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Tuesday, May 16, 2023

Thirty-fourth Day

The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence, Tuesday, May 16, 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 73 members present and 2 members absent as follows:

PRESENT – 73: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson and Voas.

ABSENT – 2: Representatives Fogarty and Giraldo.

INVOCATION

The Honorable Speaker presents Representative Teresa Ann Tanzi 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, May 11, 2023, is approved.

COMMUNICATIONS

Representative Joshua J. Giraldo is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, May 16, 2023.
Representative Kathleen A. Fogarty is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, May 16, 2023.

CONSENT CALENDAR

From the Consent Calendar are taken:

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MAY 16, 2023:

1. **2023-S 56**
BY Euer
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- TAX RELIEF IN THE TOWN OF JAMESTOWN

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

2. **2023-S 303**
BY DiMario
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES

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

3. **2023-S 418**
BY DiPalma
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- CONSERVATION AND PRESERVATION RESTRICTIONS ON REAL PROPERTY

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

4. **2023-S 730**
BY F. Lombardi
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- CHILD SUPPORT INTERCEPT ACT

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

5. **2023-S 740**
BY Euer
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- FORT ADAMS FOUNDATION

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

6. **2023-S 840**
BY F. Lombardi
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- GENERAL PROVISIONS

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

7. **2023-S 883**
BY Felag
ENTITLED, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AMENDMENTS TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF WARREN

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

Majority Leader Blazejewski moves passage of the Consent Calendar, seconded by Minority Leader Chippendale.

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

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

CALENDAR

From the Calendar are taken:

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MAY 16, 2023:

1. **2023-H 6081 SUB A**
BY Shekarchi
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING

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

Chairman Casey moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Speakman, Carson, McGaw, Knight, Morales, Cortvriend, Dawson, Corvese, Deputy Whip Ackerman, Representatives McNamara, Kislak, Edwards, Bennett, Biah, Donovan, Abney, Potter, Voas, Cruz, Stewart, Casimiro, Majority Whip Kazarian, Representative Felix and Deputy Speaker Hull.

Chairman Casey, Minority Leader Chippendale, Representatives Solomon, Morgan, Knight, and Speakman, discuss the act.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, 62 members voting in the affirmative and 9 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 62: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lombardi, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Potter, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

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

RECUSED - 0:

GUESTS

Minority Whip Place welcomes to the House Chamber Zambarano Hospital Staff: Director, Richard Charest, Chief of Staff, Elizabeth Silvestre, Deputy Director, Dr. Louis Cerbo, ESH CEO, Brett Johnson, ESH Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Katharine Woods, Administrator, Jennifer McCarthy, Supervisor of Therapeutic Recreation, Christine Kettelle, Chief Implementation Aide, Kristin Raimond, Chief Community Relations Officer, Linda Reilly, Public Information Officer, Randy Edgar, Chief of Legislative Affairs, Brad Inman, along with patients: Jose Brandon, Nichole Levesque, and Amy Drake, here today for the celebration of Zambarano Day. Speaker Shekarchi welcomes them to the House chamber.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

CALENDAR

2. **2023-H 6082 SUB A**

BY Speakman

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES

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

Chairman Casey moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Cotter, Carson, Donovan, Speakman, Dawson, and Cortvriend.

Chairman Casey discusses the act.

By unanimous consent, Chairman Casey, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski offers a written motion to amend.

**FLOOR AMENDMENT
TO
2023 -- H 6082 SUBSTITUTE A**

AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES

Mr. Speaker:

I hereby move to amend 2023 -- H 6082 SUBSTITUTE A, entitled "AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES", as follows:

1. On page 12, lines 5 and 6, by deleting all language after the language "(x)", and by inserting in place thereof the following language:

"Prohibit an ADU that otherwise complies with this chapter and applicable dimensional regulations from having up to two (2) bedrooms;"

2. On page 12, line 8, after the language "§ 42-128-8.1", by inserting the following language: ", unless such ADU is part of an inclusionary zoning or comprehensive permit application"

Respectfully submitted,

Representative Casey

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Chairman Casey and Representative Newberry discuss the amendment.

The motion to amend prevails 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, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

Chairman Casey, Representatives Morgan, Lima, Cotter, Minority Leader Chippendale, Representatives Knight, Morales, Minority Whip Place, and Representative Speakman continues the discussion on the act as amended.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, as amended, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, 61 members voting in the affirmative and 10 members voting in the negative as follows:

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

NAYS - 10: Representatives Chippendale, Costantino, Lima, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Place, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts.

