

# State of Rhode Island

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# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Fourteenth Day

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The House of Representatives meets at the Veterans Memorial Auditorium in Providence, Tuesday, March 23, 2021, and is called to order at 4:04 o'clock P.M., by the Honorable K. Joseph Shekarchi, Speaker.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 71 members present and 4 members absent as follows:

**PRESENT** – 71: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Baginski, Barros, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, 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., Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McLaughlin, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Price, Ranglin-Vassell, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Tobon, Vella-Wilkinson and Williams.

**ABSENT** – 4: Representatives Cassar, Lombardi, Quattrocchi, Roberts.

## INVOCATION

The Honorable Speaker presents Majority Whip Kazarian who delivers the Invocation and leads the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

(For Invocation, see Appendix, this Journal.)

## APPROVAL OF RECORD

By unanimous consent, the House Journal of Tuesday, March 16, 2021 is approved.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Representative Cassar is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, March 23, 2021.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

From the Consent Calendar are taken:

**IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 23, 2021:**

- 1. 2021-H 6109**  
**BY** Tanzi  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Special Legislation recommends passage.

- 2. 2021-H 6120**  
**BY** Casey  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Special Legislation recommends passage.

- 3. 2021-H 6130**  
**BY** Lombardi  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Special Legislation recommends passage.

Majority Leader Blazewski moves passage of the Consent Calendar, seconded by Minority Leader Filippi.

The Consent Calendar prevails in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 61 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

**YEAS - 61:** The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Baginski, Barros, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazewski, Caldwell, Cardillo, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima C., Lima S., Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Price, Ranglin-Vassell, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams.

**NAYS - 0:**

**RECUSED - 0:**

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

**CALENDAR**

From the Calendar are taken:

**IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 23, 2021:****1. 2021-H 5696**

**BY** McEntee

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF SOUTH KINGSTOWN TO ISSUE NOT TO EXCEED \$85,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, NOTES AND OTHER EVIDENCES OF INDEBTEDNESS TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, IMPROVEMENT, ALTERATION, REPAIR, LANDSCAPING, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL FACILITIES THROUGHOUT THE TOWN, AND ALL ATTENDANT EXPENSES INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, ENGINEERING AND ARCHITECTURAL COSTS, PROVIDED THAT THE AUTHORIZATION SHALL BE REDUCED BY THE AMOUNT OF CERTAIN GRANTS RECEIVED FROM STATE BOND PROCEEDS, FROM THE RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION OR FROM THE RHODE ISLAND SCHOOL BUILDING AUTHORITY

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

Chairman Abney moves passage of the act seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives O'Brien, Caldwell, Amore, Hawkins, Cardillo, Vella-Wilkinson, Ruggiero, Biah, Azzinaro, Cortvriend, Speakman, Bennett, Edwards, Casimiro, Whip Kazarian, Barros, Minority Leader Filippi, Hull, Donovan, and Morales.

**PROXY VOTES**

**Majority Leader Blazejewski announces pursuant to rule 47B authorizing Proxy Votes he has 2 to be recorded in the affirmative: Representatives Cassar and Lombardi.**

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

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 Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Baginski, Barros, Batista, Bennett, 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, Kislak, Knight, Lima C., Lima S., Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Ranglin-Vassell, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Tobon, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

**2. 2021-S 374**

**BY** Sosnowski

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF SOUTH KINGSTOWN TO ISSUE NOT TO EXCEED \$85,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, NOTES AND OTHER EVIDENCES OF INDEBTEDNESS TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, IMPROVEMENT, ALTERATION, REPAIR, LANDSCAPING, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL FACILITIES THROUGHOUT THE TOWN, AND ALL ATTENDANT EXPENSES INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, ENGINEERING AND ARCHITECTURAL COSTS, PROVIDED THAT THE AUTHORIZATION SHALL BE REDUCED BY THE AMOUNT OF CERTAIN GRANTS RECEIVED FROM STATE BOND PROCEEDS, FROM THE RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION OR FROM THE RHODE ISLAND SCHOOL BUILDING AUTHORITY

Committee on Finance recommends passage in concurrence.

Chairman Abney moves passage of the act seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski Representatives Vella-Wilkinson, McEntee, Donovan, Azzinaro, Bennett, Whip Kazarian, Barros, Ruggiero, and Minority Leader Filippi.

**PROXY VOTES**

**Majority Leader Blazejewski announces pursuant to rule 47B authorizing Proxy Votes he has 2 to be recorded in the affirmative: Representatives Cassar, and Lombardi.**

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

Read and passed on a roll call vote 72 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 72: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Baginski, Barros, Batista, Bennett, 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, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima C., Lima S., Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McLaughlin, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Price, Quattrocchi, Ranglin-Vassell, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Tobon, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

## TRANSMITTAL

By unanimous consent, 21 H-5696, on the Clerk's desk, is ordered to be transmitted to the Honorable Senate, forthwith.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

**3. 2021-H 5445 SUB A**

**BY Carson**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - 2021 ACT ON CLIMATE**

Committee on Environment and Natural Resources recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

Chairman Bennett moves passage of the act seconded by Representatives Speakman, Craven, Caldwell, Henries, Donovan, Biah, Morales, Batista, Abney, Majority Leader Blazejewski, Carson, McEntee, Ruggiero, Cortvriend, Handy, Ajello, Shallcross Smith, Fogarty, Knight, Diaz, Edwards, Kislak, McNamara, Tanzi, Hull, Giraldo, Slater, Whip Kazarian, Felix, Alzate, Potter, Barros, McGaw, Amore, and Ranglin-Vassell.

Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Alzate, Batista, and Minority Leader Filippi discuss the act.

By unanimous consent, Minority Leader Filippi, seconded by Representatives Newberry, and Whip Chippendale, offers a written motion to amend.

**FLOOR AMENDMENT  
TO  
2021 -- H 5445 SUBSTITUTE A**

**AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - 2021 ACT ON CLIMATE**

Mr. Speaker:

I hereby move to amend 2021 -- H 5445 SUBSTITUTE A, entitled "AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - 2021 ACT ON CLIMATE", as follows:

1. On page 3, between lines 15 and 16, by inserting the following language:

"(viii) Any plan approved by the commission pursuant to this section shall only be considered an advisory opinion until the plan is codified as a general law passed in accordance with the state constitution."

2. On page 3, line 16, by deleting the language "(viii)" and inserting in place thereof the language "(ix)".

3. On page 5, line 27, after the language "§42-6.2-9" by inserting the following language "provided, however, any authority exercised or the enactment of any plan pursuant to this section shall be subject to the passage of a general law in accordance with the state constitution specifically authorizing the authority or plan."

Respectfully submitted,

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Representative Filippi

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LC001259/7  
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Minority Leader Filippi, Majority Leader Blazewski, Whip Chippendale, Representatives Knight, Deputy Speaker Lima, Morgan, McLaughlin, and Newberry, discuss the amendment.

### **Point of Order**

Representative Casey rises on a point of order for Representative Morgan to speak germane to the amendment.

The Honorable Speaker rules for Representative Morgan to speak germane to the amendment.

Representative Edwards rises on a point of order for Representative McLaughlin to speak germane to the amendment.

The Honorable Speaker rules Representative McLaughlin to speak germane to the amendment.

Representative Hull rises on a point of order for Representative Newberry to speak to the Chair.

The Honorable Speaker rules in favor of Representative Hull's point of order and requests Representative Newberry to address his comments to the Chair.

Minority Leader Filippi rises on a point of order about improper usage of a T-shirt being used to make a political statement.

The Honorable Speaker sustains the point of order and T-shirt was removed.

Whip Kazarian, and, Representative Place continue the discussion on the amendment.

The motion to amend fails on a roll call vote 15 members voting in the affirmative and 54 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 15: Representatives Casimiro, Chippendale, Costantino, Fenton-Fung, Filippi, Lima C., Lima S., Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Perez, Place, Price, Serpa, Tobon.

NAYS - 54: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Baginski, Barros, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazewski, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Cortvriend, Corvese, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Hawkins, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Potter, Ranglin-Vassell, Ruggiero, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams.

RECUSED - 0:

By unanimous consent, Representative Nardone, seconded by Representatives Newberry, Place, and Morgan, offers a written motion to amend.

**FLOOR AMENDMENT  
TO  
2021 -- H 5445 SUBSTITUTE A**

AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - 2021 ACT ON CLIMATE

Mr. Speaker:

I hereby move to amend 2021 -- H 5445 SUBSTITUTE A, entitled "AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - 2021 ACT ON CLIMATE", as follows:

1. On page 3, between lines 19 and 20, by inserting the following language: "(ix) Neither the council plans nor any other state agency regulation passed pursuant to a council plan shall apply to any existing structure, including any heating system."

Respectfully submitted,

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Representative Filippi

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LC001259/44  
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**Point of order**

Representative Edwards rises on a point of order that Representative Nardone's amendment is not germane.

The Honorable Speaker sustains Representative Edwards's point of order and rules that Representative Nardone's amendment is not germane.

Minority Leader Filippi rises and challenges the Ruling of the Chair.

**RULING OF THE CHAIR CHALLENGED**

The Honorable Speaker calls a vote on The Ruling of the Chair on a roll call vote, 59 members voting in the affirmative and 9 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 59: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Baginski, Barros, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Hawkins, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima C., Lima S., Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Morales, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Potter, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Tobon, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams.

NAYS - 9: Representatives Chippendale, Fenton-Fung, Filippi, McLaughlin, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Place, Price.

RECUSED - 0:

The Ruling of the Chair withstands.

By unanimous consent, Representative Newberry, seconded by Whip Chippendale, offers a written motion to amend.

