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Thirty-fifth Day

The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence, Wednesday, April 8, 2015 and is called to order at 4:20 o'clock P.M., by the Honorable Nicholas A. Mattiello, Speaker.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 72 members present and 2 members absent as follows:

PRESENT - 72: 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, 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, Naughton, Newberry, Nunes, O'Brien, O'Grady, Phillips, Price, Regunberg, Reilly, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shekarchi, Slater, Solomon, Tanzi, Tobon, Trillo, Ucci, Williams, Winfield

ABSENT – 2: Representatives Fellela, Palangio.

INVOCATION

The Honorable Speaker presents Der Shnork Souin who delivers the Invocation and the Armenian Scouts-Nerses Donoyan, Salpi Donoyan, Anahid Donoyan, and Talene Donoyan leading 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, April 7, 2015 is approved.

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

Representative Almeida-An Act relating to Voter Initiative

Representative McNamara-An Act relating to RI Access to Medical Technology and Innovation

Representative Naughton-An Act relating to Science Technology Engineering and Math

Representative Newberry-An Act relating to the Date of the Presidential Primary

Representative O'Brien-An Act relating to Harbor Masses

NEW BUSINESS**House Resolution No. 6048**

BY Naughton, Regunberg, Ackerman, Canario, Craven

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$500,000 FOR THE GRADUATE SCHOOL OF OCEANOGRAPHY CENTER FOR OCEAN EXPLORATION AT THE UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND (Authorizes the appropriation of the sum of \$500,000 dollars for the Graduate School of Oceanography Center for Ocean Exploration.) {LC2407/1}

04/08/2015 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 6049

(by request)

BY Ruggiero, Hearn, McNamara, Shekarchi, Hull

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - TEACHERS' TENURE (Amends the law so that there no longer needs to be full board to hold a dismissal hearing as requested by the teacher. However, the decision must be approved by a majority of the full board.) {LC2373/1}

04/08/2015 Introduced, referred to House Labor

House Bill No. 6050

BY Messier, Johnston, Tobon, Barros

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION - EXEMPTING THE REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY OF ROGERS HOME, INC. (Exempts from taxation the real and personal property of Rogers Home, Inc., a Rhode Island nonprofit corporation, located at 105 Beechwood Avenue in Pawtucket.) {LC2352/1}

04/08/2015 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government

House Bill No. 6051

(Secretary of State)

BY Regunberg, Handy, Keable, Blazejewski, Barros

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - REGISTRATIONS OF VOTERS

(Establishes in-person early voting, electronic registration of voters, prohibit the casting of emergency mail ballots at the local boards of canvassers, define "family member", and specify methods of delivery to state board.) {LC2305/1}

04/08/2015 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 6052

BY Canario

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Gregory Alphonse to join Lauren Alphonse and Kevin Gonsalves in marriage on or about July 3, 2015, within the Town of Little Compton, Rhode Island.) {LC2387/1}

04/08/2015 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

The Honorable Speaker Mattiello addresses the House in recognition of the 100th Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide.

GUESTS

Representative Kazarian also addresses the members of the House in recognition of the Armenian Genocide Remembrance Day and welcomes to the House Chamber as guests Ani Haroian, Stephen Elmasian, Mayor Scott Avedisian, Judge Higanoush Bedrosian, Honorable Aram Garabedian, Der Shnork Souin, Der Gomidas, Hagop Donoyan, Nerses Donoyan, Salpi Donoyan, Anahid Donoyan, and Talene Donoyan.

The Honorable Speaker also welcomes Mayor Scott Avedisian to the House.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

NEW BUSINESS

House Resolution No. 6053

BY Kazarian, Mattiello, DeSimone, Corvese, Newberry

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL 24, 2015, AS "ARMENIAN GENOCIDE REMEMBRANCE DAY" TO COMMEMORATE THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE OF 1915 TO 1923 AND IN HONOR OF ARMENIAN-AMERICANS {LC1488/1}

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

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Kazarian seconded by Speaker Mattiello and Representatives Corvese, DeSimone, Newberry, and the entire House of Representatives and by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE SENATE

