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**-OF THE-**  
**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

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The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence, Thursday, March 19, 2015 and is called to order at 4:18 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 4 members absent as follows:

**PRESENT - 70:** The Honorable Speaker Mattiello and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Amore, Azzinaro, Barros, Bennett, Blazejewski, Canario, Carnevale, Carson, Casey, Chippendale, Corvese, Costa, Costantino, Coughlin, Craven, DeSimone, Diaz, Edwards, Fellela, Filippi, Fogarty, Gallison, Giarrusso, Handy, Hearn, Hull, Jacquard, Johnston, Kazarian, Keable, Kennedy, Lancia, Lima, Lombardi, MacBeth, Maldonado, Malik, Marcello, Marshall, McKiernan, McLaughlin, McNamara, Melo, Messier, Morgan, Morin, Nardolillo, Newberry, Nunes, O'Grady, Palangio, Phillips, Price, Regunberg, Reilly, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shekarchi, Slater, Solomon, Tanzi, Tobon, Ucci, Williams, Winfield

**ABSENT – 4:** Representatives Almeida, Naughton, O'Brien, Trillo.

**INVOCATION**

The Honorable Speaker presents Gianna Ucci, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade student from Bay View Academy (daughter of Representative Stephen Ucci), 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 Wednesday, March 18, 2015 is approved.

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

Representative Joseph Almeida is unable to attend session today, Thursday March 19, 2015.

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE****TRANSFER OF BILL**

Representative McNamara, for the Committee on Health, Education & Welfare, reports back the following measure, with recommendation of transfer to the Committee on Corporations:

**House Bill No. 5756**

**BY** Craven, Lombardi

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (Determines reimbursement rates for medical records copies from health care providers.) {LC1633/1}

03/19/2015 Committee transferred to House Corporations

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

Representative Azzinaro-An Act relating to Public Utilities & Carriers

An Act relating to Business Professions-Dentists & Dental Hygienists

Representative Craven-An Act relating to Elections-Mail Ballots

Representative Filippi-An Act relating to Family Court Procedure

Representative Nunes-An Act relating to Public Property and Works

Representative Phillips-An Act relating to Employment Security Benefits

Representative Tobon-An Act relating to Business & Professions

**NEW BUSINESS****House Bill No. 5925**

(Environmental Management)

**BY** Tanzi

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY - HANDLING OF LIVE POULTRY (Repeals the provisions which provided that the director of DEM would issue vehicle license registration plates to those individuals or companies in the business of buying, selling and/or transporting live poultry.) {LC1743/1}

03/19/2015 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5926**

(Human Services)

**BY** Maldonado, Diaz, Kazarian, Hull, Carson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- THE RHODE ISLAND WORKS PROGRAM (Permits both parents in two parent families to contribute toward the weekly work requirement for TANF eligibility.) {LC1759/1}

03/19/2015 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5927**

(RI Bridge &amp; Turnpike Authority)

**BY** Edwards, Canario, Gallison, Marshall, Reilly**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO RHODE ISLAND TURNPIKE AND BRIDGE AUTHORITY -- DEBT MANAGEMENT {LC1559/1}

03/19/2015 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5928****BY** O'Brien, Marshall, McKiernan, Carnevale, Slater**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT (Amends the term "extraordinary costs" for the purposes of excess costs associated with special education students. The new definition of extraordinary costs would be educational costs that are over 3 times the average statewide special education cost.) {LC2131/1}

03/19/2015 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5929**

(Human Services)

**BY** Azzinaro, Malik, Carnevale, Craven, Kennedy**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE - RHODE ISLAND VETERANS' HOME (Increases the permissible funeral expense for a veteran who dies at the veterans' home from \$5,000 to \$10,000.) {LC1769/1}

03/19/2015 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5930**

(Board of Elections)

**BY** Tobon, Melo, Barros, Abney, Coughlin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - MAIL BALLOTS (Allows mail ballot applications and emergency mail ballot applications to also serve as an affirmation form for inactive voters, as long as the voter's application address is where the voter is currently registered.) {LC1977/1}

03/19/2015 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5931**

(Board of Elections)

**BY** Coughlin, Solomon, Kazarian, Johnston, Melo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - REGISTRATION OF VOTERS (Allows the application of a mail ballot to serve as an affirmation form for inactive voters.)

