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Eighth Day

The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence, Wednesday, January 21, 2015 and is called to order at 4:17 o'clock P.M., by the Honorable Nicholas A. Mattiello, Speaker.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 71 members present and 4 members absent as follows:

PRESENT - 71: The Honorable Speaker Mattiello and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Almeida, Amore, Azzinaro, Barros, Bennett, Blazejewski, Canario, Carnevale, Carson, Casey, Chippendale, Corvese, Costa, Costantino, Craven, DeSimone, Diaz, Edwards, Fellela, Filippi, Fogarty, Gallison, Giarrusso, Handy, Hull, Jacquard, Johnston, Kazarian, Keable, Kennedy, Lally, Lancia, Lima, Lombardi, MacBeth, Maldonado, Malik, Marcello, Marshall, McKiernan, McNamara, Melo, Messier, Morgan, Morin, Nardolillo, Newberry, Nunes, O'Brien, O'Grady, Palangio, Phillips, Price, Regunberg, Reilly, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shekarchi, Slater, Solomon, Tanzi, Tobon, Trillo, Ucci, Williams, Winfield

ABSENT – 4: Representatives Coughlin, Hearn, McLaughlin, Naughton,

INVOCATION

The Honorable Speaker presents Representative Canario 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, January 20, 2015 is approved.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Representative McLaughlin is unable to attend session today, Wednesday January 21, 2015, due to illness.

APPOINTMENTS

Speaker Mattiello is making the following appointments:

Permanent Joint Committee on State Lottery

Representative Raymond Hull
Representative William O'Brien
Representative Scott Slater
Representative Joseph Trillo

Received and placed on file.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Representative Lima wishes a Happy Birthday to Representative Regunberg.

NEW BUSINESS**House Bill No. 5149**

BY Hull, Bennett, Slater, Blazejewski, Diaz

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - ABUSIVE WORK ENVIRONMENT PREVENTION ACT (Establishes the abusive work environment prevention act, which would establish liability and remedies for creating an abusive work environment.) {LC585/1}

01/21/2015 Introduced, referred to House Labor

House Bill No. 5150

BY Williams

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS - LABOR AND PAYMENT OF DEBTS BY CONTRACTORS (Requires, prior to the award of authority, that all bidders for public works contracts provide a list of the subcontractors to be utilized.) {LC92/1}

01/21/2015 Introduced, referred to House Labor

House Bill No. 5151

BY Amore, Edwards, Ajello, Kazarian, Fogarty

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - PLASTIC WASTE REDUCTION (Establishes a plan for the gradual ban on the use of disposable plastic checkout bags by retail establishments.) {LC523/1}

01/21/2015 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

House Bill No. 5152**BY** Carnevale, Slater, Almeida, Palangio, Regunberg**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF LICENSES -- VIOLATIONS (Amends the penalties for driving with a suspended or expired license.) {LC601/1}

01/21/2015 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Resolution No. 5153**BY** McLaughlin, Corvese, Malik, Azzinaro, Casey**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE FETUS AS A HUMAN LIFE UPON THE EXISTENCE OF A HEARTBEAT {LC489/1}

01/21/2015 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5154**BY** Williams**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- PUBLIC RECORDS-- RESTORATION OF VOTING RIGHTS (Makes a public record of a list sent by the department of corrections to the secretary of state containing information about formerly incarcerated inmates who have been eligible to vote.) {LC188/1}

01/21/2015 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5155**BY** Williams**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - RESIDENCE OF THOSE IN GOVERNMENT CUSTODY ACT (Establishes a process to ensure persons in government custody are counted as their actual residence for purposes of redistricting.) {LC90/1}

01/21/2015 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5156**BY** Solomon, Shekarchi, Melo, Nardolillo, Roberts**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC RECORDS -- PUBLICATION OF MUNICIPAL AND OTHER PUBLIC BUDGETS IN DIGITAL FORM (Makes public entity budgets available in digital form through the secretary of state.) {LC407/1}

01/21/2015 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5157**BY** Melo, Hull, Hearn, Carnevale, Canario**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- BURGLARY AND BREAKING AND ENTERING (Increases penalties for breaking and entering and requires increased penalty if an assault occurs on the premises during a breaking and entering.) {LC560/1}

