

# State of Rhode Island

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-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, April 27, 2023

Twenty-ninth Day

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The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence, Thursday, April 27, 2023, and is called to order at 4:08 o'clock P.M., by the Honorable K. Joseph Shekarchi, Speaker.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 73 members present and 2 members absent as follows:

**PRESENT** – 73: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, 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** – 2: Representatives Fogarty and Noret.

## INVOCATION

The Honorable Speaker presents Deputy Whip Mia Ackerman who delivers the Invocation and leads the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

(For Invocation, see Appendix, this Journal.)

## NATIONAL ANTHEM

Deputy Whip Ackerman introduces Cantor Dr. Brian Mayer of Temple Emanu-El of Providence to sing the National Anthem of Israel.

RHODE ISLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY



House of Representatives

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

Pursuant to House Rule 15(g)(ii), Representative Lombardi  
hereby requests the removal of their co-sponsorship of Bill # H-5331  
entitled: Relating to Financial Institutions – Check Cashing

\_\_\_\_\_ which is currently in the House Committee on Corporations

Signature: 

House District # \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 4/27, 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*

RHODE ISLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY



House of Representatives

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

Pursuant to House Rule 15(g)(ii), Representative Quattrocchi  
hereby requests the removal of their co-sponsorship of Bill # H-5846  
entitled: Relating to Public Utilities & Carriers – Water Supply


\_\_\_\_\_ which is currently in the House Committee on Corporations

Signature: 

House District # 41

Date: 4/5/, 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*

**ADDRESS**

Deputy Whip Ackerman addresses the members in memorializing Israel Independence Day.

**GUESTS**

Deputy Whip Ackerman welcomes to the House Chamber from Temple Emanu-El of Providence, Sr. Rabbi Michael Fel, Cantor Dr. Brian Mayer, Jewish Alliance of Greater Rhode Island, President and CEO Adam Greenman and Rhode Island Collaborative, RIIC, President and CEO, Avi Nevel, in celebration of Israel Independence Day.

**APPROVAL OF RECORD**

By unanimous consent, the House Journal of Tuesday, April 25, 2023, is approved.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Representative Kathleen A. Fogarty is unable to attend session today, Thursday, April 27, 2023.  
Representative Thomas E. Noret is unable to attend session today, Thursday, April 27, 2023.

**CALENDAR**

From the Calendar are taken:

**IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 2023:****1. 2023-H 5328 SUB A**

**BY** Carson

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- FOOD ALLERGY AWARENESS IN FOOD SERVICE ESTABLISHMENTS

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 Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Carson, Spears, Speakman, McGaw, Donovan, Morales, Caldwell, Ajello, Cortvriend, Kislak, Deputy Whip Ackerman and Representative Bennett.

Chairwoman McEntee, Minority Leader Chippendale, Deputy Whip Ackerman, Representatives Carson and Vella-Wilkinson discuss the act.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, 62 members voting in the affirmative and 10 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 62: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Potter, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 10: Representatives Casey, Chippendale, Knight, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Place, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts.

RECUSED - 0:

**2. 2023-H 5767**

**BY** Baginski

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

Committee on State Government & Elections recommends passage.

Chairman Shanley moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski.

Chairman Shanley discusses the act.

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, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

**3. 2023-H 5668**

**BY** Cortvriend

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CHILDREN WITH  
DISABILITIES

Committee on Education recommends passage.

Chairman McNamara moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Carson, Spears, Speakman, Donovan, McGaw, McEntee, Morales, Ajello, Shallcross Smith, Cortvriend, Bennett, Deputy Speaker Hull, Representatives Edwards, Potter, Kislak, Voas, Cruz, Majority Whip Kazarian and Representative Lombardi.