RECUSED - 0:

12. 2023-H 5032

BY Hull

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

Chairman Solomon moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Morales, Lombardi, Casey, Corvese, Edwards, Ajello, Shallcross Smith, Cardillo, DeSimone, Majority Whip Kazarian, Representatives Carson, McEntee, Cortvriend, Bennett and O'Brien.

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

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

3. 2023-H 5906

BY Diaz

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE--COURTS -- LANGUAGE INTERPRETERS--USE OF LANGUAGE INTERPRETERS IN LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Chairman Craven moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Morales, McEntee, Slater, Bennett, Ajello, Edwards, Cortvriend, Handy, Majority Whip Kazarian, Representatives Solomon, Voas, Stewart, Alzate 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, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Handy, Henries, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, O'Brien, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

4. 2023-H 5560

BY Kennedy

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- CONSUMER ENFORCEMENT OF ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY DEVICE WARRANTIES

Committee on Innovation, Internet, & Technology recommends passage.

Chairwoman Baginski moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Handy, Morales, Biah, Speaker Pro Tempore Kennedy, Representatives Cortvriend Spears, Bennett, Edwards, Deputy Whip Ackerman, Representatives Kislak, Potter, Boylan, Fenton-Fung and Minority Leader Chippendale.

Chairwoman Baginski 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, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Handy, Henries, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, O'Brien, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

5. 2023-H 5167

BY McNamara

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CURRICULUM

Committee on Education recommends passage.

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

Chairman McNamara discusses the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 67 members voting in the affirmative and 1 member voting in the negative as follows:

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

NAYS - 1: Representative Morgan.

RECUSED - 0:

6. 2023-H 5168

BY McNamara

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CERTIFICATION OF TEACHERS

Committee on Education recommends passage.

Chairman McNamara moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Biah and Kislak.

Chairman McNamara 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, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Handy, Henries, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, O'Brien, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

7. 2023-H 6272

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 and Representative Phillips.

Chairman McNamara 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, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Handy, Henries, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, O'Brien, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

8. 2023-H 5517 SUB A**BY** Donovan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- ORGANIZATION OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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

Chairman Shanley moves passage of the act, seconded by Representative McGaw, Majority Leader Blazejewski, and Representative Costantino.

Chairman Shanley and Minority Whip Place discuss the act.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, 60 members voting in the affirmative and 9 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 60: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Handy, Henries, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morgan, O'Brien, Phillips, Potter, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 9: Representatives Brien, Casey, Chippendale, Nardone, Newberry, Place, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts.

RECUSED - 0:

9. 2023-H 5665**BY** Carson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- NEWPORT AND BRISTOL COUNTY CONVENTION AND VISITORS' BUREAU

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

Chairman Solomon moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Carson, Finkelman, Vella-Wilkinson, Cortvriend, Edwards, Casey and Morales.

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, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Handy, Henries, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw,

McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, O'Brien, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

10. 2023-H 5496 SUB A

BY Solomon

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- UNFAIR CLAIMS SETTLEMENT PRACTICES ACT

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 and Representative Phillips.

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, 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, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fogarty, Handy, Henries, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, O'Brien, Phillips, Place, Potter, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

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

RECUSED - 0:

11. 2023-H 5489

BY Edwards

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- UNFAIR DISCRIMINATION AGAINST ORGAN DONORS IN DISABILITY INCOME, LIFE AND LONG-TERM CARE INSURANCE ACT

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

Chairman Solomon moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Cotter, Speakman, Ajello, Vella-Wilkinson, Edwards, Speaker Pro Tempore Kennedy, Representatives Bennett, Potter and Minority Leader Chippendale.

Chairman Solomon and Minority Whip Place discuss 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, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Handy, Henries, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, O'Brien, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

13. 2023-S 313

BY de la Cruz

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HARRISVILLE FIRE DISTRICT

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

Chairman Casey moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representative Newberry and Minority Whip Place.

Chairman Casey discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 68 members voting in the affirmative and 2 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 68: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Handy, Henries, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, O'Brien, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 2: Representatives Edwards, Sanchez.

