Hull.

Chairwoman Donovan discusses the act.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote 67 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 67: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Finkelman, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, 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.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

3. 2023-H 5419

BY Kennedy

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

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

Chairman Solomon moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representative O'Brien and Speaker Pro Tempore Kennedy.

Chairman Solomon discusses the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 67 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 67: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Finkelman, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, 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.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

4. 2023-H 5420

BY Kennedy

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

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

Chairman Solomon moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Phillips, Lima, Speaker Pro Tempore Kennedy and Representative O'Brien.

Chairman Solomon, Representative Morgan Minority Leader Chippendale, and Representative Sanchez discuss the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 64 members voting in the affirmative and 1 member voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 64: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Finkelman, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McNamara, Messier, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson.

NAYS - 1: Representative Sanchez.

RECUSED - 0:

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Kislak wishes a Happy Birthday to the Affordable Care Act. She also wishes her spouse Joanna Brown a Happy 20th Anniversary.

PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Representative Kislak rises on a point of personal privilege.

GUESTS

Representative Morales welcomes to the House Chamber Cooke College Scholar, Ramona Boyd Foley, the recipient of the prestigious Cooke College Scholarship Program and her mother, Ali Boyd.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairwoman McEntee and on behalf of Chairwoman Fogarty recognize the URI Rhody Rams Women's Basketball team and head coach Tammi Reiss, who play tonight at 7 p.m. Speaker Shekarchi wishes the team Good Luck!

Vice-Chairman Phillips announces that the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources will meet today, at the rise of the House, in the House Lounge of the State House.

PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Representative Quattrocchi rises on a point of personal privilege.

GUESTS

Representative Brien, on behalf of the Woonsocket Delegation and Representative Cherie Cruz, welcome to the House Chamber the Delegate of Quebec to New England, Marie-Claude Francoeur, Canadian Consul and Head of Public Affairs, Marc-Antoine Dumas, the Honorary Consul of France to Rhode Island and Former Lt. Governor, Roger Begin, Director of Museum of Work & Culture, Anne Conway, Club Richelieu, Lenore Rheaume and Paul DeSilva for the celebration of La Francophonie Day.

Chairman Casey announces that the Committee on Municipal Government & Housing will meet today, at the rise of the House, in Room 101 of the State House.

Chairman McNamara announces that this Saturday, March 25th, Representative Noret invites all members to attend the Firearms Simulator Training which will be held from 9:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., at the West Warwick Police Youth Center.

Chairman Solomon would like to congratulate the new Providence College Men's Head Basketball Coach, Kim English and thank former head coach Ed Cooley for his years of service to Providence College.

Majority Leader Blazejewski announces that the next House session will be held Tuesday, March 28th, at 4 p.m.

House sessions will meet next Tuesday, March 28th, and Wednesday, March 29th. There will be no House session on Thursday, March 30th, committees will still be meeting.

Tuesday, March 28th, the State House will celebrate University of Rhode Island Day from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the State House Rotunda area with a reception and interactive exhibits, which will include the participation of students, researchers, faculty and coaches.

Majority Leader Blazejewski wishes Representative DeSimone a Happy Birthday this coming Sunday, March 26th.

Speaker Shekarchi wishes the Director of JCLS, Henry Kinch a Happy Birthday!

IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION**House Resolution No. 6190**

BY Solomon, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Casimiro, Kazarian, Casey, Azzinaro, Giraldo, Edwards

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF BETTY JANE PERCIVAL {LC2690/1}

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

There is no objection.

Chairman Solomon discusses the resolution.

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

House Resolution No. 6191

BY Blazejewski, Chippendale

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING CONGRATULATIONS {LC2678/1}

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 Chippendale, by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

House Resolution No. 6192

BY Blazejewski, Chippendale

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES {LC2677/1}

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 Chippendale, by unanimous consent, on a rising vote.

House Resolution No. 6193

BY Ajello, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Kislak, Shallcross Smith, Bennett, Cortvriend, Solomon, Potter

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF MARJORIE HOPE MARTIESIAN {LC2687/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Ajello, Speaker Shekarchi and Whip Kazarian discuss the resolution.