**FLOOR AMENDMENT  
TO  
2021 -- H 5445 SUBSTITUTE A**

AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - 2021 ACT ON CLIMATE

Mr. Speaker:

I hereby move to amend 2021 -- H 5445 SUBSTITUTE A, entitled "AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - 2021 ACT ON CLIMATE", as follows:

1. On page 5, line 33, by inserting the language "for all operations of the state government" after the language "emissions".

Respectfully submitted,

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Representative Filippi

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LC001259/12  
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Representative Newberry, Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Morgan, Carson, Minority Leader Filippi, and Place discuss the amendment.

**POINT OF ORDER**

Majority Leader Blazejewski rises on a point of order for Representative Place to speak on the merits of the amendment.

The Honorable Speaker rules for Representative Place to speak on the merits of the amendment.

The motion to amend fails on a roll call vote 13 members voting in the affirmative and 57 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 13: Representatives Casey, Chippendale, Fenton-Fung, Filippi, Lima C., Lima S., McLaughlin, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Perez, Place, Price.

NAYS - 57: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Baginski, Barros, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Craven, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Hawkins, Henriess, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Potter, Ranglin-Vassell, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Tobon, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams.

RECUSED - 0:

Representative Ruggiero discusses the act.



By unanimous consent, Deputy Speaker Lima, seconded by Representatives Costantino, Newberry, Minority Leader Filippi, McLaughlin, Morgan, S. Lima, offers a written motion to amend.

**FLOOR AMENDMENT  
TO  
2021 -- H 5445 SUBSTITUTE A**

AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - 2021 ACT ON CLIMATE

Mr. Speaker:

I hereby move to amend 2021 -- H 5445 SUBSTITUTE A, entitled "AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - 2021 ACT ON CLIMATE", as follows:

1. On page 6, between lines 25 and 26, by inserting the following language:

"42-6.2-11. Tax deduction.

All costs incurred by any Rhode Island resident or legal entity or organization in complying with the mandatory targets established by the council pursuant to this chapter shall be fully tax deductible."

2. On page 6, line 26, by deleting the language "42-6.2-11" and by inserting in place thereof the following language "42-6.2-12".

3. On page 6, line 29, by deleting the language "42-6.2-12" and by inserting in place thereof the following language "42-6.2-13".

Respectfully submitted,

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Representative C. Lima

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LC001259/45  
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Deputy Speaker Lima discusses the amendment.

**POINT OF ORDER**

Representative Edwards rises on a point of order that Deputy Speaker Lima's amendment is not germane.

The Honorable Speaker sustains the point of order and rules that Deputy Speaker Lima's amendment is not germane.

By unanimous consent, Representative Morgan, seconded by Whip Chippendale, Minority Leader Filippi, and Representative Nardone, offers a written motion to amend.

**FLOOR AMENDMENT  
TO  
2021 -- H 5445 SUBSTITUTE A**

AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - 2021 ACT ON CLIMATE

Mr. Speaker:

I hereby move to amend 2021 -- H 5445 SUBSTITUTE A, entitled "AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - 2021 ACT ON CLIMATE", as follows:

1. On page 5, line 28 through line 34, by deleting all language thereon.
2. On page 6, line 1 through line 34, by deleting all language thereon.
3. On page 7, line 1, by deleting the number "4" and inserting in place thereof the number "3"

Respectfully submitted,

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Representative Morgan

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LC001259/2  
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Representatives Morgan, Knight, Whip Chippendale, Carson, Newberry, McLaughlin, Minority Leader Filippi, and Majority Leader Blazejewski discuss the amendment.

The motion to amend fails on a roll call vote 13 members voting in the affirmative and 57 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 13: Representatives Casey, Chippendale, Costantino, Filippi, Lima C., Lima S., McLaughlin, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Perez, Place, Price.

NAYS - 57: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Baginski, Barros, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Giraldo, Handy, Hawkins, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Potter, Ranglin-Vassell, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Tobon, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams.

RECUSED - 0:

By unanimous consent, Deputy Speaker Lima seconded by Representatives Constantino, Whip Chippendale, S. Lima, Nardone, Morgan, Minority Leader Filippi, Perez, and McLaughlin, offers a written motion to amend.

**FLOOR AMENDMENT  
TO  
2021 -- H 5445 SUBSTITUTE A**

AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - 2021 ACT ON CLIMATE

Mr. Speaker:

I hereby move to amend 2021 -- H 5445 SUBSTITUTE A, entitled "AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - 2021 ACT ON CLIMATE", as follows:

1. On page 8, line 7, by deleting the language "upon passage" and by inserting in place thereof the following language "on January 1, 2023, following the publication of the International Organization for Standards report to be published in December of 2021"

Respectfully submitted,

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Representative C. Lima

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LC001259/50  
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Deputy Speaker Lima, Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Morgan, Whip Kazarian, and Minority Leader Filippi discuss the amendment.

The motion to amend fails on a roll call vote 16 members voting in the affirmative and 50 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 16: Representatives Casey, Chippendale, Costantino, Fenton-Fung, Filippi, Lima C., Lima S., McLaughlin, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Perez, Place, Price, Tobon, Vella-Wilkinson.

