

# State of Rhode Island

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# JOURNAL

-OF THE-

# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

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Tuesday, March 2, 2021

Tenth Day

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The House of Representatives meets at the Veterans Memorial Auditorium in Providence, Tuesday, March 2, 2021, 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 67 members present and 8 members absent as follows:

**PRESENT** – 67: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Barros, Batista, Biah, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cassar, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Filippi, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Hawkins, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Knight, Lima S., Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McLaughlin, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Tobon, Vella-Wilkinson and Williams.

**ABSENT** – 8: Representatives Amore, Bennett, Kislak, C. Lima, Lombardi, Price, Ranglin-Vassell, Roberts

## INVOCATION

The Honorable Speaker presents Representative Alzate 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, February 25, 2021, is approved.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Representative Bennett is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, March 2, 2021.  
Representative Kislak is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, March 2, 2021.  
Representative Ranglin-Vassell is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, March 2, 2021.

**NEW BUSINESS****House Bill No. 6051**

**BY** Kennedy, Abney, Azzinaro, Edwards, Solomon, Shanley, Vella-Wilkinson  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO AERONAUTICS -- RHODE ISLAND T.F. GREEN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (Renames the state airport in Warwick from "T.F. Green state airport" to "Rhode Island T.F. Green International Airport.") {LC2212/1}  
03/02/2021 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 6052**

**BY** Barros  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- LIABILITY INSURANCE (Provides for insurance coverage for the loss of use of the rental motor vehicle provided that the rental car company can establish that their rental vehicle sustained damage and that the rental vehicle will require repair or is a total loss.) {LC1944/1}  
03/02/2021 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 6053**

**BY** Barros  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- AUTOMATED SCHOOL-ZONE-SPEED-ENFORCEMENT SYSTEM ACT OF 2016 (Allows the owner of a rented or leased motor vehicle to establish non-liability for parking violations by providing a copy of the lease agreement to the municipality or the traffic tribunal.) {LC1943/1}  
03/02/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 6054**

**BY** Knight, McEntee, Caldwell, Batista, Speakman  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- SAFETY RESPONSIBILITY ADMINISTRATION -- SECURITY {LC1513/1}  
03/02/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 6055**

**BY** Barros  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICES (Creates consumer legislation designed to limit in-application payments for software applications and purchases.) {LC1369/1}  
03/02/2021 Introduced, referred to House Innovation, Internet, & Technology

## CALENDAR

From the Calendar are taken:

**IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 2021:**

- 1. 2021-H 5257**  
**BY Williams**  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RHODE ISLAND FAIR HOUSING PRACTICES ACT**

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

Chairman Hull moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Majority Leader Blazejewski, Deputy Whip Ackerman, Ruggiero, Carson, Speakman, Donovan, Biah, Abney, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams, McEntee, Craven, Caldwell, Morales, Cortvriend, Slater, Giraldo, Edwards, Cassar, Fogarty, Tanzi, Knight, Shallcross Smith, Potter, McGaw, Whip Kazarian, Alzate, Casimiro, Felix, Serpa, Ajello, McNamara, Diaz, Costantino, O'Brien, Noret, Cardillo, Barros, and Handy.

By unanimous consent, Representative Hull, seconded by Representatives Majority Leader Blazejewski, Carson, Biah, Henries, Craven, Morales, Perez, Vella-Wilkinson, Ruggiero, Abney, Cortvriend, Ajello, Knight, Serpa, Cassar, Azzinaro, Speakman, Donovan, Diaz, Deputy Whip Ackerman, McLaughlin, Hull, Tanzi, Fogarty, McNamara, Giraldo, Solomon, Casimiro, Whip Kazarian, Felix, Alzate, Potter, Barros, McGaw, and Casey offers written motion to amend.

**FLOOR AMENDMENT**  
**TO**  
**2021 -- H 5257**

**AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RHODE ISLAND FAIR HOUSING PRACTICES ACT**

Mr. Speaker:

I hereby move to amend 2021 -- H 5257, entitled "AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RHODE ISLAND FAIR HOUSING PRACTICES ACT", as follows:

1. On page 1, line 5, by deleting the language "and Providence Plantations".
2. On page 2, line 2, by deleting the language "and Providence Plantations".

