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Twentieth 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 4:31 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, Picard, Pearson, Quezada, Raptakis, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski.

ABSENT – 1: Senator Doyle.

INVOCATION

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF RECORD

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

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

GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator Sheehan and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President welcomes to the Chamber Aidan Sowa and Ryan Sowa, both recipients of the 2017 Gold Medal Congressional Award. Joining them are the parents Chris and Hilary Sowa and their sister Grace Sowa.

Upon suggestion of Senator Gallo and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President welcomes to the Chamber Tiffany and Theo Spiridakos from the Cranston League for Cranston Future Softball CLCF.

Upon suggestion of Senator Gallo and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President welcomes to the Chamber former Senator the Honorable Tom Izzo, Board of Education.

Upon suggestion of Senator Fogarty and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President welcomes to the Chamber Ann Marie McGarty.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY**

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

Senate Bill No. 283**BY** McCaffrey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows the Honorable Frank S. Lombardi to join Stefanie Petrocchi and Joshua Garneau in marriage on or about August 27, 2017, within the City of Warwick, Rhode Island.)
{LC1391/1}

Read and ordered to be place on the Consent Calendar.

House Bill No. 5391**BY** Azzinaro

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Lauren Rapp to join SkyeBlue M. Chan and Gary G. Trebisacci in marriage on or about May 27, 2017, within the Town of Westerly, Rhode Island.)
{LC1207/1}

Read and ordered to be place on the Consent Calendar.

House Bill No. 5257**BY** Walsh, Ajello, Knight, Donovan, Nardolillo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Michael Zachary Mezera to join Katherine Cielinski and the Honorable Jonathan Aaron Regunberg in marriage on or about August 19, 2017, within the Town of Bristol, Rhode Island.)
{LC875/1}

Read and ordered to be place on the Consent Calendar.

House Bill No. 5203**BY** Abney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows the Honorable Henry F. Winthrop to join Beatrice Francoise Recher and Wayne Edward McLead in marriage on or about July 1, 2017, within the City of Newport, Rhode Island.)
{LC1027/1}

Read and ordered to be place on the Consent Calendar.

House Bill No. 5202**BY** Abney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows the Honorable Henry F. Winthrop to join Grace Gould Lender and Stephen Bradford Turcotte in marriage on or about March 11, 2017, within the City of Newport, Rhode Island.)
{LC1026/1}

Read and ordered to be place on the Consent Calendar.

House Bill No. 5201**BY** Marshall

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Patricia A. McGovern to join Sarah Elizabeth Walachy and Joshua Thomas Patterson in marriage on or about June 10, 2017, within the Town of Bristol, Rhode Island.)
{LC1049/1}

Read and ordered to be place on the Consent Calendar.

House Bill No. 5193**BY** Lombardi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Thomas Cheatham to join Leni C. Kwait and Jeffrey C. Prystowsky in marriage on or about July 8, 2017, within the City of Providence, Rhode Island.)
{LC873/1}

Read and ordered to be place on the Consent Calendar.

House Bill No. 5192**BY** Slater

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Maurice Collins to join Lori Battaglino and Robert Lukens in marriage on or about June 10, 2017, within the City of Providence, Rhode Island.)
{LC846/1}

Read and ordered to be place on the Consent Calendar.

House Bill No. 5191**BY** Casimiro, Regunberg, Ajello, Carson, Donovan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows John Simmons to join Kelsey Lynne Fedechko and Joshua Michael Labossiere in marriage on or about May 12, 2017, within the City of Newport, Rhode Island.)
{LC1007/1}

Read and ordered to be place on the Consent Calendar.

COMMUNICATION

The Honorable President presents the following communication:

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
STATE HOUSE**

March 1, 2017

Secretary of the Senate
Statehouse, Room 145
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Mr. Secretary,

I would like to respectfully request the removal of my name as a co-sponsor of the following bill.

The legislation I would like to have my name removed from is 2017-S-0274- An Act Relating to Health and Safety- Reproductive Health Care Act, which has been assigned to the Judiciary Committee.

I appreciate your assistance in the matter. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Senator Elizabeth A. Crowley
District 16- Central Falls and Pawtucket.

Read and placed on file.

