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Thursday, April 6, 2023

Twenty-fifth Day

The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence, Thursday, April 6, 2023, and is called to order at 4:21 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, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Biah, Blazejewski, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Lima, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Potter, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson and Voas.

ABSENT – 13: Representatives Ackerman, Bennett, Boylan, Costantino, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Kislak, Knight, Lombardi, Newberry, Place and Quattrocchi.

INVOCATION

The Honorable Speaker presents Representative Slater 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, April 4, 2023, is approved.

COMMUNICATIONS

Communication from Speaker K. Joseph Shekarchi:

Today, April 6, 2023, I received a request from Chairwoman Kathleen Fogarty requesting permission to vote via proxy pursuant to Rule 33(e). Chairwoman Fogarty has been absent from session for more than five (5) consecutive days due to a recent medical issue and the needed time to recuperate. I have reviewed her request to vote via proxy and approved it.

Representative Barbara Ann Fenton-Fung is unable to attend session today, Thursday, April 6, 2023.
Representative Alex Finkelman is unable to attend session today, Thursday, April 6, 2023.
Representative Rebecca M. Kislak is unable to attend session today, Thursday, April 6, 2023.
Representative Jason P. Knight is unable to attend session today, Thursday, April 6, 2023.
Representative John J. Lombardi is unable to attend session today, Thursday, April 6, 2023.
Representative Jennifer S. Boylan is unable to attend session today, Thursday, April 6, 2023.
Representative Kathleen A. Fogarty is unable to attend session today, Thursday, April 6, 2023.
Representative David A. Bennett is unable to attend session today, Thursday, April 6, 2023.
Representative Barbara Ann Fenton Fung is unable to attend session today, Thursday, April 6, 2023.

CALENDAR

From the Calendar are taken:

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 2023:

1. **2023-H 6088**
BY Speakman
ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REPORTING AND EXPIRATION DATES AND AMENDING THE PURPOSE, NAME, AND MEMBERSHIP OF THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY THE LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING ACT

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

Vice-Chairwoman Speakman moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Abney, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Biah, Blazejewski, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kennedy, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, O'Brien, Potter, Sanchez, Shallcross Smith, Speakman, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

Vice-Chairwoman Speakman discusses the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 61 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 61: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Biah, Blazejewski, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro,

Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Fogarty, Giraldo, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Lima, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Potter, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

2. 2023-H 6089

BY Giraldo

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REPORTING AND EXPIRATION DATES, AND REQUIRING REAPPOINTMENT OF THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY THE ENTIRE AREA OF LAND USE, PRESERVATION, DEVELOPMENT, HOUSING, ENVIRONMENT, AND REGULATION

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

Chairman Casey moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Giraldo and Speakman.

Chairman Casey discusses the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 63 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 63: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Biah, Blazejewski, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Lima, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Potter, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

3. 2023-H 5602 SUB A

BY Slater

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES

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

Chairman Casey moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representative Phillips and Deputy Speaker Hull.

Chairman Casey discusses the act.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, 63 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 63: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Biah, Blazejewski, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Lima, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Potter, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

4. 2023-H 5713

BY Noret

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

Chairman Casey moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski and Representative Corvese.

Chairman Casey discusses the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 61 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 61: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Biah, Blazejewski, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Felix, Fellela, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Lima, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Potter, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

5. 2023-H 5339**BY** Donovan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- EDUCATION SERVICES TO VERY YOUNG CHILDREN

Committee on Education recommends passage.

Chairman McNamara moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Biah, Carson and Felix.

Chairman McNamara discusses the act.

By unanimous consent, Chairman McNamara, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski offers a written motion to amend.

**FLOOR AMENDMENT
TO**

2023 -- H 5339

AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- EDUCATION SERVICES TO VERY YOUNG
CHILDREN

Mr. Speaker:

I hereby move to amend 2023 -- H 5339, entitled "AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -
- EDUCATION SERVICES TO VERY YOUNG CHILDREN", as follows:

1. On page 1, line 9, by deleting the language "§ 16-60-4(a)(1)" and by inserting in place thereof the language "§ 16-48-2".

Respectfully submitted,

Representative McNamara

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LC001159/2
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Chairman McNamara discusses the amendment.