Respectfully submitted,

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Representative Hull

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The motion to amend prevails on a roll call vote 64 members voting in the affirmative and 1 member voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 64: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Barros, Batista, Biah, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casimiro, Cassar, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Filippi, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Hawkins, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Knight, Lima S, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McLaughlin, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Ruggiero, Serpa, ShallcrossSmith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Tobon, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams.

NAYS - 1: Representatives Quattrocchi.

RECUSED - 0:

Representatives Knight, Newberry, Casey, Alzate, Potter, Minority Leader Filippi, Williams, and Majority Leader Blazejewski discuss the amendment.

### POINT OF ORDER

Representative Hull rises on a point of order.

The Honorable Speaker rules the point of order is sustained.

### ANNOUNCEMENT

#### PROXY VOTES

**Minority Leader Filippi announces pursuant to rule 47B authorizing Proxy Votes he has 2 to be recorded Representative Price in the negative and Representative Roberts in the affirmative.**

**Majority Leader Blazejewski announces pursuant to rule 47B authorizing Proxy Votes he has 6 to be recorded in the affirmative Representatives Amore, Ranglin-Vassell, Lombardi, Bennett, Kislak, and Deputy Speaker Lima C.**

Read and passed as amended, on a roll call vote, 68 members voting in the affirmative and 7 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 68: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Baginski, Barros, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cassar, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Hawkins, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima C, Lima S, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McLaughlin, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Potter, Ranglin-Vassell, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serpa, ShallcrossSmith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Tobon, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams.

NAYS - 7: Representatives Chippendale, Filippi, Morgan, Nardone, Place, Price, Quattrocchi.

RECUSED - 0:

**2. 2021-H 5248****BY Serpa****ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION REINSTATING THE LIFE OF AND EXTENDING THE REPORTING AND EXPIRATION DATES OF THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE STUDY COMMISSION TO EXAMINE AND RECOMMEND GUIDELINES FOR STEP THERAPY PRESCRIPTION DRUG PROTOCOLS

Committee on Health &amp; Human Services recommends passage.

Representative Casey moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Biah, Craven, O'Brien, Vella-Wilkinson, Majority Leader Blazejewski, Azzinaro, Serpa, Cortvriend, Abney, Ajello, Cardillo, Donovan, Cassar, Fogarty, McLaughlin, Deputy Whip Ackerman, Corvese, Edwards, and McNamara Fellela, Giraldo, Lima S., Felix, Whip Kazarian, Barros, Messier, Chippendale, Speaker Pro Tempore Kennedy, Ruggiero, McEntee, Diaz,

**ANNOUNCEMENT****PROXY VOTES**

**Minority Leader Filippi announces pursuant to rule 47B authorizing Proxy Votes he has 2 to be recorded in the affirmative Representatives Price and Roberts.**

**Majority Leader Blazejewski announces pursuant to rule 47B authorizing Proxy Votes he has 6 to be recorded in the affirmative Representatives Amore, Ranglin- Vassell, Lombardi, Bennett, Kislak, and Deputy Speaker Lima C.**

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 75 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 75: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Baginski, Barros, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cassar, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Filippi, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Hawkins, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima C, Lima S, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McLaughlin, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Price, Quattrocchi, Ranglin-Vassell, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serpa, ShallcrossSmith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Tobon, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

**3. 2021-S 81****BY Seveney****ENTITLED**, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF PET CONNECTION, LLC

Committee on Corporations recommends passage in concurrence.

Chairman Solomon moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Caldwell, Vella-Wilkinson, Majority Leader Blazewski, Azzinaro, Cortvriend, McLaughlin, Hull, Casey, Lima S. Potter, McGaw, Whip Kazarian, Cardillo, and Barros.

### ANNOUNCEMENT

#### PROXY VOTES

**Minority Leader Filippi announces pursuant to rule 47B authorizing Proxy Votes he has 2 to be recorded in the affirmative Representatives Price and Roberts.**

**Majority Leader Blazewski announces pursuant to rule 47B authorizing Proxy Votes he has 5 to be recorded in the affirmative Representatives Amore, Lombardi, Bennett, Kislak, and Deputy Speaker Lima C.**

Read and passed in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 73 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 73: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Baginski, Barros, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazewski, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cassar, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Filippi, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Hawkins, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima C, Lima S, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McLaughlin, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Price, Quattrocchi, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serpa, ShallcrossSmith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Abney announces that the Committee on Finance will meet today, at the rise of the House, in Room 35 of the State House. Hard copies of Fiscal Publications will be handed out in committee and can be found on the web.

