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Tuesday, May 2, 2023

Thirtieth-Day

The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence, Tuesday, May 2, 2023, and is called to order at 4:13 o'clock P.M., by the Honorable K. Joseph Shekarchi, Speaker.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 69 members present and 6 members absent as follows:

PRESENT—69: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson and Voas.

ABSENT – 6: Representatives Bennett, Costantino, Felix, Fogarty, Marszalkowski and Serpa.

INVOCATION

The Honorable Speaker presents Representative Diaz who delivers the Invocation and leads the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

(For Invocation, see Appendix, this Journal.)

ADDRESS

Representative Diaz addresses members in honor of Child Care Awareness Day in the State of Rhode Island.

GUESTS

Chairwoman Diaz welcomes to the House Chamber as a guest Angel Gautreaux age 12 who will perform a solo of "You Raise Me UP" on his trumpet. Angel is accompanied by his mother, Roxanna Gautreaux in recognition of Child Care Day. Speaker Shekarchi welcomes and congratulates Angel on his performance.

APPROVAL OF RECORD

By unanimous consent, the House Journal of Thursday, April 27, 2023, is approved.

COMMUNICATIONS

May 2, 2023

Communication from Speaker K. Joseph Shekarchi:

I nominate the following to the National Conference of State Legislatures' Legislative Energy Horizon Institute:

Representative Terri Cortvriend

Representative Jay Edwards

Representative David A. Bennett is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, May 2, 2023.

Representative Kathleen A. Fogarty is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, May 2, 2023.

Representative Leonela Felix is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, May 2, 2023.

CALENDAR

From the Calendar are taken:

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2023:**1. 2023-H 6060 SUB A**

BY Shekarchi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE--COURTS --
SUPERIOR COURT

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

Chairman Craven moves passage of the act, seconded by the Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, Diaz, Edwards, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lombardi, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Potter, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

Chairman Craven and Representative Newberry discuss the act.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, 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 Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

2. 2023-H 6083 SUB A

BY Batista

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING

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

Chairman Craven moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Cortvriend, McEntee, Carson, Speakman, Knight, Corvese, Edwards, Casey and Kislak.

Chairman Craven, Minority Leader Chippendale and Representative Morgan discuss the act.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, 67 members voting in the affirmative and 3 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 67: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Rea, Sanchez, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 3: Representatives Morgan, Quattrocchi, Roberts.

RECUSED - 0:

3. 2023-H 5914**BY** Craven**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- CONSERVATION AND PRESERVATION RESTRICTIONS ON REAL PROPERTY

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Chairman Craven moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Handy, McNamara, Casey, McEntee, Caldwell, O'Brien, Cortvriend, Knight and Carson.

Chairman Craven discusses the act.

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 Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

4. 2023-H 5843 SUB A**BY** Serpa**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- CONDOMINIUM LAW

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

Chairman Solomon moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Corvese, Phillips, Deputy Whip Ackerman, Representatives Casey and Carson.

Chairman Solomon discusses the act.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, 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 Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

5. 2023-H 6024

BY Serpa

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- CONDOMINIUM LAW

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

Chairman Solomon moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski.

Chairman Solomon discusses the act.

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 Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

6. 2023-H 5741

BY McNamara

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- EDUCATION
ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

Committee on Education recommends passage.

Chairman McNamara moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Deputy Whip Ackerman and Representative Casey.

Chairman McNamara and Minority Leader Chippendale discuss the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 61 members voting in the affirmative and 9 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 61: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Potter, Sanchez, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 9: Representatives Chippendale, Fenton-Fung, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Place, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts.

RECUSED - 0:



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STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST PURSUANT TO RIGL § 36-14-6

I, Alex Finkelman State Representative, District 74, hereby under oath depose and say:

- 1. (Matter requiring action: i.e. Bill number) I expect to be called upon, in my capacity as State Representative to participate in the consideration of, and/or to vote upon: 5897
- 2. (Nature of the potential conflict) I have the following interest in the matter: wife is in family court
- 3. (Please select one of the following):

A. In compliance with Section 36-14-6(1) of the General Laws I hereby state that, despite the potential conflict stated above, I am able to vote and otherwise participate fairly, objectively and in the public interest regarding the matter described in paragraph 1 above for the following reason(s).

