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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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, May 11, 2023

Thirty-third Day

The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence, Thursday, May 11, 2023, and is called to order at 4:16 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, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson and Voas.

ABSENT – 5: Representatives Ackerman, Chippendale, Edwards, Fogarty and Perez.

INVOCATION

The Honorable Speaker presents Representative David A. Bennett who delivers the Invocation and leads the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

(For Invocation, see Appendix, this Journal.)

APPROVAL OF RECORD

By unanimous consent, the House Journal of Tuesday, May 9, 2023, is approved.

RHODE ISLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY



House of Representatives

CO-SPONSORSHIP REMOVAL REQUEST
2023

Pursuant to House Rule 15(g)(ii), Representative Cortvriend
hereby requests the removal of their co-sponsorship of Bill # 5800
entitled: Relating to taxation--Statewide tangible property tax

Exemption
which is currently in the House Committee on Finance

Signature: [Handwritten Signature]

House District # 72

Date: 5/11, 2023

Acknowledgement:
[Handwritten Signature]
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

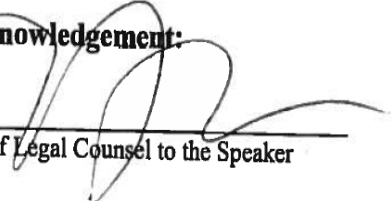
Pursuant to House Rule 15(g)(ii), Representative Casimiro
hereby requests the removal of their co-sponsorship of Bill # 6375
entitled: State Affairs and Government—Department of Administration

_____ which is currently in the House Committee on Finance _____

Signature: 

House District # 31

Date: 5/11, 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

May 11, 2023

The following announcements are being made by Speaker K. Joseph Shekarchi:

Appointment to the Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee:

Deputy Speaker Raymond Hull

Nomination to the National Conference of State Legislators' Emerging Leaders Program:

Representative Megan Cotter

Nominations to the National Conference of State Legislators' Energy Security Working Group:

Representative Arthur Handy

Representative June Speakman

Nomination to the National Conference of State Legislators' Task Force on Cybersecurity and Privacy Work Group:

Representative Jacquelyn Baginski

Representative Kathleen A. Fogarty is unable to attend session today, Thursday, May 11, 2023.

Representative John G. Edwards is unable to attend session today, Thursday, May 11, 2023.

CALENDAR

From the Calendar are taken:

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MAY 11, 2023:**1. 2023-H 5185**

BY Cortvriend

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --
POLICE OFFICERS--COMMISSION ON STANDARDS AND TRAINING**

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.

Chairwoman Donovan moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Abney, Ajello, Batista, Bennett, Blazejewski, Carson, Cortvriend, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Dawson, Diaz, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Handy, Hull, Kislak, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morgan, Noret, Potter, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Vella-Wilkinson.

Chairwoman Donovan discusses the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 70 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 70: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, 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, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

2. 2023-H 5783

BY Batista

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

Chairman Casey moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski and Representative Slater.

Chairman Casey, Representatives Morales and Sanchez discuss the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 71 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 71: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, 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, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

3. 2023-S 923

BY Miller

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage in concurrence.

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

Chairman Casey discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 71 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 71: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, 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, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

GUESTS

Representative Boylan welcomes to the House Chamber in recognition of Gun Safety Advocacy Day, Angela Ferrell-Zabala, the first-ever Executive Director of Moms Demand Action and Kenneth Gonzales, Managing Director of Volunteer Leadership and Engagement at Everytown for Gun Safety Action Fund.

POINT OF ORDER

Representative Newberry rises on a point of order.

The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi overruled Representative Newberry's point of order.

Representative Boylan continues her introduction of guests.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

CALENDAR

4. **2023-H 6309**

BY Kislak

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- PRIMARIES FOR ELECTION OF DELEGATES TO NATIONAL CONVENTIONS AND FOR PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE

Committee on State Government & Elections recommends passage.

Chairman Shanley moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Corvese, Knight, Morales, McNamara, Kislak, Diaz, Cortvriend, McGaw, Ajello and Vella-Wilkinson.

Chairman Shanley discusses the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 71 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 71: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, 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, Noret, O'Brien, 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-H 5612

BY Serpa

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- REGISTRATION OF VOTERS

Committee on State Government & Elections recommends passage.

