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Twenty-eighth Day

The House of Representatives meets at the Veterans Memorial Auditorium in Providence, Wednesday, May 19, 2021, and is called to order at 4:14 o'clock P.M., by the Honorable K. Joseph Shekarchi, Speaker.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 63 members present and 12 members absent as follows:

PRESENT – 63: 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, Craven, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Filippi, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima S., McEntee, McGaw, McLaughlin, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Price, Quattrocchi, Ranglin-Vassell, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Speakman, Tanzi, and Williams.

ABSENT – 12: Representatives Costantino, Diaz, Felix, Hawkins, C. Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, Roberts, Shanley, Solomon, Tobon, Vella-Wilkinson.

INVOCATION

The Honorable Speaker presents Representative Ruggiero 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, May 18, 2021, is approved.

COMMUNICATIONS

Representative Costantino is unable to attend session today, Wednesday, May 19, 2021.
Representative Felix is unable to attend session today, Wednesday, May 19, 2021.
Representative C. Lima is unable to attend session today, Wednesday, May 19, 2021.
Representative Shanley is unable to attend session today, Wednesday, May 19, 2021.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE SENATE

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

Senate Bill No. 55 SUB A

BY Ruggiero, Miller, McCaffrey, Goodwin, Euer

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- HOSPITAL WORKPLACE VIOLENCE PROTECTION ACT (Establishes procedures for employees to file complaints with hospital or director of department of health, for assaultive behavior or other violation of law occurring on hospital grounds and require hospitals to institute safety training for employees.) {LC673/A/1}
05/19/2021 Referred to House Health & Human Services

Senate Bill No. 89

BY Raptakis, Cano, Paolino, Euer, Archambault

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- OFFENSES PERTAINING TO SCHOOLS (SEE TITLE 16 CHAPTER 97 - THE RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION ACT) (Prohibits the use of a school district's listserv to distribute any political advertisement, invitation, and/or propaganda.) {LC455/1}
05/19/2021 Referred to House Education

Senate Bill No. 198 SUB A

BY Raptakis, Murray, Felag, Morgan E, Lawson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES (Allows business vehicles which are owned by an entity which a veteran owns, and is registered and authorized to conduct business in the state of Rhode Island, to register such business vehicles with veteran plates.) {LC449/A/1}
05/19/2021 Referred to House Special Legislation

Senate Bill No. 200

BY Felag, Gallo, Murray, Raptakis, Lombardo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES (Creates a special motor vehicle registration plate for recipients of the United States Bronze Star Medal.) {LC1195/1}
05/19/2021 Referred to House Special Legislation

Senate Bill No. 211**BY** Gallo, Lombardo, Picard, DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - SCHOOL COMMITTEES AND SUPERINTENDENTS (Establishes courses that include instruction in career and technical education programs.) {LC1213/1}

05/19/2021 Referred to House Education

Senate Bill No. 442 SUB A as amended**BY** Lombardo, Lombardi F, Picard, Miller, Sosnowski, Murray, McCaffrey, Raptakis**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- THREE WHEEL VEHICLES (Provides that three (3)-wheeled motorcycles be included under the licensing requirements of the department of motor vehicles. Effective March 1, 2022.) {LC2026/A/1}

05/19/2021 Referred to House Judiciary

Senate Bill No. 609**BY** Paolino, Quezada, Goodwin, Rogers, Pearson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE-- PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- FEES (Allows jurors to donate their juror fees to the state. Any such donation would be deposited into the general fund.) {LC1927/1}

05/19/2021 Referred to House Judiciary

Senate Bill No. 675

(Judiciary)

BY Coyne**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOTOR VEHICLE REPARATIONS ACT (Provides that financial security is required for any motor vehicle registered or required to be registered in the state of Rhode Island.) {LC1917/1}

05/19/2021 Referred to House Judiciary

Senate Bill No. 677

(Judiciary)

BY Raptakis**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE - TRAFFIC TRIBUNAL (Vests the traffic tribunal with jurisdiction over the adjudication of alleged violations of the harassment of hunters, trappers and fishers law.) {LC1920/1}

05/19/2021 Referred to House Judiciary

Senate Bill No. 734**BY** DiMario, Felag, Euer, Sosnowski, Valverde, Mendes, Coyne, Raptakis, Murray**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- ABUSED AND NEGLECTED CHILDREN (Establishes a military family advocacy program to address child abuse and neglect in military families.) {LC2110/1}

05/19/2021 Referred to House Judiciary

Senate Bill No. 885**BY** Felag**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Alec Dalton to join Olivia Phillips and Adam Dutra in marriage on or about October 16, 2021, within the Town of Bristol, Rhode Island.) {LC2804/1}

05/19/2021 Referred to House Special Legislation

Senate Bill No. 907**BY** Euer**ENTITLED**, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF NEW WAVE SYSTEMS, INC. {LC2838/1}

05/19/2021 Referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5247 SUB A**BY** Amore, Kazarian**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT (Defines "chronic intractable pain" for purposes of intractable pain management.) {LC175/A/1}

05/19/2021 Referred to House Health & Human Services

CONSENT CALENDAR

From the Consent Calendar are taken:

IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 19, 2021:**1. 2021-H 6272****BY** Bennett**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Special Legislation recommends passage.