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

House Resolution No. 6194

BY Phillips, Brien, Casey, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Bennett, Ajello, Shallcross Smith, Cortvriend

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION CELEBRATING LA FRANCOPHONIE FLAG RAISING CEREMONY AT THE RHODE ISLAND STATE HOUSE ON THURSDAY, MARCH 23, 2023 {LC2684/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representatives Phillips and Brien discuss the resolution.

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

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

Representative Casey-An Act relating to Insurance – Insurance Coverage for Mental Illness and Substance Abuse

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Representative Messier-An Act relating to Education

Representative Shanley-An Act relating to Rhode Island Data Transparency and Privacy Protection Act

Representative Slater-An Act relating to Alcoholic Beverages- Retail Licenses

Representative Spears-An Act relating to Food and Drugs- Rhode Island Cannabis Act

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 HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

Chairwoman Donovan, for the Committee on Health, and Human Services, reports back the following measures, with recommendation of passage:

House Bill No. 5506

BY Ackerman, McNamara, Bennett, Shallcross Smith, Diaz, Edwards, Kennedy, Giraldo, Fogarty
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LICENSING OF
HEALTHCARE FACILITIES (Allows health care facility to conduct research on patients subject to
21 C.F.R. Pt 50 and/or 45 C.F.R. Pt 46 (relating to the informed consent in clinical trials).)
{LC1017/1}

03/24/2023 Placed on House Calendar (03/28/2023)

House Bill No. 5555

BY Tanzi, McGaw, Kislak, Cotter, Spears, Cruz, Boylan, Potter, Giraldo, Voas
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PHARMACIES
(Adds a new section which sets forth conditions for pharmacists to prescribe tobacco cessation drug
therapies.) {LC1957/1}

03/24/2023 Placed on House Calendar (03/28/2023)

House Bill No. 5348

BY Ackerman, Bennett, McNamara, Chippendale, Vella-Wilkinson, Nardone, Kislak, Fogarty,
Cortvriend, McGaw
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- RESTROOM ACCESS ACT
(Requires retail establishments with 3 or more employees on the premises without accessible public
restroom to allow customers suffering from eligible conditions access to their employee restrooms.)
{LC1018/1}

03/24/2023 Placed on House Calendar (03/29/2023)

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

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

House Bill No. 5443

BY Ajello, Knight, Batista, Lombardi J, Kislak, Shallcross Smith, Cruz, Handy, Tanzi, Felix
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS -- SOLEMNIZATION OF
MARRIAGES (Requires returns of a marriage certificate to be filed within two (2) business days
after the ceremony, and validates the common practice of filing the return by mail.) {LC207/1}

03/24/2023 Placed on House Calendar (03/28/2023)

House Bill No. 5687

(Dept. of BHDDH)

BY Kislak, Tanzi, Potter, McNamara, Alzate, Bennett, Edwards, Cotter, Sanchez
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE, DEVELOPMENTAL
DISABILITIES AND HOSPITALS -- MENTAL HEALTH LAW {LC1619/1}

03/24/2023 Placed on House Calendar (03/29/2023)

COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL LEGISLATION

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

House Bill No. 5302

BY Tanzi, Morales, Ajello, Cotter, Spears, Donovan, Speakman, McGaw, Cortvriend, Henries
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows the Honorable Leonela Felix to join Kayla Simone K. Rosen and Michael Zachary Mezera in marriage on or about May 20, 2023, within the City of Providence, Rhode Island.) {LC1038/1}
03/24/2023 Placed on House Calendar (03/28/2023)

COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT AND HOUSING

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

House Bill No. 5378

BY Casimiro, Craven
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.) {LC1217/1}
03/24/2023 Placed on House Calendar (03/28/2023)

House Bill No. 5597

BY McEntee, Tanzi
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS -- ABANDONMENT BY TOWNS (Allows town of Narragansett to sell highway or driftway to abutting owner at fair market value.) {LC1268/1}
03/24/2023 Placed on House Calendar (03/29/2023)

COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT AND HOUSING

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

House Bill No. 5607

(Dept. of Revenue)

BY Edwards, Shanley, Kennedy, Bennett, Casimiro, Casey, Potter
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES (Changes the definition of "street rod" motor vehicle to include a reference to its registration certificate and not its title. It also changes the meaning of "custom vehicle" by adding a reference to its registration certificate.) {LC389/1}
03/24/2023 Placed on House Calendar (03/29/2023)

