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Nineteenth Legislative Day

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by the Honorable M. Teresa Paiva Weed, President of the Senate, at 4:16 o'clock P.M.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 37 Senators present and 1 Senator absent as follows:

PRESENT -37: The Honorable President Paiva Weed and Senators Algiere, Archambault, Calkin, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, Coyne, Crowley, DaPonte, DiPalma, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gee, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Quezada, Raptakis, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski.

ABSENT – 1: Senator Picard.

INVOCATION

The Honorable President, by unanimous consent, presents Senator Metts, to deliver the invocation.

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

The Honorable President, by unanimous consent, presents Senator Metts to lead the Senate in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

APPROVAL OF RECORD

The Senate Journal of the Eighteenth Legislative Day of the 2017 proceedings is read in part.

Upon suggestion of Senator Metts and by unanimous consent, further reading of the Journal is dispensed with and the Journal is approved as recorded.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY**

Senator McCaffrey, from the Committee on Judiciary, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measures:

The Appointment of Trista Piccola, PhD, to the Director of the Department of Children, Youth and Families.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 77

BY Conley, Coyne, Calkin, Archambault, Lombardo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- STOPPING, STANDING, AND PARKING RESTRICTIONS (Creates a prohibition on parking in electric vehicle charging stations without using the charging apparatus.)

{LC116/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

House Bill No. 5005

BY Ucci

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Mitchell Ross Edwards to join Allison Leslie Bowman and Kristian Erik Barry in marriage on or about September 2, 2017, within the City of Providence, Rhode Island.)

{LC44/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

House Bill No. 5006

BY Azzinaro, Corvese

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows the Honorable Eileen Koretz to join Jenna Jae Reid and Steven Paul Messer in marriage on or about October 7, 2017, within the Town of Westerly, Rhode Island.)

{LC162/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

House Bill No. 5007

BY Tanzi, Regunberg, Blazejewski, Ruggiero, Fogarty

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows the Honorable J. Aaron Regunberg to join Amanda L. Clarke and Corey A. Cantrell in marriage on or about October 7, 2017, within City of Providence, Rhode Island.)

{LC240/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

House Bill No. 5009**BY** Solomon

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Joyce St. Germaine, to join Elizabeth Grzebien and Robert Grandchamp in marriage on or about August 4, 2017, within the City of Warwick, Rhode Island.)
{LC8/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

House Bill No. 5010**BY** Newberry

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Robert Clark Corrente, Esq., to join Brenda Gamba and Robert William Halstead in marriage on or about May 19, 2017, within the Town of North Kingstown, Rhode Island.)
{LC21/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

House Bill No. 5034**BY** McEntee, Craven

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows the Honorable James E. O'Neil, Esq., to join Leslie Anne Fines and Charles Thomas Dell'Anno in marriage on or about September 2, 2017, within the Town of Narragansett, Rhode Island.)
{LC161/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

House Bill No. 5066**BY** Craven

ENTITLED, AN ACT SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Barbara Wilmot to join Meghan Jaillet and Benjamin Holloway in marriage on or about September 2, 2017, within the City of Warwick, Rhode Island.)
{LC330/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

House Bill No. 5114**BY** Tanzi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows John Wardle to join Kacey Colleen Sullivan and Michael Anthony Pamula, Jr., in marriage on or about May 5, 2017, within the City of Newport, Rhode Island.)
{LC620/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

House Bill No. 5129**BY** Bennett, Vella-Wilkinson, Shekarchi, Casimiro, Regunberg**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Kimberly D'Aiello to join Catherine Wilkinson and Kyle Laprade in marriage on or about May 20, 2017, within the City of Warwick, Rhode Island.)
{LC718/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

House Bill No. 5130**BY** Corvese**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Robert Kennedy to join Courtney Kennedy and Randy Willard in marriage on or about May 20, 2017, within the City of East Providence, Rhode Island.)
{LC710/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

House Bill No. 5131**BY** Costantino, Winfield**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Dr. Paul J. Cesaro to join Brittney Crawford and Bryan Cardin in marriage on or about June 20, 2017, within the Town of Smithfield, Rhode Island.)
{LC722/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

House Bill No. 5180**BY** Shekarchi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows the Honorable Joseph J. Solomon, Jr., to join Francesca M. Black and Justin Michael Port in marriage on or about June 10, 2017, within the City of Providence, Rhode Island.)
{LC819/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Resolution No. 366****BY** Metts**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY AS "BLACK HISTORY MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
{LC1904/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Metts requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Metts moves passage, seconded by Senators Quezada, Algieri, Archambault, Calkin, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, Coyne, Crowley, DaPonte, DiPalma, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gee, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Raptakis, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, and Sosnowski.

The resolution is read and passed, upon a voice vote.

GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator Lombardi and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President welcomes to the Chamber the Honorable Judge Edward Clifton, Retired Superior Court Judge.

NEW BUSINESS

Senate Bill No. 367

BY Goodwin, Ciccone, Crowley, Felag, Kettle

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO THE STATE-OPERATED GAMING FACILITIES IN LINCOLN, NEWPORT, AND, WHEN OPERATIONS COMMENCE, IN TIVERTON (Allows the state to take certain actions in regard to state gaming as a result the recent referendum authorizing the establishment of a new casino gaming facility in the town of Tiverton.)
{LC1711/1}

Introduced, referred to the committee on Finance.