2. 2021-H 6273 SUB A**BY** Shallcross Smith**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

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

3. 2021-H 6303**BY** Craven**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Special Legislation recommends passage.

4. **2021-S 839**
BY Euer
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Special Legislation recommends passage in concurrence.

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

PROXY VOTES

Majority Leader Blazewski announces pursuant to rule 47B authorizing Proxy Votes he has 5 to be recorded in the affirmative: Representatives Diaz, Deputy Speaker Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, and Solomon.

Minority Leader Filippi announces pursuant to rule 47B authorizing Proxy Votes he has 1 to be recorded in the affirmative: Representative Roberts.

The Consent Calendar prevails (item 4, in concurrence), on a roll call vote, 66 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 66: 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, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Filippi, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima C., Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McLaughlin, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Price, Quattrocchi, Ranglin-Vassell, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Williams.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

CALENDAR

From the Calendar are taken:

IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 19, 2021:

1. **2021-H 5387 SUB A**
BY Casimiro
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS -- MARRIAGE LICENSES

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

Chairman Craven moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Carson, Amore, Phillips, Ranglin-Vassell, Noret, Morales, Donovan, Biah, Abney, Majority Leader Blazejewski, McEntee, Ruggiero, Cardillo, Azzinaro, Bennett, Cortvriend, Knight, Ajello, Shallcross Smith, Tanzi, Hull, McNamara, Deputy Whip Ackerman, Giraldo, Casey, Edwards, Whip Kazarian, Casimiro, Lima S., McLaughlin, McGaw, Barros, and Alzate.

PROXY VOTES

Majority Leader Blazejewski announces pursuant to rule 47B authorizing Proxy Votes he has 10 to be recorded in the affirmative: Representatives Costantino, Diaz, Felix, Hawkins, Deputy Speaker Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, Shanley, Solomon, and Vella-Wilkinson.

Minority Leader Filippi announces pursuant to rule 47B authorizing Proxy Votes he has 1 to be recorded in the affirmative: Representative Roberts.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, 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, 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, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Price, Quattrocchi, Ranglin-Vassell, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Williams.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

2. **2021-H 5415**
BY Cortvriend
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- STATE EMBLEMS

Committee on Special Legislation recommends passage.

Speaker Shekarchi moves item #2 to the bottom of today's calendar.

There is no objection.

Read, and by unanimous consent, placed at the bottom of the Calendar.

3. **2021-H 5629**
BY Ackerman
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- 911
EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBER ACT

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.

Chairman Casey moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Morales, Noret, Cardillo, Biah, Henries, Ranglin-Vassell, Amore, Speakman, Carson, Perez, Azzinaro, Cortvriend, Ajello, Majority Leader Blazejewski, Abney, Donovan, Shallcross Smith, Cassar, Bennett, Deputy Whip Ackerman, McLaughlin, Hull, Tanzi, McNamara, Giraldo, Lima S., Whip Kazarian, Barros, Baginski, McGaw, Messier, Fellela, Minority Leader Filippi, Whip Chippendale, Place, and Edwards.

PROXY VOTES

Majority Leader Blazejewski announces pursuant to rule 47B authorizing Proxy Votes he has 10 to be recorded in the affirmative: Representatives Costantino, Diaz, Felix, Hawkins, Deputy Speaker Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, Shanley, Solomon, and Vella-Wilkinson.

Minority Leader Filippi announces pursuant to rule 47B authorizing Proxy Votes he has 1 to be recorded in the affirmative: Representative Roberts.

Read and passed, 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, 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, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Price, Quattrocchi, Ranglin-Vassell, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

4. **2021-H 5648**
BY Solomon
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- BREAST CANCER
PATIENT NOTIFICATION

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.

Chairman Casey moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Bennett, Noret, Ruggiero, Morales, Caldwell, Phillips, Speakman, Amore, Donovan, Majority Leader Blazejewski, Cortvriend, McEntee, Cassar, Speaker Pro Tempore Kennedy, Shallcross Smith, Ajello, McLaughlin, Deputy Whip Ackerman, Corvese, Giraldo, McNamara, Cardillo, Fellela, Potter, Lima S., Whip Kazarian, Barros, McGaw, Hull, and Edwards.

