

# State of Rhode Island

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# JOURNAL

-OF THE-

# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

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Thursday, March 16, 2023

Nineteenth-Day

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The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence, Thursday, March 16, 2023, and is called to order at 4:13 o'clock P.M., by the Honorable K. Joseph Shekarchi, Speaker.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 70 members present and 5 members absent as follows:

**PRESENT** – 70: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson and Voas.

**ABSENT** – 5: Representatives Baginski, Costantino, Cotter, Fenton-Fung, and Handy.

## INVOCATION

The Honorable Speaker presents Representative Arthur J. Corvese who delivers the Invocation and leads the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

(For Invocation, see Appendix, this Journal.)

## APPROVAL OF RECORD

By unanimous consent, the House Journal of Thursday, March 9, 2023, is approved.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Representative Arthur B. Handy is unable to attend session today, Thursday, March 16, 2023.  
Representative Megan Cotter is unable to attend session today, Thursday, March 16, 2023.  
Representative Barbara Ann Fenton-Fung is unable to attend session today, Thursday, March 16, 2023.

**CALENDAR**

From the Calendar are taken:

**IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 2023:****1. 2023-H 5075**

**BY** Edwards

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES --  
INSPECTION OF MOTOR VEHICLES

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

Chairman Solomon moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Casey and Edwards.

Chairman Solomon discusses the act.

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

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

NAYS - 2: Representatives Cardillo, Nardone.

RECUSED - 0:

**2. 2023-H 5264 SUB A**

**BY** McEntee

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

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

Chairwoman McEntee moves passage of the act, seconded by the Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Craven, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lombardi, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Speakman, Spears, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson.

Chairwoman McEntee and Representative Tanzi discuss the act.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, 69 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 69: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:



State of Rhode Island

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST PURSUANT TO RIGL § 36-14-6

I, Brian C. Newberry State Representative, District 48, hereby under oath depose and say:

1. (Matter requiring action: i.e. Bill number) I expect to be called upon, in my capacity as State Representative to participate in the consideration of, and/or to vote upon: H 5206

2. (Nature of the potential conflict) I have the following interest in the matter: Abundance of Catran

3. (Please select one of the following):

A. In compliance with Section 36-14-6(1) of the General Laws I hereby state that, despite the potential conflict stated above, I am able to vote and otherwise participate fairly, objectively and in the public interest regarding the matter described in paragraph 1 above for the following reason(s).

B. In compliance with Section 36-14-6(1) & (2)A of the General Laws, I hereby request the Speaker of the House of Representatives to excuse me from voting on or participating in the consideration of the matter described in paragraph 1 above.

State of Rhode Island  
County of: Providence

Subscribed and sworn to under the penalties for perjury before me this 16 day of March, 2023

[Signature]  
REPRESENTATIVE  
Michael R. Egan  
Notary Public  
State of Rhode Island  
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES 03-30-2026  
Commission # 257679  
[Signature]  
NOTARY PUBLIC

Representative Newberry is excused from voting on or participating in the consideration of the matter described in paragraph 1 above.

[Signature]  
SPEAKER

**3. 2023-H 5206****BY** Kazarian**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- SIZE, WEIGHT AND LOAD LIMITS -- WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS ON ROUTE 114 A EAST PROVIDENCE

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

Chairman Casey moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Biah, Bennett, Deputy Whip Ackerman, Dawson and Perez.

Chairman Casey discusses the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 65 members voting in the affirmative and 3 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 65: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 3: Representatives Lima, Morgan, Phillips.

RECUSED - 1: Representative Newberry.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

**ADDRESS**

Chairman McNamara addresses the members in recognition of St. Patrick's Day and shares an Irish poem called "Yakoke".

(For the St. Patrick's Day Poem, see Appendix, this Journal.)

**GUESTS**

Representative Noret welcomes to the House Chamber his wife, Julie, Dr. Anthony Caldamone, and his wife Barbara, and congratulates Dr. Caldamone on his retirement from Pediatric Urology.

Chairman McNamara congratulates and welcomes to the House Chamber his friend, John Houle on his debut novel "King Makers of Providence".

Representative Batista welcomes Roger Williams University Law School interns, Nana Amma Ankrah, Rafael Rodriguez and Amanda Rotimi to the House Chamber.

Representative Tanzi welcomes to the House Chamber Thomas DiSanto and his daughters Lydia and Charlotte, Linda Finn, and Matthew Jerzyk in memory of Karrie DiSanto.

### 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.

Majority Leader Blazejewski announces that the next House session will be held on Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, at 4:00 p.m. The committee on Corporations and Committee on State Government and Elections will be meeting tomorrow, Friday, March 17, 2023.