The motion to amend prevails on a roll call vote 62 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 62: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Biah, Blazejewski, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Lima, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Potter, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

Read and passed, as amended, on a roll call vote 61 members voting in the affirmative and 1 member voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 61: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Biah, Blazejewski, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kennedy, Lima, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Potter, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 1: Representative Morgan.

RECUSED - 0:

6. 2023-H 5544

BY Donovan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SCHOOL COMMITTEES AND SUPERINTENDENTS

Committee on Education recommends passage.

Chairman McNamara moves passage of the act, seconded by Representative Biah, Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Carson and Cortvriend.

Chairman McNamara and Representative Morgan discuss the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 63 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 63: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Biah, Blazejewski, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Lima, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Potter, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

7. 2023-H 5874**BY** Handy**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- HEARING
AID DEALERS AND FITTERS

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.

Chairwoman Donovan moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Carson, Handy, Vella-Wilkinson, and Edwards.

Chairwoman Donovan discusses the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 62 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 62: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Biah, Blazejewski, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Lima, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Potter, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

8. 2023-H 5174**BY** Cortvriend**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- COASTAL
RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Chairman Craven moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Abney, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Batista, Biah, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Carson, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Handy, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Lima, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, O'Brien, Potter, Roberts, Shanley, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Tanzi.

Chairman Craven, Representatives Azzinaro, Cotter, Cortvriend and Morgan discuss the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 63 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 63: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Biah, Blazejewski, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Lima, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Potter, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

9. 2023-H 5780

BY Alzate

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES -- DRIVER PRIVILEGE CARDS AND PERMITS

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Chairman Craven moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Abney, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Batista, Biah, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Lima, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Noret, Perez, Potter, Sanchez, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

Chairman Craven and Representative Corvese discuss the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote 61 members voting in the affirmative and 1 member voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 61: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Biah, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Lima, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Potter, Rea, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 1: Representative Roberts.

RECUSED - 0:

PROXY VOTES

Majority Leader Blazejewski announces pursuant to rule 33(e) authorizing Proxy Votes, he has Proxy Votes from Representative Fogarty to be recorded in the affirmative for items #1 through #9.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

GUESTS

Representative Shallcross Smith congratulates Police Chief Brian Sullivan for his retirement after more than 34 years of service to the Town of Lincoln, and welcomes to the House Chamber his wife, Rhode Island Family Court Associate Judge, Shilpa Naik, and their daughter, Shaili Sullivan. Speaker Shekarchi congratulates him on his retirement.

Representative Cotter welcomes her son, Joseph and his girlfriend, Skyla Metro, to the House Chamber and wishes her son a Happy Birthday. Speaker Shekarchi wishes Joseph a Happy Birthday!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Abney announces that the Finance Subcommittee chair members will be meeting in Room 306 at the rise.

Chairwoman Serpa announces that the Committee on Oversight will meet today, at the rise of the House, in Room 135 of the State House.

Speaker Pro Tempore Kennedy wishes Representative Jay Edwards a Happy Birthday!

Majority Leader Blazejewski announces that the next House session will be on Tuesday, April 18th, and Thursday, April 20th, at 4 p.m. House Judiciary Committee will be meeting on Monday, April 17th, at 2 p.m. in Room 35. Committees will be meeting on Wednesday, April 19th.

The form for Representatives top three legislative priorities will be emailed to all members and should be returned by email or in person by Monday, April 17th.

The deadline for bill hearings will be extended to Tuesday, April 25th.

Majority Leader Blazejewski wishes a Happy Birthday to Representatives Jay Edwards, David Bennett, Megan Cotter and Jose Batista.

Majority Leader Blazejewski and Speaker Shekarchi wish all a healthy and safe Passover, Easter and Spring Recess Week.

IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION**House Resolution No. 6262**

BY Noret, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Corvese, Vella-Wilkinson, Chippendale, Kennedy, Edwards, Ajello, Tanzi

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE 90TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GREAT DEPRESSION NEW DEAL CIVILIAN CONSERVATION CORPS {LC2705/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Noret discusses the resolution.