By unanimous consent, Representative Fenton-Fung, seconded by Whip Chippendale and Representative Morgan, offers a written motion to amend.

**FLOOR AMENDMENT
TO
2021 -- H 5648**

**AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- BREAST CANCER PATIENT
NOTIFICATION**

Mr. Speaker:

I hereby move to amend 2021 -- H 5648, entitled "AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- BREAST CANCER PATIENT NOTIFICATION", as follows:

1. On page 1, line 12, after the word "manner" by inserting the following language "provided however, that any abnormal result may not be released to the patient until approved by the referring provider".

Respectfully submitted,

Representative Fenton-Fung

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LC001498/2
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Representative Fenton-Fung and Chairman Casey discuss the amendment.

Representative Fenton-Fung moves to withdraw her amendment. There is no objection.

PROXY VOTES

Majority Leader Blazejewski announces pursuant to rule 47B authorizing Proxy Votes he has 10 to be recorded in the affirmative: Representatives Costantino, Diaz, Felix, Hawkins, Deputy Speaker Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, Shanley, Solomon, and Vella-Wilkinson.

Minority Leader Filippi announces pursuant to rule 47B authorizing Proxy Votes he has 1 to be recorded in the affirmative: Representative Roberts.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 72 members voting in the affirmative and 1 member 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, Casey, Casimiro, Cassar, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, 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, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Price, Quattrocchi, Ranglin-Vassell, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams.

NAYS - 1: Representative Fenton-Fung.

RECUSED - 0:

5. 2021-H 6279

BY Quattrocchi

ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF HOPE SANITARY ASSOCIATION

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

Representative Caldwell moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Price, Barros, Whip Kazarian, Place, Nardone, Hull, and Abney.

PROXY VOTES

Majority Leader Blazejewski announces pursuant to rule 47B authorizing Proxy Votes he has 10 to be recorded in the affirmative: Representatives Costantino, Diaz, Felix, Hawkins, Deputy Speaker Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, Shanley, Solomon, and Vella-Wilkinson.

Minority Leader Filippi announces pursuant to rule 47B authorizing Proxy Votes he has 1 to be recorded in the affirmative: Representative Roberts.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 72 members voting in the affirmative and 1 member 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, Casey, Casimiro, Cassar, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, 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, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Price, Quattrocchi, Ranglin-Vassell, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams.

NAYS - 1: Representative Edwards.

RECUSED - 0:

6. **2021-S 68**
BY Sosnowski
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- HOLLEY LANDING

Committee on Special Legislation recommends passage in concurrence.

Chairwoman Fogarty moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Carson, Majority Leader Blazejewski, Cardillo, McEntee, Ajello, Abney, Shallcross Smith, Ruggiero, Craven, McNamara, Tanzi, Hull, Ranglin-Vassell, Bennett, Minority Leader Filippi, McGaw, and Whip Kazarian.

PROXY VOTES

Majority Leader Blazejewski announces pursuant to rule 47B authorizing Proxy Votes he has 10 to be recorded in the affirmative: Representatives Costantino, Diaz, Felix, Hawkins, Deputy Speaker Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, Shanley, Solomon, and Vella-Wilkinson.

Minority Leader Filippi announces pursuant to rule 47B authorizing Proxy Votes he has 1 to be recorded in the affirmative: Representative Roberts.

Read and passed, in concurrence, 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, Casey, Casimiro, Cassar, 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, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Price, Quattrocchi, Ranglin-Vassell, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

7. **2021-S 713**
BY Goodwin
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - OFFICE OF STATE MEDICAL EXAMINERS

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage in concurrence.

Chairman Casey moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Cassar, Bennett, McNamara, Tanzi, Hull, Shallcross Smith, Fogarty, Ajello, Cortvriend, Majority Leader Blazejewski, Morales, Biah, Ranglin-Vassell, Edwards, Whip Kazarian, Casimiro, Potter, Barros, Messier, McEntee, and Fenton-Fung.

PROXY VOTES

Majority Leader Blazejewski announces pursuant to rule 47B authorizing Proxy Votes he has 10 to be recorded in the affirmative: Representatives Costantino, Diaz, Felix, Hawkins, Deputy Speaker Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, Shanley, Solomon, and Vella-Wilkinson.

Minority Leader Filippi announces pursuant to rule 47B authorizing Proxy Votes he has 1 to be recorded in the affirmative: Representative Roberts.