Chairman Casey announces that the Committee on Municipal Government & Housing will meet today, at the rise of the House, in Room 101 of the State House.

### IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION

#### **House Resolution No. 6152**

**BY** Tanzi, Boylan, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Knight, Cortvriend, Fogarty, Shallcross Smith, Ajello, Felix

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF KARRIE ANN DISANTO {LC2622/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Tanzi discusses the resolution.

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

#### **House Resolution No. 6153**

**BY** Hull, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Roberts, Alzate, Fogarty, Ajello, Kennedy, Speakman

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE RHODE ISLAND COLLEGE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM ON THEIR OUTSTANDING 2022-2023 SEASON, AND WISHING THEM CONTINUED SUCCESS AT THE NCAA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL DIVISION III CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL FOUR {LC2576/1}

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

There is no objection.

Deputy Speaker Hull and Speaker Shekarchi discuss the resolution.

Read and passed, on a motion of Deputy Speaker Hull, seconded by many others, by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

**House Resolution No. 6154**

**BY** Noret, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, O'Brien, Finkelman, Place, Casey, Kazarian, Solomon, Corvese  
**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION HONORING DR. ANTHONY A. CALDAMONE ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT {LC399/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Noret and Speaker Shekarchi discuss the resolution.

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

**House Resolution No. 6155**

**BY** Costantino, Lombardi J, Azzinaro, Cortvriend, Cardillo, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, DeSimone, Perez, Chippendale  
**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE CELEBRATION OF ST. JOSEPH'S DAY {LC2499/1}

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

There is no objection.

Chairman Azzinaro discusses the resolution.

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

**House Resolution No. 6156**

**BY** Blazejewski, Chippendale  
**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES {LC2593/1}

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.

**House Resolution No. 6157****BY** Blazejewski, Chippendale**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING CONGRATULATIONS {LC2594/1}

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. 6158****BY** Kennedy, Craven, McNamara, Casey, Edwards, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, McEntee, O'Brien, Chippendale**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION CELEBRATING ST. PATRICK'S DAY AND THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GOOD FRIDAY AGREEMENT {LC2498/1}

With the agreement of the majority and the minority, Speaker Pro Tempore Kennedy requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Speaker Pro Tempore discusses the resolution.

Read and passed, on a motion of Speaker Pro Tempore Kennedy, seconded by many others, by unanimous consent, on a voice vote

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

Representative Batista-An Act relating to State Affairs and Government–Rhode Island Police Officers Commission on Standards and Training

Representative Casimiro-An Act relating to Education–Tuition Waiver Program for Children in Rhode Island Foster Care

Representative Dawson-An Act relating to Business Corporation Tax

Representative Donovan-An Act relating to Medicare Supplement Insurance Policies

Representative Felix-An Act relating to State Affairs and Government–Corrections Department

Representative Fogarty-An Act relating to Agriculture and Forestry-Protection of Trees and Plants Generally

Representative Knight-An Act relating to Towns and Cities-Low and Moderate-Income Housing

Representative Newberry-An Act relating to Child and Slave Labor in Manufacturing of Green Energy Projects

Representative Potter-An Act relating to Rebuild Rhode Island Tax Credit

Representative Shanley-An Act relating to Elections-General Provisions

Representative Slater-An Act relating to Quality Self-Directed Services



By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

### TRANSMITTAL

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

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

### DESK HELD OPEN

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

### COMMUNICATION FROM THE SENATE

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

#### **Senate Bill No. 130**

**BY** Euer, Pearson, Gallo, Sosnowski, Lombardi F, Felag, Raptakis, Miller, LaMountain, Lauria  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- ELECTIVE MEETINGS (Mandates that on each primary for election of national convention delegates and elections for presidential preference primaries, that all public elementary and secondary schools be closed.) {LC1221/1}  
03/17/2023 Referred to House State Government & Elections

#### **Senate Bill No. 177**

**BY** Gallo, Pearson, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Valverde, Lawson, Zurier  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE KINDERGARTEN THROUGH GRADE TWO (2) MAXIMUM CLASS SIZE ACT (Mandates 20 students per classroom for kindergarten through second grade. Exceptions for emergencies and temporary situations, not to exceed 3 days and mid-year enrollments.) {LC882/1}  
03/17/2023 Referred to House Education

### NEW BUSINESS

#### **House Bill No. 6159**

**BY** Ackerman, Spears, Bennett, Kennedy, Kazarian, Hull, Edwards, Serpa, McNamara, Messier  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFITS (Includes any costs paid by an enrollee or on behalf of the enrollee by a third party when calculating an enrollee's overall contribution to any out-of-pocket maximum or cost sharing requirement under a health plan as of January 1, 2024.) {LC2392/1}  
03/17/2023 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 6160**