House Bill No. 5769**BY** Corvese, Azzinaro, O'Brien, Kennedy, Noret, Biah, Costantino, Lima**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- PARKING

FACILITIES AND PRIVILEGES (Includes the governor's commission on disabilities in the decision making process for the disability parking enforcement enhancement program and requires an annual report be submitted to the governor's commission.) {LC1942/1}

03/24/2023 Placed on House Calendar (03/29/2023)

NEW BUSINESS**House Bill No. 6195****BY** Blazejewski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF SISTERS, INC. {LC2681/1}

03/24/2023 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 6196**BY** Alzate, Batista, Giraldo, Potter, Boylan, Speakman, Henries, Felix, Morales, Tanzi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ACT (Establishes requirements which would have to be met by an applicant prior to the issuing of permits for an activity that would have an environmental impact on or would increase the cumulative impacts on an environmental justice area.) {LC2637/1}

03/24/2023 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

House Bill No. 6197**BY** Ajello, Vella-Wilkinson, Speakman, Shallcross Smith, Handy, Tanzi, Felix, Batista, Craven, Cruz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RHODE ISLAND FAIR HOUSING

PRACTICES ACT (Prohibits discrimination based on housing status, define "assistance animal", make it unlawful to issue discriminatory notices or statements relating to the sale, rental or leasing of housing and to delete an unconstitutional provision.) {LC2647/1}

03/24/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 6198**BY** Caldwell, Speakman, Donovan, Cortvriend, Edwards, O'Brien, Knight, Craven, McEntee**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE--COURTS --

FAMILY COURT (Gives statewide juvenile hearing boards the authority to refer a juvenile offender to a rehabilitative driving course, as part of a disposition of an offense before the board. The order may be enforced by the traffic tribunal.) {LC2620/1}

03/24/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 6199**BY** Batista, Craven, Felix

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- ARREST (Prohibits the civil arrest of any person who is attending court either on behalf of themselves or a family or household member. Any person who violates this act shall be subject to civil suit and for contempt of court.) {LC2561/1}

03/24/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 6200**BY** Batista, Craven, Knight, Felix, Cruz, Ajello, Potter, Kislak, Morales, Alzate

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' BILL OF RIGHTS (Amends the Law Enforcement Officers' Bill of Rights providing greater accountability in the disciplinary process, the chief of police authority to impose discipline after the finding of a violation, appellate rights to the accused officer.) {LC2560/1}

03/24/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 6201

(Attorney General)

BY Dawson, O'Brien

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- LEAD HAZARD MITIGATION (Allows for a property owner who fails to comply with lead hazard mitigation provisions to be subject to damages and reasonable attorneys' fees.) {LC2583/1}

03/24/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 6202**BY** Cruz, Potter, Alzate, Giraldo, Kazarian, Slater, Boylan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- CONTRACTORS BONDS (Provides that upon application, and good cause, the state may waive the bonding requirement for certified minority business enterprises or women owned businesses.) {LC2578/1}

03/24/2023 Introduced, referred to House Labor

House Bill No. 6203**BY** O'Brien, Dawson, Caldwell, Craven, McEntee, Shanley, Batista, Vella-Wilkinson, Perez, Noret

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- OPTIONAL RETIREMENT FOR MEMBERS OF POLICE FORCE AND FIREFIGHTERS (Authorizes an annual two and one-half percent (2.5%) escalation for all active and retired police and fire fighter's retirement pension allowance, compounded each year on January 1st following the year of retirement and continuing yearly, on that date.) {LC2625/1}

03/24/2023 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 6204**BY** Perez, Hull, Corvese, Fenton-Fung, Cardillo, Batista, Bennett, Fellela, Azzinaro, Diaz

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- PRIMARIES FOR ELECTION OF DELEGATES TO NATIONAL CONVENTIONS AND FOR PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE (Makes it easier for candidates for the presidential preference primaries to obtain a place on the ballot.) {LC2648/1}

03/24/2023 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 6205**BY** Solomon, Spears, Cotter, Fellela, Boylan, Slater**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

(Increases the personal needs allowances of nursing facility residents from fifty dollars (\$50.00) to one hundred dollars (\$100) per month.) {LC2649/1}

03/24/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 6206**BY** Solomon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

(Provides that services provided by graduate student interns who work under a supervisory protocol would be eligible to be paid from Medicaid reimbursement.) {LC2682/1}