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, 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, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Price, Quattrocchi, Ranglin-Vassell, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

- 8. 2021-S 855**
BY Lombardo
ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF PAINT & COLOR, INC.

Committee on Corporations recommends passage in concurrence.

Representative Caldwell moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Barros, Majority Leader Blazejewski, Cardillo, Morales, Bennett, and Fellela.

PROXY VOTES

Majority Leader Blazejewski announces pursuant to rule 47B authorizing Proxy Votes he has 10 to be recorded in the affirmative: Representatives Costantino, Diaz, Felix, Hawkins, Deputy Speaker Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, Shanley, Solomon, and Vella-Wilkinson.

Minority Leader Filippi announces pursuant to rule 47B authorizing Proxy Votes he has 1 to be recorded in the affirmative: Representative Roberts.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 72 members voting in the affirmative and 1 member 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, Casey, Casimiro, Cassar, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, 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, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Price, Quattrocchi, Ranglin-Vassell, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams.

NAYS - 1: Representative Edwards.

RECUSED - 0:

9. 2021-S 858 as amended

BY Goodwin

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS --
EMPLOYMENT SECURITY -- GENERAL PROVISIONS**

Committee on Finance recommends passage in concurrence.

Chairman Abney moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Carson, McEntee, Morales, Majority Leader Blazejewski, Biah, Ruggiero, Henries, Ajello, Cortvriend, Cassar, Bennett, Hull, Giraldo, Potter, McGaw, Barros, Casimiro, Cardillo, Craven, and Ranglin-Vassell.

PROXY VOTES

Majority Leader Blazejewski announces pursuant to rule 47B authorizing Proxy Votes he has 10 to be recorded in the affirmative: Representatives Costantino, Diaz, Felix, Hawkins, Deputy Speaker Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, Shanley, Solomon, and Vella-Wilkinson.

Minority Leader Filippi announces pursuant to rule 47B authorizing Proxy Votes he has 1 to be recorded in the affirmative: Representative Roberts.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 70 members voting in the affirmative and 3 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 70: 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, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Ranglin-Vassell, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams.

NAYS - 3: Representatives Morgan, Price, Quattrocchi.

RECUSED - 0:

2. **2021-H 5415**
BY Cortvriend
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- STATE EMBLEMS

Committee on Special Legislation recommends passage.

Chairwoman Fogarty moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Ruggiero, Handy, Ajello, Cortvriend, Cassar, Shallcross Smith, McNamara, Tanzi, Hull, Bennett, Speaker Pro Tempore Kennedy, Majority Leader Blazewski, Henries, Speakman, Carson, Fogarty, Whip Kazarian, and Barros.

PROXY VOTES

Majority Leader Blazewski announces pursuant to rule 47B authorizing Proxy Votes he has 10 to be recorded in the affirmative: Representatives Costantino, Diaz, Felix, Hawkins, Deputy Speaker Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, Shanley, Solomon, and Vella-Wilkinson.

Minority Leader Filippi announces pursuant to rule 47B authorizing Proxy Votes he has 1 to be recorded in the affirmative: Representative Roberts.

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, Blazewski, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, 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, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Price, Quattrocchi, Ranglin-Vassell, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Speaker Shekarchi would like to give a big heartfelt thank you to all his colleagues that reached out and bought all the first responders and police officers that were on the scene of the fire refreshments on the Speaker and his family's behalf.

NOW PRESIDING

At 4:45 o'clock P.M. the Honorable Speaker Shekarchi yields the rostrum to the Honorable Speaker Pro Tempore Kennedy.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Representative Carson announces that tomorrow May 20, 2021, is Alzheimer's Lobby Day and they will be sending a Zoom link to all the members who would like to join in.

Representative Cortvriend would like to express her gratitude to her colleagues for supporting her on the Coral Bill.

Majority Leader Blazejewski announces that as a reminder, there is no session tomorrow. We will be meeting next Tuesday, May 25th, and next Thursday, May 27th, both at the Vets at 4 p.m.

Also, there will be two bill signings this week and all members are invited to attend. Tomorrow at 10:30 a.m. on the Smith Street side of the State House, Governor McKee will be signing Chairman Bennett's bill to raise the minimum wage. On Friday at 2:00 p.m. at Angelo's Palace Pizza in Cumberland, Governor McKee will be signing Chairwoman McEntee's bill that changes unemployment regulations to help get Rhode Islanders back to work.

Majority Leader will also like to wish Representative Ranglin-Vassell a Happy Birthday on Friday, May 21, 2021.

IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION

House Resolution No. 6350

BY McLaughlin, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Filippi, Kennedy

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL OF 2021, AS "ARAB AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC2715/1}

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

There is no objection.