Chairman McNamara and Representative Carson discuss the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 74 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 74: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henriess, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

**4. 2023-H 5101**

**BY** Corvese

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF NORTH PROVIDENCE TO ISSUE NOT TO EXCEED \$125,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, NOTES AND OTHER EVIDENCES OF INDEBTEDNESS TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, REHABILITATION, REPAIR, IMPROVEMENTS, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF AND/OR ADDITIONS TO SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL FACILITIES IN THE TOWN, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE CONSTRUCTION OF THREE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS, THE RENOVATION OF TWO MIDDLE SCHOOLS AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF NEW ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES, SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF STATE HOUSING AID AT A REIMBURSEMENT RATE OR STATE SHARE RATIO OF NOT LESS THAN 79.8% FOR EXPENDITURES ELIGIBLE FOR REIMBURSEMENT

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

Chairman Abney moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Biah, O'Brien, Shallcross Smith, Deputy Speaker Hull, Representatives Corvese, and Brien.

Chairman Abney discusses the act

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 74 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 74: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

**5. 2023-S 18**

**BY** Ruggerio

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF NORTH PROVIDENCE TO ISSUE NOT TO EXCEED \$125,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, NOTES AND OTHER EVIDENCES OF INDEBTEDNESS TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, REHABILITATION, REPAIR, IMPROVEMENTS, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF AND/OR ADDITIONS TO SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL FACILITIES IN THE TOWN, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE CONSTRUCTION OF THREE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS, THE RENOVATION OF TWO MIDDLE SCHOOLS AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF NEW ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES, SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF STATE HOUSING AID AT A REIMBURSEMENT RATE OR STATE SHARE RATIO OF NOT LESS THAN 79.8% FOR EXPENDITURES ELIGIBLE FOR REIMBURSEMENT

Committee on Finance recommends passage in concurrence.

Chairman Abney moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski.

Chairman Abney discusses the act

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 74 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 74: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, 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, Robert Quattracchi, State Representative, District 41, 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 5006

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

Supporting and defending RI State Constitution. to vote would be a violation of my oath of office

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.

[Signature]  
REPRESENTATIVE

State of Rhode Island  
County of: Providence

Subscribed and sworn to under the penalties for perjury before me this 27 day of APRIL, 2023

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

[Signature]  
NOTARY PUBLIC  
Michael R. Egan  
Notary Public  
State of Rhode Island  
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES 03-30-2026  
Commission # 87679  
SPEAKER



**POINT OF ORDER**

Representative Lima rises on a point of order.

The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi overrules Representative Lima's point of order.

**6. 2023-H 5006**

**BY** Kazarian

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --  
HEALTH CARE FOR CHILDREN AND PREGNANT WOMEN -- EQUALITY IN  
ABORTION COVERAGE

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Chairman Craven moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Carson, Cotter, Spears, Donovan, Abney, Speakman, Henries, Biah, Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives, DeSimone, McGaw, Craven, Caldwell, Morales, McEntee, Dawson, Finkelman, Shanley, Ajello, Handy, Cortvriend, Knight, Bennett, Edwards, Kislak, Felix, McNamara, Tanzi, Giraldo, Potter, Voas, Cruz, Stewart, Sanchez, Majority Whip Kazarian, Representatives, Casimiro, Boylan, Messier and Alzate.

Chairman Craven, Representatives Lima, Corvese, Perez, McEntee, Minority Leader Chippendale, Representatives Ajello, Morgan, Brien, Serpa, Cardillo, Alzate, Azzinaro, Quattrocchi, Majority Whip Kazarian, Representatives Diaz and Tanzi discuss the act.

**PROXY VOTES**

Majority Leader Blazejewski announces pursuant to rule 33(e) authorizing Proxy Votes, he has a Proxy Vote from Representative Fogarty to be recorded in the affirmative for item #6.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 49 members voting in the affirmative and 24 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 49: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Kazarian, Kislak, Knight, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Potter, Sanchez, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 24: Representatives Azzinaro, Brien, Cardillo, Casey, Chippendale, Corvese, Costantino, Diaz, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Hull, Kennedy, Lima, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Rea, Roberts, Serpa, Vella-Wilkinson.

