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Wednesday, May 6, 2015

Forty-fourth Day

The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence, Wednesday, May 6, 2015 and is called to order at 4:38 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 3 members absent as follows:

PRESENT - 71: The Honorable Speaker Mattiello and Representatives 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, 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, Palangio, Phillips, Price, Regunberg, Reilly, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shekarchi, Slater, Solomon, Tanzi, Tobon, Trillo, Williams, Winfield

ABSENT – 3: Representatives Abney, O'Grady, Ucci.

INVOCATION

The Honorable Speaker presents Representative Chippendale 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, May 5, 2015 is approved.

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

Representative Carson-An Act relating to Non Profit Organization

Representative Gallison-An Act relating to Pension Settlement

Representative Hearn-An Act relating to Pay Equity for Women

Representative Jacquard-An Act relating to RI Lobbying Reform Act

Representative Keable-An Act relating to Hemp

Representative Kennedy-An Act relating to the Department of Business Regulation

NEW BUSINESS**House Bill No. 6171**

BY Newberry

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Kenneth Terry to join Jennifer Paiz and Michael Mason in marriage on or about July 4, 2015, within the Town of Burrillville, Rhode Island.) {LC2633/1}

05/06/2015 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 6172

BY Filippi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allow Scott Andrew Lennox to join Matthew Robert Gregg and Bethany Lynn Quirk in marriage on or about June 27, 2015, within the Town of South Kingstown, Rhode Island.) {LC2634/1}

05/06/2015 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 6173

BY Carson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows the Honorable James B. Lampke to join Erica Kilduff and Michael Lane in marriage on or about November 7, 2015, within the City of Newport, Rhode Island.) {LC2623/1}

05/06/2015 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 6174

BY Williams, Slater, Blazejewski, Regunberg, Maldonado

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- OPERATORS' LICENSES (Allows the DMV to issue driving privilege licenses and permits to applicants unable to establish lawful presence in the U.S. and they can't be used for identification purposes.) {LC2588/1}

05/06/2015 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 6175**BY** McLaughlin, Messier**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS - MEDICAL MARIJUANA ACT (Requires licensee manufacturing marijuana submit to safety checks prior to manufacture and obtain certification that all equipment complies with applicable building codes and permits local enforcement to inspect for compliance with probable cause.) {LC2621/1}

05/06/2015 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

CALENDAR

From the Calendar are taken:

IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 06, 2015:**1. 2015-H 5923****BY** Keable**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

Representative Kennedy moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Keable, Phillips, O'Brien, Diaz, Casey, Morin, Marshall, and Chippendale.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 70 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 70: The Honorable Speaker Mattiello and Representatives 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, Giarrusso, Handy, Hearn, Hull, 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, Palangio, Phillips, Price, Regunberg, Reilly, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shekarchi, Slater, Solomon, Tanzi, Tobon, Trillo, Williams, Winfield.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

2. 2015-H 5930**BY** Tobon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - MAIL BALLOTS

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Representative Keable moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Tanzi, Kazarian, Solomon, Blazejewski, Coughlin, Almeida, Shekarchi, Maldonado, Fogarty, Barros, Williams, and Diaz.

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 Ackerman, Ajello, Almeida, Amore, Azzinaro, Barros, Bennett, Blazejewski, Canario, Carson, Chippendale, Corvese, Costa, Costantino, Coughlin, Craven, DeSimone, Diaz, 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, Naughton, Newberry, Nunes, O'Brien, Palangio, Phillips, Price, Regunberg, Reilly, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shekarchi, Slater, Solomon, Tanzi, Tobon, Trillo, Williams, Winfield.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

3. 2015-H 5934
BY O`Grady
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - MAIL BALLOTS

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Representative Keable moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives DeSimone, Marshall, and Barros.

