

# State of Rhode Island

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# JOURNAL

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# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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**JANUARY SESSION** of the General Assembly begun and held at the State House in the City of Providence on Tuesday, the Third Day of January in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.

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Thursday, February 9, 2023

Twelfth-Day

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The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence, Thursday, February 9, 2023, and is called to order at 4:19 o'clock P.M., by the Honorable K. Joseph Shekarchi, Speaker.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 66 members present and 9 members absent as follows:

**PRESENT** – 66: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, and Voas.

**ABSENT** – 9: Representatives Alzate, Carson, Craven, Felix, Finkelman, Lima, Morgan, Shanley, Vella-Wilkinson.

## INVOCATION

The Honorable Speaker presents Representative Justine A. Caldwell 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, February 7, 2023, is approved.

RHODE ISLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY



House of Representatives

**CO-SPONSORSHIP REMOVAL REQUEST**  
**2023**

Pursuant to House Rule 15(g)(ii), Representative Biah  
hereby requests the removal of their co-sponsorship of Bill # H5461  
entitled: AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- REGISTRATION OF  
VOTERS (Authorizes cities and towns, by ordinance, to allow all their residents to  
vote in municipal elections for municipal officeholders regardless of the immigration  
status of their residents.)

which is currently in the House Committee on State Government and Elections

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

House District # 3

Date: 2-9, 2023

Acknowledgement:

Chief Legal Counsel to the Speaker

*NOTE: This request must be submitted to the Clerk of the House, and House Recording Clerk who will retain the original and a copy to be placed in the committee's original bill file*

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Representative Alex Finkelman is unable to attend session today, Thursday, February 9, 2023.  
Representative Jose F. Batista is unable to attend session today, Thursday, February 9, 2023.  
Representative Lauren H. Carson is unable to attend session today, Thursday, February 9, 2023.  
Representative Robert E. Craven, Sr., is unable to attend session today, Thursday, February 9, 2023.  
Representative Leonela Felix is unable to attend session today, Thursday, February 9, 2023.  
Representative Camille Vella-Wilkinson is unable to attend session today, Thursday, February 9, 2023.

**APPOINTMENTS**

February 9, 2023

From Speaker K. Joseph Shekarchi:

The following members have been appointed to the Governor's Executive Working Group for the Justice Reinvestment Initiative: Reducing Violent Crime by Improving Justice System Performance in Rhode Island:

Representative Mia Ackerman  
Representative Teresa Tanzi

**CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2023:**

- 2023-H 5150**  
**BY** Azzinaro  
**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REPORTING AND EXPIRATION DATES OF THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR A PLAN AND THE DESIGN OF A VIETNAM MEMORIAL TO BE LOCATED IN THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

Committee on Veterans' Affairs recommends passage.

Chairman Azzinaro moves passage of the act, seconded by Speaker Shekarchi, Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Azzinaro, Baginski, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Fogarty, Giraldo, Henries, Hull, Kennedy, Kislak, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Noret, Perez, Phillips, Place, Quattrocchi, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

Chairman Azzinaro discusses the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call 61 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 61: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Azzinaro, Baginski, Bennett, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

**2. 2023-H 5018**

**BY** Solomon

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES**

Committee on Special Legislation recommends passage.

Vice-Chairwoman Grace moves passage of the act, seconded by Speaker Shekarchi, Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Azzinaro, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Brien, Cardillo, Casimiro, Corvese, Cotter, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Marszalkowski, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Potter, Shallcross Smith, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Voas.

Vice-Chairwoman Grace discusses the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote 64 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 64: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Azzinaro, Baginski, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**GUESTS**

Chairman Abney welcomes to the House Chamber Zach Quinn's family, his parents, Lee-Ann and Michael, his sisters, Allison and Samantha, his uncle, Jason, his grandfather, Michael and BAYADA Home Health Care, Director, Government Affairs, Ashley Sadlier to honor Zach's life accomplishments and his advocacy for individuals with special needs.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chairman Solomon announces that the Committee on Corporations will meet today, at the rise of the House, in Room 101 of the State House.