CONSENT CALENDAR

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

1. 2017-S 358

BY McCaffrey

ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF MODERN CONDOMINIUMS, INC.

Ordered on the Consent Calendar

Upon motion of Senator McCaffrey, seconded by Senator Jabour, the following measures on today's Consent Calendar, by unanimous consent, are read and passed, upon a roll call vote:

YEAS - 37: The Honorable President Paiva Weed and Senators Algieri, Archambault, Calkin, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, Coyne, Crowley, DaPonte, DiPalma, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gee, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Quezada, Raptakis, Ruggerio, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski.

NAYS - 0:

GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator DaPonte and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President welcomes to the Chamber from Lisbon, Portugal: Professor Dr. Vasco Rato, the President of the Luso-American Foundation and Dr. Miguel Vaz, Director.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator Jabour announces that the Committee on Judiciary will meet today at the rise of the Senate in Room 310 of the State House.

Senator Felag announces that the Committee on Finance will meet today at the rise of the Senate in Room 313 of the State House.

Senator Goldin announces that the Committee on Health and Human Services will meet today at the rise of the Senate in Room 212 of the State House.

Senator Conley announces that the Committee on Environment and Agriculture will meet tomorrow at the rise of the Senate in Room 211 of the State House.

Senator Lombardo announces that the Committee on Labor will meet tomorrow at the rise of the Senate in Room 212 of the State House.

Senator Lynch Prata announces that the Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans' Affairs will meet tomorrow at the rise of the Senate in Room 310 of the State House.

Senator Gallo announces that the Committee on Education will meet tomorrow at the rise of the Senate in Room 313 of the State House.

Senator Crowley announces that the Committee on Housing and Municipal Government will meet tomorrow at the rise of the Senate in the Senate Lounge of the State House.

Senator Ruggerio congratulates Senator Lou DiPalma who received the "Outstanding Community Service Award" from the Newport County Community Mental Health Center on Monday, February 27th.

TRANSMITTAL

By unanimous consent, all matters on the Secretary's desk are ordered to be transmitted to Her Excellency, the Governor, the Honorable Secretary of State or to the Honorable House of Representatives forthwith.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Senator Goodwin, seconded by Senator Kettle, the Senate adjourns at 4:29 o'clock P.M.

Appendix

INVOCATION

SENATOR HAROLD M. METTS

Senate President Pro Tempore

Dear Lord,

You said in James 1:5, that if we lack wisdom that we are to ask you; and you will give it to us.
And lord we are asking today!

Help us to keep the right balance in our decision making, not only for a robust economy, but also helping widows-orphans and the least of society as you have charged in your word.

Help us to remember and celebrate the contributions of all who have come to America's shores.

Lord help us to truly love you; and to our neighbor as we love ourselves.

Help us to always faithfully stand up for righteousness, justice, and truth

Help us to remember Proverbs 3:5, 6; that is reads: "trust in the Lord will add thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy path.

This we humbly as in Jesus name.

Amen.

Appendix**The 8th Annual Joint Legislative****Black History Month Heritage Celebration**

Words of Welcome	The Honorable Harold M. Metts
Invocations	The Reverend Justin R. Lester Congdon Street Baptist Church
National Anthem	Anthony Woodward & Matt Martin
Remarks	Representative Shelby Maldonado Co-Chair
Welcome Remarks	Her Excellency Gina M. Raimondo Governor
African-American National Anthem	“Lift Every Voice and Sing” Minister McRinna White Farley Unity Chapel Ministry
Introduction of Speaker	The Honorable Ana B. Quezada
Song Selections	Congdon Street Baptist Church Odell Zeigler, Director
Guest Keynote Speaker	James R. Whitley, J.D, M.P.H, M.S Assistant Dean/Campus Director Springfield College
Benediction	The Reverend Nikita McCalister Bethany Baptist Church
Closing Music Selection	“We Shall Overcome”

Appendix**CONSENT CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1, 2017:**

1. **2017-H 5005**
 BY Ucci
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

 Committee on Judiciary recommends passage in concurrence.
2. **2017-H 5006**
 BY Azzinaro
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

 Committee on Judiciary recommends passage in concurrence.
3. **2017-H 5007**
 BY Tanzi
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

 Committee on Judiciary recommends passage in concurrence.
4. **2017-H 5009**
 BY Solomon
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

 Committee on Judiciary recommends passage in concurrence.
5. **2017-H 5010**
 BY Newberry
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

 Committee on Judiciary recommends passage in concurrence.
6. **2017-H 5034**
 BY McEntee
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

 Committee on Judiciary recommends passage in concurrence.
7. **2017-H 5066**
 BY Craven
 ENTITLED, AN ACT SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

 Committee on Judiciary recommends passage in concurrence.

8. **2017-H 5114**
 BY Tanzi
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage in concurrence.

9. **2017-H 5129**
 BY Bennett
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage in concurrence.

10. **2017-H 5130**
 BY Corvese
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage in concurrence.

11. **2017-H 5131**
 BY Costantino
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage in concurrence.

12. **2017-H 5180**
 BY Shekarchi
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage in concurrence.

Appendix**CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 2, 2017:**

1. **The Appointment of Trista Piccola, PhD, LISW-S VICE Janice E. DeFrances, Ed.D as Director of the Department of Children, Youth and Families**

Committee on Judiciary recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.

2. **2017-S 77**
BY Conley
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES --
STOPPING, STANDING, AND PARKING RESTRICTIONS

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.