03/24/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 6207**BY** O'Brien, Dawson, Caldwell, Craven, McEntee, Shanley, Batista, Vella-Wilkinson, Perez, Noret**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES - RETIREMENT SYSTEM - CONTRIBUTIONS AND BENEFITS (Awards all pension system members 3% COLA

applied to first \$50,000 of retirement allowance annually exp.1/1/24 provided prior year investment return gains 10% or more until fund is 80% funded.) {LC2624/1}

03/24/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 6208**BY** Knight, Boylan, Ajello, Kislak, Caldwell, Edwards, Dawson, Kazarian, Casimiro, Cortvriend**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF LICENSES -- VIOLATIONS (Removes the required one hundred fifty dollar

(\$150) reinstatement fee after a license revocation or suspension as well as the three hundred fifty dollar (\$350) fee for certain driving under the influence traffic violations.) {LC2644/1}

03/24/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 6209**BY** Slater, O'Brien**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- BUSINESS CORPORATION TAX (Allows cannabis establishments, as defined pursuant to § 21-28.11-3, to claim any deduction to income that

would be allowable under the laws of the United States but for 26 U.S.C. § 280E.) {LC2626/1}

03/24/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Resolution No. 6210**BY** Slater, Diaz**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$500,000 TO

WATERFIRE PROVIDENCE (Authorizes the appropriation of the sum of \$500,000 to WaterFire Providence.) {LC2685/1}

03/24/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Resolution No. 6211**BY** Messier, Alzate, Kazarian, Cruz, Henries, Stewart, Shallcross Smith**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE STATE TO ENTER INTO A FINANCING AGREEMENT RELATING TO SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION IN THE CITY OF PAWTUCKET (Authorizes the state to finance the construction of a new high school and facilities and all expenses incident thereto.) {LC2617/1}

03/24/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE
TRANSFER OF BILL****COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY**

Chairman Craven, for the Committee on Judiciary, reports back the following measure, with recommendation of transfer to the Committee on State Government & Elections:

House Bill No. 5442**BY** Ajello, Knight, Batista, Lombardi J, Kislak, Shallcross Smith, Morales, Cruz, Handy, Felix**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC RECORDS -- ACCESS TO PUBLIC RECORDS (Provides that any reports of investigations conducted by internal affair units or their equivalent are public records.) {LC210/1}

03/25/2023 Committee transferred to House State Government & Elections

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:51 o'clock P.M. on motion of Representative McNamara, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Mathew J. Votta; on motion of Representative Ajello, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Marjorie Martiesian; on motion of Representative Solomon, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Betty Jean Percival seconded by Leaders Blazejewski and Chippendale the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

Diane M. DePina
Recording Clerk

APPENDIX**INVOCATION****REPRESENTATIVE STEPHEN M. CASEY**

Almighty God: On this day we give special honor to our long friendship with the people of France. The French have played an integral part in the very foundation of our country. We thank them for their support and pray for a long, continued, friendship. Amen

APPENDIX**CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 28, 2023:**

1. **2023-H 5506**
 BY Ackerman
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LICENSING OF
 HEALTHCARE FACILITIES

 Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.
2. **2023-H 5555**
 BY Tanzi
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS --
 PHARMACIES

 Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.
3. **2023-H 5443**
 BY Ajello
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS -- SOLEMNIZATION
 OF MARRIAGES

 Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.
4. **2023-H 5378**
 BY Casimiro
 ENTITLED, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AMENDMENTS TO THE
 HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF NORTH KINGSTOWN

 Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.
5. **2023-H 5302**
 BY Tanzi
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

 Committee on Special Legislation recommends passage.

IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29, 2023:**1. 2023-H 5769****BY** Corvese**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- PARKING FACILITIES AND PRIVILEGES

Committee on State Government & Elections recommends passage.

2. 2023-H 5607**BY** Edwards**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES

Committee on State Government & Elections recommends passage.

3. 2023-H 5348**BY** Ackerman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- RESTROOM ACCESS ACT

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.

4. 2023-H 5687**BY** Kislak**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND HOSPITALS -- MENTAL HEALTH LAW

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.

5. 2023-H 5597**BY** McEntee**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS -- ABANDONMENT BY TOWNS

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

Francis McCabe
Clerk of the House**Friday, March 24, 2023**