RECUSED - 1: Representative Quattrocchi.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

**GUESTS**

Chairman Bennett welcomes to the House Chamber guests from the Rhode Island Motorcycle Association, Paul Bond, President, Steve Chauvette and Alan Schuele, here today in recognition of May being Motorcycle Awareness Month. Speaker Shekarchi welcomes them to the House.

**NOW PRESIDING**

At 5:34 p.m., the Honorable Speaker Shekarchi yields the rostrum to the Honorable Deputy Speaker Hull.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Representative Tanzi wishes Representative Ajello a Happy Birthday! Deputy Speaker Hull wishes Representative Ajello a Happy Birthday!

Deputy Whip Ackerman announces in celebration of Israel Independence Day, she is providing all members with a Paskesz candy bar to enjoy.

Chairman Azzinaro wishes his grandson Ryan Gulluscio a Happy 30<sup>th</sup> Birthday! Deputy Speaker Hull wishes Ryan a Happy Birthday!

Floor Manager Edwards wishes his mother Mary Ann Edwards a very Happy Birthday. Deputy Speaker Hull wishes Mary Ann a Happy Birthday!

Representative Speakman and Deputy Speaker Hull offer condolences to Representative Knight and his family on the passing of his father Jay G. Knight.

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

**PROXY VOTES**

Majority Leader Blazejewski announces pursuant to rule 33(e) authorizing Proxy Votes, he has Proxy Votes from Representative Fogarty to be recorded in the affirmative for items #1 through #5.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Majority Leader Blazejewski announces that the next House session will be next Tuesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, and Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, at 4 p.m. There will be no session next Wednesday, but committees will be scheduled. Tomorrow, April 28<sup>th</sup>, is the deadline to submit the 2022 Financial Disclosure Statement to the Ethics Commission. This Monday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, is the deadline to file the Campaign Finance Report with the Rhode Island Board of Elections. The final draft of all members' biographies for the Rhode Island Government Owner's Manual 2023-2024 is due today.

Majority Leader Blazewski announces that all members are invited to attend the Speaker's Scholar-Athlete Award Ceremony this Monday, May 1st, at 2 p.m., in the House chamber. This annual event recognizes students from the Community College of Rhode Island, Rhode Island College, and the University of Rhode Island who excelled in academics and athletics.

Majority Leader Blazewski congratulates Chairwoman Jacquelyn Baginski who was presented with the Legislator of the Year Award from the Mental Health Association of Rhode Island.

### IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION

#### **House Resolution No. 6336**

**BY** Bennett, Shekarchi, Blazewski, Chippendale, Edwards, Perez, Noret, Finkelman, Corvese, McNamara

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MAY OF 2023, TO BE "MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND URGING ALL RHODE ISLAND MOTORISTS TO AVOID DISTRACTED DRIVING {LC2853/1}

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

There is no objection.

Chairman Bennett discusses the resolution.

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

#### **House Resolution No. 6337**

**BY** Ackerman, Finkelman, Abney, Kennedy, Boylan, Shekarchi, Blazewski, Shallcross Smith, Chippendale, O'Brien

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF ISRAEL'S ESTABLISHMENT ON APRIL 25-26, 2023, AND REAFFIRMING THE BONDS OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION BETWEEN RHODE ISLAND, THE UNITED STATES, AND THE STATE OF ISRAEL {LC2396/1}

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

There is no objection.

Deputy Whip Ackerman discusses the resolution.

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

**House Resolution No. 6338****BY** Blazejewski, Chippendale**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES {LC2889/1}

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. 6339****BY** Blazejewski, Chippendale**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING CONGRATULATIONS {LC2890/1}

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.