01/21/2015 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5158**BY** Serpa, Phillips, Hull, Costa, Carnevale**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINALS -- CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS

(Increases the time convicted murderers must serve of their sentences before they are eligible for parole.) {LC575/1}

01/21/2015 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5159

BY Ruggiero

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Eugene Mihaly to join Andrew Jonathan Pulner and Lauren Elizabeth Hess in marriage on or about September 26, 2015, within the City of Warwick, Rhode Island.) {LC679/1}

01/21/2015 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5160

BY Serpa, O`Grady, Casey, Phillips, Melo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - MAYORAL ACADEMIES (Provides that a mayoral academy charter school's application would not be approved by the board of education unless the school committee and the city or town council of each included municipality also supported the application.) {LC606/1}

01/21/2015 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

House Bill No. 5161

BY Williams

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- THE RHODE ISLAND WORKS PROGRAM AND THE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE ACT (Requires persons seeking certain forms of public assistance to attend a financial literacy seminar.) {LC93/1}

01/21/2015 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

House Bill No. 5162

BY Solomon, Shekarchi, Williams, Serpa, Roberts

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- DOGS (Requires that the shelter and nourishment of dogs conform to standards set by Tufts Animal Care and Conditions Scale.) {LC402/1}

01/21/2015 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

House Bill No. 5163

BY Malik, Corvese, Winfield, Hull, Bennett

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS (Mandates that all high schools and middle schools and all athletic fields or other locations where high school or middle schools compete in sporting events, have a functional Automated External Defibrillator (AED) on site at all times.) {LC644/1}

01/21/2015 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

House Bill No. 5164

BY Blazejewski, Ajello, O`Grady, Ackerman, Fogarty

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- ESTABLISHING AN OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL (Establishes the office of inspector general as an independent administrative agency charged with the purpose of preventing and

detecting fraud, waste and abuse, and mismanagement in the expenditure of public funds.)
{LC127/1}

01/21/2015 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5165

(by request)

BY Shekarchi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - PROPERTY TAX RELIEF (Exempts the amount of any original contributions to a pension or annuity (including Railroad Retirement Act (see 45 U.S.C. 231 et seq.) benefits from income for the purpose of determining eligibility for property tax relief.) {LC554/1}

01/21/2015 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5166

BY Serpa, Ackerman, Carson, Melo, Nardolillo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES (Provides for changing the expiration date of commercial learner's permits (Class P) from ninety (90) days to one hundred eighty (180) days, and also sets fees for Class P permits.) {LC530/1}

01/21/2015 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5167

BY Carnevale, Hull, Azzinaro, Slater, Trillo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Creates a Rhode Island income tax deduction for medical and dental expenses not covered by insurance, provided the taxpayer qualifies for the deduction under federal law (26 U.S.C. 213).) {LC650/1}

01/21/2015 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5168

BY Casey, Newberry, Hull, Edwards, Abney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- RETIREMENT SYSTEM -- CONTRIBUTIONS AND BENEFITS (Adds tutoring to the list of functions which may be performed at a state college or university by a retiree without forfeiture or impairment of retirement benefits, subject to an annual limitation of \$15,000.) {LC452/1}

01/21/2015 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5169

BY Hull, Casey, Carnevale

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES - RETIREMENT SYSTEM - ADMINISTRATION (Provides that any litigation costs paid from the restricted receipt account for the retirement board be limited to defending actions that arise as a result of decisions made by the board.) {LC591/1}

01/21/2015 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5170

BY Hull, Serpa, Bennett, Messier, Casey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE,

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, AND HOSPITALS - DIVISION OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES (Requires the director of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities, and Hospitals to adopt a state reimbursement system for community and nonprofit agencies that encourages the hiring and retention of competent individuals at (\$13.97) per hour.) {LC584/1}
01/21/2015 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5171

BY Casey, Abney, Malik, Azzinaro, Fellela
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Gives cities and towns the option of entirely exempting the homestead of a disabled veteran or his or her surviving spouse from taxation.) {LC455/1}
01/21/2015 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government

House Bill No. 5172

BY Hull, Malik, Johnston, Messier, Carnevale
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES - MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTIONS (Requires municipalities that fail to make required contributions to their locally administered pension funds, to use any budget surplus they may have to make up for their delinquent contributions.) {LC587/1}
01/21/2015 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government