NAYS - 50: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Baginski, Barros, Batista, Bennett, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Carson, Cortvriend, Corvese, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Hawkins, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Noret, Phillips, Potter, Ranglin-Vassell, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Williams.

RECUSED - 0:

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

Whip Chippendale discusses the act.

By unanimous consent, Minority Leader Filippi, seconded by Representatives Newberry, Place, and Morgan, offers a written motion to amend.

**FLOOR AMENDMENT  
TO  
2021 -- H 5445 SUBSTITUTE A**

AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - 2021 ACT ON CLIMATE

Mr. Speaker:

I hereby move to amend 2021 -- H 5445 SUBSTITUTE A, entitled "AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - 2021 ACT ON CLIMATE", as follows:

1. On page 6, lines 19-21, after the word "general," and before the word "may" by deleting the

following language:

"any Rhode Island resident and any Rhode Island corporation, company, organization, nonprofit or other Rhode Island legal entity or organization registered with the Rhode Island secretary of state".

Respectfully submitted,

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Representative Filippi

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LC001259/3  
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Minority Leader Filippi discusses the amendment.

The motion to amend fails on a roll call vote 10 members voting in the affirmative and 58 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 10: Representatives Chippendale, Fenton-Fung, Filippi, Lima C., Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Perez, Place, Price.

NAYS - 58: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Baginski, Barros, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Hawkins, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima S., Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Noret, Phillips, Potter, Ranglin-Vassell, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Tobon, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams.

RECUSED - 0:

By unanimous consent, Representative Place, seconded by Representatives Newberry, Nardone, and Morgan offers a written motion to amend.

**FLOOR AMENDMENT  
TO  
2021 -- H 5445 SUBSTITUTE A**

AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - 2021 ACT ON CLIMATE

Mr. Speaker:

I hereby move to amend 2021 -- H 5445 SUBSTITUTE A, entitled "AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - 2021 ACT ON CLIMATE", as follows:

1. On page 6, line 6, after the language "enforced" by inserting the language "against a government agency or entity only."

2. On page 6, between lines 25 and 26, by inserting the language "(g) No cause of action against any private or non-governmental entity or individual is authorized by the provisions of this section."

Respectfully submitted,

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Representative Filippi

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LC001259/43  
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Representatives Place, Majority Leader Blazejewski, and Minority Leader Filippi discuss the amendment.

The motion to amend fails on a roll call vote 13 members voting in the affirmative and 56 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 13: Representatives Casey, Chippendale, Fenton-Fung, Filippi, Lima C., Lima S., McLaughlin, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Perez, Place, Price.

NAYS - 56: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Baginski, Barros, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Hawkins, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Potter, Ranglin-Vassell, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shalldcross Smith, Slater, Speakman, Tanzi, Tobon, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams.

RECUSED - 0:

By unanimous consent, Representative Nardone seconded by Representative Place offers a written motion to amend.

**FLOOR AMENDMENT  
TO  
2021 -- H 5445 SUBSTITUTE A**

**AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - 2021 ACT ON CLIMATE**

Mr. Speaker:

I hereby move to amend 2021 -- H 5445 SUBSTITUTE A, entitled "AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - 2021 ACT ON CLIMATE", as follows:

1. On page 2, between lines 20-21, by inserting the following language: "No updated plan or the implementation of any regulation shall limit the distance an individual or business entity can operate a motor vehicle, or impose taxes or fees on an individual's or business entity's motor vehicle travel."

Respectfully submitted,

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Representative Filippi

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LC001259/41  
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Representative Nardone discusses the amendment.

**POINT OF ORDER**

Representative Edwards rises on a point of order that the amendment is not germane to the bill.

The Honorable Speaker rules that the amendment is not germane to the bill.

Chairwoman Williams discusses the act.

By unanimous consent, Minority Leader Filippi seconded by Representatives Newberry, Place, Nardone, Morgan, Whip Chippendale, and Price, offers a written motion to amend.

**FLOOR AMENDMENT  
TO  
2021 -- H 5445 SUBSTITUTE A****AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - 2021 ACT ON CLIMATE**

Mr. Speaker:

I hereby move to amend 2021 -- H 5445 SUBSTITUTE A, entitled "AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - 2021 ACT ON CLIMATE", as follows:

1. On page 3, between lines 19 and 20, by inserting the following language:

"(ix) Neither the council nor any other state agency shall promulgate any plan or implement any regulation which sets limits on, imposes taxation on, or imposes fees upon the food available for sale at retail."

Respectfully submitted,

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Representative Filippi

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LC001259/9  
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Minority Leader Filippi discusses the amendment.

**POINT OF ORDER**

Representative Edwards rises on a point that the amendment is not germane to the bill.

The Honorable Speaker rules that the amendment is not germane to the bill.

Minority Leader Filippi challenges The Ruling of the Chair.

**APPEALING OF THE RULING OF THE CHAIR**

The challenge to the Ruling of the Chair fails, on a roll call vote 56 members voting in the affirmative and 9 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 56: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Amore, Azzinaro, Baginski, Barros, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casimiro,

Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Hawkins, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima C., McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Potter, Ranglin-Vassell, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Tobon, Vella-Wilkinson.