**GUESTS**

Chairman McNamara welcomes to the House Chamber and congratulates Sam Ackerman for recently being elected Chair of Young Democrats. Sam is the son of Deputy Whip Ackerman.

Representative Shallcross Smith welcomes to the House Chamber Caitlin McDonough who will be her intern for this session.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Majority Leader Blazejewski announces the House will be in session Tuesday, February 14, and Thursday, February 16, at 4 p.m. Committees will be scheduled on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, of next week.

The deadline to introduce bills is next Thursday, February 16, members should have them drafted by Legislative Council as soon as possible and submit them next week.

Today at the Rise in the House Lounge, Brown University will provide an update on the Academic Medical Center and its hospital and healthcare partnerships. Presenters will include Brown President, Dr. Christine Paxson and Dr. Mukesh Jain, Dean of the Warren Alpert Medical School.

Department of Environmental Management (DEM) Director Terry Gray is hosting a meet and greet from 3 to 4 p.m. in the State Room before session next Tuesday. Senior leadership from DEM will be available to discuss environmental policy and answer all questions about the department.

**IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION****House Resolution No. 5481**

**BY** Voas, Giraldo, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Potter, Chippendale, Kennedy, Tanzi, Cotter, Fenton-Fung

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE LEGENDARY VIOLA DAVIS ON BECOMING AN EGOT (EMMY, GRAMMY, OSCAR, AND TONY) AWARDS WINNER {LC1536/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Voas and Speaker Shekarchi discuss the resolution.

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

**House Resolution No. 5482**

**BY** Giraldo, Voas, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Kennedy, Tanzi, Cotter, Fenton-Fung, Solomon

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF THE HONORABLE JUDGE RAYMOND P. COONEY {LC1562/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Giraldo discusses the resolution. Speaker Shekarchi offers his condolences to the family.

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

**House Resolution No. 5483**

**BY** Abney, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Donovan, Carson, Kennedy, Tanzi, Cotter, Fenton-Fung, Solomon

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION HONORING AND CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF ZACHARY THOMAS QUINN {LC729/1}

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

There is no objection.

Chairman Abney and Speaker Shekarchi discuss the resolution.

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

**House Resolution No. 5484**

**BY** Blazejewski, Chippendale

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING CONGRATULATIONS {LC1493/1}

Majority Leader Blazejewski requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

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

**House Resolution No. 5485****BY** Blazejewski, Chippendale**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES {LC1492/1}

Majority Leader Blazejewski requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

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

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

**TRANSMITTAL**

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

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

**DESK HELD OPEN**

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

**NEW BUSINESS****House Bill No. 5486****BY** Donovan, McNamara, Cotter, Spears, Potter, Speakman, Cortvriend, Casimiro, Caldwell, McGaw**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- THE RHODE ISLAND CANNABIS ACT ( ) {LC1446/1}

02/10/2023 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 5487****BY** Dawson, O'Brien, Cardillo, Craven, Shanley, McEntee, Solomon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- LIABILITY INSURANCE (Provides for mandatory uninsured motorist coverage.) {LC995/1}

02/10/2023 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 5488****BY** Baginski, Potter, Dawson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- LIABILITY INSURANCE (Requires that insurance policies for property damage, personal injuries, and indemnification other than payment of compensation for workers compensation, state policy limits and no amount of the policy may be used to pay costs to defend a claim.) {LC1008/1}

02/10/2023 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 5489**

**BY** Edwards, Solomon, Kazarian, Donovan, Roberts, Cortvriend, McEntee, Potter, Baginski, Kennedy

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- UNFAIR DISCRIMINATION AGAINST ORGAN DONORS IN DISABILITY INCOME, LIFE AND LONG-TERM CARE INSURANCE ACT (Adds a new chapter which defines "living donor" and prohibits insurers from denying health insurance, including disability insurance and long-term care disability insurance on the basis of individual's status as a "living donor".) {LC1552/1}

