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Twenty third-Day

The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence on Thursday, March 28, 2024, and is called to order at 4:12 o'clock P.M. by the Honorable K. Joseph Shekarchi, Speaker.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 70 members present and 5 members absent as follows:

PRESENT – 70: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, 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, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson and Voas.

ABSENT – 5: Representatives Casey, Felix, Henries, Serpa and Tanzi.

INVOCATION

The Honorable Speaker invites Father Nicholas Lanzourakis, Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church, in Cranston, to lead the members in prayer and Representative Spears, who will also lead the members in the Invocation and 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 26, 2024, is approved.

COMMUNICATIONS

Representative Stephen M. Casey is unable to attend session today, Thursday, March 28, 2024.
Representative Brianna E. Henries is unable to attend session today, Thursday, March 28, 2024.
Representative Leonela Felix is unable to attend session today, Thursday, March 28, 2024.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES
COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

Chairman Abney, for the Committee on Finance, reports back the following measures, with recommendation of passage:

Senate Bill No. 2246

BY Gallo, Miller, Lombardi F, LaMountain

ENTITLED, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF CRANSTON TO ISSUE NOT TO EXCEED \$40,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, NOTES AND OTHER EVIDENCES OF INDEBTEDNESS TO FINANCE THE PURCHASE AND/OR ACQUISITION OF LAND AND BUILDINGS, CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, IMPROVEMENT, ALTERATION, REPAIR, LANDSCAPING, FURNISHING AND/OR EQUIPPING OF SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL FACILITIES THROUGHOUT THE CITY, SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF STATE HOUSING AID AT A REIMBURSEMENT RATE OR STATE SHARE RATIO OF NOT LESS THAN 50% AT THE TIME OF ISSUANCE (Authorizes the City of Cranston to issue not to exceed \$40,000,000 general obligation bonds.) {LC4265/1}

03/28/2024 Placed on House Calendar (04/02/2024)

ADDRESS

Chairman McNamara addresses the members in recognition of Greek Independence Day.

GUESTS

Chairman Joseph McNamara extends a warm welcome to the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church of Cranston members, Father Nicholas Lanzourakis, Father Andrew George, Parish Council President Theofanos Markos, and Greek Language Teacher Ioanna Andreopoulou to celebrate Greek Independence Day. Speaker Shekarchi welcomes them to the House.

Representative Fenton-Fung warmly welcomes to the House Chamber churchgoers from Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church and members of the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association in celebration of Greek Independence Day; esteemed guests include Dr. Steven Rougas and his children Kosta, Nicholas and Kay, Greek Language Teacher Koula Rougas, Vasilios Chrysanthopoulos and his children Antonia, Katerina, Athanasios, and Cranston American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association President George Coclin. Speaker Shekarchi welcomes them all to the House.

Chairman Joseph Solomon, Jr., extends a warm welcome and heartfelt congratulations to the students and instructor from the Warwick Area Technical Career Center. Tyler Lowe, Bruce Angelini, Kate

Whalen, Victoria Salinas, and Instructor Austin Irons, on their remarkable achievement as the Rhode Island ProStart High School Competition winners of the Foodservice Management Division.

Representative Spears extends a warm welcome and heartfelt congratulations to the students and instructor from the Chariho Career and Technical Center. Elinor Hammett, Gawin Apice, Juliet Costa, Olivia Swanson, Morgan Allen and Instructor Donald Fair, on their remarkable achievement as the Rhode Island ProStart High School Competition winners of the Hospitality Tourism Management Division.

Representative Cotter extends a warm welcome and heartfelt congratulations to the Exeter Job Corps Academy students and instructor. Nikaya Garcia, Curiney Cain, Armani Rios, Steven Sarabia, Jakayla Steele, and Instructor Mark Bennison, on their remarkable achievement as the Rhode Island ProStart High School Competition winners of the Culinary Arts Division. She also acknowledges members of the Rhode Island Hospitality: Heather Singleton, President and Chief Executive Officer; Traci Dufresne, Education Foundation Director; Ryan Moot, Advocacy Coordinator; Victoria Greco, Training Coordinator and Cindy Stepanian, Director of Operations. Speaker Shekarchi thanks Heather for her advocacy and hard work and welcomes all to the House.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

CALENDAR

From the Calendar are taken:

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 2024:

- 1. 2024-H 7568**
BY Noret
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES --
MISCELLANEOUS RULES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Chairman Craven moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Floor Manager Edwards, Speaker Pro Tempore Kennedy, Representatives Phillips, Morales, Biah, Ajello, Carson, Costantino, Azzinaro, Bennett, Fogarty, and Cardillo.

