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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY SESSION of the General Assembly begun and held at the State House in the City of Providence on Tuesday, the seventh day of January in the year of Our Lord two thousand and twenty.

Volume 147, No. 12 Tuesday, February 4, 2020 Twelfth Day

The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence, Tuesday, February 4, 2020 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 71 members present and 3 members absent as follows:

PRESENT – 71: The Honorable Speaker Mattiello and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Almeida, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Barros, Bennett, Blazejewski, Canario, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cassar, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Filippi, Handy, Hawkins, Hull, Jackson, Jacquard, Johnston, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Lyle, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McKiernan, McLaughlin, McNamara, Mendez, Messier, Millea, Morin, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Place, Price, Quattrocchi, Ranglin-Vassell, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serodio, Serpa, Shanley, Shekarchi, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Tobon, Vella-Wilkinson, Walsh, Williams.

ABSENT – 3: Representatives Caldwell, Fogarty, Ucci,

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 Thursday, January 30, 2020, is approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Fogarty is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, February 4, 2020.

Representative Caldwell s unable to attend session today, Tuesday, February 4, 2020.

CALENDAR

From the Calendar are taken:

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2020:

1. 2020-H 7013 SUB A
BY Mattiello
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS

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

Chairman Craven moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Corvese, Shanley, Knight, Johnston, Casimiro, Blazejewski, Abney, Phillips, Donovan, Ruggiero, McEntee, Millea, Vella-Wilkinson, Cortvriend, Ajello, and Azzinaro.

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 Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Almeida, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Barros, Bennett, Blazejewski, Canario, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cassar, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Filippi, Handy, Hawkins, Hull, Jackson, Jacquard, Johnston, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Lyle, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McKiernan, McLaughlin, McNamara, Mendez, Messier, Millea, Morin, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Place, Price, Quattrocchi, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serodio, Serpa, Shanley, Shekarchi, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Tobon, Vella-Wilkinson, Walsh, Williams.

NAYS - 0:

2. 2020-H 7010
BY Jacquard
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW - GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.
Chairman Jacquard moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Marszalkowski, Ruggiero, Azzinaro, Abney and Johnston.

Representative Newberry discusses the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 69 members voting in the affirmative and 1 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 69: The Honorable Speaker Mattiello and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Almeida, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Barros, Bennett, Blazejewski, Canario, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cassar, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Filippi, Handy, Hawkins, Hull, Jackson, Jacquard, Johnston, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Lyle, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McKiernan, McLaughlin, McNamara, Mendez, Messier, Millea, Morin, Nardone, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Place, Price, Quattrocchi, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serodio, Serpa, Shanley, Shekarchi, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Tobon, Vella-Wilkinson, Walsh, Williams.

NAYS - 1: Representative Newberry.

3. 2020-H 7279
BY Ackerman
ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF VJA REALTY, LLC

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

Chairman Jacquard moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Ackerman McLaughlin, Johnston and. Abney.

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 Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Almeida, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Barros, Bennett, Blazejewski, Canario, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cassar, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Filippi, Handy, Hawkins, Hull, Jackson, Jacquard, Johnston, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Lyle, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McKiernan, McLaughlin, McNamara, Mendez, Messier, Millea, Morin, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Place, Price, Quattrocchi, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serodio, Serpa, Shanley, Shekarchi, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Tobon, Vella-Wilkinson, Walsh, Williams.

NAYS - 0:

4. 2020-S 2006 SUB A
BY Ruggerio
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS

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

Majority Leader Shekarchi moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Corvese, McNamara, Edwards, Ruggiero, Phillips Craven McEntee Cortvriend, and Ackerman.

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

YEAS - 70: The Honorable Speaker Mattiello and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Almeida, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Barros, Bennett, Blazejewski, Canario, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cassar, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Filippi, Handy, Hawkins, Hull, Jackson, Jacquard, Johnston, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Lyle, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McKiernan, McLaughlin, McNamara, Mendez, Messier, Millea, Morin, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Place, Price, Quattrocchi, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serodio, Serpa, Shanley, Shekarchi, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Tobon, Vella-Wilkinson, Walsh, Williams.

NAYS - 0:

ANNOUNCEMENT

Representative Kazarian congratulates and recognizes Deputy Speaker Lima for being featured in Time Magazine for her bill pets in divorced cases.