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

House Resolution No. 6351

BY Giraldo, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Filippi, McLaughlin

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF LEO LARIVEE, PAST GRAND KNIGHT (PGK) AND PAST FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR (PFN) KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SULLIVAN COUNCIL {LC2900/1}

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

There is no objection.

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

RULE 7D

The following bill was received pursuant to Rule 7D:

Representative Henries-An Act relating to Health and Safety

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

TRANSMITTAL

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

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE ON CORPORATIONS

Chairman Solomon, for the Committee on Corporations, reports back the following measures, with recommendation of passage:

House Bill No. 5644

BY Solomon

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- CONDOMINIUM LAW -- RESALE OF UNITS (Allows a condominium association to impose a fee of up to one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125) for preparation of a resale certificate.) {LC2009/1}
05/21/2021 Placed on House Calendar (05/27/2021)

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}
05/21/2021 Placed on House Calendar (05/27/2021)

Senate Bill No. 519**BY** McCaffrey, Archambault, Kallman, Anderson**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.") {LC2295/1}

05/21/2021 Placed on House Calendar (05/25/2021)

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Chairman McNamara, for the Committee on Education, reports back the following measures, with recommendation of passage:

House Bill No. 5157 SUB A**BY** Casimiro, Fenton-Fung, Lima C, Donovan, McNamara**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CURRICULUM (Provides that every superintendent of schools shall create an annual report on the progress and status of academic achievement of foster care youth.) {LC94/A/2}

05/21/2021 Placed on House Calendar (05/25/2021)

House Bill No. 5830**BY** Serpa**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- OFFENSES PERTAINING TO SCHOOLS [SEE TITLE 16 CHAPTER 97 - THE RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION ACT] (Prohibits the use of a school district's listserv to distribute any political advertisement, invitation, and/or propaganda.) {LC1403/1}

05/21/2021 Placed on House Calendar (05/25/2021)

Senate Bill No. 349

(General Treasurer)

BY Cano, Paolino, Felag, Euer, DiPalma, Gallo, Pearson, Miller, Goodwin, McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- FINANCIAL LITERACY (Requires the council on elementary and secondary education, in consultation with the RI department of education, to develop and approve statewide academic standards for the instruction of consumer education in public high schools no later than 12/31/2021.) {LC1995/1}

05/21/2021 Placed on House Calendar (05/25/2021)

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

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

House Bill No. 5977

(Judiciary)

BY Edwards, Kennedy, Solomon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS -- FREEWAYS {LC2193/1}

05/21/2021 Placed on House Calendar (05/27/2021)

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}
05/21/2021 Placed on House Calendar (05/25/2021)**COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT AND HOUSING**

Chairman Hull, for the Committee on Municipal Government and Housing, reports back the following measures, with recommendation of passage:

House Bill No. 5107**BY** Ruggiero, Cortvriend, Abney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- RETIREMENT OF MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES--MIDDLETOWN MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT (Allows the town of Middletown to enroll its full-time police officers hired on or after July 1, 2021, in a defined contribution plan established by the town and prevents newly hired police officers from becoming members of the retirement system.) {LC415/1}
05/21/2021 Placed on House Calendar (05/27/2021)**House Bill No. 6139****BY** Place, Newberry**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO THE OAKLAND - MAPLEVILLE NUMBER 4 FIRE DISTRICT {LC2450/1}
05/21/2021 Placed on House Calendar (05/27/2021)**House Bill No. 6175****BY** Messier, Barros, Alzate, Tobon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES (Allows the Pawtucket city council to issue a Class B, C, or N liquor license for use on property located on tax assessor's plat 54B, 65B, and 23A, despite their close proximity to a school or church.) {LC2556/1}
05/21/2021 Placed on House Calendar (05/25/2021)**House Resolution No. 6125 SUB A****BY** Barros, Shanley, Ruggiero, Batista, Alzate, Giraldo, Kislak, Cassar, Potter, Baginski**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDING THAT THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF EACH RHODE ISLAND CITY AND TOWN CREATE AN INDEPENDENT FIVE PERSON COMMISSION TO ENSURE THAT ANY AND ALL FEDERAL MONIES RECEIVED BY THE CITIES AND TOWNS IN THE FORTHCOMING COVID-19 RELIEF PACKAGE ARE ADMINISTERED WISELY, FAIRLY, HONESTLY AND WITH TRANSPARENCY {LC2354/A/1}
05/21/2021 Placed on House Calendar (05/25/2021)