Chairman Craven discusses the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 65 members voting in the affirmative and 1 member voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 65: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier,

Morales, Nardone, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Sanchez, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 1: Representative Place.

RECUSED - 0:

2. 2024-H 7432

BY Solomon

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- INSURERS' REHABILITATION AND LIQUIDATION ACT

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

Chairman Solomon moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski.

Chairman Solomon and Representative Morgan discuss the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 68 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 68: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morgan, Nardone, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

3. 2024-H 7535

BY Ajello

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

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

Vice-Chairwoman Fogarty moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Shallcross Smith, Ajello, and Speakman.

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

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

4. 2024-H 7657

BY Costantino

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY --
DOGS

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

Vice-Chairwoman Fogarty moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Lima, Shallcross Smith, Cardillo, Costantino and Floor Manager Edwards.

Vice-Chairwoman Fogarty discusses the act.

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

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

GUESTS

Chairwoman Vella-Wilkinson warmly welcomes to the House Chamber members of the Seaconke Wampanoag Tribe, Chief Darrell Waldron, Kali "Mequinonog" Reis, Patricia "Nanawasuwee Sucunon" Baptista Hooker, and Historian Michael P. Markley. Chairwoman Vella-Wilkinson congratulates Kali Reis on receiving the Community Hero Award; she is an East Providence native whose talents shine brightly as she stars alongside Jodie Foster in HBO's "True Detective: Night Country." Kali is an accomplished actress and the first indigenous woman boxer to achieve the prestigious title of World Boxing Champion.

Representative Casimiro warmly welcomes to the House Chamber United Way Chief Executive Officer, Cortney Nicolato and Program Coordinator, Caitlynn Douglas in celebration of United Way's 5th anniversary of 401 Gives, a statewide day of giving. Speaker Shekarchi recognizes Cortney for her hard work and welcomes both to the House Chamber.

Representative O'Brien and Speaker Shekarchi welcome former Rhode Island State Representative Anastasia Williams to the House Chamber.

Representative Spears warmly welcomes her cousin Heather "Nishwequanni Quawesh Kitompanisha" Martin-Mars and her aunt Autumn Spears to the House Chamber.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Representative Morales announces that the City of Providence City Council meeting regarding the closure of 360 High School closing will be held at 6:00 p.m. tonight at Providence City Hall.

Chairman Azzinaro announces that the Committee on Veterans' Affairs will meet today, at the rise of the House, in Room 101 of the State House.

Representative Handy reminds all members to attend the Rhode Island 250th Commission Reception this Friday, March 29, 2024, in the State House Library from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Vice-Chairwoman Fogarty announces that the Committee on Municipal Government & Housing will meet today, at the rise of the House, in the House Lounge of the State House.

Majority Leader Blazejewski announces that Roger Williams University School of Law is celebrating its 30th anniversary and will be hosting a program in the House Lounge this Tuesday, April 2nd, at 3 p.m. Dean Greg Bowman will provide an update on the law school's strategic planning and the expansion of their legal clinics, as well as the launch of their new Institute for Race and the Law; all members are invited. The next House sessions will be on Tuesday, April 2nd, and Thursday, April 4th, at 4 p.m.

Majority Leader Blazejewski and Speaker Shekarchi wish Deputy Whip Ackerman a Happy Birthday!

IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION**House Resolution No. 8110**

BY Casimiro, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Kazarian, Noret, Baginski, Solomon, Ajello, Edwards
ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION CELEBRATING AND SUPPORTING THE 5TH ANNIVERSARY OF 401GIVES, RHODE ISLAND'S STATEWIDE DAY OF GIVING ON APRIL 1, 2024 {LC5828/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Casimiro 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. 8111

BY Vella-Wilkinson, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Kazarian, Chippendale, Donovan, Alzate, Stewart, Cruz, Fenton-Fung
ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND HONORING KALI REIS FOR HER AMAZING ACCOMPLISHMENTS AS AN ACTRESS AND CHAMPION BOXER {LC5767/1}

With the agreement of the majority and the minority, on behalf of Speaker Shekarchi, Chairwoman Vella-Wilkinson requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Chairwoman Vella-Wilkinson and Speaker Shekarchi discuss the resolution.