Mr. Speaker congratulates Deputy Speaker Lima and commends her on her hard work and the National Article.

Chairman Abney announces that the Committee on Finance will meet today, at the rise of the House, in Room 35 of the State House. First night to go over the budget anyone is welcomed to attend.

NEW BUSINESS

House Resolution No. 7417
BY Mattiello, Shekarchi, Edwards, Costantino, McNamara
ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY, 2020, TO BE "PROBLEM GAMBLING AWARENESS MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
{LC4227/1}

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

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative McNamara seconded by Speaker Mattiello, Representatives Majority Leader Shekarchi, Whip Edwards, Costantino and Fellela by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Majority Leader Shekarchi announces all representatives are invited to AARP annual Legislative Reception tomorrow at 3:30 p.m. in the State Room. Second announcement congratulating Deputy Speaker Lima on also being recognized in other magazines for her Impaired School Bus Divers legislation.

Deputy Speaker Lima thanks both Kazarian and Majority Leader Shekarchi for their kind words. She also thank Mr. Speaker and the entire House of Representatives for their kind words.

Mr. Speaker also commends her on her hard work and dedication advocate for animals.

Chairman Jacquard announces that the Committee on Corporation will meet today, at the rise of the House, in Room 203 of the State House.

Chairwoman Williams requests the extension of Black History Month celebration continue the first week of March. The bouquet of white flowers gives light to the room and reminds us of ALL women suffrage. Chairwoman Williams introduces a resolution proclaiming the month of February as being Black History Month.

NEW BUSINESS

House Resolution No. 7418
BY Shekarchi, McLaughlin, Costantino, Craven, McEntee
ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF THE HONORABLE THOMAS F. FAY {LC4310/1}

With the agreement of the majority and the minority, Majority Leader Shekarchi requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration**.**

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Majority Leader Shekarchi seconded by Representatives McEntee, Craven, Costantino, and Lyle by unanimous consent, on a rising vote.

House Resolution No. 7419
BY Bennett, Canario, Serpa, Jackson, McNamara
ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF EDWARD ZACKARIAN JR. {LC4217/1}

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

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Bennett seconded by Representatives Canario, Serpa, Jackson, Corvese, Diaz, Slater, Blazejewski, Roberts, Casimiro, Kazarian, Majority Leader Shekarchi and Minority Leader Filippi unanimous consent, on a rising vote.

House Resolution No. 7420
BY McEntee, Fogarty, Tanzi, Shekarchi, Filippi
ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING DALE HOLBERTON, SOUTH KINGSTOWN TOWN CLERK, ON HER RETIREMENT AFTER MORE THAN THIRTY YEARS OF EXEMPLARY PUBLIC SERVICE {LC4183/1}

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

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative McEntee seconded by Representatives Fogarty, Tanzi, Minority Leader Filippi, Craven and Speaker Pro Tempore Kennedy by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

House Resolution No. 7421
BY Shekarchi, Filippi
ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES {LC4300/1}

With the agreement of the majority and the minority, Majority Leader Shekarchi requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Majority Leader Shekarchi seconded by Minority Leader Filippi and by unanimous consent, on a rising vote.

House Resolution No. 7422
BY Shekarchi, Filippi
ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING CONGRATULATIONS {LC4299/1}

With the agreement of the majority and the minority, Majority Leader Shekarchi requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Majority Leader Shekarchi seconded by Minority Leader Filippi by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

House Resolution No. 7423
BY Williams, Almeida, Ranglin-Vassell, Alzate, Diaz
ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY AS "BLACK HISTORY MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC3255/1}

With the agreement of the majority and the minority, Chairwoman Williams requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration**.**

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Chairwoman Williams seconded by Representatives Almeida, Ranglin-Vassell Alzate, Diaz, Hull, Barros, Abney, Cassar, Tobon, Mendez, Blazejewski, Majority Leader Shekarchi Speaker Mattiello, Cortvriend Amore, Slater, Lombardi, Tanzi, Messier, Ajello Walsh, Donavan, Ruggiero, Ackerman unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

Representative Chippendale would like to be recorded in the affirmative in 4 items on the Calendar

NEW BUSINESS

House Resolution No. 7424
BY Speakman, Donovan, Hull, Johnston, Canario
ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF RETIRED BRISTOL POLICE CHIEF RUSSELL SERPA {LC4352/1}

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

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Speakman seconded by Representatives Donovan, Hull, Edward, O'Brien, Jacquard, Almeida and Noret, unanimous consent, on a rising vote.