Senate Bill No. 102**BY** Goodwin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION -- EXEMPTIONS (Includes the real and tangible personal property of The Providence Community Health Centers, a Rhode Island domestic nonprofit corporation, located in Providence, Rhode Island, on the list of properties exempt from taxation.) {LC954/1}

05/21/2021 Placed on House Calendar (05/25/2021)

Senate Bill No. 706 as amended**BY** Ruggerio, McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION -- EXEMPTIONS (Includes the real and tangible personal property of St. John Baptist De La Salle Institute, d/b/a La Salle Academy, a Rhode Island domestic nonprofit corporation, located in Providence, Rhode Island, on the list of properties exempt from taxation.) {LC2455/1}

05/21/2021 Placed on House Calendar (05/25/2021)

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS

Chairwoman McEntee, for the Committee on Small Business, reports back the following measures, with recommendation of passage:

House Bill No. 6119 SUB A**BY** McEntee, Costantino, Caldwell, Cortvriend, Phillips, Carson, Cassar, Giraldo, Casimiro, Slater**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- SMALL BUSINESSES--ZONING ORDINANCES (Imposes one year moratorium on enforcement of municipal ordinance or zoning requirement that penalizes owners of food service establishments/bars for modifications/alternations to their premises in response to an emergency declaration.) {LC2362/A/4}

05/21/2021 Placed on House Calendar (05/25/2021)

COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT AND ELECTIONS

Chairman Shanley for the Committee on State Government and Elections, reports back the following measures, with recommendation of passage:

House Bill No. 5887

(University of Rhode Island)

BY Fogarty, McEntee, Caldwell, Craven, Tanzi, Carson, Amore, McGaw, Lima C, Kennedy**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- OPEN MEETINGS (Permits URI Board of Trustees to attend open public board meetings remotely.) {LC1889/1}

05/21/2021 Placed on House Calendar (05/27/2021)

House Bill No. 5888

(University of Rhode Island)

BY Fogarty, McEntee, Craven, Caldwell, Tanzi, Carson, Amore, McGaw, Lima C, Kennedy

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND

(Allows URI board of trustees to make small procurements up to \$50,000 for construction/\$10,000 for all other purchases with annual increases in the federal CPI.) {LC1887/1}

05/21/2021 Placed on House Calendar (05/27/2021)

House Resolution No. 6002

(Secretary of State)

BY Kennedy, Abney, McNamara, Azzinaro, Edwards, Solomon, Shanley, Vella-Wilkinson

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL COMMISSION TO BE KNOWN AS

"THE RHODE ISLAND SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL (RI 250TH) COMMISSION" (Creates a 30

member Rhode Island Semiquincentennial Commission to assist in the observance of the

Semiquincentennial and report back findings by July 1, 2023, produce a final accounting of funds by

October 1, 2026, and expire on January 1, 2027.) {LC2131/1}

05/21/2021 Placed on House Calendar (05/27/2021)

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Chairman Azzinaro, for the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, reports back the following measures, with recommendation of passage:

House Bill No. 6286

BY Azzinaro, Fellela, Abney, Donovan, Serpa, Corvese, Costantino, Phillips, Kennedy

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- RHODE ISLAND

VETERANS' HOME (Removes the word "war" from the sentence "honorable discharged war veteran.") {LC2745/1}

05/21/2021 Placed on House Calendar (05/25/2021)

COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL LEGISLATION

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

House Bill No. 6332

BY Shallcross Smith

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Robert D.

Oster, Esq., to join Jessica Rincon and Michael Dunk in marriage on or about August 28, 2021, within the Town of North Providence, Rhode Island.) {LC2859/1}

05/24/2021 Placed on the House Consent Calendar (05/27/2021)

House Bill No. 6339

BY Shekarchi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows the Honorable

Joseph R. Paolino, Jr., to join Sarah Pillemer and Richard Weiner in marriage on or about October 16, 2021, within the Town of Bristol, Rhode Island.) {LC2871/1}

05/24/2021 Placed on the House Consent Calendar (05/27/2021)

House Bill No. 6348**BY** Filippi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Thomas Edward Back to join Jessica Marie Willis and Scott Michael Laviolette in marriage on or about July 15, 2021, within the Town of New Shoreham, Rhode Island.) {LC2885/1}

05/24/2021 Placed on the House Consent Calendar (05/27/2021)

House Bill No. 6349**BY** Chippendale**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Martin Jeffrey Schanck to join Kaleena Lynn Roch and Jason Timothy Machan in marriage on or about July 8, 2021, within the Town of Glocester, Rhode Island.) {LC2866/1}

05/24/2021 Placed on the House Consent Calendar (05/27/2021)