Read and passed, on a motion of Chairwoman Vella-Wilkinson, seconded by many others, by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

House Resolution No. 8112

BY Solomon, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Casimiro, Kazarian, Chippendale, Ajello, Edwards, Shallcross Smith, Fogarty
ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE WINNERS OF THE 12TH ANNUAL PROSTART® HIGH SCHOOL COMPETITION {LC5651/1}

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 voice vote.

House Resolution No. 8113

BY McNamara, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Corvese, Batista, Lombardi J, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Noret

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING MARCH 25, 2024, AS THE 203RD ANNIVERSARY OF GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY AND CELEBRATING DEMOCRACY IN GREECE AND THE UNITED STATES {LC5439/1}

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

There is no objection.

Chairman McNamara discusses the resolution.

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

House Resolution No. 8114

BY Blazejewski, Chippendale

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES {LC5814/1}

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. 8115

BY Blazejewski, Chippendale

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING CONGRATULATIONS {LC5813/1}

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.

RULE 7D

The following bills were received pursuant to Rule 7D:

Representative Alzate-An Act relating to Environment Justice Act
Representative Carson-An Act relating to Rhode Island Comprehension Aging in Rhode Island
An Act relating to Probate
Representative Edwards-An Act relating to Criminal Offenses - Electronic Imaging Devices
Representative Speakman -An Act relating to Relating to Property-Fair Chance in Housing 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.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE SENATE

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

Senate Bill No. 2072

BY DiMario, Cano, Lawson, Valverde, Miller, Pearson, Lauria, Bissaillon, Euer, Murray
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE HEALTHCARE SERVICES FUNDING PLAN ACT (Amends RI's existing Healthcare Services Funding Plan Act by adding an account relating to a new Psychiatry Resource Network to fund RI's present PediPRN and MomsPRN, as well as similar programs which may be added by regulation in the future.) {LC3501/1}
03/29/2024 Referred to House Finance

Senate Bill No. 2121

BY Lawson, Ruggerio, Pearson, Bissaillon, Lauria, DiMario, Euer, Gallo, Cano, Miller
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- TEMPORARY DISABILITY INSURANCE -- GENERAL PROVISIONS (Includes siblings, grandchildren, care recipient for temporary caregiver benefits of 12 weeks/Increases weekly dependent's allowances from \$10 to \$20 or 7% of benefit rate whichever is greater. Effective January 1, 2025.) {LC3484/1}
03/29/2024 Referred to House Labor

Senate Bill No. 2436**BY** LaMountain, Burke, Bissaillon, Euer**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- RHODE ISLAND NONCOMPETITION AGREEMENT ACT (Prohibits noncompete agreements except for noncompete agreements between a seller and buyer of a business; creates civil action for an employer for the violation of an agreement by employee regarding disclosure or wrongful utilization of trade secrets.) {LC3988/1}

03/29/2024 Referred to House Labor

Senate Bill No. 2720**BY** Britto, Ruggerio, Pearson, Miller**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFITS (Includes any costs paid by an enrollee or on behalf of the enrollee by a third party when calculating an enrollee's overall contribution to any out-of-pocket maximum or cost sharing requirement under a health plan as of January 1, 2025.) {LC3540/1}

03/29/2024 Referred to House Corporations

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES
COMMITTEE ON CORPORATIONS**

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

House Bill No. 7606**BY** Handy, Phillips, Serpa, Bennett, Hull, Cortvriend, Fogarty, Kislak, Giraldo, Chippendale**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- CASUALTY INSURANCE RATING (Prevents insurance companies from treating widowed persons differently than married persons when establishing or maintaining an insured's rate or classification respecting the operation of a personal motor vehicle. Effective 1/1/25.) {LC4349/1}

03/29/2024 Placed on House Calendar (04/02/2024)

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

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

House Bill No. 7437

(Dept. of Education (RIDE))

BY Tanzi, Felix, Cotter, McGaw**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INCORPORATING THE RHODE ISLAND COMMISSION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE (Reduces the number of commissioners on the board of commissioners to no less than fifteen and would add a d/b/a Serve RI designation after commissions name.) {LC4375/1}

03/29/2024 Placed on House Calendar (04/04/2024)

