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Twenty-third Day

The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence, Wednesday, March 11, 2015 and is called to order at 4:24 o'clock P.M., by the Honorable Nicholas A. Mattiello, 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 Mattiello and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Almeida, Amore, Azzinaro, Barros, Bennett, Blazejewski, Canario, Carnevale, Carson, Casey, Chippendale, Corvese, Costa, Costantino, Coughlin, Craven, DeSimone, Diaz, Edwards, Fellela, Filippi, Fogarty, Gallison, Handy, Hearn, Hull, Jacquard, Johnston, Kazarian, Keable, Kennedy, Lancia, Lima, Lombardi, MacBeth, Maldonado, Malik, Marcello, McKiernan, McLaughlin, McNamara, Melo, Messier, Morgan, Morin, Nardolillo, Newberry, Nunes, O'Brien, O'Grady, Palangio, Phillips, Price, Regunberg, Reilly, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shekarchi, Slater, Solomon, Tanzi, Tobon, Trillo, Ucci, Williams, Winfield

ABSENT – 5: Representatives Giarrusso, Lally, Marshall, Naughton, Roberts.

INVOCATION

The Honorable Speaker presents Representative Williams 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, March 10, 2015 is approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Kenneth Marshall is unable to attend session today, Wednesday, March 11th, 2015.

Representative Donald Lally will be unable to attend session today, March 11th, and tomorrow, March 12th.

RULE 7D**The following bills were announced pursuant to Rule 7D:**

Representative Ackerman-An Act relating to Vital Records

Representative Ajello-An Act relating to Criminal Offenses, Weapons in School

Representative Amore-An Act relating to Education and Criminal Offenses

Representative Amore-An Act relating to Domestic Violence

Representative Blazejewski-An Act relating to Property

Representative Blazejewski-An Act relating to Education

Representative Canario-An Act relating to Contractors Registration & Licensing Board

Representative Craven-An Act relating to Courts and Civil Procedure

Representative Craven-An Act relating to Public Financing in State Budget

Representative Craven-An Act relating to Drilling of Drinking Water Wells

Representative DeSimone-An Act relating to Expungements

Representative Diaz-An Act relating to Criminal Offenses

Representative Diaz-An Act relating to Lupus Education & Awareness Plan

Representative Gallison-An Act relating to Superior Court

Representative Gallison-An Act relating to Accounts and Controls

Representative Jacquard-An Act relating to Uniform Control Substances

Representative Lally-An Act relating to Criminal Procedure

Representative Lima-An Act relating to Drunk Driving Plan

Representative Lima-An Act relating to Criminal Expungement Records

Representative Marcello-An Act relating to Campaign Finance

Representative Marshall-An Act relating to Distress Areas Economic Revitalization Act

Representative McKiernan-An Act relating to Carbon Pricing & Green Energy Investment

Representative McNamara-An Act relating to Retirement Security Act

Representative Regunberg-An Act relating to Taxation

Representative Shekarchi-An Act relating to Board of Elections

Representative Shekarchi-An Act relating to Division of Taxation

Representative Shekarchi-An Act relating to Family Courts

Representative Slater-An Act relating to Waters & Navigation

Representative Slater-An Act relating to Taxation

Representative Solomon-An Act relating to Contractors Registration and Licensing Boards

NEW BUSINESS

House Bill No. 5830

(by request)

BY Abney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - PLUMBERS AND IRRIGATORS (Requires master and journeyman plumbers to complete a course of continuing education prior to the renewal or reinstatement of their license as determined by the board of examiners.) {LC1602/1}

03/11/2015 Introduced, referred to House Labor

House Bill No. 5831

BY Marshall, DeSimone, Gallison, Shekarchi, Casey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - SITE READINESS PROGRAM (Directs the commerce corporation to develop a site-readiness program for all vacant parcels located in any city or town.) {LC1849/1}

03/11/2015 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5832**BY** Malik, Hull**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO AERONAUTICS - AIRPORTS AND LANDING FIELDS (Exempts ancillary services provided to customers of rental companies that are unrelated to airport access from airport access fees.) {LC1999/1}