House Bill No. 5173

BY Shekarchi, Edwards, Solomon, Casey, Trillo
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION (Establishes an exemption from taxation on improvements for new construction on commercial development property.) {LC608/1}
01/21/2015 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government

House Bill No. 5174

BY Kennedy, Azzinaro, Keable, Winfield, Ucci
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- HEALTH INSURANCE - PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFITS (The department of business regulation is declared the state agency in charge of oversight of the business relationship between pharmacy providers and health service organizations.) {LC537/1}
01/21/2015 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5175

BY Hull, Malik, Bennett, Lally, Slater
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS - PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION (Requires all public utilities to maintain a customer service facility within the state to perform services such as customer inquiries and bill payment.) {LC590/1}
01/21/2015 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5176

BY Casey, Costantino, Williams, Phillips
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS

INSURANCE POLICIES (Requires that health insurance policies include coverage for temporomandibular joint disorder.) {LC117/1}
01/21/2015 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5177

BY Kennedy, Shekarchi, Marshall, Azzinaro, Keable

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- USE OF TELEMEDICINE HEALTHCARE MODERNIZATION ACT (Authorizes the provision of healthcare services by "telemedicine", as therein defined, on the same basis as face-to-face consultation, where appropriate, and require healthcare insurers to adjust their coverage protocols accordingly.) {LC529/1}

01/21/2015 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5178

BY Carnevale, Hull, O'Brien, McKiernan, Almeida

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES - RETAIL LICENSES (Allows class A liquor retail license holders to serve unlimited samples of wine products available for purchase on four occasions each year.) {LC604/1}

01/21/2015 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5179

BY Casey, Ackerman, Morin, Costantino, Fellela

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - SOLICITATION BY CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS (Requires professional solicitors and fund-raisers to make certain disclosures when soliciting funds.) {LC116/1}

01/21/2015 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5180

BY Blazejewski, Johnston, Hull, Bennett, McKiernan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- PUBLIC EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATION (Expands the power of the labor board.) {LC130/1}

01/21/2015 Introduced, referred to House Labor

By unanimous consent the House returns to:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Gallison announces that the Committee on Finance will meet at the rise of the House, in Room 35 of the State House.

Representative Marshall announces that the RI Marine and Trades Association will meet on Friday, January 23rd at 9:00 am at the Rhode Island Convention Center's Washington Trust Pavilion 3rd floor.

GUEST

Representative O'Brien welcomes Jose Aleman, Vice Principal of Hope High School in Providence, to the House as a guest.

By unanimous consent the House returns to:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Craven announces that the Committee on Municipal Government will meet at the rise of the House, in Room 203 of the State House

Representative Chippendale wishes a Happy Birthday to his Aunt Patricia Paolantonio.

Representative Diaz announces that the Committee on Health, Education and Welfare will meet at the rise of the House, in Room 101 of the State House.

By unanimous consent the House returns to:

GUESTS

Representatives Diaz and Williams welcome to the House Chamber as guests Dr. Felix Antonio Cruz Jiminian, a legendary Doctor from Dominican Republic, along with Heriberto Pacheco, Rafael Ventura, Yoleny Ynoa, Mayrena Roquez, Francisco Remigio, Jose Ramirez, Ada Guzman, Alidia Jiminian, and Jose Aleman.

By unanimous consent the House returns to:

NEW BUSINESS**House Resolution No. 5181**

BY Marshall

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION HONORING BART DUNBAR ON BEING NAMED BOATER OF THE YEAR BY THE RHODE ISLAND MARINE TRADES ASSOCIATION (RIMTA) {LC754/1}

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

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Marshall seconded by Representatives DeSimone and Gallison by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

House Resolution No. 5182**BY** Diaz, Slater, DeSimone, Williams, Almeida**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION HONORING AND WELCOMING DR. FÉLIX ANTONIO CRUZ JIMINIÁN ON THE OCCASION OF HIS VISIT TO THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC653/1}

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

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Diaz seconded by Representatives Slater, Williams, Almeida, Ruggiero, Chippendale, Giarrusso, Morgan, Price, Lancia, Filippi, Tobon, Barros, Abney, Solomon, Messier, Casey, Azzinaro, Hull, Bennett, Ajello, Costantino, Shekarchi, Kennedy, Maldonado, Fogarty, Ackerman, Craven, Morin O'Brien and Reilly by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

By unanimous consent the House returns to:

ANNOUNCEMENT

Majority Leader DeSimone announces there is no session tomorrow and there will be no committee meetings tomorrow, Thursday, January 22nd.