House Bill No. 6354**BY** Donovan, Speakman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Charles Joseph, III, to join Abby Mergenmeier and Drew Todd in marriage on or about November 20, 2021, within the Town of Bristol, Rhode Island.) {LC2869/1}

05/24/2021 Placed on the House Consent Calendar (05/27/2021)

Senate Bill No. 885**BY** Felag**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Alec Dalton to join Olivia Phillips and Adam Dutra in marriage on or about October 16, 2021, within the Town of Bristol, Rhode Island.) {LC2804/1}

05/24/2021 Placed on the House Consent Calendar (05/27/2021)

NEW BUSINESS**House Bill No. 6352****BY** Morales, Slater, Ranglin-Vassell, Henries, Potter, Kislak, Williams, McGaw, Speakman, Batista**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- DIGNITY AT WORK ACT (Establishes the Dignity at Work Act, to provide workers with more protection from bullying and harassment in the workplace.) {LC2813/1}

05/20/2021 Introduced, referred to House Labor

House Bill No. 6353**BY** Henries, Kazarian, Amore**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES (Allows the city of East Providence to grant a retailer's Class B license to property located at 130-150 Taunton Avenue, Map 106, Block 6, Parcel 15 of the applicable city of East Providence tax assessment map.) {LC2854/1}

05/20/2021 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 6354**BY** Donovan, Speakman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Charles Joseph, III, to join Abby Mergenmeier and Drew Todd in marriage on or about November 20, 2021, within the Town of Bristol, Rhode Island.) {LC2869/1}

05/20/2021 Introduced, referred to House Special Legislation

House Bill No. 6355**BY** Edwards, Shallcross Smith, Kennedy, Kazarian, Slater, Baginski, Barros, Amore, Casey, Hull**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- VIDEO-LOTTERY GAMES, TABLE GAMES AND SPORTS WAGERING (Requires that the towns of Lincoln and Tiverton receive at least three million dollars (\$3,000,000) whether or not the gaming facility in the towns of Lincoln or Tiverton are operational for all or part of any fiscal year.) {LC2881/1}

05/20/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 6356**BY** Slater, Morales, Williams, Batista, Biah, Hull**ENTITLED**, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE TO FINANCE A CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS THE UNFUNDED PENSION LIABILITY OF THE EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE BY THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS (Authorizes the city of Providence to finance a contribution towards the unfunded pension liability of the employee retirement system of the city of Providence by the issuance of \$750,000,000 bonds.) {LC2886/1}

05/20/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 6357**BY** Edwards, Williams, Casimiro, Craven, Baginski, Messier, Kazarian**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- OPTIONAL RETIREMENT FOR MEMBERS OF POLICE FORCE AND FIRE FIGHTERS (Allows any member in active service, regardless of age, to be eligible for an accidental disability retirement allowance.) {LC2901/1}

05/20/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 6358**BY** Giraldo, McLaughlin, Barros**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- CITY OF PAWTUCKET DOWNTOWN REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT (Provides that portions of the city of Central Falls would be included within the Pawtucket Downtown Redevelopment Project.) {LC2884/1}

05/20/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

ADJOURNMENT

At 4:48 o'clock P.M. on motion of Representative Casey, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Mary F. Worthy; on motion of Representative Giraldo, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Leo Larivee; on motion of Representative Phillips, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Laurent Gendron; on motion of Representative Handy, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Joanne Condon seconded by Leaders Blazejewski and Filippi the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

Diane M. DePina
Recording Clerk

APPENDIX

INVOCATION

REPRESENTATIVE DEBORAH L. RUGGIERO

Dear Lord: We thank you for giving us the honor of serving our fellow citizens. Help us to always remember we best serve You, by serving those in need. Amen

APPENDIX

TRANSMITTED TO GOVERNOR

Senate Bill No. 68**BY** Sosnowski, Algieri, Valverde**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- HOLLEY LANDING (Renames the landing in South Kingstown known as Wordens Pond Landing to Holley Landing.) {LC418/1}

05/20/2021 Transmitted to Governor

Senate Bill No. 713

(Dept. of Health)

BY Goodwin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - OFFICE OF STATE MEDICAL EXAMINERS (Removes the sunset provision on the requirement that the office of state medical examiners be responsible for a multidisciplinary team review of drug related overdose deaths.) {LC2214/1}

05/20/2021 Transmitted to Governor

Senate Bill No. 839**BY** Euer**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Chad Cohen to join Bahar Ayasli and Joshua Cohen in marriage on or about July 30, 2021, within the City of Newport, Rhode Island.) {LC2666/1}