03/11/2015 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5833**BY** Malik, McNamara, Hull, Azzinaro, Corvese**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC TRANSIT AUTHORITY (Provides honorably discharged veterans with free RIPTA service.) {LC1995/1}

03/11/2015 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5834**BY** Malik, Tobon, Slater, Hull, Ackerman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- FUNDING OF CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS {LC1910/1}

03/11/2015 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5835**BY** Maldonado, Morin, Kazarian, Fogarty, Regunberg**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - HISTORIC STRUCTURES TAX CREDIT (Amends the filing and reporting deadlines for historic structures tax credit recipients and the division of taxation pursuant to chapter 44-33.2.) {LC1939/1}

03/11/2015 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5836**BY** Maldonado, Morin, Tobon, Carnevale, Corvese**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LIBRARIES - STATE AID TO LIBRARIES (Increases the state's share to support local public library services in distressed communities, by an amount equal to the amount paid by the distressed city or town into the ocean state libraries (OSL) annual assessment charges.) {LC1928/1}

03/11/2015 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5837**BY** Serpa, Palangio, Fellela, Melo, McNamara**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE - INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR MENTAL ILLNESS AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE (Provides coverage for seven (7) days of residential or inpatient services for opioid treatment to be included within the appropriate classification.) {LC2069/1}

03/11/2015 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5838**BY** Hull, Ruggiero, Bennett, Corvese, Slater**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE,

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND HOSPITALS -- SELF-INSURANCE OF DEVELOPMENT DISABILITY AGENCIES (Authorizes operators of developmental disability agencies, acting as a group, to self-insure healthcare costs for employees, retirees and other beneficiaries and to allow a third-party administrator to administer said program.) {LC2040/1} 03/11/2015 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5839

BY Lima, Maldonado, Jacquard, Fellela, Serpa

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW--GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICES {LC1961/1}

03/11/2015 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5840

BY Craven, Marshall, Morin, Keable, Tobon

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- RHODE ISLAND CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS AND EXPENDITURES REPORTING (Requires candidates for public office and office holders to maintain separate campaign accounts exclusively for campaign funds and would also apply to political action committees.) {LC2058/1}

03/11/2015 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5841

BY Almeida, Ajello, Maldonado, Regunberg, Tanzi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE (Repeals the provisions of the general laws that prohibit health insurance coverage for induced abortions for all contracts including those policies covering state and municipal employees.) {LC1963/1}

03/11/2015 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5842

BY Carson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Felix Betro, Esq., to join Louis Rossi and Stephanie Zeidenberg in marriage on or about November 7, 2015, within the City of Newport, Rhode Island.) {LC2095/1}

03/11/2015 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5843

BY Tanzi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Elizabeth Ann Elrick to join Nancy Elizabeth Leslie and Maria Louise Meleschnig in marriage on or about August 1, 2015, within the Town of South Kingstown, Rhode Island.) {LC2107/1}

03/11/2015 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

CALENDAR

From the Calendar are taken:

IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 2015:**1. 2015-H 5254****BY** Malik**ENTITLED**, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AMENDMENTS TO HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF BARRINGTON

Committee on Municipal Government recommends passage.

Representative Craven moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Malik and Hearn.

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

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

2. 2015-H 5752**BY** Edwards**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION --TIVERTON ELDERLY EXEMPTION

Committee on Municipal Government recommends passage.

Representative Craven moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Edwards, Canario, and Abney.

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: The Honorable Speaker Mattiello and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Almeida, Amore, Azzinaro, Barros, Bennett, Blazejewski, Canario, Carnevale, Carson, Casey,

Chippendale, Corvese, Costa, Costantino, Coughlin, Craven, DeSimone, Diaz, Edwards, Fellela, Filippi, Fogarty, Gallison, Handy, Hearn, Hull, Johnston, Kazarian, Keable, Kennedy, Lancia, Lima, Lombardi, MacBeth, Maldonado, Malik, Marcello, McKiernan, McLaughlin, McNamara, Melo, Messier, Morgan, Morin, Nardolillo, Newberry, Nunes, O'Brien, Palangio, Phillips, Price, Regunberg, Reilly, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shekarchi, Slater, Solomon, Tanzi, Trillo, Ucci, Williams, Winfield.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

3. 2015-S 28

BY Raptakis

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

Committee on Municipal Government recommends passage in concurrence.