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

Representative Craven-An Act relating to Education--State Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

Representative Donovan-An Act relating to State of Affairs and Government--The Office of Early Childhood Development and Learning

Representative Morales-An Act relating to State Affairs and Government-Environmental Justice Act

Representative Morgan-An Act relating to Making Appropriations to Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management for Recycling and Litter Control

Representative Serpa-An Act relating to State Affairs and Government- Stranded Marine Mammals

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 Deputy Speaker Hull 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 measure:

**Senate Bill No. 178**

**BY** Gallo, Pearson, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Valverde, Lawson, Zurier

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- APPRENTICESHIP PATHWAYS TO EARNING A BACHELOR'S DEGREE ACT (Creates the Apprenticeship Pathways to Earning a Bachelor's Degree Act, to enable an individual to earn a bachelor's degree at public higher education institutions throughout the state by earning credits through apprenticeships.) {LC886/1}

04/28/2023 Referred to House Education

**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 Judiciary.

**House Bill No. 6288**

(by request)

**BY** McEntee

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT AUTHORIZING BONNET SHORES FIRE DISTRICT TO HOLD A SPECIAL ELECTION (Amends the Act to Incorporate the Bonnet Shores Fire District to determine the electorate for the corporation.) {LC713/1}

04/28/2023 Committee transferred to House Judiciary

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES****COMMITTEE ON CORPORATIONS**

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

**Senate Bill No. 151**

**BY** Paolino, de la Cruz

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF CORONA CORP. {LC571/1}

04/28/2023 Placed on House Calendar (05/02/2023)

**House Bill No. 5843 SUB A**

**BY** Serpa

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- CONDOMINIUM LAW (Provides that the "meetings" requirements from § 34-36.1-3.08 be applicable to condominiums created before July 1, 1982 and permits remote participation in condominium meetings.) {LC1128/A/2}

04/28/2023 Placed on House Calendar (05/02/2023)

**House Bill No. 6024****BY** Serpa**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- CONDOMINIUM LAW (Provides that the "rights of secured lenders" provision from § 34-36.1-2.19 be applicable to condominiums created before July 1, 1982 and creates a process for condominium associations to notify unit mortgage holders for certain association actions.) {LC1126/1}

04/28/2023 Placed on House Calendar (05/02/2023)

**House Bill No. 6306****BY** Craven**ENTITLED**, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF FEATHERBED ESTATES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC. {LC2862/1}

04/28/2023 Placed on House Calendar (05/02/2023)

**COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**

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

**House Bill No. 5741****BY** McNamara**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- EDUCATION ACCOUNTABILITY ACT (Incorporates the department of elementary and secondary education's SurveyWorks school climate indicators for evaluating the performance of LEAs and individual public schools.) {LC2336/1}

04/28/2023 Placed on House Calendar (05/02/2023)

**House Bill No. 5860**

(Dept. of Education (RIDE))

**BY** Tanzi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INCORPORATING THE RHODE ISLAND COMMISSION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE (Reduces the number of commissioners on the board of commissioners to no less than fifteen and would add a d/b/a Serve RI designation after commissions name.) {LC2189/1}

04/28/2023 Placed on House Calendar (05/04/2023)

**House Bill No. 6052 SUB A****BY** Cortvriend, Shallcross Smith, Donovan, Speakman, McNamara, Kislak, Spears, Carson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- COUNCIL ON ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION (Adds the Rhode Island teacher of the year as an additional ex officio member of the council on elementary and secondary education as well as the board of education.)

{LC1888/A/1}

04/28/2023 Placed on House Calendar (05/04/2023)

**COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY**

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

**House Bill No. 5911**

(Attorney General)

**BY** McEntee, Craven, Caldwell, O'Brien, Edwards, Casimiro, Kazarian, Spears, Fogarty, Handy  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- INDICTMENTS, INFORMATIONS AND COMPLAINTS (Includes the offense of second-degree sexual assault among the offenses to which there shall be no statute of limitations and provides for a ten (10) year statute of limitations for third-degree sexual assault.) {LC2074/1}  
04/28/2023 Placed on House Calendar (05/04/2023)

**House Bill No. 5897**

(Judiciary)

**BY** Diaz, Hull, Slater, DeSimone, Felix, Kennedy, Edwards  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- CHILDREN (Transfers jurisdiction of child endangerment offenses from the family court to the superior court.) {LC2419/1}  
04/28/2023 Placed on House Calendar (05/02/2023)