Representative McLaughlin wishes his wife Jill a happy birthday. He will also like to thank Captain David Ricciarelli from the Police Training Academy for his service. Speaker Shekarchi wishes Representative McLaughlin's wife a happy birthday.

Representative Alzate in celebration of Women's Month she would like to recognize Diana Trujillo Colombian born woman who is an aerospace engineer currently leading the Engineering Team who built the Robotic Arm for Perseverance that landed on Mars on February 19, 2021.

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

Representatives Speakman, Knight, and Donovan would like to recognize and congratulate the Mt. Hope High School Music Program for sending 16 singers and musicians to the All-State Performance Ensemble and the Mt. Hope High School gymnastics team for winning their 5<sup>th</sup> State Championship. Secondly, Representative Speakman shares her gratitude to the staff of the House for all their help during these difficult and trying times.

Majority Leader Blazejewski announces we will next be meeting this Thursday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, at 4 p.m. here at the Vets.

As Speaker Shekarchi mentioned at the outset of the session, the bill introduction deadline has passed. As a reminder, **all members must stand and file bills under Rule 7(d) by giving one-day notice to the body of their intention to introduce the bill on the next legislative day.** There is a limit of three bills per member using this rule. After you have reached the three-bill limit, you must obtain permission from the Speaker to introduce any further bills. This provision does not apply to city or town bills, to the reinstatement of corporate charters, solemnization of marriages, appropriations, and budget bills, or to bills to create or extend the reporting dates of study commissions.

Should you need to vote by proxy, you must email either myself or Minority Leader Filippi no later than 3:00 p.m. before each session. Democrats should please copy Danica Iacoi and Republicans should copy Sue Stenhouse.

As a reminder, if a bill is scheduled for a committee hearing and the sponsor wants to postpone the hearing on that bill—the sponsor may request postponement within 24 hours of the scheduled hearing. A bill cannot be postponed if the request is less than 24 hours.

Finally, if you want to participate remotely in a committee hearing and you want to remain at the State House and use a state IPAD, please notify Legislative Data or your administrative assistant the day before the meeting.

### NOW PRESIDING

At 5:03 o'clock P.M. the Honorable Speaker Shekarchi yields the rostrum to the Honorable Speaker Pro Tempore Kennedy.

### PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Speaker Shekarchi rises on a point of personal privilege in regards to congratulating former Governor Raimondo on being confirmed as Commerce Secretary of the United States.

### NEW BUSINESS

### IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION

#### House Resolution No. 6056

**BY** Ruggiero, Cassar, Serpa, Caldwell, Casimiro, Alzate, Fenton-Fung, Tanzi, Newberry, Blazejewski **ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MARCH OF 2021 AS THE 19TH ANNUAL MARCH FOR MEALS MONTH IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC1438/1}

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

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Ruggiero seconded by Speaker Shekarchi, Representatives Cassar, Serpa, Caldwell, Casimiro, Alzate, Fenton-Fung, Tanzi, Newberry, Majority Leader Blazejewski, Noret, Handy, Cortvriend, and Minority Leader Filippi by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

**House Resolution No. 6057**

**BY** Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Diaz, Ruggiero, McNamara, Kazarian, McEntee, Caldwell, Abney, Speakman

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION THANKING THE HONORABLE GINA RAIMONDO FOR HER SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND CONGRATULATING HER ON BEING NAMED COMMERCE SECRETARY FOR THE UNITED STATES {LC1160/1}

With the agreement of the minority, On behalf of Speaker Shekarchi, Representative Diaz requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration. Representative Diaz discusses the Resolution.