Chairman Shanley moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Abney, Azzinaro, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Brien, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Cruz, Dawson, Diaz, Donovan, Felix, Finkelman, Giraldo, Kennedy, Lima, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, O'Brien, Phillips, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Spears, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

Chairman Shanley, Representatives Corvese and Brien discuss the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 71 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 71: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, 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, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

6. 2023-H 5460**BY** Baginski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- VOTING DISTRICTS AND OFFICIALS -- POLLING PLACE CAP

Committee on State Government & Elections recommends passage.

Chairman Shanley moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Noret, McGaw, Speakman, Carson and Brien.

Chairman Shanley, Representatives Sanchez and Baginski discuss the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 70 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 70: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, 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, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

7. 2023-H 6043**BY** Potter**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- CHILD SUPPORT INTERCEPT ACT

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

Chairman Solomon moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives McEntee, Morales, Caldwell and Potter.

Chairman Solomon discusses the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 70 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 70: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, 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, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

8. 2023-H 5220

BY Kislak

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES --
REGULATION OF ELECTRIC BICYCLES

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

Chairman Solomon moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Handy, Morales, McGaw, Potter, Felix, Kislak, McNamara, Spears, Ajello and Cortvriend.

Chairman Solomon, Representatives Nardone, Knight, Carson, Fenton-Fung, Minority Whip Place, Representatives Cotter, Lima, McNamara, Boylan and Kislak discuss the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 56 members voting in the affirmative and 13 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 56: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, O'Brien, Potter, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 13: Representatives Cardillo, Costantino, Fenton-Fung, Lima, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, Phillips, Place, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts.

RECUSED - 0:

Chairman Craven moves item #9 to the bottom of today's Calendar. There is no objection.

9. 2023-H 5562

BY Diaz

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --
CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Read, and by unanimous consent placed on the bottom of today's Calendar.

10. 2023-H 6163**BY** Solomon**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

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Chairman Craven moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Abney, Ajello, Alzate, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Cotter, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Felix, Giraldo, Henries, Hull, Kislak, Lombardi, McEntee, McNamara, Morales, Potter, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Vella-Wilkinson.

Chairman Craven discusses the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 70 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 70: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, 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, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

11. 2023-H 6164**BY** Solomon**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

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Chairman Craven moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Cruz, Casimiro, Felix, McEntee, Morales, Caldwell, Spears and Vella-Wilkinson.

Chairman Craven discusses the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 70 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 70: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, 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, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

12. 2023-H 5453

BY Slater

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- PERMANENT JOINT COMMITTEE ON NAMING ALL NEW BUILDINGS, BRIDGES, EDIFICES AND OTHER STATE CONSTRUCTIONS

Committee on Special Legislation recommends passage.

Chairwoman Alzate moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski.

Chairwoman Alzate discusses the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 70 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 70: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, 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, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

13. 2023-H 5953

BY Tanzi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- PERMANENT JOINT COMMITTEE ON NAMING ALL NEW BUILDINGS, BRIDGES, EDIFICES AND OTHER STATE CONSTRUCTIONS

Committee on Special Legislation recommends passage.

Chairwoman Alzate moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Cortvriend, McEntee and Craven.

Chairwoman Alzate, Representatives Newberry and Carson discuss the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 70 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 70: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, 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, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

14. 2023-H 5224 SUB A

BY Carson

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY AND PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS PERTAINING TO SERVICES AND COORDINATION OF STATE PROGRAMS RELATING TO OLDER ADULT RHODE ISLANDERS

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

Chairman Donovan moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Abney, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Carson, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Cotter, Craven, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Felix, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Hull, Kennedy, Kislak, Lombardi, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Noret, O'Brien, Potter, Sanchez, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Vella-Wilkinson.

Chairwoman Donovan, Representatives Morales and Carson 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, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea,

Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

9. 2023-H 5562

BY Diaz

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --
CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Chairman Craven moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Dawson, McEntee, Vella-Wilkinson and Felix.

Chairman Craven, Representatives Phillips, Knight, Minority Whip Place, Representative Brien, Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Newberry, Roberts, and Diaz discuss the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 62 members voting in the affirmative and 7 members voting in the negative as follows:

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

NAYS - 7: Representatives Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Place, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts.