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 Ackerman, Ajello, Almeida, Amore, Azzinaro, Barros, Bennett, Blazejewski, Canario, Carson, Casey, Chippendale, Corvese, Costa, Costantino, Coughlin, Craven, DeSimone, Diaz, 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, Naughton, Newberry, Nunes, O'Brien, Palangio, Phillips, Price, Regunberg, Reilly, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shekarchi, Slater, Solomon, Tanzi, Tobon, Trillo, Williams, Winfield.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

4. 2015-H 5951
BY Craven
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- MAIL BALLOTS

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Representative Keable moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Almeida, Barros, Johnston, Marshall, and Tobon.

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 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, Giarrusso, Handy, Hearn, Hull, 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, Phillips, Price, Regunberg, Reilly, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shekarchi, Slater, Solomon, Tanzi, Tobon, Trillo, Williams, Winfield.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

5. 2015-S 282 SUB A
BY Fogarty
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- RENAMING BRIDGE #672 LOCATED ON ROUTE 102 AND BRANCH RIVER IN THE TOWN OF BURRILLVILLE

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

Representative Craven moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Keable, Newberry, Johnston, Giarrusso, Morgan, Reilly, Roberts, Nardolillo, Phillips, McLaughlin, Casey, Malik, Bennett, Hull, Ajello, Naughton, Fogarty, Morin, and Marshall.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, in concurrence and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, 70 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 70: The Honorable Speaker Mattiello and Representatives 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, Giarrusso, Handy, Hearn, Hull, Johnston, Kazarian, Keable, Kennedy,

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NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Palangio congratulates Representative Handy for being honored with the 2015 Environmental Champion Award by Clean Water Action.

Representative Fogarty congratulates the University of Rhode Island for the Grand Opening of the first free-standing Gender and Sexuality Center-Director Annie Russell, and President David Dooley.

Representative Lima wishes a Happy Birthday to Representative Anastasia Williams.

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.

GUESTS

Representative Nardolillo and Speaker Mattiello welcome to the House Chamber as guests Jeannette Finch, who was selected by Hasbro Children's Hospital as a Children's Miracle Network Hospital State Champion. Joining her today are her parents John and Carol Finch.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

NEW BUSINESS

House Resolution No. 6176

BY Nardolillo, Roberts, Nunes, Serpa, Morgan

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION HONORING NINE YEAR OLD JEANNETTE FINCH OF COVENTRY, RHODE ISLAND, ON BEING NAMED THE 2015 CHILDREN'S MIRACLE NETWORK HOSPITALS RHODE ISLAND CHAMPION {LC2519/1}

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

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Nardolillo seconded by the entire House of Representatives by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Chippendale congratulates his son, Sēighín Chippendale, as well as Zachary Steinpanys (whom he sponsored) as they made their Holy Confirmation in the Catholic Church.

Representative Gallison announces that the Finance sub-Committee on Human Services will meet at the rise of the House, and the Finance Committee will meet for Budget Article 14 thereafter in Room 35 of the State House.

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 4:57 o'clock P.M. on motion of Majority Leader DeSimone seconded by Minority Leader Newberry the House adjourns, on a voice vote.

Linda M. McElroy
Recording Clerk

APPENDIX**INVOCATION****REPRESENTATIVE MICHAEL W. CHIPPENDALE**

Eternal God, we ask your blessing upon the men and women of this, the people's House. Let us always be mindful that it is an honor to represent our constituents. Remind us that by working together, no burden will be heavy, no duty too difficult, no work too wearisome, and if we rely on each other, no task is impossible. Amen.

APPENDIX

CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MAY 07, 2015:

1. **2015-H 5959**
 BY Azzinaro
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -
 REGULATORY POWERS OF ADMINISTRATION

 Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

2. **2015-H 5931**
 BY Coughlin
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - REGISTRATION OF VOTERS

 Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

3. **2015-H 5952**
 BY Tanzi
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - VOTER REGISTRATION

 Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

4. **2015-S 787**
 BY Ottiano
 ENTITLED, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AN AMENDMENT TO
 THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF TIVERTON

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

Francis McCabe
Clerk of the House

Friday, May 01, 2015

Updated: Tuesday, May 05, 2015