B. In compliance with Section 36-14-6(1) & (2)A of the General Laws, I hereby request the Speaker of the House of Representatives to excuse me from voting on or participating in the consideration of the matter described in paragraph 1 above.

[Signature]
 REPRESENTATIVE

State of Rhode Island
 County of: Providence

Subscribed and sworn to under the penalties for perjury before me this 2 day of May, 2023

Michael R. Egan
 Notary Public
 State of Rhode Island
 MY COMMISSION EXPIRES 03-30-2026
 Commission # 57679

Representative Finkelman is excused from voting on or participating in the consideration of the matter described in paragraph 1 above.

[Signature]
 SPEAKER

7. 2023-H 5897**BY** Diaz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- CHILDREN

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Chairman Craven moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives McEntee, Knight, Casey and Edwards.

Chairman Craven discusses the act

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 67 members voting in the affirmative and 2 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 67: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 2: Representatives Morales, Sanchez.

RECUSED - 1: Representative Finkelman.

8. 2023-H 5913 SUB A**BY** Craven**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- IDENTIFICATION AND APPREHENSION OF CRIMINALS

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

Chairman Craven moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Morales, Caldwell, Dawson, Knight, Lima, Ajello, Lombardi, Casey, Brien, Cruz, McEntee and Vella-Wilkinson.

Chairman Craven discusses the act

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, 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 Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

9. 2023-H 5890

BY Noret

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Chairman Craven moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Caldwell, Phillips, Vella-Wilkinson, Casey, Edwards and Lima.

Chairman Craven and Representative Lombardi discuss the act

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 67 members voting in the affirmative and 2 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 67: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 2: Representatives Lombardi, Sanchez.

RECUSED - 0:

10. 2023-H 5379

BY Place

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HARRISVILLE FIRE DISTRICT

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

Chairman Casey moves passage of the act, seconded by Minority Leader Chippendale, Representatives Roberts, Quattrocchi, Rea, Newberry, Place, Majority Leader Blazejewski and Representative Abney.

Chairman Casey and Representative Morgan discuss the act.

POINT OF ORDER

Chairman Casey rises on a point of order for Representative Morgan to speak on the merits of the act.

The Honorable Speaker upholds the point of order and requests Representative Morgan to speak on the merits of the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 67 members voting in the affirmative and 3 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 67: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 3: Representatives Edwards, Morgan, Sanchez.

RECUSED - 0:

11. 2023-H 6306

BY Craven

ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF FEATHERBED ESTATES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

Chairman Solomon moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski.

Chairman Solomon discusses the act.

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 Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

12. 2023-S 151

BY Paolino

ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF CORONA CORP.

Committee on Corporations recommends passage in concurrence.

Chairman Solomon moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski.

Chairman Solomon discusses the act

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 Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

GUESTS

Chairwoman McEntee acknowledges Small Business Week and welcomes to the House Chamber as her guests U.S. Small Business Administration, District Director Mark S. Hayward, U.S. New

England Regional 1 Administrator Mike Vlacich and Rhode Island Society of Certified Public Accountants, CEO Melissa Travis.

Chairwoman McEntee congratulates and welcomes to the House Chamber the 2023 Rhode Island Small Business Week Award winners:

Rhode Island Small Business Person of the Year: Craig Pickell, President & CEO, Bullard Abrasives, Inc., in Lincoln who is a constituent of Representative Mary Ann Shallcross Smith.

Rhode Island and New England Small Business Manufacturer of the Year:
Loubnen Sukkar, CEO, of The Backyard Food Company, in Warwick, who is a constituent of Representative Camille Vella -Wilkinson.

Rhode Island Exporter of the Year:
Ellis Waldman, President & CEO, of Walco Electric Company, in Providence, who is a constituent of Representative Jose Batista.

Rhode Island & New England Woman-Owned Small Business of the Year:
Ellen Puccetti, Jennifer Ann Roberts and Elizabeth Dulude, Co-Owners, Wrights Dairy Farm, Inc., in North Smithfield, who are constituents of Representative Brain Newberry.

Rhode Island Microenterprise of the Year:
Miriam A. Ross, Partner/Owner, Miriam Ross & Associates, LLC, in Providence, who is a constituent of Representative Edith Ajello.