02/10/2023 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 5490**

**BY** Morales, Potter, Newberry, Cortvriend, Kislak, McEntee, Knight, Hull, Stewart, McNamara

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- RATE INCREASE MEETINGS (Requires public meetings related to utility rates increases be conducted Monday-Thursday after 5:30 pm.) {LC117/1}

02/10/2023 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 5491**

**BY** Ackerman, McNamara, Kennedy, Corvese, Serpa, Costantino, Slater, Edwards, Shanley, Voas

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- NET METERING (Creates a definition for "private entity" regarding net-metering.) {LC1020/1}

02/10/2023 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 5492**

**BY** Place, Newberry, Nardone

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- RIGHT TO EARN A LIVING ACT (Establishes procedures to challenge agency regulations or public service restrictions that prevent persons from entering into businesses, professions or public services unless they serve legitimate public health, safety and welfare objectives.) {LC466/1}

02/10/2023 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 5493**

**BY** Potter, O'Brien, Cotter, Voas, Stewart, Morales, Sanchez, Fellela, Boylan, McNamara

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- LABOR STANDARDS IN RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECTS (Amends the definition of "covered project" having a total nameplate capacity of three megawatts (3 MW) down to one megawatt (1 MW).) {LC992/1}

02/10/2023 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 5494**

**BY** Potter, Cruz, Giraldo, Voas, McNamara

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PHYSICAL THERAPISTS (Amends the licensing statute to allow a graduate of a board approved physical therapy school to be reinstated upon a failed examination upon the filing and registering for a second or third examination.) {LC1413/1}

02/10/2023 Introduced, referred to House Corporations



**House Bill No. 5495**

**BY** Potter, Casey, Donovan, Cotter, Giraldo, Stewart, Baginski, Kislak, Dawson, Voas  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE RHODE ISLAND HEALTH CARE REFORM ACT OF 2004 -- HEALTH INSURANCE OVERSIGHT (Requires a workgroup of health care providers and health insurers convened by the office of the health commissioner, to make recommendations regarding prior authorization policies.) {LC1501/1}  
02/10/2023 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 5496**

**BY** Solomon  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- UNFAIR CLAIMS SETTLEMENT PRACTICES ACT (Provides that any insurer refusing to honor a "direction to pay" executed by an insured for payment on a property damage benefit would constitute an unfair claims practice.) {LC1240/1}  
02/10/2023 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 5497**

**BY** McNamara, Donovan, Potter, Cotter, Ackerman, Morales  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- NONPROFIT DENTAL SERVICE CORPORATIONS (Requires carriers offering dental benefit plans to annually submit information which includes the current and projected medical loss ratio for claims for their plans. The medical loss ratio would be eighty-five percent (85%).) {LC1311/1}  
02/10/2023 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 5498**

**BY** Place  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CURRICULUM (Repeals the establishment of statewide academic standards for core subjects and the implementation into the curriculum of all public schools.) {LC1459/1}  
02/10/2023 Introduced, referred to House Education

**House Bill No. 5499**

**BY** O'Brien, Dawson, McEntee, Noret, Solomon, Baginski, Costantino, Corvese, Bennett, Edwards  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- ANTI-BULLYING BILL OF RIGHTS ACT (Creates the anti-bullying bill of rights act which would strengthen protection for students in schools who are victims of bullying.) {LC1369/1}  
02/10/2023 Introduced, referred to House Education

**House Bill No. 5500**

**BY** Fenton-Fung, Noret, Messier, Biah, Shallcross Smith, Ackerman, Cotter, Spears, Newberry  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS (Requires elementary schools to provide/maintain onsite functional automated external defibrillators (AEDs) in quantities and types, deemed by the commissioner of education in consultation with the director of health to be adequate for use in emergencies.) {LC1274/1}  
02/10/2023 Introduced, referred to House Education

**House Bill No. 5501**

**BY** Stewart, Potter, Voas, Alzate, Kazarian, Boylan, Sanchez, Morales, Casimiro, Spears  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS (Allows schools to maintain on-site an undesignated supply of glucagon for emergency purposes. Provides for training of all school employees in the basics of diabetes care and allows for further training of delegated care aides for students with diabetes.) {LC1354/1}  
02/10/2023 Introduced, referred to House Education