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

Senate Bill No. 466 SUB A**BY** Goodwin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - SALES AND USE TAXES - LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Exempts for profit hospitals from paying sales and use tax for a phased in twelve year period as long as said hospitals continue to operate in accordance with the licensure provisions granted under Rhode Island law.) {LC1879/A/1}

04/08/2015 Referred to House Finance

Senate Bill No. 586**BY** McCaffrey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allow Ryans Tallmadge to join Kristen Conley and Scott Rubin in marriage on or about September 5, 2015, within the City of Providence, Rhode Island.) {LC1522/1}

04/08/2015 Referred to House Judiciary

Senate Bill No. 623**BY** Walaska

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Paul Conroy to join Emilie Anne Joost and Michelle Lynn Cunningham in marriage on or about July 11, 2015, within the City of Newport, Rhode Island.) {LC2052/1}

04/08/2015 Referred to House Judiciary

Senate Bill No. 630

(Attorney General)

BY Lynch, Lombardi, Nesselbush, Jabour

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- ELECTRONIC IMAGING DEVICES (Prohibits a person from electronically disseminating visual images of another engaged in sexually explicit conduct or the intimate parts of another, without that person's consent and where the person had a reasonable expectation of privacy.) {LC1026/1}

04/08/2015 Referred to House Judiciary

Senate Bill No. 652**BY** Miller, Sosnowski, Metts, Archambault, Conley

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (Requires creation of an evidence-based behavioral health care program for incarcerated adults with co-occurring substance use and mental disorders.) {LC1858/1}

04/08/2015 Referred to House Finance

Senate Bill No. 718

(State Police)

BY Goodwin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- COMPREHENSIVE FIRE SAFETY ACT (Brings various sections of the general laws relative to fire safety up-to-date to conform to the National Fire Prevention Act standards.) {LC1794/1}

04/08/2015 Referred to House Municipal Government

CALENDAR

From the Calendar are taken:

IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 08, 2015:**1. 2015-H 5261****BY** Ucci**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- CONDUCT OF ELECTION AND VOTING EQUIPMENT, AND SUPPLIES

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

Representative Ucci moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Jacquard, McNamara, McLaughlin, Corvese, Azzinaro, Lancia, Kazarian, Abney, Blazejewski, Ajello, Hearn, Maldonado, Fogarty, Ackerman, Handy, Phillips, Ruggiero, O'Brien, Marshall, and Williams.

Representatives Newberry, Ucci, Chippendale, Trillo, McLaughlin, Handy, Messier, and Lima discuss the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 63 members voting in the affirmative and 6 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 63: The Honorable Speaker Mattiello and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Almeida, Amore, Azzinaro, Bennett, Blazejewski, Canario, Carnevale, Carson, Casey, Corvese, Costa, Costantino, Coughlin, Craven, DeSimone, Diaz, Edwards, Filippi, Fogarty, Gallison, Handy, Hearn, Hull, Jacquard, Johnston, Kazarian, Keable, Kennedy, Lancia, Lima, Lombardi, MacBeth, Maldonado, Malik, Marcello, Marshall, McKiernan, McLaughlin, McNamara, Melo, Morgan, Morin, Nardolillo, Naughton, Nunes, O'Brien, O'Grady, Phillips, Regunberg, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shekarchi, Slater, Solomon, Tanzi, Trillo, Ucci, Williams, Winfield.

NAYS - 6: Representatives Chippendale, Giarrusso, Messier, Newberry, Price, Roberts.

RECUSED - 0:

2. 2015-H 5846**BY** Diaz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- THE RHODE ISLAND LUPUS EDUCATION AND AWARENESS PLAN

Committee on Health, Education & Welfare recommends passage.

Representative McNamara moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Diaz, Slater, Casey, Azzinaro, Bennett, Ajello, Naughton, Abney, Chippendale, Kazarian, Blazejewski, Hull, Maldonado, Fogarty, Ackerman, Amore, Lombardi, Handy, Morin, Ruggiero, Almeida, McKiernan, O'Brien, Winfield, Marshall, Ucci, and Shekarchi.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 69 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 69: The Honorable Speaker Mattiello and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Almeida, Amore, Azzinaro, Bennett, Blazejewski, Canario, Carnevale, Carson, Casey, Chippendale, Corvese, Costa, Costantino, Coughlin, Craven, DeSimone, Diaz, Edwards, 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, Naughton, Newberry, Nunes, O'Brien, O'Grady, Phillips, Price, Regunberg, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shekarchi, Slater, Solomon, Tanzi, Trillo, Ucci, Williams, Winfield.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

3. 2015-H 5881**BY** Johnston**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MISCELLANEOUS RULES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Representative Keable moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Edwards, Solomon, Johnston, Coughlin, Blazejewski, Phillips, Bennett, Fogarty, Canario, Craven, and Marshall.