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

House Resolution No. 6263

BY Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Potter, Chippendale, Giraldo, Voas, McNamara, Felix, Kennedy, Edwards

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION CELEBRATING APRIL OF 2023, AS “ORGAN DONATION MONTH” IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC2775/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Potter and Speaker Shekarchi discuss the resolution.

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

House Resolution No. 6264

BY McGaw, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Ajello, Spears, Carson, McNamara, Cotter, Craven

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL OF 2023, AS "AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC2693/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative McGaw discusses the resolution.

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

House Resolution No. 6265

BY Carson, Abney, Solomon, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Kennedy, Edwards, Ajello, Tanzi

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION HONORING NEWPORT PATROLMAN MARK LUBIN FOR SAVING A PERSON FROM COMMITTING SUICIDE ON THE NEWPORT PELL BRIDGE {LC2636/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Carson discusses the resolution.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Carson, seconded by many others, by unanimous consent, on a

House Resolution No. 6266

BY Casimiro, Craven, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Kennedy, Edwards, Ajello, Tanzi, Fellela

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION HONORING LAWRENCE VERRIA ON HIS RETIREMENT AFTER FORTY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE EDUCATING YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC2790/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representatives Casimiro, Craven and Speaker Shekarchi discuss the resolution.

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

House Resolution No. 6267

BY Casey, Phillips, Brien, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Craven, Messier, Kennedy, O'Brien

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING FIRE CHIEF PAUL SHATRAW ON HIS RETIREMENT AFTER NEARLY FOUR DECADES OF EXEMPLARY AND DEVOTED SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS OF WOONSOCKET {LC2755/1}

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

There is no objection.

Chairman Casey and Speaker Shekarchi discuss the resolution.

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

House Resolution No. 6268

BY Solomon, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Kazarian, O'Brien, Voas, Craven, Noret, Finkelman

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF THE HONORABLE STEVEN E. SANTOS {LC2784/1}

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. 6269

BY Shallcross Smith, Ackerman, Costantino, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Ajello, Chippendale, Marszalkowski, Giraldo, Cardillo

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING POLICE CHIEF BRIAN SULLIVAN ON HIS RETIREMENT AND THANKING HIM FOR MORE THAN THIRTY-FOUR YEARS OF EXEMPLARY AND DEVOTED SERVICE TO THE TOWN OF LINCOLN {LC2733/1}

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. 6270

BY Blazejewski, Chippendale

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING CONGRATULATIONS {LC2789/1}
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. 6271

BY Blazejewski, Chippendale

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES {LC2788/1}

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.

RULE 7D

The following bills were received pursuant to Rule 7D:

Representative Carson-An Act relating to Tourism and Development

An Act relating to Businesses and Professions

Representative Cortvriend-An Act relating to Public Utilities and Carriers—Duties of Utilities and Carriers

Representative Edwards-An Act relating to Cities and Towns—Police and Fire Pensions

Representative Serpa-An Act relating to Education--Teachers' Retirement
Representative Shanley-An Act relating to Education--Health and Safety of Pupils
Representative Tanzi-An Act relating to Public Officers and Employees-Merit System

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 measure:

Senate Bill No. 281

BY Murray, Valverde, Lauria, Acosta, Euer, Picard, Lombardi F, Ciccone, Britto, DiPalma
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS
INSURANCE POLICIES (Caps amount payable for 30 day supply of equipment/supplies for insulin administration/glucose monitoring at \$25 or equipment designed to last more than 30 days with no deductible commencing January 1, 2024.) {LC910/1}
04/07/2023 Referred to House Health & Human Services

NEW BUSINESS

House Bill No. 6272

BY McNamara, Donovan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- EDUCATION ACCOUNTABILITY ACT
(Extends the due date for the district action plan each and every year from September 1 to December 31, and further require that there are no fewer than five (5) school district education reviews annually beginning in academic year 2024-2025.) {LC2747/1}
04/07/2023 Introduced, referred to House Education

House Bill No. 6273

BY Brien, Corvese, Azzinaro, Chippendale, O'Brien, Phillips

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- MAIL BALLOTS (Authorizes early voting for the 14 calendar days immediately preceding election day, while requiring that all the election day protections and procedures be afforded to early voters, would also provide a form for an early voting ballot application.) {LC2767/1}
04/07/2023 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 6274**BY** Messier, Brien, Alzate, Solomon, Casey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- REGISTRATION OF VOTERS (Increases role of division of motor vehicles in voter registration and addresses verification process, by establishing very specific obligations and responsibilities that must be followed before offering an individual application to register to vote.) {LC2791/1}