{LC1993/1}

03/19/2015 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5932**

**BY** Edwards, Nunes, Price, Canario

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY - MECHANICS' LIENS (Provides for notice of mechanic liens either as incorporation into a contract, or a separate document within 10 days of commencement of work or delivery of materials.) {LC2213/1}

03/19/2015 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5933**

**BY** Keable

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- ARREST (Adds probation and parole officers grades 1 and 2 of the department of children, youth, and families and the department of corrections to the definition of peace officer.) {LC1859/1}

03/19/2015 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5934**

(Board of Elections)

**BY** O'Grady, Canario

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - MAIL BALLOTS (Makes changes to the procedure for counting mail ballots and public notice of counting sessions.) {LC1981/1}

03/19/2015 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5935**

**BY** Craven, Handy, Serpa, O'Brien, McKiernan

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - RHODE ISLAND CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS AND EXPENDITURES REPORTING (Requires the board of elections to randomly audit campaign accounts.) {LC2157/1}

03/19/2015 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5936**

(Transportation)

**BY** Gallison, Amore, Johnston, Solomon, Hull

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES {LC1779/1}

03/19/2015 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5937**

(Labor & Training)

**BY** Canario, Edwards, Gallison, Ruggiero, Shekarchi

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - EMPLOYMENT SECURITY - BENEFITS (Authorizes the department of labor and training to recover overpayments made due to fraud committed by a claimant to certain individuals.) {LC1801/1}

03/19/2015 Introduced, referred to House Labor

**House Bill No. 5938****BY** Shekarchi, Regunberg, Fogarty, Tanzi, Williams**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- WAGES

(Gives employees several enhanced ways to help them collect their wages from nonpaying employers, set forth penalties for nonpayment of wages by an employer, and implements the procedure to be followed for filing of claims.) {LC2221/1}

03/19/2015 Introduced, referred to House Labor

**House Bill No. 5939**

(OHIC)

**BY** O'Brien, McKiernan, Morin, Marshall, Slater**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH INSURANCE - CATASTROPHIC

HEALTH INSURANCE (Provides that the office of the health insurance commissioner review direct pay rate requests for health insurance policies sold to individuals in order to make the review process more efficient and less cumbersome for stakeholders.) {LC1764/1}

03/19/2015 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 5940**

(Rhode Island College)

**BY** O'Brien, McKiernan, Morin, Marshall, Slater**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY - PERMANENT JOINT COMMITTEE ON NAMING ALL NEW BUILDINGS, BRIDGES, EDIFICES AND OTHER

STATE CONSTRUCTIONS (Names the high-rise residence hall located in the student residential sector of campus at Rhode Island College in Providence, "Gary M. Penfield Hall.")

{LC1697/1}

03/19/2015 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

**House Bill No. 5941****BY** Maldonado, Kazarian, Carson, Fogarty, Ackerman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --

ECONOMIC AMBASSADOR OF RHODE ISLAND (Establishes the position of economic ambassador in Rhode Island.) {LC2220/1}

03/19/2015 Introduced, referred to House Small Business

**House Bill No. 5942****BY** Fellela, Ucci, Winfield, Carnevale, Serpa**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE --

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (Makes technical amendment to the general laws to reflect changes to the structure of the emergency management agency and would change the title of the executive director to "director.") {LC1757/1}

03/19/2015 Introduced, referred to House Veterans Affairs

**House Bill No. 5943**

(Environmental Management)

**BY** Azzinaro, Carnevale, Craven, Kennedy, Serpa**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -

TUBERCULOSIS CONTROL (Repeals many statutes dealing with tuberculosis in animals.)  
{LC1731/1}  
03/19/2015 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

### CALENDAR

From the Calendar are taken:

#### IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 2015:

- 1. 2015-H 5785**  
**BY** Marshall  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF OCEAN STATE PLAZA, INC.