RECUSED - 0:

14. 2023-S 751**BY Britto****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES -- DRIVER PRIVILEGE CARDS AND PERMITS**

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

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

Chairman Craven discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote 64 members voting in the affirmative and 5 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 64: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Handy, Henries, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, O'Brien, Phillips, Potter, Rea, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 5: Representatives Fenton-Fung, Morgan, Place, Quattrocchi, Roberts.

RECUSED - 0:

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Majority Leader Blazejewski mournfully announces the passing of Josephine Piro Raimondo the mother of US Secretary of Commerce Gina Raimondo and offers his condolences to the entire Raimondo family. Speaker Shekarchi on behalf of the entire House of Representatives offers heartfelt condolences to the entire Raimondo family.

(For condolence remarks, see the Appendix of this Journal.)

GUESTS

Representative Casimiro welcomes to the House Chamber North Kingstown High School student, Artur Porto who is shadowing her for the day. Speaker Shekarchi welcomes him to the House Chamber.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairwoman Donovan announces that the Committee on Health, & Human Services will meet today, at the rise of the House, in Room 135 of the State House.

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 Tanzi Congratulates her daughter Delia Tanzi Buchbaum, for being inducted into the French Honor Society and the National Honor Society. She was also named the incoming President of the Narragansett Chapter of the National Honor Society.

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

GUESTS

Chairman Solomon welcomes to the House Chamber The Samaritans of Rhode Island's Executive Director, Denise Panichas and Bryan Ganley, co-founder of Bridging the Gap for Safety and Healing and expresses his appreciation for their commitment to suicide prevention.

PROXY VOTES

Majority Leader Blazejewski announces pursuant to rule 33(e) authorizing Proxy Votes, he has Proxy Votes from Representative Fogarty to be recorded in the affirmative on the Consent Calendar and today's Calendar for items #1 through #14.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Majority Leader Blazejewski announces the next House session will be this Thursday, May 18th, at 4 p.m. There is no session tomorrow, the Finance Committee will be meeting at 4 p.m.

Majority Leader Blazejewski, on behalf of the entire House of Representatives, wishes Speaker Shekarchi a Happy Birthday!

IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION

House Resolution No. 6406

BY Newberry, Phillips, Brien, Rea, Casey, Fenton-Fung, Ajello, Shallcross Smith, Corvese, Cortvriend

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND CELEBRATING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE OPENING OF BEACON CHARTER SCHOOLS IN 2003 {LC3015/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Newberry discusses the resolution.

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

House Resolution No. 6407

BY Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Kennedy, Ackerman, Costantino, Newberry, McNamara, Diaz, Fenton-Fung

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF JOSEPHINE PIRO RAIMONDO {LC3024/1}

With the agreement of the majority and the minority, on behalf of Speaker Shekarchi, Majority Leader Blazejewski requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Majority Leader Blazejewski and Speaker Shekarchi discuss the resolution.

Read and passed, on a motion of Majority Leader Blazejewski, seconded by Speaker Shekarchi and many others, by unanimous consent, on a rising vote.

House Resolution No. 6408

BY Place, Newberry, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Kennedy, Diaz, Kislak, Fenton-Fung, Ajello

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE ELEANOR SLATER HOSPITAL-ZAMBARANO CAMPUS ON THE RECOGNITION OF “ZAMBARANO DAY” ON MAY 16, 2023 {LC2800/1}

With the agreement of the majority and the minority, Minority Whip Place requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Minority Whip Place discusses the resolution.

Read and passed, on a motion of Minority Whip Place, seconded by many others, by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

RULE 7D

The following bills were received pursuant to Rule 7D:

Representative Boylan-House Resolution creating a legislative study commission to study and provide recommendations on mandated safety protocols for Rhode Island Schools

Representative Casey-An Act relating to Motor and Other Vehicles - Helmet Laws for Electric and Motorized Bicycles

Representative Stewart-House Resolution creating a legislative study commission to study and provide recommendations to the Rhode Island Department of Administration and the Office of Information Technology on the use of and development of Artificial Intelligence and Automated Decision Systems

Speaker Shekarchi-An act relating to Life Science

By 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.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE SENATE

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

Senate Bill No. 68

BY Cano, Quezada, Murray, Lawson, Kallman, Acosta, Pearson, Euer, DiMario, Burke
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- FEDERAL AID (Requires free lunches to be provided for all elementary and secondary students attending public schools, to the extent state and federal funds are available.) {LC258/1}
05/17/2023 Referred to House Finance