Rhode Island Minority-Owned Small Business of the Year:
Tony Phouaykoumpha, Owner, of Latte Love Coffee House, in Cranston, who is a constituent of Representative Robert Quattrocchi.

Rhode Island Veteran-Owned Small Business of the Year:
Christopher Mishoe, Owner/Brewer, of Bravo Brewing Company, in Pascoag, who is a constituent of Representative David Place.

Rhode Island Young Entrepreneur of the Year:
Vincent Pezzullo, Owner & President, of My Cousin Vinny's Rentals, LLC, in Johnston, who is a constituent of Representative Edward Cardillo.

Home-Based Small Business of the Year:
Gloria Chacon, President & Owner, of Green View Tree Service, LLC, in Johnston, who is a constituent of Representative Nathan Biah.

Rhode Island Jeffery Butland Family-Owned Small Business of the Year:
Debbie Martitz, Owner, of Hope Cleaners, in East Providence, who is a constituent of Representative Brianna Henries.

Rhode Island Award for Entrepreneurial Excellence:

Dr. Kristina McAteer, Owner of Oceanside Medical in Warwick, who is a constituent of Representative Evan Shanley.

Speaker Shekarchi welcomes all guests to the House Chamber.

Chairman Corvese congratulates and welcomes to the House Chamber as his guests the 2023 Paul Crowley Award Recipient, Dr. Frank Pallotta, his wife MaryAnn, and their son Jeffrey and daughter, Melissa Caffrey. Speaker Shekarchi congratulates and welcomes Dr. Pallotta and his family to the House Chamber.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Speakman announces the engagement of Representative Brianna Henries to her fiancé Jared.

Chairman Abney announces that the Committee on Finance will meet today, at the rise of the House, in Room 35 of the State House.

Representative Kislak announces that she will be hosting an electric bicycle demonstration for legislators in the State House Lower Legislative Parking Lot this Thursday, May 4th, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Chairman Solomon announces that the Committee on Corporations will meet today, at the rise of the House, in Room 135 of the State House.

PROXY VOTES

Majority Leader Blazewski announces pursuant to rule 33(e) authorizing Proxy Votes, he has Proxy Votes from Representative Fogarty to be recorded in the affirmative for items #1 through #12.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Majority Leader Blazewski announces the next legislative session will be this Thursday, May 4th, at 4 p.m. There is no session tomorrow, the Finance Committee will be meeting at 4 p.m.

Majority Leader Blazewski announces that the Providence College students who are in Professor Adam Myers' Policy Analysis class will present their research on Rhode Island's fiscal policy tonight from 5 to 7 p.m., in Room 101. Topics include improving Rhode Island's Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program, Rhode Island's Motion Picture Production Tax Credits, green energy tax incentives and ways of replacing the motor fuel tax. Community College of Rhode Island Day (CCRI) will be celebrated this Thursday, May 4th, at 2 p.m., on the second floor of the State House, with a speaking program at 3 p.m., in the Rotunda. There will be information booths about different academic and career programs at CCRI.

Majority Leader Blazewski and Speaker Shekarchi wish Representative Lombardi a Happy Birthday!

IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION**House Resolution No. 6350**

BY Corvese, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, O'Brien, Hull, Lombardi J, Place, McNamara, Ajello, Fellela
ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING DR. FRANK PALLOTTA ON RECEIVING THE 2023 RHODE ISLAND SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS ASSOCIATION "PAUL CROWLEY AWARD" {LC2932/1}

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

There is no objection.

Chairman Corvese and Speaker Shekarchi discuss the resolution.

Read and passed, on a motion of Chairman Corvese, seconded by many others, by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

House Resolution No. 6351

BY Diaz, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Caldwell, Vella-Wilkinson, Noret, McNamara, Ackerman, Shallcross Smith
ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING AND CELEBRATING MAY 2, 2023, AS "CHILD CARE AWARENESS DAY" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC2821/1}

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

There is no objection.

Chairwoman Diaz discusses the resolution. She also would like to thank and recognize members Representatives Justine A. Caldwell, Patricia L. Morgan and Mary Ann Shallcross Smith who dedicated their time and have served on the Child Care Commission.

Read and passed, on a motion of Chairwoman Diaz, seconded by many others, by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

House Resolution No. 6352

BY Baginski, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Cruz, Alzate, Casey, Boylan, Stewart, Potter
ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING MAY OF 2023, AS "MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC2872/1}

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

There is no objection.