**House Bill No. 5913 SUB A**

(Judiciary)

**BY** Craven, Dawson  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- IDENTIFICATION AND APPREHENSION OF CRIMINALS (Amends the current time frame for automatic sealing of criminal cases in the district court.) {LC2417/A/1}  
04/28/2023 Placed on House Calendar (05/02/2023)

**House Bill No. 5890**

(Judiciary)

**BY** Noret, Hull, Baginski, Phillips, Cardillo, Corvese, Azzinaro, Vella-Wilkinson, Lima, Chippendale  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES (Clarifies and separate the different criminal penalties for first and subsequent convictions for reckless driving.) {LC2421/1}  
04/28/2023 Placed on House Calendar (05/02/2023)

**House Bill No. 5914**

**BY** Craven, Caldwell

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- CONSERVATION AND PRESERVATION RESTRICTIONS ON REAL PROPERTY (Requires conservation and preservation restrictions to be liberally interpreted in favor of the grants awarded.) {LC1534/1}  
04/28/2023 Placed on House Calendar (05/02/2023)

**House Bill No. 6060 SUB A****BY** Shekarchi, Hull, Edwards, Cortvriend, Kazarian, Blazejewski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE--COURTS -- SUPERIOR COURT (Establishes a land use calendar within the superior court, effective January 1, 2024.) {LC2192/A/1}

04/28/2023 Placed on House Calendar (05/02/2023)

**House Bill No. 6083 SUB A****BY** Batista, Shekarchi, Hull, Shallcross Smith, Noret, McNamara**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING (Amends several sections of law relating to low-and moderate-income housing and the application, appeal, and judicial review process.) {LC1448/A/1}

04/28/2023 Placed on House Calendar (05/02/2023)

**COMMITTEE ON LABOR**

Chairman Corvese, for the Committee on Labor, reports back the following measure, with recommendation of passage:

**House Bill No. 5371****BY** Felix, Tanzi, Giraldo, Voas, Stewart, Alzate, Kazarian, Henries, Boylan, Morales**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- MINIMUM WAGES (Allows individuals employed in domestic service or in or about a private home to be included as an employee, for purposes of minimum wages law.) {LC1036/1}

04/28/2023 Placed on House Calendar (05/04/2023)

**COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT AND HOUSING**

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

**Senate Bill No. 29****BY** Felag, DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AMENDMENTS TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF TIVERTON (Validates and ratifies amendments to the Home Rule Charter of the town of Tiverton, adopted and approved on November 8, 2022.) {LC325/1}

04/28/2023 Placed on House Calendar (05/04/2023)

**Senate Bill No. 114****BY** Felag, Lauria, Ujifusa**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- HISTORICAL AREA ZONING (Allows the town of Bristol to appoint a second auxiliary member to its historical district commission.) {LC880/1}

04/28/2023 Placed on House Calendar (05/04/2023)



**House Bill No. 5262****BY** Donovan, Speakman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- HISTORICAL AREA ZONING (Allows the town of Bristol to appoint a second auxiliary member to its historical district commission.) {LC794/1}

04/28/2023 Placed on House Calendar (05/04/2023)

**House Bill No. 5379****BY** Place, Rea, Newberry**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HARRISVILLE FIRE DISTRICT (Amends the Harrisville fire district charter to allow the district to provide rescue services in addition to fire suppression, medical and ambulance services.) {LC653/1}

04/28/2023 Placed on House Calendar (05/02/2023)

**House Bill No. 6093****BY** Nardone, Noret, Morgan P, Chippendale, Serpa, Roberts**ENTITLED**, AN ACT IN AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 492 OF THE PUBLIC LAWS OF 2006 AMENDING THE CHARTER OF THE CENTRAL COVENTRY FIRE DISTRICT (Amends the Central Coventry Fire District Charter to provide for purchasing, installing, operating and maintaining street lighting and the funding for its debt.) {LC2258/1}