Representatives Chippendale and Keable discuss the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 71 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 71: 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, 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, Naughton, Newberry, Nunes, O'Brien, O'Grady, Phillips, Price, Regunberg, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shekarchi, Slater, Solomon, Tanzi, Tobon, Trillo, Ucci, Williams, Winfield.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Kennedy announces that the Committee on Corporations will meet at the rise of the House, in Room 101 of the State House.

Representative Hull wishes Representative Dave Bennett a Happy Birthday.

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

Representative Shekarchi announces that the Committee on Labor will meet at 3:30 o'clock P.M., tomorrow, in Room 203 of the State House.

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

Representative Serpa announces that the Committee on Small Business will meet at the rise of the House, in Room 203 of the State House.

Representative Gallison announces that the Committee on Finance will meet at the rise of the House today, at 2 o'clock P.M. tomorrow and also at the rise of the House tomorrow in Room 35 of the State House.

Representative Nunes wishes his daughter, Stella Mae Nunes, a Happy "2nd" Birthday, yesterday.

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.

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:00 o'clock P.M. on motion of Representative Azzinaro, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Betty Urso; on motion of Representative Tobon, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Dorothy Monahan; seconded by Leaders DeSimone and Newberry the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

Linda M. McElroy
Recording Clerk

APPENDIX**INVOCATION****DER SHNORK SOUIN**

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, Amen.

His Salvation is near those who fear Him, His glory dwells in our Land. Truth has sprouted from the earth, Justice has appeared from heaven.

Psalm 84

Lord God Heavenly Father, we call upon you to bless us this afternoon and ask that you guide and direct the Speaker and the House of Representatives of the great State of Rhode Island, together with all those who have been called to serve in public office.

We ask you to direct us in all good deeds and prosper the work of our hands for a good and holy purpose which ultimately brings glory to you in serving the common good and welfare of all citizens and peoples.

We specially ask that you bless the citizens of Rhode Island who have spoken in the interest of truth, and justice and have boldly advocated for the recognition of the Armenian Genocide which resulted in the termination of 1.5 million lives at the hands of the government of Turkey, from 1915-23. We beseech you to enlighten their minds and soften their hearts so that the acknowledgement of this tragedy might be made in the interest of avoiding all future horrors and inhumanities. Give also our President and federal government of the US of A the courage to speak the same truth boldly and for the love of justice for not only the Armenians but all peoples.

Today the Armenian community of RI stand with their fellow citizens, on this the Centennial of the Armenian Genocide and offer thanksgiving to you for the freedoms which we enjoy in this land and ask that we may continue to be good and loyal citizens who bold speak and defend the principles of liberty and truth with which you have allowed this country to be great.

Praise, glory and power be yours both now and forever Amen.

APPENDIX

CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 09, 2015:

1. **2015-H 5580**
BY Gallison
ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REPORTING DATES FOR THE JOINT RESOLUTIONS RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE RHODE ISLAND DISABILITIES COUNCIL EXAMINE AND REFINE ITS CURRENT POLICIES AND PRACTICES

Committee on Health, Education & Welfare recommends passage.

2. **2015-H 5869**
BY Shekarchi
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- ELECTION OFFENSES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Francis McCabe
Clerk of the House

Wednesday, April 08, 2015

APPENDIX

CONSENT CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 09, 2015:

1. **2015-H 6003**
 BY Trillo
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

 Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

2. **2015-H 6018**
 BY Hearn
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

 Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

3. **2015-H 6019**
 BY Ruggiero
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

 Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

4. **2015-H 6020**
 BY Handy
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

 Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Francis McCabe
Clerk of the House

Tuesday, April 07, 2015