Chairwoman Baginski discusses the resolution.

Read and passed, on a motion of Chairwoman Baginski, seconded by many others, by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

House Resolution No. 6353

BY Tanzi, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Ackerman, Chippendale, Casimiro, Kazarian, Knight, Boylan, Stewart

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING MAY OF 2023, AS "BRAIN CANCER AND TUMOR AWARENESS MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC2931/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Tanzi discusses the resolution.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Tanzi, seconded by many others, by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

House Resolution No. 6354

BY McEntee, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Cardillo, Dawson, O'Brien, Batista, Caldwell, Craven, Morales

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING APRIL 30, THROUGH MAY 6, 2023, AS "NATIONAL SMALL BUSINESS WEEK" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC2763/1}

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

There is no objection.

Chairwoman McEntee discusses the resolution.

Read and passed, on a motion of Chairwoman McEntee, seconded by many others, by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

RULE 7D

The following bills were received pursuant to Rule 7D:

Representative Corvese-An Act relating to Businesses and Professions
Representative Donovan-An Act relating to Legislation Pertaining to Social Work and DCYF
Representative Morgan-An Act relating to Elections-Registration of Voters
Representative Solomon-An Act relating to Construction and Maintenance of State Roads
Representative Speakman-An Act relating to Taxation-Historic Preservation Tax Credits 2013

unanimous consent, the House returns to:

TRANSMITTAL

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

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

DESK HELD OPEN

The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi announces that the desk will be held open.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL LEGISLATION**

Chairwoman Alzate, for the Committee on Special Legislation, reports back the following measure, with recommendation of passage:

House Bill No. 6329

BY Blazejewski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Puya Joseph Nili to join Jacqueline Azniv Kazarian and Chad Erik Austino in marriage on or about October 8, 2023, within the City of Providence, Rhode Island.) {LC2874/1}

05/02/2023 Placed on House Calendar (05/04/2023)

Senate Bill No. 185

BY DiMario, Euer, Gallo, Lawson, Cano

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- EARLY LEARNING HUBS

(Establishes "early learning hubs" to serve as an intermediary among regional partners in order to coordinate support for early learning providers in the delivery of early childhood care and education.)

{LC1199/1}

05/03/2023 Referred to House Finance

Senate Bill No. 277 SUB A

BY Miller, DiPalma, Euer, DiMario, Lauria, Lawson, Ujifusa, Kallman, Murray, Valverde

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- RESTORATIVE AND RECUPERATIVE CARE PILOT PROGRAM (Requires the executive office of health and human services (EOHHS) to conduct a study to assess the impact of using Medicaid funds to provide coverage for the treatment of the chronically homeless.) {LC270/A/1}

05/03/2023 Referred to House Finance

Senate Bill No. 289

BY Valverde, Miller, DiMario

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- INTERSTATE MEDICAL LICENSURE COMPACT (Repeals the sunset provision of the interstate medical licensure act.) {LC1455/1}

05/03/2023 Referred to House Health & Human Services

Senate Bill No. 290 SUB A

BY DiMario, Pearson, LaMountain, Miller, Valverde, Lauria, Lawson, Murray, Euer, Ujifusa
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE RHODE ISLAND HEALTH CARE REFORM ACT OF 2004 -- HEALTH INSURANCE OVERSIGHT (Requires a workgroup of health care providers and health insurers convened by the office of the health commissioner, to make recommendations regarding prior authorization policies.) {LC1062/A/1}

05/03/2023 Referred to House Corporations

Senate Bill No. 482

BY Gallo, Pearson, DiPalma, Cano, Lawson, DiMario, Tikoian, Zurier, Burke, Valverde
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE OFFICE OF EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT AND LEARNING (Establishes the office of early childhood development and learning to manage a statewide early learning system for children from birth through age five (5), and ensure all children enter school ready to learn.) {LC2545/1}

05/03/2023 Referred to House Finance

Senate Bill No. 492

BY Cano, Murray, DiMario
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - RHODE ISLAND EARLY EDUCATOR INVESTMENT ACT (Requires children's cabinet to establish benchmarks/strategies/costs to improve compensation for early educators/implement pilot program for wage supplements/early educator registry by DHS.) {LC1598/1}