05/20/2021 Transmitted to Governor

Senate Bill No. 855**BY** Lombardo, Archambault**ENTITLED**, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF PAINT & COLOR, INC. {LC2736/1}

05/20/2021 Transmitted to Governor

Senate Bill No. 858 as amended**BY** Goodwin, Ciccone, Ruggiero**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- EMPLOYMENT SECURITY -- GENERAL PROVISIONS (Increases partial unemployment benefits by disregarding an amount of earnings when calculating weekly benefit rate with expiration date of 6/30/22.) {LC2703/1}

05/20/2021 Transmitted to Governor

APPENDIX

CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MAY 25, 2021:

1. **2021-H 5697**
BY Williams
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- AFRICAN HERITAGE HISTORY EDUCATION

Committee on Education recommends passage.
2. **2021-H 5157 SUB A**
BY Casimiro
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CURRICULUM

Committee on Education recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.
3. **2021-H 5830**
BY Serpa
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- OFFENSES PERTAINING TO SCHOOLS [SEE TITLE 16 CHAPTER 97 - THE RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION ACT]

Committee on Education recommends passage.
4. **2021-H 6155**
BY Craven
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- SEXUAL ASSAULT

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.
5. **2021-H 6125 SUB A**
BY Barros
ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDING THAT THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF EACH RHODE ISLAND CITY AND TOWN CREATE AN INDEPENDENT FIVE PERSON COMMISSION TO ENSURE THAT ANY AND ALL FEDERAL MONIES RECEIVED BY THE CITIES AND TOWNS IN THE FORTHCOMING COVID-19 RELIEF PACKAGE ARE ADMINISTERED WISELY, FAIRLY, HONESTLY AND WITH TRANSPARENCY

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

6. **2021-H 6175**
BY Messier
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.
7. **2021-H 6119 SUB A**
BY McEntee
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- SMALL BUSINESSES--
ZONING ORDINANCES

Committee on Small Business recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.
8. **2021-H 6286**
BY Azzinaro
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- RHODE
ISLAND VETERANS' HOME

Committee on Veterans` Affairs recommends passage.
9. **2021-S 102**
BY Goodwin
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO
TAXATION -- EXEMPTIONS

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage in concurrence.
10. **2021-S 349**
BY Cano
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- FINANCIAL LITERACY

Committee on Education recommends passage in concurrence.
11. **2021-S 519**
BY McCaffrey
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO AERONAUTICS -- RHODE ISLAND T.F. GREEN
INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Committee on Corporations recommends passage in concurrence.
12. **2021-S 706 as amended**
BY Ruggiero
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO
TAXATION -- EXEMPTIONS

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage as amended in
concurrence.

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MAY 27, 2021:

- 1. 2021-H 5644**
BY Solomon
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- CONDOMINIUM LAW -- RESALE OF UNITS

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.
- 2. 2021-H 6064**
BY Caldwell
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CORPORATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS, AND PARTNERSHIPS -- MERGER AND CONSOLIDATION

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.
- 3. 2021-H 5977**
BY Edwards
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS -- FREEWAYS

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.
- 4. 2021-H 5107**
BY Ruggiero
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- RETIREMENT OF MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES--MIDDLETOWN MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.
- 5. 2021-H 6139**
BY Place
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO THE OAKLAND - MAPLEVILLE NUMBER 4 FIRE DISTRICT

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.
- 6. 2021-H 5887**
BY Fogarty
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- OPEN MEETINGS

Committee on State Government & Elections recommends passage.
- 7. 2021-H 5888**
BY Fogarty
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND

Committee on State Government & Elections recommends passage.

8. **2021-H 6002**
 BY Kennedy
 ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL COMMISSION TO BE
 KNOWN AS "THE RHODE ISLAND SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL (RI 250TH)
 COMMISSION"

Committee on State Government & Elections recommends passage.

Francis McCabe
Clerk of the House

Friday, May 21, 2021

APPENDIX

CONSENT CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MAY 27, 2021:

1. **2021-H 6332**
 BY Shallcross Smith
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

 Committee on Special Legislation recommends passage.
2. **2021-H 6339**
 BY Shekarchi
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

 Committee on Special Legislation recommends passage.
3. **2021-H 6348**
 BY Filippi
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

 Committee on Special Legislation recommends passage.
4. **2021-H 6349**
 BY Chippendale
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

 Committee on Special Legislation recommends passage.
5. **2021-H 6354**
 BY Donovan
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

 Committee on Special Legislation recommends passage.
6. **2021-S 885**
 BY Felag
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

 Committee on Special Legislation recommends passage in concurrence.

Francis McCabe
Clerk of the House

Monday, May 24, 2021