Senate Bill No. 71

BY Acosta, Lawson, Valverde, Murray, Quezada, Kallman, Pearson, Zurier, Gallo, DiPalma
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- FEDERAL AID (Requires free breakfast and lunches to be provided for all elementary and secondary students attending public schools.) {LC1234/1}
05/17/2023 Referred to House Finance

Senate Bill No. 257

BY Sosnowski, DiPalma, Raptakis, Valverde, Felag
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Allows municipalities to establish a program providing property tax exemption to active duty individuals who volunteer services as a firefighter or emergency medical technician.) {LC938/1}
05/17/2023 Referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

Senate Bill No. 283**BY** Pearson, Valverde, Miller, DiMario, Lauria, Lawson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LICENSING OF HEALTHCARE FACILITIES (Sepsis and septic shock best practices for hospital and emergency care facilities.) {LC1058/1}

05/17/2023 Referred to House Health & Human Services

Senate Bill No. 949**BY** Miller, Gallo, LaMountain, Britto, Pearson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- MOTION PICTURE PRODUCTION TAX CREDITS (Increases the motion picture production company tax credit to ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) and cap the available total of credits to forty million dollars (\$40,000,000). This act would also eliminate the sunset provision.) {LC2887/1}

05/17/2023 Referred to House Finance

NEW BUSINESS**House Bill No. 6409****BY** Serpa, Phillips, Lima, Morgan P, Cardillo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- REGULATORY POWERS OF ADMINISTRATION (Requires a utility company to read the meters of all ratepayers on a quarterly basis. The utility is required to provide a formula to the PUC in order to send estimated bills.) {LC2991/1}

05/17/2023 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 6410**BY** Slater, O'Brien, Hull**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- THE RHODE ISLAND CANNABIS ACT (Allows for the wholesale sale of cannabis seeds and clones by licensees to licensed cultivators or compassion centers.) {LC2999/1}

05/17/2023 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 6411**BY** Place, Newberry**ENTITLED**, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF KEEGAN DINAGEN POST 1023 VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS {LC3018/1}

05/17/2023 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 6412**BY** Chippendale**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows the Honorable Brian Rea to join Monique Diana Belisle and Angelo Anthony Riccitelli in marriage on or about August 18, 2023, within the Town of Exeter, Rhode Island.) {LC3002/1}

05/17/2023 Introduced, referred to House Special Legislation

House Bill No. 6413**BY** Edwards, Fellela, Serpa, Potter, Casimiro, Abney, Kazarian, Bennett, Diaz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- TEACHERS' RETIREMENT (Amends sections of law relating to retirement of various public employees and the calculation of their final average salary and service accruals.) {LC2943/1}

05/17/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Resolution No. 6414**BY** Batista**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$300,000 TO ROGER WILLIAMS UNIVERSITY FOR THE ROGER WILLIAMS UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL BUSINESS START-UP CLINIC (This resolution would authorize the appropriation of the sum of \$300,000 to Roger Williams University for the Roger Williams University Law School Business Start-Up Clinic.) {LC3021/1}

05/17/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:02 o'clock P.M. on motion of Representative O'Brien, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Leroy Archibald; on behalf of Speaker Shekarchi, on motion of Leader Blazejewski, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Josephine Raimondo; on motion of Representative Tanzi, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Anna Friedman Prager seconded by Leaders Blazejewski and Chippendale the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

Diane M. DePina
Recording Clerk

APPENDIX

INVOCATION

REPRESENTATIVE TERESA ANN TANZI

Dear Lord: We pray that you bless this House of Representatives. Guide us with your wisdom and help us to always resolve conflicts with understanding, patience and compassion. Amen.

APPENDIX**MAJORITY LEADER BLAZEJEWSKI'S****CONDOLENCE REMARKS FOR JOSEPHINE PIRO RAIMONDO**

It is with great sadness the House has learned of the passing of Josephine Piro Raimondo. She was the beloved wife of the late Joseph Raimondo, to whom she was married for 58 years, and the devoted mother of Dr. Marianne Raimondo, Dr. Thomas Raimondo, and our friend, former Rhode Island Governor and current U.S. Secretary of Commerce Gina Raimondo.

Mrs. Raimondo was a graduate of Bryant College. She worked as an executive secretary in the personnel office at the US Rubber Company and also was a homemaker while her children were growing up. She was also awarded an Honorary Master's Degree in Human Relations from Bryant College.

She was very active as a CCD teacher and a Cub Scout den mother for many years and later on as a volunteer for Boy Scouts of America. She also volunteered in the Alumni Office at LaSalle Academy.