DESK HELD OPEN

Leader DeSimone announces the Desk will be held open.

TRANSMITTAL

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT**

Representative Craven, for the Committee on Municipal Government, reports back the following measure, with recommendation of passage:

House Bill No. 5004 SUB A**BY** Newberry**ENTITLED**, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AMENDMENTS TO THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF NORTH SMITHFIELD (Ratifies the 2014 amendment to the North Smithfield town charter and provides for the town charter's amendment to be applicable to

state law relative to school committee composition, election and terms of members.)
{LC37/A/1}
01/21/2015 Placed on House Calendar (01/29/2015)

NEW BUSINESS

House Bill No. 5183**BY** Ajello

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (allow Christine Mitchell to join Michelle Melendy and Ben Albert in marriage on or about April 23, 2016, within the City of Providence, Rhode Island) {LC710/1}

01/21/2015 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5184**BY** Craven

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES {LC613/1}

01/21/2015 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5185**BY** Tanzi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES {LC678/1}

01/21/2015 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5186**BY** Abney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES {LC739/1}

01/21/2015 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5187**BY** Corvese, O'Brien, Costantino, Shekarchi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - EXPLOSIVES AND FIREWORKS; HEALTH AND SAFETY - FIREWORKS AND PYROTECHNICS (This act would amend and repeal certain provisions of the Rhode Island general laws so as to prohibit the sale of consumer fireworks to the general public.) {LC9/1}

01/21/2015 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5188**BY** Ajello, Almeida, Maldonado, Fogarty, Regunberg

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - SHOPLIFTING

(Reclassifies the offense of shoplifting from a crime to a violation for a first offense, punishable by a fine, and would punish a second offense as a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine only without the imposition of a prison sentence.) {LC654/1}

01/21/2015 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5189**BY** Carson, McNamara, Fogarty, Bennett, Ackerman

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES (Makes the possession of

powdered alcohol a crime punishable by a fine and/or imprisonment.) {LC487/1}
01/21/2015 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5190

BY Fellela, Carnevale, Casey, Ucci, Hull

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS (Provides for automatic renewal of a gun permit or license.) {LC629/1}

01/21/2015 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5191

BY Morin, Casey, Carson, Blazejewski, Barros

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY - MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE

(Imposes a penalty upon financial institutions not promptly recording foreclosure deeds and paying taxes.) {LC638/1}

01/21/2015 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5192

BY Hull, Serpa, Casey, Keable, Chippendale

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - DISORDERLY CONDUCT - UNLAWFUL INTERFERENCE WITH TRAFFIC (Criminalizes and sets mandatory minimum sentences for the unlawful interference with traffic upon the federal and state highways of this state.) {LC719/1}

01/21/2015 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5193

BY Canario, Edwards, Hull, Almeida, Shekarchi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - DISORDERLY CONDUCT (Defines the act of obstruction of a freeway as a person who intentionally restricts traffic flow of a freeway, and would make it a misdemeanor.) {LC681/1}

01/21/2015 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Resolution No. 5194

BY Morgan, Filippi, Giarrusso, Price, Chippendale

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THAT THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND ADOPT A MANDATORY CHILD ABUSE/DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND ANIMAL ABUSE CROSS REPORTING SYSTEM {LC418/1}

01/21/2015 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5195

BY Phillips, Morin, Casey, Serpa, Reilly

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY - CONTRIBUTIONS (This act would prevent employers from paying a higher contribution toward their workers' unemployment compensation benefits account fund if any one of their workers has more than one job.) {LC53/1}

01/21/2015 Introduced, referred to House Labor

House Bill No. 5196**BY** Morgan, Giarrusso, Chippendale, Price, Nardolillo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - URINE AND BLOOD TESTS AS A CONDITION OF EMPLOYMENT (Permits drug and alcohol testing of employees of state or municipal agencies who operate state or municipally owned vehicles.) {LC340/1}