NAYS - 9: Representatives Chippendale, Fenton-Fung, Filippi, McLaughlin, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Place, Price.

RECUSED - 0:

The Ruling of the Chair is uphold.

Representative's Caldwell and McLaughlin discuss the act.

By unanimous consent, Representative Place, seconded by Whip Chippendale, Representatives Morgan, and Newberry, offers a written motion to amend.

**FLOOR AMENDMENT  
TO  
2021 -- H 5445 SUBSTITUTE A**

**AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - 2021 ACT ON CLIMATE**

Mr. Speaker:

I hereby move to amend 2021 -- H 5445 SUBSTITUTE A, entitled "AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - 2021 ACT ON CLIMATE", as follows:

1. On page 3, between lines 19 and 20, by inserting the following language:

"(ix) Neither the council's plans nor any regulations pursuant to a council plan shall include any provision that interferes in any manner with any municipal zoning or planning action."

Respectfully submitted,

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Representative Filippi

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LC001259/42  
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Representative Place, and Majority Leader Blazejewski discuss the amendment.

**RULING OF THE CHAIR**

Majority Leader Blazejewski requests a Ruling of the Chair whether the amendment is not germane.

The Honorable Speaker rules that the amendment is not germane.

By unanimous consent, Representative Newberry seconded by Representatives Place, Morgan, and Whip Chippendale offers a written motion to amend.

FLOOR AMENDMENT  
TO  
2021 -- H 5445 SUBSTITUTE A

AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - 2021 ACT ON CLIMATE

Mr. Speaker:

I hereby move to amend 2021 -- H 5445 SUBSTITUTE A, entitled "AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - 2021 ACT ON CLIMATE", as follows:

- 1. On page 6, line 7, by inserting the following language after the language "court",  
"to be presided over by a panel of five (5) superior court judges appointed by the presiding justice which shall act by a majority of the panel."

Respectfully submitted,

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Representative Filippi

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LC001259/15  
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Representative Newberry and Majority Leader Blazejewski discuss the amendment.

The motion to amend fails on a roll call vote 13 members voting in the affirmative and 52 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 13: Representatives Casey, Chippendale, Fenton-Fung, Filippi, Lima C., Lima S., McLaughlin, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Perez, Place, Price.

NAYS - 52: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Baginski, Barros, Batista, Biah, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Diaz, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Giraldo, Handy, Hawkins, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Potter, Ranglin-Vassell, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Tobon, Vella-Wilkinson.

RECUSED - 0:

Chairwoman Williams discusses the act.

By unanimous consent, Representative Place, seconded by Whip Chippendale, and Minority Leader Filippi, offers a written motion to amend.

FLOOR AMENDMENT  
TO  
2021 -- H 5445 SUBSTITUTE A

AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - 2021 ACT ON CLIMATE

Mr. Speaker:



I hereby move to amend 2021 -- H 5445 SUBSTITUTE A, entitled "AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - 2021 ACT ON CLIMATE", as follows:

1. On page 2, line 33, by deleting the language "do so" after the word "must" and by inserting in place thereof the language "commence the rule making process".

Respectfully submitted,

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Representative Filippi

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LC001259/13  
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Representative Newberry and Majority Leader Blazejewski discuss the amendment.

The motion to amend fails on a roll call vote 13 members voting in the affirmative and 55 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 13: Representatives Casey, Chippendale, Costantino, Fenton-Fung, Filippi, Lima C., Lima S., McLaughlin, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Place, Price.

NAYS - 55: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Baginski, Barros, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Hawkins, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Marszalkowski, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Potter, Ranglin-Vassell, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Tobon, Vella-Wilkinson.

RECUSED - 0:

By unanimous consent, Representative Morgan, seconded by Representatives Nardone, Whip Chippendale, McLaughlin, Price, and Minority Leader Filippi, offers a written motion to amend.

**FLOOR AMENDMENT  
TO  
2021 -- H 5445 SUBSTITUTE A**

AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - 2021 ACT ON CLIMATE

Mr. Speaker:

I hereby move to amend 2021 -- H 5445 SUBSTITUTE A, entitled "AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - 2021 ACT ON CLIMATE", as follows:

1. On page 4, line 18, by deleting the semicolon appearing at the end of the line and inserting in place thereof the following language: "Provided, however, no state or municipal government or entity shall require any individual to convert to electric heat or to own and/or operate an electric vehicle, nor shall any state or municipal government entity impose higher taxes or fees upon any individual or entity, or undertake any adverse regulatory action upon any individual or entity, for failing to convert to electric heat or electric vehicles;".

Respectfully submitted,

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Representative Filippi

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LC001259/29  
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Representative Morgan discusses the amendment.

**POINT OF ORDER**

Representative Edwards rises on a point of order that the amendment is not germane to the bill.

The Honorable Speaker rules that the amendment is not germane to the bill.