**House Bill No. 5502**

**BY** McEntee, Bennett, Cortvriend, Knight, Caldwell, McGaw, Fogarty, Potter, Cruz, Kislak  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- BEVERAGE CONTAINER DEPOSIT RECYCLING ACT OF 2023 (Establishes a system for the recycling of beverage containers working with the department of environmental management.) {LC986/1}  
02/10/2023 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

**House Bill No. 5503**

**BY** Azzinaro, Ackerman, Newberry, Lombardi J, Brien, Phillips, Lima, Serpa, Kennedy, Corvese  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- OPERATORS' AND CHAUFFEURS' LICENSES (Requires DMV to make, for persons with autism, a operator's license that is clearly marked "autism", decals that are clearly marked "autism" to be affixed to the vehicle, and blue envelopes that provide written information.) {LC796/1}  
02/10/2023 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

**House Bill No. 5504**

**BY** Serpa, Lima, Casimiro, Fellela  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- EDWARD O. HAWKINS AND THOMAS C. SLATER MEDICAL MARIJUANA ACT (Includes domestic pets as eligible to use medical marijuana if certified by a licensed veterinarian and provides that the cannabis commission adopt rules and regulations concerning the prescribing of medical cannabis for domestic pet use.) {LC1348/1}  
02/10/2023 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

**House Bill No. 5505**

**BY** Serpa, Phillips, Brien, Fellela, Casimiro, Costantino  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- ANIMAL CARE (Waives the adoption fee for a dog or cat at a public animal shelter for any person 60 years or older. The adoption of the animal is limited to those that have passed sexual maturity and the shelter may limit the number of dogs and cats that are adopted.) {LC1415/1}  
02/10/2023 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

**House Bill No. 5506**

**BY** Ackerman, McNamara, Bennett, Shallcross Smith, Diaz, Edwards, Kennedy, Giraldo, Fogarty  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LICENSING OF HEALTHCARE FACILITIES (Allows health care facility to conduct research on patients subject to 21 C.F.R. Pt 50 and/or 45 C.F.R. Pt 46 (relating to the informed consent in clinical trials).) {LC1017/1}  
02/10/2023 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

**House Bill No. 5507****BY** McNamara, Potter, Donovan, Cotter, Morales**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- PRESCRIPTION DRUG ADVISORY BOARD - GROUP PURCHASING BOARD FOR RX WE CAN AFFORD (A prescription drug advisory board is created to evaluate drug prices in an attempt to make them more affordable.) {LC53/1}

02/10/2023 Introduced, referred to House Health &amp; Human Services

**House Bill No. 5508****BY** Potter, Baginski, Dawson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- WORKERS' COMPENSATION--PROCEDURE (For purposes of liability of third persons for damages relating to claims for workers compensation, provides that reimbursement not be provided for certain damages, and reduces any award by any percentage of the employees comparative negligence.) {LC999/1}

02/10/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5509****BY** Baginski, Potter, Dawson, Solomon, Brien, McEntee**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- LITIGATION LENDING AGREEMENTS (Makes litigation loan agreements subject to state usury laws.) {LC1004/1}

02/10/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5510****BY** McEntee, Craven, Caldwell, Knight, Fogarty, Dawson, Edwards, Shanley, Casimiro, Kazarian**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- CAUSES OF ACTION (Makes all sexual abuse or exploitation of a child causes of action not subject to statute of limitations whether lapsed or time-barred.) {LC1306/1}

02/10/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5511****BY** Place**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- SEARCH WARRANTS (Requires law enforcement to obtain consent or a warrant before placing audio or video recorders on the private property of another. A violation of this act would make any evidence inadmissible in any court proceedings.) {LC1337/1}

02/10/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5512****BY** Baginski, Potter, Dawson, Brien, McEntee**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE--PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- EVIDENCE (Prohibits the introduction into court proceedings of any evidence that the fair and reasonable charge for healthcare services is the amount received by the healthcare provider rather than the amount billed by healthcare providers.) {LC1010/1}