Mrs. Raimondo's greatest pride was being there for her family: as a devoted daughter who cared for her parents in their later years; as a wonderful wife; as a nurturing and supportive mother, and as a loving grandmother.

She will be very missed by all who knew her.

APPENDIX**TRANSMITTED TO GOVERNOR****Senate Bill No. 56****BY** Euer

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- TAX RELIEF IN THE TOWN OF JAMESTOWN (Provides a tax abatement of up to \$2,000 to Jamestown firefighters based upon years of service, quantity of calls responded to and number of training hours and is transferrable to a surviving spouse until remarriage or death.) {LC705/1}

05/16/2023 Transmitted to Governor

Senate Bill No. 303**BY** DiMario

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Allows the town council of New Shoreham to adopt a tax classification plan in accordance with the provisions of this section, to be applicable to taxes on or after the assessment date of December 31, 2023.) {LC1197/1}

05/16/2023 Transmitted to Governor

Senate Bill No. 418**BY** DiPalma, Sosnowski, Burke, McKenney, Lombardi F

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- CONSERVATION AND PRESERVATION RESTRICTIONS ON REAL PROPERTY (Requires conservation and preservation restrictions to be liberally interpreted in favor of the grants awarded.) {LC311/1}

05/16/2023 Transmitted to Governor

Senate Bill No. 730

(Dept. of Human Services)

BY Lombardi F, Euer, McKenney, Burke

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- CHILD SUPPORT INTERCEPT ACT (Expands child support interception of insurance payments to include life insurance proceeds payable to non-custodial parents who are the beneficiaries of the policy.) {LC1576/1}

05/16/2023 Transmitted to Governor

Senate Bill No. 740

(Dept. of Environmental Management)

BY Euer

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- FORT ADAMS FOUNDATION (Amends the composition of the Fort Adams foundation to include a representative from the division of parks and recreation in place of a member of the public.)

{LC1567/1}

05/16/2023 Transmitted to Governor

Senate Bill No. 840

BY Lombardi F

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- GENERAL PROVISIONS (Amends the election laws to change certain deadlines for declarations of candidacy, party disaffiliation and submission of nomination papers for special federal elections.) {LC2570/1}

05/16/2023 Transmitted to Governor

Senate Bill No. 883

BY Felag

ENTITLED, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AMENDMENTS TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF WARREN (Validates and ratifies amendments to the Home Rule Charter of the town of Warren, adopted and approved on November 8, 2022.) {LC2719/1}

05/16/2023 Transmitted to Governor

Senate Bill No. 923

BY Miller

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Authorizes the city of Providence to enter into a thirty (30) year tax exemption agreement relating to the Port of Providence.) {LC1803/1}

05/16/2023 Transmitted to Governor

APPENDIX

CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MAY 18, 2023:**1. 2023-H 6254****BY** Casimiro

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REPORTING AND EXPIRATION DATES OF THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY THE EFFECTS AND IMPACT THAT HYBRID AND VIRTUAL LEARNING EMPLOYED DURING THE PANDEMIC HAS HAD ON THE ACHIEVEMENT RATES OF CHILDREN IN KINDERGARTEN THROUGH 12TH GRADE

Committee on Education recommends passage.

2. 2023-H 5423 SUB A**BY** J. Lombardi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- COOPERATIVE SERVICE AMONG SCHOOL DISTRICTS

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

3. 2023-H 5951**BY** Azzinaro

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

4. 2023-H 5163 SUB A**BY** Fellela

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- RYAN'S LAW

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

5. 2023-H 5841**BY** Solomon

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- PURCHASE AND SALE OF PRECIOUS METALS

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

6. **2023-H 5463**
BY Edwards
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- STATE PURCHASES

Committee on State Government & Elections recommends passage.

7. **2023-H 5127 SUB A**
BY Diaz
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT-- CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT

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

8. **2023-H 5667**
BY Fogarty
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- COUNCIL ON ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

Committee on Education recommends passage.

9. **2023-H 5009**
BY McNamara
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - PUPIL TRANSPORTATION VEHICLES

Committee on Education recommends passage.

10. **2023-H 5948**
BY Kazarian
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

11. **2023-H 6165 SUB A**
BY Kazarian
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES

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

12. 2023-H 6167

BY Speakman

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF
LOCAL TAXES

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

Francis McCabe
Clerk of the House

Friday, May 12, 2023