Representative Tanzi and McEntee discuss the act.

By unanimous consent, Representative Place, seconded by Representatives, Nardone, Whip Chippendale, and Morgan, offers a written motion to amend.

**FLOOR AMENDMENT  
TO  
2021 -- H 5445 SUBSTITUTE A**

**AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - 2021 ACT ON CLIMATE**

Mr. Speaker:

I hereby move to amend 2021 -- H 5445 SUBSTITUTE A, entitled "AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - 2021 ACT ON CLIMATE", as follows:

1. On page 3, between lines 19 and 20, by inserting the following language:

"(ix) The development of the plan shall be subject to the requirements of chapter 35 of title 42 ("administrative procedures")."

Respectfully submitted,

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Representative Filippi

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LC001259/14  
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Representatives Place, Majority Leader Blazejewski, Minority Leader Filippi, and Knight discuss the amendment.

The motion to amend fails on a roll call vote 11 members voting in the affirmative and 54 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 11: Representatives Casey, Chippendale, Fenton-Fung, Filippi, Lima C., Lima S., Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Place, Price.

NAYS - 54: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Baginski, Barros, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Hawkins, Henriess, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Marszalkowski, McEntee,

McGaw, McNamara, Morales, Noret, Phillips, Potter, Ranglin-Vassell, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Tobon, Vella-Wilkinson.

RECUSED - 0:

### COMMUNICATION FROM THE SENATE

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

#### **Senate Bill No. 697**

**BY** Algieri

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF WESTERLY TO ISSUE NOT TO EXCEED \$11,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, NOTES AND OTHER EVIDENCES OF INDEBTEDNESS TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION OF ROAD AND SIDEWALK INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS AND RELATED WATER LINE IMPROVEMENTS IN THE TOWN (Authorizes the Town of Westerly to issue bonds and notes in an amount not exceeding \$11,000,000 to finance the construction of road and sidewalk infrastructure improvements and related water line improvements in the town and all costs related thereto.) {LC2523/1 }

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

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Hull, seconded by Representatives Biah, Philipps, Minority Leader Filippi, Azzinaro, Corvese, McEntee, and Speaker Pro Tempore Kennedy, by unanimous consent, on a roll call vote 65 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 65: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Baginski, Barros, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Hawkins, Henries, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima C., Lima S., Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McLaughlin, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, Phillips, Place, Potter, Price, Ranglin-Vassell, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Tobon, Vella-Wilkinson.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

### AT EASE

At 7:36 o'clock P.M. the Honorable Speaker Shekarchi declares the House to be at ease.

**ORDER**

At 7:46 o'clock P.M. the Honorable Speaker Shekarchi calls the House to order.

On suggestion of Speaker Shekarchi, and by unanimous consent, the remainder of the Calendar for today is continued to Thursday, March 25, 2021.

4. **2021-H 5462**  
**BY** Edwards  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY  
  
Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.
5. **2021-H 5093**  
**BY** McNamara  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- PASSING, USE OF LANES, AND RULES OF THE ROAD  
  
Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.
6. **2021-S 148**  
**BY** Miller  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF PROVIDENCE RIVER BOAT CO.  
  
Committee on Corporations recommends passage in concurrence.
7. **2021-S 224**  
**BY** Goodwin  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE TO ISSUE NOT TO EXCEED \$140,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, NOTES AND OTHER EVIDENCES OF INDEBTEDNESS TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, IMPROVEMENT, ALTERATION, REPAIR, LANDSCAPING, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL FACILITIES THROUGHOUT THE CITY, SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF STATE HOUSING AID AT A REIMBURSEMENT RATE OR STATE SHARE RATIO OF NOT LESS THAN 75% AT THE TIME OF ISSUANCE AND PROVIDED THAT THE AUTHORIZATION SHALL BE REDUCED BY THE AMOUNT OF CERTAIN GRANTS RECEIVED FROM STATE BOND PROCEEDS, FROM THE RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION OR FROM THE RHODE ISLAND SCHOOL BUILDING AUTHORITY  
  
Committee on Finance recommends passage in concurrence.

There was no objection.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to item #3.

Representatives Tobon, Knight, and Whip Chippendale discuss the act.

**POINT OF ORDER**

Minority Leader Filippi rises on a point of order for Representative Tobon to speak on the merits of the act.

The Honorable Speaker request that Representative Tobon to direct his comments to the merits of the act.

Representative Serpa rises on a point of order for Whip Chippendale to speak on the merits of the act.

The Honorable Speaker requests Representative Whip Chippendale to direct his comments to the act.

**MOVE THE QUESTION**

Majority Leader Blazejewski, pursuant to Rule 35 makes a motion to move the question, seconded by Representatives Edwards, Knight, O'Brien, Fogarty, Cortvriend, Carson, Potter, Whip Kazarian, Speakman, Donovan, and McNamara.

There is no objection.

On a roll call vote 58 members voting in the affirmative and 9 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 58: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Baginski, Barros, Batista, Bennett, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Hawkins, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima S., Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Potter, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Tobon, Vella-Wilkinson.