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Diaz seconded by Speaker Shekarchi, Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Edwards, Ruggiero, Whip Kazarian, McEntee, Abney, Speakman, Fogarty, Deputy Whip Ackerman, Azzinaro, Speaker Pro Tempore Kennedy, Fellela, Alzate, Potter, Phillips, Hawkins, Biah, Handy, Shallcross Smith, Marszalkowski, Tanzi, Felix, Messier, Barros, Lima S., Giraldo, Cassar, McGaw, Casimiro, Casey, Williams, Slater, O' Brien, Constantino, Vella-Wilkinson, Craven, Cardillo, Henries, and Cortvriend by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

**House Resolution No. 6058**

**BY** Vella-Wilkinson, Williams, Knight, Fogarty, Ackerman, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Donovan, Kennedy, Ajello

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF MARCH, 2021, TO BE "WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC795/1}

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

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Vella-Wilkinson seconded by Representatives Williams, Fogarty, Deputy Whip Ackerman, Speaker Shekarchi, Majority Leader Blazejewski, Donovan, and Speaker Pro Tempore Kennedy by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

**House Resolution No. 6059**

**BY** Vella-Wilkinson, Perez, Williams, Knight, Azzinaro, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Kennedy, Ajello, Cortvriend

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF MARCH, 2021, AS "BLEEDING DISORDERS AWARENESS MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC794/1}

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

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Vella-Wilkinson seconded by Representatives Perez Williams, Knight, Azzinaro, Speaker Shekarchi, Majority Leader Blazejewski, And Speaker Pro Tempore Kennedy by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

**House Resolution No. 6060**

**BY** Blazejewski, Filippi

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING CONGRATULATIONS {LC2283/1}

Majority Leader Blazejewski requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

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

**House Resolution No. 6061**

**BY** Blazejewski, Filippi

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES {LC2284/1}

03/02/2021 House read and passed

Majority Leader Blazejewski requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

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

**House Resolution No. 6062**

**BY** Ackerman, Baginski, Casimiro, Williams, Serpa, Fellela, McNamara, Shallcross Smith, Potter, Giraldo

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MARCH AS "COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC2076/1}

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

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Deputy Whip Ackerman seconded by Representatives Baginski, Casimiro, Williams, Serpa, Fellela, McNamara, Shallcross Smith Newberry, Costantino, Newberry, Speaker Pro Tempore Kennedy, and many others by unanimous consent, on a voice vote

**House Resolution No. 6063**

**BY** Felix, Williams, Potter, Baginski, Tanzi, Barros, Diaz, Morales, Perez, Batista

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMS MARCH 2, 2021 AS A "DAY OF EMPATHY" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC2336/1}

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

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Felix seconded by Representatives Williams, Potter, Tanzi, Barros, Diaz, Morales, Perez, and Batista, and many others by unanimous consent, on a voice 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.)

### COMMUNICATION FROM THE SENATE

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

#### **Senate Bill No. 195**

(Attorney General)

**BY** McCaffrey, Goodwin, Ruggerio, Murray, Kallman, Ciccone, Lombardo, Valverde, DiMario, DiPalma

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- PAYMENT OF WAGES (Increases the criminal penalties for wage theft and employee misclassification.) {LC1112/1} 03/03/2021 Referred to House Judiciary

#### **Senate Bill No. 266**

**BY** McCaffrey, Ruggerio

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows the Honorable Maryellen Goodwin to join Katuska Pérez and Brian Parker in marriage on or about September 3, 2021, within the City of Newport, Rhode Island.) {LC1722/1}

03/03/2021 Referred to House Special Legislation

#### **Senate Bill No. 270**

**BY** Goldin, Ruggerio, Gallo, Coyne, Goodwin, Valverde, Mendes, DiMario, Mack, Miller

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- FAIR EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES (Comprehensively addresses wage discrimination, based on sex by expanding employee protections and the scope of the remedies available to employees who have experienced wage discrimination.) {LC746/1}

03/03/2021 Referred to House Labor

## NEW BUSINESS

**House Bill No. 6064**

(Secretary of State)

**BY** Caldwell

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CORPORATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS, AND PARTNERSHIPS -- MERGER AND CONSOLIDATION (Amends the Rhode Island Nonprofit Corporation Act regarding consolidation and merger.) {LC2129/1}

03/03/2021 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 6065**

**BY** Batista

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE - UNFAIR CLAIMS SETTLEMENT PRACTICES ACT (Raises appraisal threshold for auto insurance from \$2,500 to \$5,000, requires an insurance company to complete the appraisal within four days and redefines fair market value to include commonly used insurance industry compilations.) {LC1626/1}