04/07/2023 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 6275**BY** Place, Nardone, Craven, Rea**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES (Provides that a court shall decide cases without deference to administrative agency interpretation of rules.) {LC2739/1}

04/07/2023 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 6276**BY** McEntee, Spears, Tanzi, Fogarty**ENTITLED**, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF SOUTH KINGSTOWN TO ISSUE NOT TO EXCEED \$125,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND NOTES TO FINANCE THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, IMPROVEMENT, RENOVATION, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF A NEW HIGH SCHOOL, ATHLETIC FACILITY, AND OTHER SCHOOL FACILITIES IN THE TOWN AND ALL EXPENSES INCIDENT THERETO, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, COSTS OF DESIGN, DEMOLITION, ATHLETIC FIELDS, LANDSCAPING AND PARKING AND ALL ATTENDANT EXPENSES, INCLUDING ENGINEERING, ARCHITECTURAL AND OTHER PROJECT-RELATED CONSULTING COSTS, PROVIDED THAT THE AUTHORIZATION SHALL BE REDUCED BY THE AMOUNT OF CERTAIN GRANTS RECEIVED FROM STATE BOND PROCEEDS, FROM THE RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION OR FROM THE RHODE ISLAND SCHOOL BUILDING AUTHORITY (Authorizes South Kingstown to issue up to \$125,000,000 bonds and notes to finance the acquisition, construction, improvement, renovation, furnishing and equipping of a new high school, athletic facility, and other school facilities in the town.) {LC2752/1}

04/07/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Resolution No. 6277**BY** Carson, Donovan, Slater, Edwards, O'Brien, Cortvriend**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$500,000 TO THE OFFICE OF HEALTHY AGING FOR GRANTS TO FUND THE AGING AND DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER NETWORK (This resolution would authorize the appropriation of \$500,000 to the Office of Healthy Aging to support the Aging and Disability Resource Center to provide long-term supports and services modernization efforts.) {LC2638/1}

04/07/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Resolution No. 6278**BY** Carson

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$35,000 TO THE RHODE ISLAND FILM AND TELEVISION OFFICE TO FUND A SENIOR SYSTEMS DESIGN PROGRAMMER POSITION (This resolution would authorize the appropriation of \$35,000 to the Rhode Island Film and Television Office to fund a full-time Senior Systems Design Programmer.) {LC2641/1}

04/07/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 6279**BY** Place, Morales, Newberry

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- ORGANIZATION AND COMMAND OF MILITARY AND NAVAL FORCES (Requires an official declaration of war or an action to call forth the state militia by the United States Congress before members of the National Guard may be released from state control to participate in active duty combat.) {LC2740/1}

04/07/2023 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**COMMITTEE ON CORPORATIONS**

Chairman Solomon, for the Committee on Corporations, reports back the following measures, with recommendation of passage:

House Bill No. 5076**BY** McGaw, Bennett, Speakman, Potter, Ajello, Kislak, Tanzi, Cotter, Stewart, Felix

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- RHODE ISLAND PHYSICAL THERAPIST LICENSURE COMPACT ACT (Allows the state to become a member of the physical therapist licensure compact adopted by twenty-five (25) states in order to facilitate the interstate practice of physical therapy with the goal of improving public access to physical therapy services.) {LC153/1}

04/14/2023 Placed on House Calendar (04/20/2023)

House Bill No. 5538**BY** Kennedy, Diaz

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- THIRD PARTY HEALTH INSURANCE ADMINISTRATORS (Repeals requirement that at least one of the insurer's semiannual reviews be an on-site audit of the operations of the administrator of benefits.) {LC1899/1}

04/14/2023 Placed on House Calendar (04/18/2023)

House Bill No. 5539**BY** Casimiro, Noret, Spears, Roberts, Cotter, Diaz, Chippendale, Morales

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES (Requires insurers to provide coverage to children under court appointed guardianship of an insured.) {LC1319/1}

04/14/2023 Placed on House Calendar (04/18/2023)

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

04/14/2023 Placed on House Calendar (04/18/2023)

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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

House Bill No. 5284**BY** Bennett, Baginski, Kislak, Noret, McNamara, Corvese, Solomon, Casey, Lombardi J, Hull**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS (Expands the rights of physician assistants with regard to their practice and prohibits non-compete clauses that exceed five years with regard to the purchase and sale of a practice.)