RECUSED - 0:

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

GUESTS

Chairman Bennett welcomes to the House Chamber Rhode Island State Nurses Association members, Executive Director, Donna Policastro, RN, Julie Greenhalgh, RN Secretary and Board President of the Association of Perioperative Registered Nurses (RI), Margaret Clifton, RN, former Director and Ara Millette, Treasurer in recognition of Nurses Week.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vice-Chairwoman Carson announces that the Committee on Innovation, Internet, and Technology will meet today, at the rise of the House, in Room 101 of the State House.

GUESTS

Representatives Morales and Sanchez welcome to the House Chamber Community Affairs Coordinator at the Consulate General of Mexico, Jose Eliseo Ramirez and Hector Zavala, Associate Director, at the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México Boston. Speaker Shekarchi welcomes them both to the House Chamber.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Fellela wishes her children Matthew, Ally, Henry Jr., and her grandson Elvis, that have birthdays in the month of May, Happy Birthday. Speaker Shekarchi wishes a Happy Birthday to the Fellela family.

Vice Chairman Phillips announces that the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources will meet today, at the rise of the House, in Room 135 of the State House.

Representative Handy wishes all mothers particularly his mother a Happy Mother's Day!

Speaker Shekarchi wishes all mothers a Happy Mother's Day!

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 #14.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Majority Leader Blazejewski announces that the next House session will meet next Tuesday, May 16th, at 4 p.m. There will be no session next Wednesday, but committees will be scheduled.

Majority Leader Blazejewski congratulates three House members, who are being honored by Clean Water Action 21st Annual Breakfast of Champions tomorrow, May 12th, at Aspray Boat House in Warwick. Awards will be presented to Representative Terri Cortvriend for her legislation prohibiting per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) from food packaging made or sold in Rhode Island; Chairwoman Carol McEntee for her Plastic Waste Reduction Act legislation; and Representative June Speakman for her legislation creating state-level drinking water, groundwater and surface waters standards for PFAS.

Majority Leader Blazejewski and Speaker Shekarchi congratulate Majority Whip Kazarian and Representative Potter for completing their first year of law school.

Majority Leader Blazejewski and Speaker Shekarchi wish Representative Michelle McGaw a Happy Birthday!

Majority Leader Blazejewski wishes all mothers a Happy Mother's Day!

Speaker Shekarchi congratulates Representatives Terri Cortvriend, June Speakman and Chairwoman Carol McEntee on winning awards.

IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION

House Resolution No. 6392

BY Morales, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Place, Sanchez, Batista, Felix, Diaz, McEntee, Shallcross Smith

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION HONORING AND THANKING THE MEXICAN CONSULATE IN BOSTON FOR ALL OF THEIR HARD WORK IN PROVIDING MUCH NEEDED SERVICES TO CITIZENS OF MEXICO RESIDING IN RHODE ISLAND {LC2992/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Morales discusses the resolution.

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

House Resolution No. 6393

BY Carson, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Place, Fenton-Fung, Shallcross Smith, Bennett, DeSimone, Ajello, Fellela

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MAY OF 2023, TO BE "OLDER AMERICANS MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC2922/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Carson discusses the resolution.

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

House Resolution No. 6394

BY Bennett, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Place, Newberry, Solomon, Messier, Casey, McNamara, Lombardi J

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION CELEBRATING THE WEEK OF MAY 6TH THROUGH MAY 12TH AS "NATIONAL NURSES WEEK" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC2909/1}

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

There is no objection.

Chairman Bennett, Representative Phillips and Speaker Shekarchi discuss the resolution.

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

House Resolution No. 6395

BY Blazejewski, Place

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING CONGRATULATIONS {LC2998/1}

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. 6396

BY Blazejewski, Place

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES {LC2997/1}

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.

RULE 7D

The following bills were received pursuant to Rule 7D:

Representative Serpa-An Act relating to Public Utilities and Carriers—Regulatory Powers of
Administration

Representative Slater-An Act relating to The Rhode Island Cannabis Act

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**Senate Bill No. 88****BY** Tikoian, Lombardi F, Raptakis, Felag, Britto, Ciccone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- SPEED

RESTRICTIONS (Requires those vehicles traveling on any roadway or highway to move over to the left lane or slow down upon approaching a nonemergency vehicle that is stationary on the side of any roadway or highway.) {LC1047/1}

05/12/2023 Referred to House Judiciary

Senate Bill No. 121**BY** Euer, Murray, Mack, Pearson, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, McKenney, Acosta, Miller**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS -- ADOPTION OF CHILDREN