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

Leader DeSimone moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Nunes, Ucci, Phillips, Abney, Slater, and Azzinaro.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 65 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 65: The Honorable Speaker Mattiello and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Amore, Azzinaro, Barros, Bennett, Blazejewski, Canario, Carnevale, Casey, Chippendale, Corvese, Costa, Costantino, Coughlin, DeSimone, Edwards, Fellela, Filippi, Fogarty, Gallison, Giarrusso, Handy, Hearn, Hull, Johnston, Kazarian, Keable, Kennedy, Lancia, Lima, Lombardi, MacBeth, Maldonado, Malik, Marcello, Marshall, McKiernan, McLaughlin, McNamara, Melo, Messier, Morgan, Morin, Nardolillo, Nunes, O'Grady, Palangio, Phillips, Price, Regunberg, Reilly, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shekarchi, Slater, Solomon, Tanzi, Tobon, Ucci, Williams, Winfield.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

- 2. 2015-H 5798**  
**BY** O'Grady  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TWIN RIVER CASINO GAMBLING

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

Representative Gallison moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Melo, Costa, Nardolillo, Roberts, Phillips, Abney, Lancia, Tobon, Blazejewski, Johnston, Messier, Casey, Malik, Corvese, Slater, Bennett, Hull, Hearn, Costantino, Fogarty, Ackerman, O'Grady, Amore, Canario, Tanzi, Ruggiero, Ucci, Marshall, Kennedy, Reilly, Coughlin, Kazarian, and Williams.

By unanimous consent, Representative Gallison, seconded by Representatives DeSimone, Marshall, and Shekarchi offers a written motion to amend.

**FLOOR AMENDMENT  
TO  
2015 -- H 5798**

AN ACT RELATING TO TWIN RIVER CASINO GAMBLING

Mr. Speaker:

I hereby move to amend 2015 -- H 5798, entitled "AN ACT RELATING TO TWIN RIVER CASINO GAMBLING", as follows:

1. On page 1, line 2, by deleting the language "Chapter 323" and inserting in place thereof the language "Chapters 322 and 323".
2. On page 1, line 4, by deleting the language "Chapter 323" and inserting in place thereof the language "Chapters 322 and 323".
3. On page 5, line 6, by deleting the word "Administration" and inserting in place thereof the word "Transportation".

Respectfully submitted,

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Representative Gallison

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LC001954/2  
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Representative Gallison discusses the amendment.

The motion to amend prevails 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, Amore, Azzinaro, Barros, Bennett, Blazejewski, Canario, Carnevale, Carson, Casey, Chippendale, Corvese, Costa, Costantino, Coughlin, Craven, DeSimone, Edwards, Fellela, Filippi, Fogarty, Gallison, Giarrusso, Handy, Hearn, Hull, Johnston, Kazarian, Keable, Kennedy, Lancia, Lima, Lombardi, MacBeth, Maldonado, Malik, Marcello, Marshall, McKiernan, McLaughlin, McNamara, Melo, Messier, Morgan, Morin, Nardolillo, Nunes, O'Grady, Palangio, Phillips, Price, Regunberg, Reilly, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shekarchi, Slater, Solomon, Tanzi, Tobon, Ucci, Williams, Winfield.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

Read and passed, as amended, 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, Amore, Azzinaro, Barros, Bennett, Blazejewski, Canario, Carnevale, Carson, Casey, Chippendale, Corvese, Costa, Costantino, Coughlin, Craven, DeSimone, Edwards, Fellela, Filippi, Fogarty, Gallison, Giarrusso, Handy, Hearn, Hull, Johnston, Kazarian, Keable, Kennedy, Lancia, Lima, Lombardi, MacBeth, Maldonado, Malik, Marcello, Marshall, McKiernan, McLaughlin, McNamara, Melo, Messier, Morgan, Morin, Nardolillo, Nunes, O'Grady, Palangio, Phillips, Price, Regunberg, Reilly, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shekarchi, Slater, Solomon, Tanzi, Tobon, Ucci, Williams, Winfield.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

### CONSENT CALENDAR

From the Consent Calendar are taken:

#### IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 2015:

1.     **2015-H 5842**  
      **BY Carson**  
      **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES  
  
      Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.
2.     **2015-H 5843**  
      **BY Tanzi**  
      **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES  
  
      Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.
3.     **2015-H 5875**  
      **BY Corvese**  
      **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES  
  
      Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.
4.     **2015-H 5876**  
      **BY Newberry**  
      **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES  
  
      Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Leader DeSimone moves passage of the Consent Calendar, seconded by Representative Chippendale.