02/10/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5513****BY** Baginski, Potter, Dawson, Brien, McEntee**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE--PROCEDURE IN PARTICULAR ACTIONS -- DEATH BY WRONGFUL ACT (Raises the minimum recovery in a civil action to recover for a wrongful death from \$250,000 to \$365,000 and automatically increases for inflation the minimum recovery annually on January 31. The increase is based on the consumer price index.) {LC998/1}

02/10/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5514****BY** Fellela, Hull, Perez, Serpa**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT (Requires public bodies to offer translation services for all open meetings of said bodies.) {LC225/1}

02/10/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Resolution No. 5515****BY** Kislak, Potter, Ajello, Cortvriend, McGaw, Morales, Boylan, Donovan, McEntee, Stewart**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION SUPPORTING FEDERAL LEGISLATION GRANTING STATEHOOD TO THE PEOPLE OF WASHINGTON, D.C. {LC189/1}

02/10/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5516****BY** Solomon, Edwards, Sanchez**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- LABOR RELATIONS ACT (Protects free speech/religious freedom/freedom of assembly rights in the workplace with a civil action to recover compensatory/punitive damages for employer discipline or discharge.) {LC1376/1}

02/10/2023 Introduced, referred to House Labor

**House Bill No. 5517**

(Secretary of State)

**BY** Donovan, Kislak, Cotter, Edwards, Fenton-Fung, Newberry**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- ORGANIZATION OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY (Requires the secretary of state to maintain and provide to the public, an online directory of government officials and a limited number of printed government directories and eliminate the legislative manual used by the secretary of state.) {LC1401/1}

02/10/2023 Introduced, referred to House State Government &amp; Elections

**House Resolution No. 5518****BY** Place, Quattrocchi, Nardone, Brien, Fenton-Fung, Chippendale, Roberts, Rea, Newberry**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE - - LINE ITEM VETO {LC803/1}

02/10/2023 Introduced, referred to House State Government &amp; Elections

**House Bill No. 5519**

(Dept. of Administration)

**BY** Casimiro, Noret

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLANS (Allows state employees the ability to make an after tax contribution to a qualified Roth contribution program as a part of a deferred compensation plan.) {LC1300/1}

02/10/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5520**

**BY** Casimiro, Noret, Cotter, Donovan, Cortvriend, Serpa, Fellela, Messier, Shallcross Smith

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- BUILDING OPPORTUNITIES IN OUT-OF-SCHOOL TIME (Provides \$4,000,000 to support comprehensive and effective afterschool/school vacation/summer learning/workforce development programs for students grades K-12, requires annual report to general assembly and the governor on status/progress of the program.) {LC1083/1}

02/10/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5521**

**BY** Shallcross Smith, Hull, Ackerman, Brien, Casimiro, Henries, Cortvriend, Cardillo, Perez, Baginski

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- RHODE ISLAND STUDENT LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM (Establishes the Rhode Island student loan repayment program wherein eligible individuals may apply to have their student loans, or a portion thereof, paid by the state directly to the individual's lending agency.) {LC1318/1}

02/10/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5522**

**BY** Shallcross Smith, Fenton-Fung, Hull, Cortvriend, Cardillo, Perez, Baginski, Noret, Diaz

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE HEALTHCARE SERVICES FUNDING PLAN ACT (Amends RI's existing Healthcare Services Funding Plan Act by adding an account relating to a new Psychiatry Resource Network to fund RI's present PediPRN and MomsPRN, as well as similar programs which may be added by regulation in the future.) {LC1366/1}

02/10/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5523**

**BY** Messier, Brien, Fellela, Kazarian, Alzate, Serpa, Donovan, McEntee, O'Brien, Phillips

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- RETIREMENT SYSTEM CONTRIBUTIONS AND BENEFITS (Awards all members of the state pension system a three percent (3%) annual benefit adjustment (COLA).) {LC820/1}

02/10/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5524**

**BY** Azzinaro, Kennedy

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- RHODE ISLAND VETERANS' HOME (Reduces the assessment against a resident's net income from eighty percent (80%) to fifty percent (50%).) {LC1259/1}