04/28/2023 Placed on House Calendar (05/04/2023)

**COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT AND ELECTIONS**

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

**House Bill No. 5464 SUB A**

(RI Bridge and Turnpike Authority)

**BY** Finkelman, Noret, Dawson, Caldwell, O'Brien, Abney, Carson, Cortvriend**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS -- RHODE ISLAND TURNPIKE AND BRIDGE AUTHORITY (Extends the time for payment of toll violations from fourteen (14) days to thirty (30) days from the issuance of the violation.) {LC1406/A/1}

04/28/2023 Placed on House Calendar (05/04/2023)

**NEW BUSINESS****House Bill No. 6340****BY** McGaw, Ajello, Speakman, Kislak, Cotter, Craven, Kazarian, Carson, Henries**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- FUNERAL DIRECTOR/EMBALMER AND FUNERAL SERVICE ESTABLISHMENTS (Provides for the operation and duties of natural organic reduction for the contained, accelerated conversion of human remains to soil. A disposition facility would be used for either cremation or natural organic reduction.) {LC2754/1}

04/28/2023 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Resolution No. 6341**

**BY** Phillips, Serpa, Costantino, Lima, Corvese, Casey, Brien

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION REINSTATING AND EXTENDING THE REPORTING AND EXPIRATION DATES OF THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY RHODE ISLAND'S MINIMUM PRICING STATUTES (Reinstates the life and extends the reporting and expiration dates of the Commission to Study Rhode Island's Minimum Pricing Statutes from April 4, 2019, to April 4, 2024, and would expire on June 4, 2024.) {LC2894/1}

04/28/2023 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Resolution No. 6342**

**BY** Cotter, Chippendale, Casimiro, Spears, Kennedy, Speakman, Carson

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION CREATING A LEGISLATIVE STUDY COMMISSION TO EVALUATE AND PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS ON PROPER FOREST MANAGEMENT FOR FIRE PREVENTION (Creates a 12 member commission to evaluate and provide recommendations to evaluate and provide recommendations on proper forest management for fire prevention, and who would report back to the House by February 28, 2024, and expire on April 30, 2024.) {LC2879/1}

04/28/2023 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

**House Bill No. 6343**

**BY** Alzate, Henries, Stewart, Speakman, Cotter, Spears, Casimiro, Kazarian, McEntee, Kislak

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- MENSTRUATION LEAVE ACT (Grants leave of up to three (3) days per month to menstruating employees.) {LC2382/1}

04/28/2023 Introduced, referred to House Labor

**House Bill No. 6344**

**BY** Alzate, Stewart, Potter, Cruz, Sanchez

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- HEALTHY AND SAFE FAMILIES AND WORKPLACES ACT (Mandates that the work week be reduced to thirty-two hours and rate of pay for a thirty-two (32) hour workweek would remain the same as the rate of pay for forty hours.) {LC2450/1}

04/28/2023 Introduced, referred to House Labor

**House Bill No. 6345**

**BY** McEntee, Spears, Tanzi, Fogarty

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES (Authorizes the town of South Kingstown to locating within 200' from the premises of schools or places of worship any retailers' Class BV license, allowing retailer to be located at 357 Main St of the applicable town of South Kingstown tax assessment map.) {LC2915/1}

04/28/2023 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

**House Bill No. 6346****BY** Alzate, Cortvriend**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT (Amends the student success factor calculation of the state share ratio for foundation aid by accounting for English language in determining the state's share of foundation aid eligibility for each school district.) {LC2614/1}

04/28/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 6347****BY** Tanzi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF COMMERCIAL FISHING VEHICLES (Requires the division of motor vehicles to develop a form for registration of and a license plate for commercial fishing motor vehicles.) {LC2895/1}

04/28/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 6348****BY** Costantino, Shallcross Smith, Edwards, Ackerman, Cardillo, O'Brien**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- VIDEO LOTTERY GAMES, TABLE GAMES AND SPORTS WAGERING (This act would legalize iGaming by patrons located in the State of Rhode Island. Effective 1/1/2024.) {LC2864/1}