The Consent Calendar prevails on a roll call vote, 63 members voting in the affirmative and 4 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 63: The Honorable Speaker Mattiello and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Amore, Barros, Bennett, Blazejewski, Canario, Carnevale, Carson, Casey, Chippendale, Costa, Costantino, Coughlin, Craven, DeSimone, Edwards, Fellela, Filippi, Fogarty, Gallison, Giarrusso, Handy, Hearn, Hull, Johnston, Kazarian, Keable, Kennedy, Lancia, Lima, Lombardi, MacBeth, Maldonado, Malik, Marcello, Marshall, McKiernan, McLaughlin, McNamara, Melo, Messier, Morgan, Morin, Nardolillo, Nunes, O'Grady, Palangio, Regunberg, Reilly, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shekarchi, Slater, Solomon, Tanzi, Tobon, Ucci, Williams, Winfield.

NAYS - 4: Representatives Azzinaro, Corvese, Phillips, Price.

RECUSED - 0:

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deputy Speaker Lima wishes a Happy Birthday to Representative Gallison on Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Representative McKiernan announces that the Committee on Labor will continue its hearing at the rise, in Room 101 of the State House.

Representative Nardolillo thanks all who took part in Bow Tie's Against Bullying.

### GUESTS

Representative Nunes welcomes Michelle Dickson, Director of Public Policy, Steve Sookikian, Associate Vice President of Communications, Ericka Tavares, Media Relations Specialist, and Andy Skipworth, Administrative Assistant for Walk MS, from the National Multiple Sclerosis Society's Greater New England Chapter, to the House Chamber.

Representative Nunes welcomes to the House Chamber as guests Pack 17 from Blackrock, Coventry and congratulates them on achieving the highest honor in cub scouting, the Arrow of Light Award-Benjamin Almagno, John Aubin, Ethan Contardo, Christopher Jennings, Carter Loiselle, Owen Morelli, Jared Vadeboncoeur, William Sullivan, Ryan Fogell, along with their Cubmaster Brian Vadeboncoeur.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

**NEW BUSINESS****House Resolution No. 5944****BY** Nunes, McLaughlin, Casey, Ruggiero, Giarrusso**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING MEMBERS OF PACK 17 BLACKROCK, COVENTRY, ON ACHIEVING THE HIGHEST HONOR IN CUB SCOUTING, THE ARROW OF LIGHT AWARD {LC2214/1}

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

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Nunes seconded by Representatives McLaughlin, Reilly, Phillips, Nardolillo, Price, Tobon, Filippi, Barros, Abney, Coughlin, Kazarian, Edwards, Solomon, Johnston, Blazejewski, Bennett, Hull, Ajello, Gallison, Maldonado, Fogarty, Ackerman, Tanzi, Canario, Ruggiero, Carson, Morin, Ucci, Marshall, Giarrusso, Chippendale, Roberts, and Casey and by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

**House Resolution No. 5945****BY** Nunes, Chippendale**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MARCH 2-8, 2015, AS NATIONAL MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS AWARENESS WEEK IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC2236/1}

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

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Nunes seconded by Representatives Chippendale, Solomon, and Tanzi by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

**House Resolution No. 5946****BY** Mattiello, DeSimone, Corvese, Keable, Kennedy**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION HONORING REPRESENTATIVE DONALD J. LALLY, JR., FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC2225/1}

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

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Corvese seconded by The Honorable Speaker Mattiello and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Amore, Azzinaro, Barros, Bennett,