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. 7297

BY Finkelman, Baginski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- OPTICIANS -- QUALIFICATIONS (Establishes a second avenue of qualification as an optician, to include successfully completing an apprenticeship program.) {LC4528/1}

03/29/2024 Placed on House Calendar (04/04/2024)

House Bill No. 7734 SUB A

BY Kislak, Fogarty, Ajello, Boylan, Speakman, Corvese, Potter, Cruz, Morales, Caldwell

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- DENSE BREAST NOTIFICATION AND EDUCATION (Amends the notice requirement to patients to follow the mandated FDA national reporting standards following a mammogram.) {LC5337/A/2}

03/29/2024 Placed on House Calendar (04/04/2024)

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 Resolution No. 7522

BY Baginski, Carson, Boylan

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO EXTEND FUNDING FOR THE AFFORDABLE CONNECTIVITY PROGRAM {LC4778/1}

03/29/2024 Placed on House Calendar (04/04/2024)

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

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

House Bill No. 7569

(General Treasurer)

BY Finkelman

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROBATE PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE -- UNCLAIMED INTANGIBLE AND TANGIBLE PROPERTY (Provides conditions which persons paid to recover or assist in recovering reported property must comply with.) {LC4581/1}

03/29/2024 Placed on House Calendar (04/02/2024)

COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT AND HOUSING

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

House Bill No. 7654 SUB A

BY Shanley, Kennedy, Bennett, Edwards, Azzinaro, Casimiro, Noret

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- HOUSING MAINTENANCE

AND OCCUPANCY CODE (Permits the department of environmental management and local municipalities to drain, remove, and replace an overflowing septic tank or system.) {LC4597/A/1} 03/29/2024 Placed on House Calendar (04/02/2024)

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. 7666

(Dept. of Administration)

BY Cortvriend, Speakman, Fogarty, Carson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION -- THE RHODE ISLAND MUNICIPAL INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM (Provides minor technical changes, including an update to the membership of the state planning council to include the secretary of housing or designee, and provides clarifying language relating to the role of the technical committee.) {LC4600/1} 03/29/2024 Placed on House Calendar (04/02/2024)

House Bill No. 7757

(Dept. of Transportation)

BY Caldwell

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS -- SCENIC HIGHWAYS (Amends the composition of the scenic roadways board reducing the number of members from eleven (11) to nine (9).) {LC4416/1}

03/29/2024 Placed on House Calendar (04/02/2024)

COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL LEGISLATION

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

House Bill No. 7384

(Dept. of BHDDH)

BY Slater, Diaz, Hull, O'Brien

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- PERMANENT JOINT

COMMITTEE ON NAMING ALL NEW BUILDINGS, BRIDGES, EDIFICES AND OTHER

STATE CONSTRUCTIONS (Renames the "Roosevelt Benton Youth Assessment Center" as the "Roosevelt Benton Center".) {LC4426/1}

03/29/2024 Placed on House Calendar (04/04/2024)

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS

Chairman Azzinaro, for the Committee on Veterans Affairs, reports back the following measure, with recommendation of passage:

House Bill No. 7073

BY Azzinaro, Solomon, Abney, Vella-Wilkinson, Corvese, Donovan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- RHODE

ISLAND VETERANS' HOME (Changes the service requirement for admissions to RI Veterans'

Home from 90 days to 2 years, and gives priority to veterans defined as war veterans.) {LC3327/1}

03/29/2024 Placed on House Calendar (04/02/2024)

NEW BUSINESS**House Bill No. 8116**

BY Chippendale, Solomon, Finkelman, Edwards, Kennedy

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CORPORATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS AND

PARTNERSHIPS -- THE RHODE ISLAND LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY ACT (Replaces the existing limited liability company act with a newer and updated model act.) {LC5812/1}

03/29/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 8117

BY Cotter, Casimiro, Spears, Speakman, Donovan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE, DEVELOPMENTAL

DISABILITIES AND HOSPITALS -- DIVISION OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES (Creates a workload study for social caseworkers II in the division of developmental disabilities within the department of behavioral healthcare, developmental disabilities and hospitals (BHDDH).)