{LC921/1}

04/14/2023 Placed on House Calendar (04/20/2023)

COMMITTEE ON INNOVATION, INTERNET AND TECHNOLOGY

Chairwoman Baginski, for the Committee on Innovation, Internet, and Technology reports back the following measure, with recommendation of passage:

House Bill No. 5561**BY** Speakman, Ajello, Sanchez, Morales, Henries**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- STUDENT COMPUTER DEVICE

PRIVACY (Prohibits an educational institution or school district from accessing or using location data for tracking a student's institutional device or personal device, except in limited circumstances.)

{LC1170/1}

04/14/2023 Placed on House Calendar (04/18/2023)

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

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

House Bill No. 5438**BY** Knight**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE--PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- CAUSES OF ACTION (Permits a signed release to be transmitted to the party responsible for paying the settlement or their attorney by electronic means.) {LC1009/1}

04/14/2023 Placed on House Calendar (04/20/2023)

House Bill No. 5887

(Judiciary)

BY Kazarian

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- POWER OF OFFICERS TO ADMINISTER OATHS (Adds active magistrates and retired and active justices of the worker's compensation court to those public officers and employees authorized to administer oaths within the State of Rhode Island.) {LC2420/1}

04/14/2023 Placed on House Calendar (04/18/2023)

House Bill No. 5900

(Judiciary)

BY Marszalkowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- VICTIM'S RIGHTS

(Amends the current requirement of payment of initial filing fee and service of process costs when the victim of crime is still owed restitution at the expiration of the case and seeks to enforce the civil judgment entered at disposition.) {LC2411/1}

04/14/2023 Placed on House Calendar (04/20/2023)

House Bill No. 6029

(Judiciary)

BY Corvese

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- FALSE IMPERSONATION

(Provides that state court clerks be added to the list of public officers for whom falsely assuming their identity would be a criminal offense.) {LC2410/1}

04/14/2023 Placed on House Calendar (04/18/2023)

COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT AND ELECTIONS

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

House Bill No. 5459**BY** Ajello, Knight, Batista, Lombardi J, Kislak, Shallcross Smith, Cruz, Handy, Tanzi, Felix

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- CONDUCT OF ELECTION AND VOTING EQUIPMENT, AND SUPPLIES (Includes the general assembly elections within the category of elections subject to the risk-limiting audits within the jurisdiction of the board of elections.) {LC209/1}

04/14/2023 Placed on House Calendar (04/20/2023)

House Bill No. 5381

(Dept. of Environmental Management)

BY Carson, Abney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- FORT ADAMS FOUNDATION (Amends the composition of the Fort Adams foundation to include a representative from the division of parks and recreation in place of a member of the public.) {LC1156/1}

04/14/2023 Placed on House Calendar (04/18/2023)

Senate Bill No. 130

BY Euer, Pearson, Gallo, Sosnowski, Lombardi F, Felag, Raptakis, Miller, LaMountain, Lauria
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- ELECTIVE MEETINGS (Mandates that on each primary for election of national convention delegates and elections for presidential preference primaries, that all public elementary and secondary schools be closed.) {LC1221/1}
04/14/2023 Placed on House Calendar (04/18/2023)

COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL LEGISLATION

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

House Bill No. 5233

BY Tanzi, Fogarty, McEntee, Vella-Wilkinson, Azzinaro, Abney, Place, Knight, Shekarchi, Blazejewski
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- PERMANENT JOINT COMMITTEE ON NAMING ALL NEW BUILDINGS, BRIDGES, EDIFICES AND OTHER STATE CONSTRUCTIONS (Renames bridges 00201, 17801 and 17601 in South Kingstown after 3 Medal of Honor recipients, to wit, Sgt. William G. Fournier, Sgt. William J. Babcock, Cpl. David B. Champagne, respectively.) {LC790/1}
04/14/2023 Placed on House Calendar (04/18/2023)