**BY** Noret, McNamara, Vella-Wilkinson, O'Brien, Baginski, Corvese, Fenton-Fung, Costantino, Fellela, Cardillo

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- PESTICIDE CONTROL

(Amends the definition of "under the direct supervision" to include a competent person acting under the control of a certified or licensed applicator who is available when needed, even though not physically present when pesticide is applied.) {LC2444/1}

03/17/2023 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**(For Co-sponsorship removal request, see Journal of 4-4-2023, page 2.)**

**(Added to Co-sponsorship is Representative Cardillo)**

**House Bill No. 6161**

**BY** Felix, Cruz, Craven, Batista, Vella-Wilkinson, Caldwell, Ajello, Kazarian, Morales

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

CONFINEMENT REFORM ACT (Establishes the restrictive housing oversight committee

("committee") for the purpose of monitoring the use of restrictive housing (solitary confinement), as well as disciplinary and administrative confinement at the department of corrections.) {LC2181/1}

03/17/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 6162**

**BY** Vella-Wilkinson, Craven, Felix, Batista, Knight, Edwards, Morales, Slater, Shanley

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- UNIFORM CONTROLLED

SUBSTANCES ACT (Amends the uniform controlled substances act and reclassifies simple

possession of 28 grams or less of certain controlled substances as a misdemeanor.) {LC2563/1}

03/17/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Resolution No. 6163**

**BY** Solomon, Edwards, Kazarian, Casimiro, Spears, Casey, Potter, Cruz, Felix, Kislak

**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE TO

IMPROVE THE LONG-TERM OUTCOMES AND REDUCE RECIDIVISM OF FEMALES

WITHIN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE POPULATION (Creates a 19 member task force whose

purpose it would be to improve outcomes and reduce recidivism of females in the criminal justice

system, and who would report back by February 5, 2024, and expire on April 5, 2024.) {LC2602/1}

03/17/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Resolution No. 6164**

**BY** Solomon, Kazarian, Casimiro, Spears, Carson, Caldwell

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING INFORMATION AND

GUIDANCE FROM THE RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES (DHS) IN

CONJUNCTION WITH THE RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS (DOC) ON

CURRENT AND POTENTIAL SERVICES AND PROGRAMS FOR TRANSITIONING

FEMALES IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM THROUGH PRE- AND POST-RELEASE

{LC2601/1}

03/17/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 6165****BY** Kazarian, Boylan, Dawson, Henries**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION – LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Enables the city of East Providence to offer tax amnesty for two (2) separate sixty (60) day periods for fiscal years 2023 and 2024 for waiver of interest and penalties on overdue real property tax payments.) {LC2377/1}

03/17/2023 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government &amp; Housing

**House Bill No. 6166****BY** Place, Newberry**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO THE CONSOLIDATION OF THE OAKLAND--MAPLEVILLE #4 AND THE NASONVILLE FIRE DISTRICTS INTO THE BURRILLVILLE FIRE DISTRICT (Authorizes, subject to voter approval, the merger and consolidation of the Oakland-Mapleville Fire District #4 and the Nasonville Fire District into a district to be called the "Burrillville Fire District.") {LC2549/1}

03/17/2023 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government &amp; Housing

**House Bill No. 6167****BY** Speakman, Donovan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Allows Bristol to adopt tax classification plan for tax relief for taxes assessed on 12/31/23 and any tax year thereafter.) {LC2596/1}

03/17/2023 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government &amp; Housing

**House Bill No. 6168****BY** Speakman, Shekarchi, Morales, Boylan, Cruz, Potter, Alzate, Felix**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- HOUSING PRODUCTION REVOLVING FUND (Creates the Housing Production Revolving Fund through the issuance of \$50,000,000 in housing bonds by the department of housing to provide affordable housing for low income households and provide a \$500,000 annual appropriation from the general assembly.) {LC2564/1}

03/17/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 6169****BY** Diaz, Shallcross Smith, Casimiro, McNamara, DeSimone, Messier, Cruz, Kislak, Donovan, Caldwell**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- THE RHODE ISLAND WORKS PROGRAM (Permits a parent or caretaker relative of a family applying for child care assistance to qualify for child care assistance without first establishing paternity, or enforcing child support and medical support orders.) {LC2556/1}

03/17/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 6170****BY** Giraldo, Alzate, Potter, Voas, Morales, Cruz, O'Brien**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- POSTSECONDARY TUITION ASSISTANCE FOR SHORTAGE TEACHING FIELDS (Creates a postsecondary tuition assistance for shortage teaching fields.) {LC2558/1}