NAYS - 9: Representatives Chippendale, Fenton-Fung, Filippi, McLaughlin, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Place, Price.

RECUSED - 0:

**Motion prevails.**

Speaker Shekarchi announces pursuant to Rule 35 the Question has been called.

Representatives Carson, McLaughlin, Minority Leader Filippi, Morgan, Deputy Speaker Lima discuss the act.

**PROXY VOTES**

**Majority Leader Blazejewski announces pursuant to rule 47B authorizing Proxy Votes he has 2 to be recorded in the affirmative: Representatives Cassar and Lombardi.**

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

The bill marked Substitute “A is read and passed and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, 53 members voting in the affirmative and 22 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 53: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Amore, Baginski, Barros, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casimiro, Cassar, Cortvriend, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, O'Brien, Potter, Ranglin-Vassell, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Tobon.

NAYS - 22: Representatives Azzinaro, Casey, Chippendale, Corvese, Costantino, Filippi, Hawkins, Lima C., Lima S., McLaughlin, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, Perez, Phillips, Place, Price, Quattrocchi, Roberts, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams.

RECUSED - 0:

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Majority Leader Blazejewski announces there will be session on Thursday, March 25, 2021, at 4:00 o'clock P.M. at the Vets Auditorium.

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

**RULE 7D**

**The following bills were received pursuant to Rule 7D:**

Representative McNamara -An Act relating to DNA Defender's Advocates Program  
An Act relating to Open Meeting Act

Representative McEntee - An Act relating to Taxation

Representative Speakman -An Act relating to Public Utilities and Carriers  
An Act relating to Health & Safety

**TRANSMITTAL**

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

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

## NEW BUSINESS

**House Bill No. 6149****BY** Place, Chippendale, Hull**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION (Establishes an education savings account whereby the General Treasurer may assist and support parents, guardians and caretakers of a school age child learning at home or remotely with materials, technology and other educational support.)

{LC2510/1}

03/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Education

**House Bill No. 6150**

(General Treasurer)

**BY** Kazarian, Ruggiero**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS - UTILITY BASE RATE (Requires electric and gas distribution companies to remit to the Rhode Island Infrastructure bank, at its request, fifteen percent (15%) of their annual demand-side charge collections to be used to fund energy-related financing program.) {LC2498/1}

03/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 6151****BY** Ruggiero, Bennett, Carson, Morales, McEntee, Craven, Batista**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS (Adopts Wireless Telecommunications Act. Authorizes municipalities to regulate wireless service for zoning and public safety.) {LC2200/1}

03/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Innovation, Internet, &amp; Technology

**House Bill No. 6152****BY** Williams, Ajello, Henries, McGaw, Batista, Kislak, Biah, Giraldo, Alzate, Morales**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' BILL OF RIGHTS (Amends law enforcement officers' bill of rights.)

{LC39/1}

03/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 6153****BY** Williams, Ajello, Henries, McGaw, Batista, Kislak, Biah, Giraldo, Alzate, Morales**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' BILL OF RIGHTS (Amends the law enforcement officers' bill of rights to provide greater accountability in the disciplinary process over law enforcement officers.) {LC2537/1}

03/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 6154****BY** Shallcross Smith**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES (Requires any facility or business which teaches, gives lessons, classes or training to children and youth to have their prospective employees submit to a criminal background check, through the state or local police department, prior to them being hired.) {LC1559/1}

03/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 6155****BY** Craven, Vella-Wilkinson, Ajello, Amore**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- SEXUAL ASSAULT (Eliminates the marital sexual assault exception when a victim is incapacitated, disabled, or helpless.) {LC2447/1}  
03/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary**House Bill No. 6156****BY** Morgan, Nardone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - MINIMUM WAGES (Eliminates the provision requiring that "paid leave" be included in the calculation of overtime pay.) {LC2440/1}  
03/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Labor**House Bill No. 6157****BY** Hawkins, Costantino**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Removes the town of Smithfield from the provisions of §§ 44-5-20.05, 44-5-20.06, 44-5-20.07, and 44-5-20.08, in regard to property tax classification and tax levy determinations.) {LC2529/1}  
03/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing**House Bill No. 6158****BY** Shekarchi, Abney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows the Honorable Marvin Abney to join Sydney Amado and Mandla Tuthill in marriage on or about June 4, 2021, with the City of Providence, Rhode Island.) {LC2433/1}  
03/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Special Legislation**House Bill No. 6159****BY** Tobon, Barros**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows the Honorable Carlos E. Tobon to join Mariela Marcellari and Javier Rios in marriage on or about April 3, 2021, within the Town of Bristol.) {LC2492/1}  
03/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Special Legislation**ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:12 o'clock P.M. on motion of Majority Leader Blazejewski seconded by Minority Leader Filippi the House adjourns, on a voice vote.