Blazejewski, Canario, Carnevale, Carson, Casey, Chippendale, Costa, Costantino, Coughlin, Craven, DeSimone, Diaz, Edwards, Fellela, Filippi, Fogarty, Gallison, Giarrusso, Handy, Hearn, Hull, Jacquard, Johnston, Kazarian, Keable, Kennedy, Lancia, Lima, Lombardi, MacBeth, Maldonado, Malik, Marcello, Marshall, McKiernan, McLaughlin, McNamara, Melo, Messier, Morgan, Morin, Nardolillo, Nunes, O'Grady, Palangio, Phillips, Price, Regunberg, Reilly, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shekarchi, Slater, Solomon, Tanzi, Tobon, Ucci, Williams, Winfield by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

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 Tanzi congratulates the Washington County Coalition for Children on receiving a grant for Youth Mental Health First Aid so that all the towns in Washington County will have 25 school staff and faculty certified in responding to mental health crises in our schools, and also thanks the Narragansett School Department for inviting her.

Representative Handy announces that the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources 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. 5947**

**BY** Marshall, Gallison, Solomon, McKiernan, Nardolillo  
**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE  
PASSING OF WILLIAM MERRITT FIELD {LC2137/1}

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 Representative Gallison by unanimous consent, on a rising vote.

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 Giarrusso wishes Ed Cooley and the Providence Friars good luck in the NCAA Tournament.

### 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.

### NEW BUSINESS

#### **House Bill No. 5948**

(Board of Elections)

**BY** Blazejewski, Johnston, Keable, Solomon, Coughlin

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- PRIMARY ELECTIONS (Allows federal and state officials or employees to serve as primary officials.) {LC1991/1}

03/19/2015 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

#### **House Bill No. 5949**

(Board of Elections)

**BY** Solomon, Coughlin, Keable, Kazarian, Blazejewski

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - MAIL BALLOTS (Eliminates the statutory reference to the 50 Branch Ave., Providence address on mail ballot envelopes provided by the secretary of state, and would instead require the address of the board of elections be placed on return envelopes.) {LC2217/1}

03/19/2015 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

#### **House Bill No. 5950**

(Board of Elections)

**BY** Keable, Johnston, Solomon, Blazejewski

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - MAIL BALLOTS (Eliminates the need for certified envelope containing mail ballot be placed in outer envelope, requires certified envelope be delivered to election board by poll closing time, and allows voter who applied for mail ballot to cast a provisional ballot.) {LC2218/1}

03/19/2015 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

#### **House Bill No. 5951**

(Board of Elections)

**BY** Craven, Morin

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- MAIL BALLOTS (Changes the period of time that the board of elections must keep mail ballots from the first day of September in the second year after they were cast to a period of twenty-two (22) months after the election.)

{LC1971/1}

03/19/2015 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5952**

(Board of Elections)

**BY** Tanzi, Carson, Ruggiero, Hearn, Marcello**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - VOTER REGISTRATION (Allows a voter to vote a provisions ballot without obtaining a temporary registration certificate.) {LC1989/1}

03/19/2015 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES****COMMITTEE ON CORPORATIONS**

Representative Kennedy, for the Committee on Corporations, reports back the following measure, with recommendation of passage:

**Senate Bill No. 452****BY** Metts**ENTITLED**, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF NEWBELL, INC. {LC1857/1}

03/19/2015 Placed on House Calendar (03/24/2015)

**COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE**

Representative McNamara, for the Committee on Health, Education and Welfare, reports back the following measure, with recommendation of passage:

**House Resolution No. 5500 SUB A****BY** Chippendale, Winfield, McNamara, Kennedy, Lally**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY AND REVIEW CURRENT RULES AND REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO THE RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE & DISCIPLINE (Creates a nine (9) member special legislative study commission whose purpose it would be to develop a strategic plan for collaboration in Rhode Island's public health system, reporting to the House no later than April 2, 2016, and expires on June 2, 2016.) {LC531/A/1}

03/19/2015 Placed on House Calendar (03/25/2015)

**COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY**

Representative Keable, for the Committee on Judiciary, reports back the following measure, with recommendation of passage:

**House Bill No. 5817 SUB A****BY** Mattiello, Craven, Shekarchi, Lally, Kazarian**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES (Restricts the installation, concealment or placement of an electronic tracking device in or on a motor vehicle, and adds electronic tracking devices to the definition of "domestic violence" under the "Domestic

Violence Protection Act".) {LC1516/A/1}  
03/19/2015 Placed on House Calendar (03/25/2015)

### COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT

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

#### House Bill No. 5044

**BY** Edwards, Nunes, Marshall, Newberry, Filippi  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Creates an exemption from taxation for certain residential property developments which have not been completed or, not been sold and occupied.) {LC13/1}  
03/19/2015 Placed on House Calendar (03/24/2015)

#### House Bill No. 5530

**BY** Chippendale, Keable, Winfield  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AN AMENDMENT TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF GLOCESTER (Validates and ratifies amendments to the Home Rule Charter of the town of Gloucester, which amendments were adopted and approved by the electors of the town of Gloucester on November 4, 2014.) {LC1854/1}  
03/19/2015 Placed on House Calendar (03/24/2015)

### COMMUNICATION FROM THE SENATE

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

#### Senate Bill No. 616

**BY** Felag, Ottiano, DiPalma  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION --TIVERTON ELDERLY EXEMPTION (Amends the town of Tiverton's elderly low income tax exemption in order to provide a tax credit to more seniors and would give the town council flexibility in enacting future town ordinances on such tax credits.) {LC2061/1}  
03/19/2015 Placed on House Calendar (03/25/2015)

### NEW BUSINESS

#### House Bill No. 5953

(Health)

**BY** Azzinaro, Carnevale, Craven, Kennedy, McNamara  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- DENTISTS AND DENTAL HYGIENISTS (Removes the requirement that the chief of the division of oral health possess a master's degree in public health.) {LC1789/1}  
03/20/2015 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

**House Bill No. 5954**

(Administration)

**BY** Barros, Abney, Tobon, Coughlin, Johnston**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - REAL ESTATE CONVEYANCE TAX

(Prohibits land trust/municipality from imposing transfer tax/free on state land purchases.)

{LC1745/1}

03/20/2015 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5955**

(Administration)

**BY** Handy, Carnevale, Lombardi, McKiernan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION (Establishes methodologies to assess and tax commercial and residential renewable energy systems.) {LC1771/1}

03/20/2015 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5956****BY** Nunes, Jacquard**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS - THE OPEN CONTRACTING ACT (Prohibits mandates on public works projects that require unionized workers.) {LC2219/1}

03/20/2015 Introduced, referred to House Labor

**House Bill No. 5957**

(Labor &amp; Training)

**BY** Phillips**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- EMPLOYMENT SECURITY BENEFITS (Makes minor changes to the unemployment laws concerning direct deposit of benefit checks, self-employed individuals, full-time work and workers suspended without pay.) {LC1781/1}

03/20/2015 Introduced, referred to House Labor

**House Bill No. 5958****BY** Tobon, Barros, Abney, Melo, Johnston**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- BODY WORKS SERVICES ESTABLISHMENTS (Establishes licensing requirements and procedures for operating any establishment or personnel in the business of body works services, and provides for penalties for violations of the act.) {LC2123/1}

03/20/2015 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 5959**

(Public Utilities Commission)

**BY** Azzinaro, Carnevale, Craven, Kennedy**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS - REGULATORY POWERS OF ADMINISTRATION (Expands the division of public utilities and carriers' authority to adopt safety standards related to pipeline facilities including, storage,

transportation and distribution of natural gas and flammable gas.) {LC1786/1}  
03/20/2015 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 5960**

**BY** Filippi, Roberts, Nardolillo, Price

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS -- UNIFORM CHILD CUSTODY JURISDICTION AND ENFORCEMENT ACT (Provides that agreements between the parties as to jurisdiction of child custody disputes will be enforced when a foreign country is involved.) {LC1669/1}

03/20/2015 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5961**

**BY** Ackerman, MacBeth, McLaughlin, Phillips

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO THE CUMBERLAND FIRE DISTRICT (Establishes that membership on the Cumberland Fire District Fire Committee constitutes holding a public office and that the elections of the Fire Committee are governed by state election laws.) {LC1231/1}