03/17/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 6171****BY** Ajello, Kislak, Speakman, Alzate, Potter, Cruz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX -- CAPITAL GAINS (Amends the capital gains tax rates and holding period from 5 years to 1 year. Imposes a non-owner occupied tax on homes assessed at more than \$1,000,000.) {LC2562/1}

03/17/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Resolution No. 6172****BY** Ajello, Shallcross Smith, Tanzi, Cortvriend, Donovan, Spears, Carson, Speakman, Henries, McGaw**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$3,000,000 TO SOJOURNER HOUSE IN RHODE ISLAND (Authorizes the appropriation of the sum of \$3,000,000 to Sojourner House to support its permanent housing development program that provides safe, secure housing to individuals and families fleeing from dangerous situations.) {LC2579/1}

03/17/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES****TRANSFER OF BILLS****Chairman Casey, for the Committee on Municipal Government and Housing, reports back the following measure, with recommendation of transfer to the Committee on Labor:****House Bill No. 5050****BY** Edwards, Bennett, Kazarian, Shanley, Hull, Brien, Potter, Alzate**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- LABOR AND PAYMENT OF DEBTS BY CONTRACTORS (Amends the definition of public works so that it would include any public works projects performed for any city or town or quasi-municipal entity and the state and any quasi-state entity.) {LC384/1}

03/17/2023 Committee transferred to House Labor

**COMMITTEE ON CORPORATIONS**

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

**House Bill No. 5337 SUB A****BY** Handy, Serpa, Cortvriend, Messier, Fenton-Fung, Solomon, Fogarty, Caldwell, Chippendale**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- CASUALTY INSURANCE RATING (Prevents insurance companies from treating widowed persons differently than married persons when establishing or maintaining an insured's rate or classification respecting the operation of a personal motor vehicle. Effective 1/1/24) {LC836/A/1}

03/17/2023 Placed on House Calendar (03/21/2023)

**House Bill No. 5419**

(RI Airport Corporation)

**BY** Kennedy, Azzinaro, Ackerman, McNamara

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO AERONAUTICS -- AIRPORTS AND LANDING FIELDS

(Designates the appropriate authority on air space issues as the president and CEO of the Rhode Island airport corporation and aligns certain job titles with their proper responsibilities relative to aeronautics.) {LC736/1}

03/17/2023 Placed on House Calendar (03/23/2023)

**House Bill No. 5420**

(RI Airport Corporation)

**BY** Kennedy, Ackerman, Azzinaro

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO AERONAUTICS -- UNPILOTED AERIAL VEHICLES

(Provides for the regulation of unpiloted aircraft systems in accordance with Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) requirements.) {LC1331/1}

03/17/2023 Placed on House Calendar (03/23/2023)

**COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

Chairman Abney, for the Committee on Finance, reports back the following measures, with recommendation of passage:

**House Bill No. 5040 SUB A**

**BY** O'Brien, Biah, Slater, Serpa, Carson, Corvese, Azzinaro, Kazarian, Spears, DeSimone

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- TEACHERS' RETIREMENT (Permits retired teachers to substitute teach in a school for up to one hundred twenty (120) days in a school year, without any loss, forfeiture, or reduction in retirement benefits, through June 30, 2025.)

{LC448/A/1}

03/17/2023 Placed on House Calendar (03/21/2023)

**Senate Bill No. 20 SUB A**

**BY** Valverde, Pearson, DiMario, Acosta, Zurier, DiPalma, Gu, Britto

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- TEACHERS' RETIREMENT (Adds a section which allows substitute teachers and post-retirement employees to exceed the ninety-day (90) cap on post-retirement employment if certain conditions are met.) {LC672/A/1}

03/17/2023 Placed on House Calendar (03/21/2023)

**COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

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

**House Bill No. 5044**

**BY** Edwards, Caldwell, Kazarian, Potter, Alzate, Casimiro, Kislak, Felix, Abney, Craven

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- HARM REDUCTION

CENTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND PILOT PROGRAM (Extends the expiration date of the Harm Reduction Center Advisory Committee and Pilot Program by two years, from March 1, 2024, to March 1, 2026.) {LC382/1}

03/17/2023 Placed on House Calendar (03/23/2023)

**House Bill No. 5349**

**BY** Casey, Fenton-Fung, Kazarian, Chippendale, Craven, Bennett, Messier, Kislak, O'Brien, Dawson  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- NURSES (Amends the conditions upon which a nurse would be exempt from certain licensing requirements to include eligibility to practice before taking and receiving results of the NCLEX exam.) {LC239/1}  
03/17/2023 Placed on House Calendar (03/21/2023)