01/21/2015 Introduced, referred to House Labor

House Bill No. 5197**BY** Canario, Hull, Edwards, Bennett, Abney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- GENETICALLY ENGINEERED RAW AND PACKAGED FOOD LABELING ACT (Requires the labeling of all raw and packaged food that is entirely or partially produced with genetic engineering, commencing January 1, 2016.) {LC186/1}

01/21/2015 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

House Resolution No. 5198**BY** Kennedy, Shekarchi, Lima, Corvese, Keable**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION REAFFIRMING THE FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND TAIWAN, ENHANCING BILATERAL TRADE RELATIONS, AND SUPPORTING TAIWAN IN THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY {LC641/1}

01/21/2015 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5199**BY** Ruggiero, Blazejewski, Handy, Marshall, Canario**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS - THE RENEWABLE ENERGY GROWTH PROGRAM (Makes changes in the timetable for public utilities commission review of electricity distribution rates under the Renewable Energy Growth Program.) {LC493/1}

01/21/2015 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

House Bill No. 5200**BY** Phillips, Morin, Casey, Melo, Abney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- BUDGET COMMISSIONS (Eliminates personnel decisions from the enumeration of the powers of budget commissions.) {LC80/1}

01/21/2015 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5201**BY** Ajello, Bennett, McNamara, Handy, Shekarchi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE (Directs the executive office of health and human services to increase income disregards for certain Medicaid programs.) {LC603/1}

01/21/2015 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5202**BY** Serpa**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- MICRO ZONE ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION ACT (Creates a economic stimulus program to encourage redevelopment of certain areas called micro zones.) {LC737/1}

01/21/2015 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5203**BY** Serpa, Ackerman, Fellela, Shekarchi, Canario**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX {LC271/1}

01/21/2015 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5204**BY** Fellela, Carnevale, Messier, Johnston, Hull**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - MAYORAL ACADEMIES (Changes mayoral academy teachers' and administrators' participation in the state retirement system from voluntary to mandatory.) {LC631/1}

01/21/2015 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5205**BY** Fellela, Carnevale, Casey, Ucci, Hull**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - SALES - GUN SAFES (Exempts gun safes from sales and use taxes.) {LC630/1}

01/21/2015 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5206**BY** Regunberg, Fogarty, Ajello, Amore, Maldonado**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Imposes tax increases on personal income, with the revenue collected therefrom to be deposited into restricted receipt accounts for the purposes of state aid to municipalities and reimbursement of public school construction.) {LC588/1}

01/21/2015 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5207**BY** Trillo, Costa, Morgan, Giarrusso, Reilly**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Exempts all retirement income from personal income tax for those individuals who have attained the age used for calculating the maximum social security retirement benefits.) {LC727/1}

01/21/2015 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5208**BY** O'Grady**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - TEACHING AFTER RETIREMENT

(Permits retired members of ERSRI to substitute teach no more than 90 days per year.)
{LC224/1}

01/21/2015 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5209

BY Ucci, Winfield, Costantino, Marshall, Corvese

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - ESTATE AND TRANSFER TAXES

(Provides that estates be taxed at a rate equal to federal revenue act for estate, inheritance, and succession taxes.) {LC624/1}

01/21/2015 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5210

BY Ucci, Winfield, Costantino, McKiernan, Marshall

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -

REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES (Eliminates the additional fee for registration renewal of courtesy (vanity) plates.) {LC708/1}

01/21/2015 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5211

BY Corvese, Winfield, Shekarchi, Chippendale

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES --

INSURANCE BENEFITS (Amends certain provisions of the general laws relative to insurance benefits provided to state retirees and repeals the section of law that ensures retired employees access to Medicare-eligible retiree health care insurance.) {LC11/1}

01/21/2015 Introduced, referred to House Finance

COMMUNICATION FROM THE SENATE

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

Senate Resolution No. 79

BY Metts, Pichardo, Nesselbush, Crowley, Sheehan

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REPORTING AND EXPIRATION DATES OF THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO BE KNOWN AS "THE 1696 HISTORICAL COMMISSION" OF RHODE ISLAND AND THE UNITED STATES (Extends the reporting date of the special legislative commission to be known as "The 1696 Historical Commission" from January 6, 2015 to August 1, 2015, and said commission expires on October 15, 2015.) {LC693/1}

01/23/2015 Referred to House H.E.W.