03/20/2015 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5962**

**BY** Handy, Serpa, Gallison

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY - AGRICULTURE FUNCTIONS OF DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT (Amends the general laws relative to regulation of freshwater wetlands by establishing state standards for freshwater buffers and setbacks.) {LC2144/1}

03/20/2015 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

**House Bill No. 5963**

(Environmental Management)

**BY** Malik, Hull

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION - RI UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY ACT (Converts from a review to an advisory board of 7 members, removes \$50,000 from removal/replacement grants for underground tanks, makes changes to hearing/claim procedures.) {LC1739/1}

03/20/2015 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

**COMMUNICATION FROM THE SENATE**

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

**Senate Bill No. 218**

**BY** Archambault, Felag

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION (Increases the tax exemption for a war veteran in the town of Smithfield from four thousand dollars (\$4,000) to ten thousand dollars (\$10,000).) {LC661/1}

03/20/2015 Referred to House Municipal Government



**Senate Bill No. 267****BY** Sosnowski, Lombardo, Crowley, Miller, Walaska**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOBILE TELEPHONE USE (Prohibits the use of a non-hands-free personal wireless communication device while operating a motor vehicle, except for public safety personnel or in an emergency situation, and provides for monetary fines for violations.) {LC670/1}

03/20/2015 Referred to House Judiciary

**Senate Resolution No. 415****BY** DiPalma, Ottiano, DaPonte, Miller, Felag**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY MOTOR FUEL TAX (Creates an 8 member commission whose purpose is to study and make recommendations on the elimination of the motor fuel tax, and who would report back to the general assembly no later than March 1, 2016, and whose life would expire on May 1, 2016.) {LC1815/1}

03/20/2015 Referred to House Finance

**Senate Bill No. 582****BY** McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows The Honorable Kevan J. Cunningham to join Alexandra Jaye Cioper and Alan Jack Vaynerchuk in marriage on or about June 13, 2015, within the City of Newport, Rhode Island.) {LC1027/1}

03/20/2015 Referred to House Judiciary

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE  
TRANSFER OF BILL**

Representative Gallison, for the Committee on Finance, reports back the following measure, with recommendation of transfer to the Committee on Small Business:

**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}

03/20/2015 Committee transferred to House Small Business

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 4:53 o'clock P.M. on motion of Representative Azzinaro, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Dr. Louis LaPere; on motion of Representative Winfield, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Anthony Calenda; on motion of Representatives Marshall and Gallison and as a further mark of respect to the memory of William Merritt Field seconded by Leader DeSimone and Representative Chippendale the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

**Linda M. McElroy**  
Recording Clerk

**APPENDIX**

**INVOCATION**

**GIANNA UCCI,  
2<sup>nd</sup> Grader at Bay View Academy  
(Daughter of Representative Stephen Ucci)**

Dear Lord: We pray that you bless the representatives. Help them to work for all the children in our state. Guide them to do all that is just and wise to help all those in need. Amen.

## APPENDIX

## CALENDAR

## IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 2015:

1. **2015-H 5044**  
**BY** Edwards  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES

Committee on Municipal Government recommends passage.

2. **2015-H 5530**  
**BY** Chippendale  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AN AMENDMENT TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF GLOCESTER

Committee on Municipal Government recommends passage.

3. **2015-S 452**  
**BY** Metts  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF NEWBELL, INC.

Committee on Corporations recommends passage in concurrence.

## IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 2015:

1. **2015-H 5500 SUB A**  
**BY** Chippendale  
**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY AND REVIEW CURRENT RULES AND REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO THE RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE & DISCIPLINE

Committee on Health, Education & Welfare recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

2. **2015-H 5817 SUB A**  
**BY** Mattiello  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES

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

3.     **2015-S 616**  
       **BY** Felag  
       **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO  
       TAXATION --TIVERTON ELDERLY EXEMPTION

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

**Francis McCabe**  
Clerk of the House

**Thursday, March 19, 2015**