04/28/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Resolution No. 6349****BY** Tanzi, Serpa, Casimiro, Diaz, Giraldo, Voas, Stewart, Potter, Cruz, Boylan**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE MEDICAID SECTION 1115 DEMONSTRATION WAIVER REQUEST (Provides legislative approval for a proposal to amend a Medicaid section 1115 waiver request.) {LC2873/1}

04/28/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 5:45 o'clock P.M. on motion of Representative Speakman, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Jay G. Knight seconded by Leaders Blazejewski and Chippendale the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

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

APPENDIX

INVOCATION

REPRESENTATIVE MIA A. ACKERMAN

*Our Parent in Heaven,*

Today, we dedicate this session in honor and in celebration of the 75th anniversary of the creation of the State of Israel.

Let us commit ourselves to our shared principles as enshrined in Israel's Declaration of Independence which calls for, "creating a state for the benefit of all its inhabitants... based on freedom, justice and peace...

Amen

**APPENDIX****CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2023:****1. 2023-H 6060 SUB A****BY Shekarchi****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE--COURTS -- SUPERIOR COURT**

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

**2. 2023-H 6083 SUB A****BY Batista****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING**

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

**3. 2023-H 5914****BY Craven****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- CONSERVATION AND PRESERVATION RESTRICTIONS ON REAL PROPERTY**

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

**4. 2023-H 5843 SUB A****BY Serpa****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- CONDOMINIUM LAW**

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

**5. 2023-H 6024****BY Serpa****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- CONDOMINIUM LAW**

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

**6. 2023-H 5741****BY** McNamara**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- EDUCATION ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

Committee on Education recommends passage.

**7. 2023-H 5897****BY** Diaz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- CHILDREN

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

**8. 2023-H 5913 SUB A****BY** Craven**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- IDENTIFICATION AND APPREHENSION OF CRIMINALS

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

**9. 2023-H 5890****BY** Noret**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

**10. 2023-H 5379****BY** Place**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HARRISVILLE FIRE DISTRICT

Committee on Municipal Government &amp; Housing recommends passage.

**11. 2023-H 6306****BY** Craven**ENTITLED**, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF FEATHERBED ESTATES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

**12. 2023-S 151****BY** Paolino**ENTITLED**, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF CORONA CORP.

Committee on Corporations recommends passage in concurrence.

**IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MAY 4, 2023:****1. 2023-H 5860****BY** Tanzi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INCORPORATING THE RHODE ISLAND COMMISSION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Committee on Education recommends passage.

**2. 2023-H 6052 SUB A****BY** Cortvriend**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- COUNCIL ON ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

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

**3. 2023-H 5881 SUB A****BY** Noret**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- POLICE OFFICERS - COMMISSION ON STANDARDS AND TRAINING

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

**4. 2023-H 5371****BY** Felix**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- MINIMUM WAGES

Committee on Labor recommends passage.

**5. 2023-H 5464 SUB A****BY** Finkelman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS -- RHODE ISLAND TURNPIKE AND BRIDGE AUTHORITY

Committee on State Government &amp; Elections recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

**6. 2023-H 5911****BY** McEntee**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- INDICTMENTS, INFORMATIONS AND COMPLAINTS

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

7. **2023-H 5262**  
**BY** Donovan  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- HISTORICAL AREA ZONING

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

8. **2023-S 114**  
**BY** Felag  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- HISTORICAL AREA ZONING

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage in concurrence.

9. **2023-H 6093**  
**BY** Nardone  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT IN AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 492 OF THE PUBLIC LAWS OF 2006 AMENDING THE CHARTER OF THE CENTRAL COVENTRY FIRE DISTRICT

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

10. **2023-S 29**  
**BY** Felag  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AMENDMENTS TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF TIVERTON

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage in concurrence.

**Francis McCabe**  
Clerk of the House

**Friday, April 28, 2023**