ADJOURNMENT

At 4:41 o'clock P.M. on motion of Representative Nardolillo, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Nathalie V. Mruk; on motion of Representatives Gallison and Marshall and as a further mark of respect to the memories of Edmund H. Morin, and Fernanda Pereira Rego (for adjournment see appendix of Journal) seconded by Leaders DeSimone and Newberry the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

Linda M. McElroy
Recording Clerk

APPENDIX

INVOCATION

REPRESENTATIVE DENNIS M. CANARIO

Lord we ask you to bless the members of this the peoples' House. Inspire us to labor for justice and righteousness in our communities and our State. Help keep us ever mindful of those who are most in need. Amen.

APPENDIX

ADJOURN IN MEMORY

Mr. Speaker:

I would like to adjourn in memory of:

Staff Sergeant Edmund H. Morin, 92 of Bristol who passed away on Monday, January 19th at the RI Veterans Home. He was the husband of the late Charlotte Morin.

Edmund was a lifelong Bristol resident and a parishioner of St. Mary's Church. He was a veteran of the US Army during WWII where he received the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart as a member of the 79th Infantry Division of Company K.

Edmund was a member of the Disabled American Veterans, Bristol Council and the Italian American Veterans. Mr. Morin is survived by his son, Robert H. Morin and daughter, Rebecca Morin of Bristol. He was the father of the late Timothy Morin.

He was the grandfather of 4 and great grandfather of 14. He is also survived by a nephew, Walter Checko.

He will be greatly missed by all.

Representative Raymond E. Gallison, Jr., D-69
Chairman House Finance Committee

Representative Kenneth A. Marshall D-68
House Deputy Majority Leader

APPENDIX

ADJOURN IN MEMORY

Mr. Speaker:

I would like to adjourn in memory of:

Fernanda Pereira Rego of Bristol, who passed away on Sunday, January 18th, 2015 at Rhode Island Hospital. She was the wife of the late Alfred R. Rego, Sr. and they had been married for 62 years. She was the daughter of the late Dr. Manuel and Gilda Pereira. Fern took great comfort in God and was a parishioner of St. Elizabeth Church. She leaves two sons, Alfred R. Rego, Jr., David E. Rego and a daughter, Paula M. Laferriere, and was the mother of the late Anne E. Slattery. She was the grandmother of Peter J. Holland and Kristine Holland Vail. She will be greatly missed by all.

Representative Raymond E. Gallison, Jr., D-69
Chairman House Finance Committee

Representative Kenneth A. Marshall D-68
House Deputy Majority Leader

APPENDIX

CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, JANUARY 29, 2015:

- 1. 2015-H 5080**
BY Canario
ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF LOULOU'S DECOR, INC.

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

- 2. 2015-H 5098**
BY Giarrusso
ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF EAST GREENWICH CITIZENS WHO CARE

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 03, 2015:

- 1. 2015-H 5004 SUB A**
BY Newberry
ENTITLED, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AMENDMENTS TO THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF NORTH SMITHFIELD

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

Francis McCabe
Clerk of the House

Wednesday, January 28, 2015

APPENDIX

CONSENT CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, JANUARY 29, 2015:

1. **2015-H 5020**
 BY Azzinaro
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

 Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.
2. **2015-H 5022**
 BY Azzinaro
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

 Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.
3. **2015-H 5023**
 BY Azzinaro
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

 Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.
4. **2015-H 5025**
 BY Azzinaro
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

 Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.
5. **2015-H 5026**
 BY Giarrusso
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

 Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.
6. **2015-H 5030**
 BY Abney
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

 Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

7. **2015-H 5035**
BY Abney
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

8. **2015-H 5094**
BY Azzinaro
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

9. **2015-H 5095**
BY Azzinaro
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 03, 2015:

1. **2015-H 5048**
BY Malik
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

2. **2015-H 5049**
BY Handy
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

3. **2015-H 5050**
BY Ruggiero
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

4. **2015-H 5072**
BY Abney
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

- 5. 2015-H 5073**
BY Canario
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Francis McCabe
Clerk of the House

Wednesday, January 28, 2015