03/03/2021 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 6066**

**BY** Cardillo

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS --DISTRIBUTED GENERATION INTERCONNECTION (Requires the electric distribution company to report interconnection studies and not charge more than actual costs for the studies.) {LC2139/1}

03/03/2021 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 6067**

**BY** Lima, Casey

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO AERONAUTICS -- AIRPORTS AND LANDING FIELDS {LC2262/1}

03/03/2021 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 6068**

**BY** Casey, Solomon, Lima, Phillips, Kennedy

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF RANERE ASSOCIATES, INC. {LC2280/1}

03/03/2021 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 6069**

**BY** Williams, Alzate, Noret, Morales, Henries, Biah, Slater, Casey, Edwards, Hull

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION (SEE TITLE 16 CHAPTER 97--THE RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION ACT)

(Apprenticeship commission established.) {LC2324/1}

03/03/2021 Introduced, referred to House Education

**House Bill No. 6070**

**BY** Morgan, Nardone, Roberts

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION – CURRICULUM (Prohibits teaching of divisive concepts, mandates any contract, grant or training entered into by state or municipality include

provisions prohibiting divisive concepts and prohibit making individual feel distress on account of their race or sex.) {LC1895/1}

03/03/2021 Introduced, referred to House Education

**House Bill No. 6071**

(General Treasurer)

**BY** McEntee, Cortvriend, Caldwell, Carson, Costantino, Phillips, McNamara

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO A TAXATION – BUSINESS CORPORATION TAX

(Provides for the creation of a taxpayer services division to assist taxpayers in the proper recordkeeping, reporting and remitting of income taxes.) {LC2103/1}

03/03/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 6072**

**BY** Morgan, Nardone, Roberts

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- ESTATE AND TRANSFER TAXES -- LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION {LC1900/1}

03/03/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 6073**

**BY** Henries, Lombardi, Alzate, Morales

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY – RESIDENTIAL RENT AND MORTGAGE

CANCELLATION ACT OF 2021 (Forgives rent for tenants and mortgage payments for small homeowners from the date of a declared health emergency by the governor until the expiration of ninety (90) days after the governor declares that the state of emergency has ended.) {LC682/1}

03/03/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 6074**

**BY** Henries, Morales, Lombardi, Kazarian, Cortvriend, Ranglin-Vassell, Felix, Alzate, Amore

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- HOUSING CONSTRUCTION (Creates the housing jobs department and a series of other initiatives designed to create jobs in housing construction, specifically affordable and low-income housing, green and solar energy jobs and programs for low-income individuals.) {LC1159/1}

03/03/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 6075**

**BY** Williams, Vella-Wilkinson, Baginski, Alzate, Fenton-Fung, Kazarian, Henries, Ajello, Casey, Edwards

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- HEALTH CARE FOR CHILDREN AND PREGNANT WOMEN (Extends the benefits given to eligible women under title XIX state plan commencing for twelve (12) months after one month post-birth.) {LC2325/1}

03/03/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 6076**

**BY** Williams, Potter

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- THE RHODE ISLAND SOCIAL EQUITY CANNABIS ACT {LC2238/1}

03/03/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 6077****BY** McLaughlin, Giraldo, Potter**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- RETIREMENT SYSTEM -- MEMBERSHIP AND SERVICE CREDITS (Exempts active members of the retirement system employed as state public safety professionals from the cost to purchase credit for military service and interest charges.) {LC2310/1}

03/03/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Resolution No. 6078****BY** McGaw, Cassar, Kislak, Morales, Potter, Felix, Ajello, Cortvriend, Henries, Donovan**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO PASS LEGISLATION ESTABLISHING AN IMPROVED "MEDICARE FOR ALL" SINGLE PAYER PROGRAM THAT WOULD PROVIDE UNIVERSAL, COMPREHENSIVE AND AFFORDABLE HEALTH CARE {LC1007/1}

03/03/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health &amp; Human Services

**House Bill No. 6079****BY** Giraldo, Alzate, Potter, Morales, Barros, Diaz, Baginski, Tobon, McGaw**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY – NONDISCRIMINATION IN ACCESS TO ANATOMICAL GIFTS AND ORGAN TRANSPLANT ACT (ISAAC'S LAW) (Prohibits discrimination against a potential organ transplant recipient based solely on a physical or mental disability.) {LC2281/1}