TRANSMITTAL

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

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Chairman Craven, for the Committee on Judiciary, reports back the following measures, with recommendation of passage:

House Bill No. 7102 SUB A
BY Serpa, Caldwell, McEntee, McKiernan, Blazejewski
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - WEAPONS (Prohibits the manufacturing, importation, sale, shipment, delivery, possession, or transfer of any firearm that is undetectable by metal detectors commonly used at airports and public buildings including 3D printed firearms as defined herein.){LC3660/A/2}
02/04/2020 Placed on House Calendar (02/06/2020)

House Bill No. 7103 SUB A
BY McKiernan, Caldwell, Knight, McNamara, Slater
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - WEAPONS (Provides that applications to purchase firearms be sent by the seller to the police department the city or town where the purchaser lives.){LC3663/A/2}
02/04/2020 Placed on House Calendar (02/06/2020)

House Bill No. 7011
BY Mattiello, Shekarchi
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Joseph R. Paolino, Jr., to join Kara Elizabeth Paolino Marchionte and Adam Hayden in marriage on or about April 4, 2020, within the City of Providence, Rhode Island.) {LC3209/1}
02/04/2020 Placed on the House Consent Calendar (02/06/2020)

House Bill No. 7058
BY Vella-Wilkinson
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Andrea Lynn Bolton to join Kimberly Victoria Bolton and Seith Michael Griffin in marriage on or about May 22, 2020, within the City of Pawtucket, Rhode Island.) {LC3210/1}
02/04/2020 Placed on the House Consent Calendar (02/06/2020)

House Bill No. 7074
BY Edwards
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows the Honorable Marvin L. Abney to join Cheryl Amando and Kyle Kresge in marriage on or about May 24, 2020, within the City of Newport, Rhode Island.) {LC3529/1}
02/04/2020 Placed on the House Consent Calendar (02/06/2020)

House Bill No. 7076
BY Casey, Phillips, Lyle, Mattiello, Shekarchi
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows the Honorable Stephen R. Ucci to join Darlene M. Boudreau and the Honorable Michael A. Morin in marriage on or about July 30, 2020, within the City of Warwick, Rhode Island.) {LC3491/1}
02/04/2020 Placed on the House Consent Calendar (02/06/2020)

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:02 o'clock P.M. on motion of Representative Lyle, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Richard L. Patz, William J. Menard Sr. and Hon. Thomas F. Fay; on motion of Representative Newberry, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Theodore Soly; on motion of Representative Bennett, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Edward Zackarian Jr.; on motion of Representative Speakman, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Ret. Chief Russell Serpa; seconded by Leaders Shekarchi and Filippi the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

Linda M. McElroy
Recording Clerk

APPENDIX

INVOCATION

REPRESENTATIVE ANASTASIA P. WILLIAMS

Dear Lord: Black history month acknowledges the contributions by African Americans to our culture and history. Help us strive to make our educators, parents, and government leaders, fully recognize all their contributions, often made through great struggle and sacrifices, to American history. Amen.

APPENDIX

TRANSMITTED TO THE GOVERNOR

Senate Bill No. 2006 SUB A
BY Ruggerio, McCaffrey, Goodwin, Lynch Prata, Conley
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS (Establishes certain limitations on regulations promulgated by the department of health and the department of business regulation in regard to medical marijuana.) {LC3469/A/1}
02/04/2020 Transmitted to Governor

APPENDIX

CONSENT CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2020:

1. **2020-H 7011**
BY Mattiello
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Special Legislation recommends passage.

2. **2020-H 7058**
BY Vella-Wilkinson
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Special Legislation recommends passage.

3. **2020-H 7074**
BY Edwards
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Special Legislation recommends passage.

4. **2020-H 7076**
BY Casey
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Special Legislation recommends passage.

Francis McCabe
Clerk of the House

APPENDIX

CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2020:

1. 2020-H 7102 SUB A
BY Serpa
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - WEAPONS

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

2. 2020-H 7103 SUB A
BY McKiernan
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - WEAPONS

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

Francis McCabe
Clerk of the House