House Bill No. 5720

(Dept. of Revenue)

BY Phillips, Serpa, Costantino, Corvese, Lima
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES (Amends the contents of what is to be displayed on a motor vehicle registration plate.) {LC1713/1}
04/14/2023 Placed on House Calendar (04/20/2023)

House Bill No. 6216

BY Edwards, Brien, Bennett, Casey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Thomas P. Morgan, to join Hayley Marie Patton and Corey Francis Marte in marriage on or about May 6, 2023, within the Town of Narragansett, Rhode Island.) {LC2703/1}
04/14/2023 Placed on House Calendar (04/18/2023)

House Bill No. 6241

BY Abney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Scott Woodhouse, Sr., to join Nikole P. Meade and Jeffrey V. Ferzoco in marriage on or about October 13, 2023, within the Town of North Kingstown, Rhode Island.) {LC2732/1}
04/14/2023 Placed on House Calendar (04/18/2023)

House Bill No. 6242**BY** Craven, Casimiro

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Gregory A. Mancini, Esq., to join Semra Beric and James Silvia-Chandley in marriage on or about October 22, 2023, within the City of Newport, Rhode Island.) {LC2671/1}
04/14/2023 Placed on House Calendar (04/18/2023)

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:18 o'clock P.M. on motion of Representative Solomon, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Steven Santos seconded by Leaders Blazejewski and Chippendale the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

Diane M. DePina
Recording Clerk

APPENDIX

INVOCATION

REPRESENTATIVE SCOTT A. SLATER

Eternal God: We pray for your blessing this day, and every day while we strive to do the people's business. Grant us the wisdom and patience to always have respect for each other, even when we disagree. Amen

APPENDIX

CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 2023:

1. **2023-H 5010****BY** McNamara**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE -- THE PROMOTING ACCESS TO INCREASED MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR ALL STUDENTS ACT

Committee on Education recommends passage.

2. **2023-H 5887****BY** Kazarian**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- POWER OF OFFICERS TO ADMINISTER OATHS

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

3. **2023-H 6029****BY** Corvese**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- FALSE IMPERSONATION

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

4. **2023-H 5561****BY** Speakman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- STUDENT COMPUTER DEVICE PRIVACY

Committee on Innovation, Internet, & Technology recommends passage.

5. **2023-H 5381****BY** Carson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- FORT ADAMS FOUNDATION

Committee on State Government & Elections recommends passage.

6. **2023-H 5538****BY** Kennedy**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- THIRD PARTY HEALTH INSURANCE ADMINISTRATORS

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

7. 2023-H 5539**BY** Casimiro**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

8. 2023-H 6195**BY** Blazejewski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF SISTERS, INC.

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

9. 2023-H 5233**BY** Tanzi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- PERMANENT JOINT COMMITTEE ON NAMING ALL NEW BUILDINGS, BRIDGES, EDIFICES AND OTHER STATE CONSTRUCTIONS

Committee on Special Legislation recommends passage.

10. 2023-H 6216**BY** Edwards**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Special Legislation recommends passage.

11. 2023-H 6241**BY** Abney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Special Legislation recommends passage.

12. 2023-H 6242**BY** Craven**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Special Legislation recommends passage.

13. 2023-S 130**BY** Euer**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- ELECTIVE MEETINGS

Committee on State Government & Elections recommends passage in concurrence.

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 2023:

- 1. 2023-H 5076**
BY McGaw
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- RHODE ISLAND PHYSICAL THERAPIST LICENSURE COMPACT ACT

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.
- 2. 2023-H 5284**
BY Bennett
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.
- 3. 2023-H 5438**
BY Knight
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE-- PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- CAUSES OF ACTION

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.
- 4. 2023-H 5900**
BY Marszalkowski
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- VICTIM'S RIGHTS

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.
- 5. 2023-H 5720**
BY Phillips
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES

Committee on Special Legislation recommends passage.
- 6. 2023-H 5459**
BY Ajello
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- CONDUCT OF ELECTION AND VOTING EQUIPMENT, AND SUPPLIES

Committee on State Government & Elections recommends passage.

Francis McCabe
Clerk of the House

Friday, April 14, 2023