03/03/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health &amp; Human Services

**House Bill No. 6080**

(Judiciary)

**BY** Casimiro, Shanley, Noret, Hawkins**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- COURTS -- FAMILY COURT (Only protective orders issued against adults are to be transmitted to A.G.'s B.C.I. for inclusion in the R.O.N.C.O. system. Protective orders against juveniles will be accessible to law enforcement.) {LC2198/1}

03/03/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 6081**

(Judiciary)

**BY** Casimiro, Shanley, Hawkins, Noret**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- COURTS (Removes references to minors in certain sections relative to domestic assault protective orders as the family court currently has jurisdiction over protective orders involving minors.) {LC2192/1}

03/03/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 6082**

(Attorney General)

**BY** McEntee, Craven**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - WEAPONS (Defines "electric arm" subjects to various protections of firearms/removes stun gun from the prohibited weapons list.) {LC1706/1}

03/03/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 6083**

(Attorney General)

**BY** Slater

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- UNIFORMED CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT (Reclassifies simple possession of ten grams (10g) or less of a controlled substance classified in Schedules I, II, III, IV, V of the Uniform Controlled Substances Act to a 2 year misdemeanor instead of a felony.) {LC1709/1}

03/03/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 6084**

**BY** Fellela, Serpa, Noret

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- WRITS, SUMMONS AND PROCESS (Provides for minimum qualifications for court constable to include education, military, or law enforcement experience and drug and psychological screening.) {LC2285/1}

03/03/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 6085**

**BY** Morgan

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE--PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- CAUSES OF ACTION (Grants immunity from civil liability and professional disciplinary action for any action or inaction arising out of a disaster or declared emergency, when acting in good faith.) {LC1522/1}

03/03/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 6086**

**BY** Morgan, Nardone

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- CODE OF ETHICS (Requires a member of the general assembly who receives any financial payments from any entity or employer seeking legislative approval to file a written recusal.) {LC1894/1}

03/03/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 6087**

**BY** Fellela, Noret, McLaughlin

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT (Modifies the summons for reasons other than nonpayment of rent to add a certificate of service section and provides for posting of summons and complaint on tenant's dwelling door. Effective January 1, 2022.) {LC2282/1}

03/03/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 6088**

**BY** Lima, Casey

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE (Requires notice of the reservation of right to a jury trial in an arbitration proceeding be sent by email, delivery receipt requested with certified mail return receipt requested available if party does not have email.) {LC1991/1}

03/03/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 6089****BY** Henries, Lombardi, Hull, Amore**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- PERMANENT REPLACEMENT EMPLOYEES (Prohibits an employer from permanently replacing an employee who has participated or honored a union authorized strike.) {LC797/1}

03/03/2021 Introduced, referred to House Labor

**House Bill No. 6090****BY** Kazarian**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- TEMPORARY DISABILITY INSURANCE -- BENEFITS (Increases temporary caregiver benefits to six (6) weeks in a benefit year starting January 1, 2022 and would increase temporary caregiver benefits to eight (8) weeks in a benefit year beginning January 1, 2023.) {LC2286/1}

03/03/2021 Introduced, referred to House Labor

**House Bill No. 6091****BY** Morgan, Nardone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND TRAINING {LC1882/1}

03/03/2021 Introduced, referred to House Labor

**House Bill No. 6092****BY** Shallcross Smith**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- COLLECTION OF TAXES GENERALLY (Prohibits the tax sale of properties when litigation is pending disputing the amount owed.) {LC2241/1}

03/03/2021 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government &amp; Housing

**House Bill No. 6093****BY** Henries, Morales, Alzate**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES (Prohibits single-family residential zoning in municipalities with populations of over twenty-thousand (20,000) and mandate that those municipalities adopt zoning regulations for middle housing in single-family residential zones.) {LC1739/1}

03/03/2021 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government &amp; Housing

**House Resolution No. 6094****BY** Morgan, Nardone, Roberts**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE LIFE AND CAREER OF RUSH LIMBAUGH, THE GOAT OF CONSERVATIVE TALK RADIO {LC2022/1}

03/03/2021 Introduced, referred to House Special Legislation

**House Bill No. 6095**

(Judiciary)