02/10/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5525**

**BY** Sanchez, Potter, Morales, Giraldo, Messier, Cardillo, Perez, Speakman, McNamara, Hull  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --  
GOVERNOR'S WORKFORCE BOARD RHODE ISLAND (Provide initiatives by a program  
formulated by the Governor's Workforce Board for Rhode Island Public Transit Authority to  
encourages applicants for bus drivers.) {LC908/1}  
02/10/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5526**

**BY** Cortvriend, Abney  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF MIDDLETOWN TO ISSUE NOT TO  
EXCEED \$190,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, NOTES AND OTHER EVIDENCES  
OF INDEBTEDNESS TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING  
OF A MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL AND THE RENOVATION, IMPROVEMENT,  
ALTERATION, REPAIR, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF SCHOOL FACILITIES  
THROUGHOUT THE TOWN AND ALL ATTENDANT EXPENSES INCLUDING, BUT NOT  
LIMITED TO, DEMOLITION, ENGINEERING, ARCHITECTURAL AND LANDSCAPING  
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 Middletown to issue not more than  
\$1,000,000 in bonds and notes to finance school construction and renovation.) {LC1506/1}  
02/10/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Resolution No. 5527**

**BY** Morales  
**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT  
OF ADMINISTRATION TO CONDUCT A STUDY ON THE TECHNICAL AND ECONOMIC  
OUTCOMES OF DECARBONIZING RHODE ISLAND BY 2030 {LC607/1}  
02/10/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES****COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**

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

**House Resolution No. 5223**

**BY** Casimiro, Noret, Vella-Wilkinson, Donovan, Lima, Serpa, Shanley  
**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REPORTING DATE OF THE SPECIAL  
LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY THE EFFECTS AND IMPACT THAT HYBRID  
AND VIRTUAL LEARNING EMPLOYED DURING THE PANDEMIC HAS HAD ON THE  
ACHIEVEMENT RATES OF CHILDREN IN KINDERGARTEN THROUGH 12TH GRADE  
(Extends the reporting and expiration dates of the commission to study the effects and impact of  
hybrid and virtual learning during the pandemic, from July 31, 2023 to July 31, 2024, and would  
expire on September 30, 2024.) {LC677/1}  
02/10/2023 Placed on House Calendar (02/14/2023)

**COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

Chairwoman Donovan, for the Committee on Health, and Human Services, reports back the following measure, with recommendation of passage:

**House Resolution No. 5179**

**BY** Kennedy, Fenton-Fung

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REPORTING AND EXPIRATION DATES OF THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY AND PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR UNIFORM MULTI-STATE NURSING LICENSE REQUIREMENTS (This resolution would extend the reporting and expiration dates of the commission to study the and provide recommendations for uniform multi-state nursing license requirements, from April 13, 2023 to June 9, 2023, and would expire on June 23, 2023.) {LC771/1} 02/10/2023 Placed on House Calendar (02/14/2023)

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 4:49 o'clock P.M. on motion of Representative Fellela, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Steven Anthony Porcelli; on motion of Representative Corvese, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Richard West; on motion of Representative Hull, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Kathleen Nan Hicks; on motion of Representative Azzinaro, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of CSM Richard Winkelman; seconded by Leaders Blazejewski and Chippendale the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

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

**APPENDIX**

**INVOCATION**

**REPRESENTATIVE JUSTINE A. CALDWELL**

Gracious God: You have given us the opportunity to serve our citizens as their representatives. Please grant us wisdom and courage so that our words and actions always honor that responsibility.  
Amen



**APPENDIX**

**CALENDAR**

**IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2023:**

**1. 2023-H 5223**

**BY** Casimiro

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

Committee on Education recommends passage.

**2. 2023-H 5179**

**BY** Kennedy

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REPORTING AND EXPIRATION DATES OF THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY AND PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR UNIFORM MULTI-STATE NURSING LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.

**Francis McCabe**  
Clerk of the House

**Friday, February 10, 2023**