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Resolution No. 368****BY** Crowley**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION HONORING OFFICER YOMAIRA RODRIGUEZ, SERGEANT DERRICK LEVASSEUR, AND OFFICER BARI CAMERON FOR THEIR HEROIC EFFORTS IN RESCUING SEVEN PEOPLE FROM A BURNING BUILDING IN THE CITY OF CENTRAL FALLS

{LC1511/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Crowley requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Crowley moves passage, seconded by Senators 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, Picard, Pearson, Quezada, Raptakis, Satchell, Seveney, and Sosnowski.

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

GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator Crowley and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President welcomes to the Chamber the Office Yomaira Rodriguez, Sergeant Derrick Levasseur, Office Bari Cameron and his wife Jennifer, and James Mendonca, Central Fall Police Chief.

Senate Resolution No. 372**BY** Sosnowski, Paiva Weed, Algiere, Sheehan, Felag**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND IN 1892

{LC1961/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Sosnowski requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Sosnowski moves passage, seconded by Senators Ruggerio, Algiere, Gallo, Quezada, Lombardi, Felag, Pearson, Paolino, and Coyne.

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

GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator Sosnowski and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President welcomes to the Chamber Dr. Donald H. DeHayes, URI Vice Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs. Also, in the gallery are South Country Hospital RN's and URI B.S. Students: Michelle Palmer, Colleen Mandrigan, Alexis Knapp, Sarah Waiman, Brianna Giorand, Christine Davis, Keri Gardner, Anne Marie McGarley, Kathy Grachen and Laura Lisi.

The Honorable President welcomes to the Chamber Tim DelGiudice, Board of Education.

Senate Resolution No. 369

BY Ruggerio, Goodwin, Fogarty

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF ANN L. MCCOY

{LC1662/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Ruggerio requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Ruggerio moves passage, seconded by Senators Goodwin, Felag, Gallo, Lynch Prata, Sosnowski, and Archambault.

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

Senate Resolution No. 370

BY Picard, Cote

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SINCERE CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF KERRY ROCK CURRAN

{LC1683/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration

Senator Picard requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Picard moves passage, seconded by Senators Cote and Archambault.

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

Senate Resolution No. 371**BY** Pearson, Picard**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF MICHAEL J. MCATEE, ESQ.

{LC1722/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Pearson requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Pearson moves passage, seconded by Senators Lombardi, Coyne, Archambault, Algieri, Ruggerio, Jabour, DaPonte, and Goodwin.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

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.

Upon motion of Senator Ruggerio, seconded by Senator Algieri, 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, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gee, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Ruggerio, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski.

NAYS - 0:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator Goldin announces that the Committee on Health and Human Services will meet tomorrow at 3:00PM in the Senate Lounge of the State House.

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

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

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

Senator Metts would like to thank everyone who helped celebrate the 8th Annual Joint Legislative Black History Month Heritage Celebration.

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

Senator Cote announces that the Committee on Commerce will meet tomorrow at the 3:00PM in Room 212 of the State House.

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 Ruggerio, and upon suggestion of Senator Picard the Senate adjourns at 4:55 o'clock P.M in memory of *Kerry Rock Curran*.

Appendix**INVOCATION****SENATOR ELIZABETH A. CROWLEY****Deputy President Pro Tempore**

Dear Lord, as we acknowledge your presence on this Ash Wednesday, please bestow your special blessings on all of us assembled in this Chamber. We ask for your guidance in serving those who have elected us to the best of our ability. Amen.

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

1. **2017-S 283**
 BY McCaffrey
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

 Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.
2. **2017-H 5191**
 BY Casimiro
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

 Committee on Judiciary recommends passage in concurrence.
3. **2017-H 5192**
 BY Slater
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

 Committee on Judiciary recommends passage in concurrence.
4. **2017-H 5193**
 BY Lombardi
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

 Committee on Judiciary recommends passage in concurrence.
5. **2017-H 5201**
 BY Marshall
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

 Committee on Judiciary recommends passage in concurrence.
6. **2017-H 5202**
 BY Abney
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

 Committee on Judiciary recommends passage in concurrence.
7. **2017-H 5203**
 BY Abney
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

 Committee on Judiciary recommends passage in concurrence.

8. **2017-H 5257**
 BY Walsh
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage in concurrence.

9. **2017-H 5391**
 BY Azzinaro
 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.

Appendix**TRANSMITTED TO THE GOVERNOR****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}

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}

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}

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}

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}

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}

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}

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}

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}

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}

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}

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}