**BY** Felix, Williams, Henries, Alzate, Potter, Tanzi, Baginski, Barros, Diaz, Morales**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE - SUPREME COURT - COURTS {LC2189/1}

03/03/2021 Introduced, referred to House State Government &amp; Elections

**House Bill No. 6096**

(Judiciary)

**BY** Noret, Casimiro, Alzate**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - RESPONSIBILITY OF OWNERS OF RENTAL VEHICLES {LC2187/1}

03/03/2021 Introduced, referred to House State Government &amp; Elections

**House Bill No. 6097****BY** Henries, Tanzi, Morales, Kazarian**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC RECORDS -- ACCESS TO PUBLIC RECORDS

(Prohibits the disclosure or use of a person's prior name by public officials if the person's name has been legally changed.) {LC397/1}

03/03/2021 Introduced, referred to House State Government &amp; Elections

**House Bill No. 6098****BY** Morgan, Nardone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- INDEBTEDNESS OF TOWNS AND CITIES--STUDY OF CONSOLIDATION {LC1883/1}

03/03/2021 Introduced, referred to House State Government &amp; Elections

**House Bill No. 6099****BY** Morgan, Nardone, Roberts**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- REGISTRATION OF VOTERS (Tightens up the requirements for registering to vote and for applying for a mail ballot. It mandates that driver's licenses and motor vehicle identification cards for non-drivers have a marking which identifies the holder as a foreign national.) {LC1481/1}

03/03/2021 Introduced, referred to House State Government &amp; Elections

**House Bill No. 6100****BY** Shanley, Vella-Wilkinson, Barros, Casey, Place, Filippi, Casimiro, Chippendale, Newberry**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- DEFINITIONS AND

GENERAL CODE PROVISIONS (Amends the definition of automobiles to include pick-up trucks weighing eight thousand eight hundred pounds (8,800 lbs) and permit them to be registered as passenger vehicles.) {LC2287/1}

03/03/2021 Introduced, referred to House State Government &amp; Elections

**House Bill No. 6101****BY** Morgan, Nardone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - SUNSET

ADVISORY COMMISSION (Establishes the Sunset Advisory Review Commission.) {LC1361/1}

03/03/2021 Introduced, referred to House State Government &amp; Elections

**House Bill No. 6102****BY** McLaughlin, Fellela, Casey, Morales**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- CENTRAL FALLS RETIREE

PENSION BENEFITS (Provides increases in the pension benefit to persons covered by the Central Falls retirees' settlement agreement.) {LC2309/1}

03/03/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 6103**

**BY** Batista

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE - SENTENCE AND EXECUTION

(Prohibits the court from holding a person without bail for a period not to exceed ten (10) days at the ACI for violating the terms of his/her probation.) {LC2326/1}

03/03/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 6104**

**BY** Batista

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- POLICE

OFFICERS -- COMMISSION ON STANDARDS AND TRAINING (Requires all police officers to be certified through the municipal police training academy and complete mandatory continuing education and create a process in which the police may be decertified for failure to maintain proper certification.) {LC2011/1}

03/03/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 5:11 o'clock P.M. on motion of Representative O'Brien, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Brian Feeney and Frank Russo Jr. seconded by Leaders Blazejewski and Filippi the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote

**Diane M. DePina**  
**Recording Clerk**

**APPENDIX****INVOCATION****REPRESENTATIVE KAREN ALZATE**

Dear Lord: Black History Month was started in 1915, 50 years after the passage of the 13<sup>th</sup> amendment. February was chosen because both Frederick Douglas and Abraham Lincoln were born this month. Fully recognized by President Ford in 1976 where he called upon the public to “*seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history*”. We pray that we too seize this time to correct the wrongs done to African Americans by ignoring their historical accomplishments. Amen

**APPENDIX**

**CALENDAR**

**IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 4, 2021:**

- 1. 2021-H 5105 SUB A**  
**BY** Baginski  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES - RETAIL LICENSES

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

- 2. 2021-H 5075**  
**BY** McNamara  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- DENTISTS AND DENTAL HYGIENISTS

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.

- 3. 2021-H 5217**  
**BY** Nardone  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AMENDMENTS TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF COVENTRY

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

**Francis McCabe**  
Clerk of the House

**Friday, February 26, 2021**