Representative Craven moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Nunes, Nardolillo, Morgan, and Tanzi.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 66 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 66: The Honorable Speaker Mattiello and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Almeida, Amore, Azzinaro, Barros, Bennett, Blazejewski, Canario, Carnevale, Carson, Casey, Chippendale, Corvese, Costa, Costantino, Coughlin, Craven, DeSimone, Diaz, Fellela, Filippi, Fogarty, Gallison, Handy, Hearn, Hull, Johnston, Kazarian, Keable, Kennedy, Lancia, Lima, Lombardi, MacBeth, Maldonado, Malik, Marcello, McKiernan, McLaughlin, McNamara, Melo, Messier, Morgan, Morin, Nardolillo, Newberry, Nunes, O'Brien, Palangio, Phillips, Price, Regunberg, Reilly, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shekarchi, Slater, Solomon, Tanzi, Trillo, Ucci, Williams, Winfield.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Melo announces a Happy Birthday to his wife, Nancy Melo.

Representative Keable announces a Happy Birthday to his wife, Colleen Murphy Keable.

Representative Keable announces that the Committee on Judiciary will meet at the rise of the House, in Room 205 of the State House.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

NEW BUSINESS**House Resolution No. 5844**

BY Azzinaro, Corvese, Malik, Kennedy, Edwards

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING BRADY GULLUSCIO UPON ACHIEVING SCOUTING'S MOST DISTINGUISHED HONOR, THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT {LC2070/1}

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

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Azzinaro seconded by Representatives Edwards, Reilly, Corvese, Malik, Kennedy, Phillips, Abney, O'Brien, and Casey by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

GUEST

Representative O'Brien welcomes to the House as a guest, Staff Sergeant Joseph D. Pearl who served 17 years in the U.S. Army.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Representative McKiernan announces that the Committee on Labor will meet tomorrow from 4-5 o'clock P.M. in Room 101 of the State House.

Representative Hearn wishes a Happy "50th" Birthday to Anthony "Tony" Arico, member of the House staff.

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

Leader DeSimone announces session will begin tomorrow at 5 o'clock P.M., members will recess for dinner and be back in Chamber for 6:30 P.M. to hear the Governor's Budget Address at 7:00 o'clock P.M.

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.

(For Transmittals to Governor, see Appendix of this Journal.)

ADJOURNMENT

At 4:44 o'clock P.M. on motion of Representative Newberry, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Ernest Alter; on motion of Representatives Ucci, Carnevale, Costantino, and Fellela and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Josephine Tamburini; seconded by Leaders DeSimone and Newberry the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

Linda M. McElroy
Recording Clerk

APPENDIX

INVOCATION

REPRESENTATIVE ANASTASIA P WILLIAMS

Dear Lord: We thank you for giving us the privilege of serving our citizens. May our ears and hearts always be open to hear and feel the hopes and needs of those we represent. Amen

APPENDIX

CONSENT CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 2015:

1. **2015-H 5050 SUB A**
 BY Ruggiero
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

 Committee on Judiciary recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A in concurrence.
2. **2015-H 5778**
 BY Solomon
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

 Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.
3. **2015-H 5779**
 BY McNamara
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

 Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.
4. **2015-H 5822**
 BY Marcello
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

 Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.
5. **2015-H 5823**
 BY Marcello
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

 Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.
6. **2015-S 197**
 BY Lombardo
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

 Committee on Judiciary recommends passage in concurrence.

7. **2015-S 243**
BY Algieri
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage in concurrence.

8. **2015-S 244**
BY Sheehan
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage in concurrence.

9. **2015-S 268**
BY DiPalma
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage in concurrence.

Francis McCabe
Clerk of the House

Tuesday, March 10, 2015

APPENDIX

TRANSMITTED TO THE GOVERNOR

Senate Bill No. 28

BY Raptakis, Kettle

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES -- COVENTRY (Permits the town of Coventry to adopt a tax classification plan including a class of mixed-use residential and commercial properties.) {LC321/1}