{LC5829/1}

03/29/2024 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 8118

(by request)

BY Kazarian

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- RHODE ISLAND CAMPAIGN

CONTRIBUTIONS AND EXPENDITURES REPORTING (Amends various sections of law relating to campaign contributions and expenditures including prohibitions on self-dealing with committee funds and would prohibit donation made in a fictitious manner.) {LC5565/1}

03/29/2024 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 8119

BY Cortvriend, McGaw

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- LOW-SPEED VEHICLES (Provides that low-speed vehicles may be operated on limited access highways, state highways, through highways and public highways or roadways provided the speed limit on the highways and roadways is no more than thirty-five miles per hour (35 m.p.h.)) {LC5754/1} 03/29/2024 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

ADJOURNMENT

At 4:52 o'clock P.M. on motion of Majority Leader Blazejewski seconded by Minority Leader Chippendale the House adjourns, on a unanimous voice vote.

Diane M. DePina
Recording Clerk

APPENDIX**INVOCATION****FATHER NICHOLAS LANZOURAKIS****The Feast of the Annunciation and
Greek Independence-Offered on March 28th, 2024**

O Lord, Heavenly Father, in thanksgiving we pray to You as we commemorate the blessed Annunciation of Your conception to the Virgin Mary, and our Greek Independence. We humbly bow before You in gratitude and reverence. Grant us the strength to honor the legacy of our forefathers, who fought for freedom, and the wisdom to preserve our shared heritage and values. As we celebrate both our nation's liberation, and the Archangel Gabriel's proclamation to the Mother of God, may we be reminded of Your presence in our lives.

Furthermore, we call to mind our American nation, who continuously celebrates, and seeks to preserve the freedoms and dignities of the individual, on her own land, and around the world. Guide us all towards unity, peace, and prosperity, as we strive to build a future rooted in faith and Your righteousness.

For You are the enlightenment of our souls and bodies Christ our God and to you we give glory, with your Eternal Father and your all Holy and Live Giving Spirit, now and forever,

And to the ages of ages.

INVOCATION

REPRESENTATIVE TINA SPEARS

"Our Creator we come onto you today with our quiet hearts. Thank you for all the beauty that still surrounds us. Thank you for our elders, our sacred women, the men and our children. We give thanks to the Great Spirit in the sky for all our beloved relations. Be it so."

APPENDIX**CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 2024:****1. 2024-H 7073****BY** Azzinaro**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- RHODE ISLAND VETERANS' HOME

Committee on Veterans` Affairs recommends passage.

2. 2024-H 7606**BY** Handy**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- CASUALTY INSURANCE RATING

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

3. 2024-H 7569**BY** Finkelman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROBATE PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE -- UNCLAIMED INTANGIBLE AND TANGIBLE PROPERTY

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

4. 2024-H 7654 SUB A**BY** Shanley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- HOUSING MAINTENANCE AND OCCUPANCY CODE

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

5. 2024-H 7666**BY** Cortvriend**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION -- THE RHODE ISLAND MUNICIPAL INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM

Committee on State Government & Elections recommends passage.

6. **2024-H 7757**
BY Caldwell
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS -- SCENIC HIGHWAYS

Committee on State Government & Elections recommends passage.

7. **2024-S 2246**
BY Gallo
ENTITLED, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF CRANSTON TO ISSUE NOT TO EXCEED \$40,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, NOTES AND OTHER EVIDENCES OF INDEBTEDNESS TO FINANCE THE PURCHASE AND/OR ACQUISITION OF LAND AND BUILDINGS, CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, IMPROVEMENT, ALTERATION, REPAIR, LANDSCAPING, FURNISHING AND/OR EQUIPPING OF SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL FACILITIES THROUGHOUT THE CITY, SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF STATE HOUSING AID AT A REIMBURSEMENT RATE OR STATE SHARE RATIO OF NOT LESS THAN 50% AT THE TIME OF ISSUANCE

Committee on Finance recommends passage in concurrence.

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 2024:

1. **2024-H 7734 SUB A**
BY Kislak
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- DENSE BREAST NOTIFICATION AND EDUCATION

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

2. **2024-H 7297**
BY Finkelman
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- OPTICIANS -- QUALIFICATIONS

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.

3. **2024-H 7437**
BY Tanzi
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INCORPORATING THE RHODE ISLAND COMMISSION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Committee on Education recommends passage.

4. 2024-H 7522

BY Baginski

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO EXTEND FUNDING FOR THE AFFORDABLE CONNECTIVITY PROGRAM

Committee on Innovation, Internet, & Technology recommends passage.

5. 2024-H 7384

BY Slater

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.

Francis McCabe
Clerk of the House

Friday, March 29, 2024