**Diane M. DePina**  
Recording Clerk



**APPENDIX**

**INVOCATION**

**REPRESENTATIVE KATHERINE S. KAZARIAN**

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

**APPENDIX****TRANSMITTED TO THE GOVERNOR****Senate Bill No. 374****BY** Sosnowski, Algieri, Valverde

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF SOUTH KINGSTOWN TO ISSUE NOT TO EXCEED \$85,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, NOTES AND OTHER EVIDENCES OF INDEBTEDNESS TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, IMPROVEMENT, ALTERATION, REPAIR, LANDSCAPING, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL FACILITIES THROUGHOUT THE TOWN, AND ALL ATTENDANT EXPENSES INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, ENGINEERING AND ARCHITECTURAL COSTS, PROVIDED THAT THE AUTHORIZATION SHALL BE REDUCED BY THE AMOUNT OF CERTAIN GRANTS RECEIVED FROM STATE BOND PROCEEDS, FROM THE RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION OR FROM THE RHODE ISLAND SCHOOL BUILDING AUTHORITY (Authorizes the town of South Kingstown to issue not more than \$85,000,000 bonds and notes to finance the construction, renovation, improvement, alteration, repair, landscaping, furnishing and equipping of schools and school facilities.) {LC1964/1}

03/23/2021 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 697****BY** Algieri

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF WESTERLY TO ISSUE NOT TO EXCEED \$11,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, NOTES AND OTHER EVIDENCES OF INDEBTEDNESS TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION OF ROAD AND SIDEWALK INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS AND RELATED WATER LINE IMPROVEMENTS IN THE TOWN (Authorizes the Town of Westerly to issue bonds and notes in an amount not exceeding \$11,000,000 to finance the construction of road and sidewalk infrastructure improvements and related water line improvements in the town and all costs related thereto.) {LC2523/1}

03/23/2021 Transmitted to Governor

APPENDIX

## CALENDAR

## IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 25, 2021:

1. **2021-H 5462**  
**BY** Edwards  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY  
  
Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.
2. **2021-H 5093**  
**BY** McNamara  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- PASSING, USE OF LANES, AND RULES OF THE ROAD  
  
Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.
3. **2021-H 5950**  
**BY** Shekarchi  
**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY THE ENTIRE AREA OF LAND USE, PRESERVATION, DEVELOPMENT, HOUSING, ENVIRONMENT, AND REGULATION  
  
Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.
4. **2021-H 5953 SUB A**  
**BY** Speakman  
**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY THE LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING ACT  
  
Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.
5. **2021-H 5330**  
**BY** Knight  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AMENDMENTS TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF BARRINGTON  
  
Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.
6. **2021-H 5129**  
**BY** Casimiro  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION  
  
Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

7.     **2021-H 5101**  
      **BY** Ruggiero  
      **ENTITLED**, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AMENDMENT TO THE  
      CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF JAMESTOWN

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.
8.     **2021-S 50**  
      **BY** Euer  
      **ENTITLED**, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AMENDMENT TO THE  
      CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF JAMESTOWN

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage in concurrence.
9.     **2021-H 5418**  
      **BY** Amore  
      **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES --  
      APPOINTMENT, QUALIFICATION, AND TENURE OF OFFICERS

Committee on State Government & Elections recommends passage.
10.    **2021-H 5784**  
      **BY** Azzinaro  
      **ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION REINSTATING THE LIFE OF AND EXTENDING  
      THE REPORTING AND EXPIRATION DATES OF THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE  
      COMMISSION TO STUDY AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR A PLAN AND THE  
      DESIGN OF A BEIRUT MEMORIAL TO BE LOCATED AT THE RHODE ISLAND STATE  
      HOUSE

Committee on Veterans` Affairs recommends passage.
11.    **2021-S 148**  
      **BY** Miller  
      **ENTITLED**, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE  
      CHARTER OF PROVIDENCE RIVER BOAT CO.

Committee on Corporations recommends passage in concurrence.
12.    **2021-S 224**  
      **BY** Goodwin  
      **ENTITLED**, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE TO ISSUE NOT TO  
      EXCEED \$140,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, NOTES AND OTHER  
      EVIDENCES OF INDEBTEDNESS TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION,  
      IMPROVEMENT, ALTERATION, REPAIR, LANDSCAPING, FURNISHING AND  
      EQUIPPING OF SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL FACILITIES THROUGHOUT THE CITY,  
      SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF STATE HOUSING AID AT A REIMBURSEMENT RATE  
      OR STATE SHARE RATIO OF NOT LESS THAN 75% AT THE TIME OF ISSUANCE AND  
      PROVIDED THAT THE AUTHORIZATION SHALL BE REDUCED BY THE AMOUNT OF

CERTAIN GRANTS RECEIVED FROM STATE BOND PROCEEDS, FROM THE RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION OR FROM THE RHODE ISLAND SCHOOL BUILDING AUTHORITY

Committee on Finance recommends passage in concurrence.

**Francis McCabe**  
Clerk of the House

**Friday, March 19, 2021**

**Updated: Tuesday, March 23, 2021**