**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}  
03/15/2023 Committee recommends passage

**House Bill No. 5682 SUB A**

(Dept. of Health)

**BY** Giraldo, Potter

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- OFFICE OF STATE MEDICAL EXAMINERS (Provides DOH multidisciplinary team review of drug overdose deaths may gather info of deaths from family willing to do so to help identify prevention/intervention strategies.) {LC1618/A/1}  
03/17/2023 Placed on House Calendar (03/23/2023)

**COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT AND HOUSING**

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

**Senate Bill No. 239**

**BY** Pearson, Picard

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Authorizes the town of Cumberland to exempt or stabilizes tax payments for real/personal property related to environmental remediation, historic preservation, affordable housing, manufacturing, commercial, residential, or mixed-use purposes.) {LC801/1}  
03/17/2023 Placed on House Calendar (03/21/2023)

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 4:54 o'clock P.M. on motion of Representative Tanzi, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Karrie Ann DiSanto seconded by Leaders Blazejewski and Chippendale the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

**Diane M. DePina**  
Recording Clerk

**APPENDIX****INVOCATION****REPRESENTATIVE ARTHUR J. CORVESE**

Dear Lord: Today we start our session by honoring Saint Joseph. The patron Saint of working men everywhere. We further honor Saint Patrick, the Patron Saint of Ireland. Both men came from humble beginnings but dedicated their lives to serving others. Let these Men be our guide as we work to serve the needs of all who call Rhode Island home. Amen

APPENDIX

## REPRESENTATIVE MCNAMARA, ST. PATRICK'S DAY POEM

## YAKOKE

(Thank You)

The Choctaw Nation was forced to march the 500 miles "Trails of Tears"  
Starvation and disease were their constant fears

Thousands were lost on that deadly jaunt  
The survivors arrived in Oklahoma Weakened and gaunt

Memories of hunger and stolen land scared their soul  
Tribal survival was their goal

Sixteen years later, they heard from across the sea  
An Irish famine was causing death and misery

They heard of a child crying for a piece of corn to stop the pain  
His cries were all in vain

His mother whispered in his ear  
Maybe tomorrow my dear

More news arrived from that foreign shore  
Irish deaths were starting to soar

Memories of starvation and stolen land  
Were all that it took for the Choctaw to take a stand

The Irish hardship and famine were beyond belief  
The Choctaw organized to send relief

The Choctaw people dug very deep  
It was one of the largest donations the Irish would reap

The country was grateful and overcome with joy  
For the Choctaw Nations' benevolent ploy



One hundred-seventy years later  
The Navajo and Hopi Nations saw COVID spreading fast  
The pandemic reminded the Irish of charitable acts of their past

Choctaw empathy was in the Irish DNA  
Their counties organized to send relief to keep the pandemic at bay

Funds were sent for water, food and medical care  
Creating a bond based on the fragile humanity  
For nations both far and near

Food should never be a weapon of war  
As kindred spirits, we all should do more

Dark pasts should lead the way to a world that ends hunger and greed  
And we should always remember  
The Choctaw's generous deed

Sláinte  
(Cheers)

Happy St. Patrick's Day



**APPENDIX****CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 2023:**

- 1. 2023-H 5040 SUB A**  
**BY O'Brien**  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- TEACHERS' RETIREMENT**

Committee on Finance recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A in concurrence.

- 2. 2023-H 5337 SUB A**  
**BY Handy**  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- CASUALTY INSURANCE RATING**

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

- 3. 2023-H 5349**  
**BY Casey**  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- NURSES**

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.

- 4. 2023-S 20 SUB A**  
**BY Valverde**  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- TEACHERS' RETIREMENT**

Committee on Finance recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A in concurrence.

- 5. 2023-S 239**  
**BY Pearson**  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION**

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage in concurrence.

**IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 23, 2023:**

**1. 2023-H 5044**

**BY** Edwards

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- HARM REDUCTION CENTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND PILOT PROGRAM

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.

**2. 2023-H 5682 SUB A**

**BY** Giraldo

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- OFFICE OF STATE MEDICAL EXAMINERS

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

**3. 2023-H 5419**

**BY** Kennedy

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO AERONAUTICS -- AIRPORTS AND LANDING FIELDS

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

**4. 2023-H 5420**

**BY** Kennedy

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO AERONAUTICS -- UNPILOTED AERIAL VEHICLES

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

**Francis McCabe**  
Clerk of the House

**Friday, March 17, 2023**