05/03/2023 Referred to House Finance

NEW BUSINESS**House Bill No. 6355**

BY Carson, Abney
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Amends Class Three tax classification for Newport to include non-owner occupied residential properties used as short-term rentals for tourist or transient use, applicable to tax assessments on or after December 31, 2023.) {LC2935/1}

05/03/2023 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 6356

BY Carson, Abney
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES-NEWPORT (Provides that the property tax rate for each classification in Newport be uniform, except for non-owner occupied and owner-occupied properties.) {LC2936/1}

05/03/2023 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 6357

BY Morales, Henries, Stewart, Giraldo, Lombardi J, Sanchez, Speakman, Batista, Cruz, Biah
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- CREATING GREEN JUSTICE ZONES AND FURTHERING ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE {LC2847/1}

05/03/2023 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 6358**BY** Craven, Caldwell, McGaw, Corvese, Casey, McNamara, Solomon, Edwards**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- STATE DEPARTMENT OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION (Assigns two RIDE personnel to CTE issues. Doubles CTE funding. Creates new programs and new manufacturing centers.) {LC2902/1}

05/03/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 6359**BY** Serpa, Phillips**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE -- THE RHODE ISLAND MARINE MAMMAL STRANDING AND RESPONSE ACT (Establishes the Rhode Island marine mammal stranding and response program funded by the general assembly to support rescue and rehabilitation for marine mammals stranded in the state of Rhode Island.) {LC2849/1}

05/03/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Resolution No. 6360**BY** Morgan P, Fenton-Fung, Quattrocchi, Lima, Roberts, Rea, Nardone, Corvese, Handy**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$2,000,000 TO THE RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT FOR THE LITTER CONTROL APPROPRIATION FUND (This resolution would authorize the appropriation of the sum of \$2,000,000 to the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management for the litter control and recycling appropriation fund.) {LC2905/1}

05/03/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:16 o'clock P.M. on motion of Representatives Kennedy and Azzinaro, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Robert E. Pellegrino seconded by Leaders Blazejewski and Chippendale the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

Diane M. DePina
Recording Clerk

APPENDIX

INVOCATION

REPRESENTATIVE GRACE DIAZ

Dear God: Today we honor all the women and men who dedicate their lives to caring for our children. Our childcare workers are the caregivers for all future generations. We pray for their health and safety and give thanks for all the love and care they provide for our children. Amen

APPENDIX

TRANSMITTED TO GOVERNOR

Senate Bill No. 151

BY Paolino, de la Cruz

ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF CORONA CORP. {LC571/1}

05/02/2023 Transmitted to Governor

APPENDIX

CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MAY 4, 2023:

1. **2023-H 5860****BY** Tanzi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INCORPORATING THE RHODE ISLAND COMMISSION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Committee on Education recommends passage.

2. **2023-H 6052 SUB A****BY** Cortvriend**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- COUNCIL ON ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

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

3. **2023-H 5881 SUB A****BY** Noret**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- POLICE OFFICERS - COMMISSION ON STANDARDS AND TRAINING

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

4. **2023-H 5371****BY** Felix**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- MINIMUM WAGES

Committee on Labor recommends passage.

5. **2023-H 5464 SUB A****BY** Finkelman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS -- RHODE ISLAND TURNPIKE AND BRIDGE AUTHORITY

Committee on State Government & Elections recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

6. 2023-H 5911**BY** McEntee**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- INDICTMENTS, INFORMATIONS AND COMPLAINTS

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

7. 2023-H 5262**BY** Donovan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- HISTORICAL AREA ZONING

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

8. 2023-S 114**BY** Felag**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- HISTORICAL AREA ZONING

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage in concurrence.

9. 2023-H 6093**BY** Nardone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT IN AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 492 OF THE PUBLIC LAWS OF 2006 AMENDING THE CHARTER OF THE CENTRAL COVENTRY FIRE DISTRICT

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

10. 2023-S 29**BY** Felag**ENTITLED**, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AMENDMENTS TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF TIVERTON

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage in concurrence.

11. 2023-H 6329**BY** Blazejewski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Special Legislation recommends passage.

Francis McCabe
Clerk of the House

Friday, April 28, 2023

Updated: Tuesday, May 2, 2023