(Creates a new section which provides a streamlined adoption process for children born through assisted reproduction and who need adoption to confirm, not establish, their legal parentage to protect them against discrimination in all jurisdictions.) {LC895/1}

05/12/2023 Referred to House Judiciary

Senate Bill No. 141**BY** Ciccone, DiPalma, Lombardi F, Britto, Felag**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- FIREFIGHTERS'

ARBITRATION (Provides that all contractual provisions in a firefighters collective bargaining agreement continue until a successor agreement has been reached or an interest arbitration award has been rendered.) {LC1137/1}

05/12/2023 Referred to House Labor

Senate Bill No. 378**BY** Gallo, Goodwin, Pearson, DiPalma, Lombardi F, Felag, Euer, Miller, Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --

DEPARTMENTS OF STATE GOVERNMENT (Requires the secretary of EOHHS, the secretary of commerce of the commerce corporation/commissioners of elementary/secondary education/postsecondary education, and the secretary of housing be appointed by the governor subject to the approval of the senate) {LC884/1}

05/12/2023 Referred to House State Government & Elections

Senate Bill No. 426**BY** Lawson, Murray, Ciccone, Lombardi F, Britto, Lauria, Mack, McKenney, LaMountain**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- MUNICIPAL

EMPLOYEES' ARBITRATION (Establishes new factors for the interest contract arbitration board for municipal employee unions, to consider in rendering a decision the board power to render an award over all negotiated matters, including the expenditure of money.) {LC31/1}

05/12/2023 Referred to House Labor

Senate Bill No. 428**BY** Ciccone, Lombardi F, Burke, DiPalma, Tikoian**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- MUNICIPAL POLICE ARBITRATION (Extends provisions of an existing collective bargaining agreement for municipal police arbitration purposes until a successor agreement is reached or an interest arbitration award is rendered.) {LC1670/1}

05/12/2023 Referred to House Labor

Senate Bill No. 822**BY** Ciccone, Britto, DiPalma, Lombardi F, Burke, Tikoian**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- RELIEF OF INJURED AND DECEASED FIRE FIGHTERS AND POLICE OFFICERS (Increases the killed-in-line-of-duty benefit for active or retired police officer, capitol police officer, correctional officer, firefighter, crash rescue crew person, fire marshal or deputy fire marshal from 40% to 100% of the federal death benefit.) {LC2635/1}

05/12/2023 Referred to House Labor

Senate Bill No. 842**BY** Quezada, Ujifusa, Tikoian, Cano**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- MAIL BALLOTS (Eliminates the requirement of signing with an "X" for voters who cannot sign their name due to blindness, disability, or inability to read or write.) {LC2669/1}

05/12/2023 Referred to House State Government & Elections

Senate Bill No. 843**BY** Acosta, Ujifusa, Britto, Kallman, Euer, Zurier**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- MAIL BALLOTS (Establishes a three (3) day transmittal period after the deadline for local boards to accept mail ballot applications, if delivered via the postal service.) {LC1824/1}

05/12/2023 Referred to House State Government & Elections

Senate Bill No. 845**BY** Lombardi F**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- MAIL BALLOTS (Allows mail ballot drop boxes to be opened at least thirty-five (35) days prior to election day.) {LC1817/1}

05/12/2023 Referred to House State Government & Elections

Senate Bill No. 56**BY** Euer**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- TAX RELIEF IN THE TOWN OF JAMESTOWN (Provides a tax abatement of up to \$2,000 to Jamestown firefighters based upon years of service, quantity of calls responded to and number of training hours and is transferrable to a surviving spouse until remarriage or death.) {LC705/1}

05/12/2023 Placed on the House Consent Calendar (05/16/2023)

Senate Bill No. 303**BY** DiMario**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Allows the town council of New Shoreham to adopt a tax classification plan in accordance with the provisions of this section, to be applicable to taxes on or after the assessment date of December 31, 2023.) {LC1197/1}

05/12/2023 Placed on the House Consent Calendar (05/16/2023)

Senate Bill No. 313**BY** de la Cruz, Morgan E**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.) {LC1923/1}

05/12/2023 Placed on House Calendar (05/16/2023)

Senate Bill No. 418**BY** DiPalma, Sosnowski, Burke, McKenney, Lombardi F**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.) {LC311/1}

05/12/2023 Placed on the House Consent Calendar (05/16/2023)

Senate Bill No. 730

(Dept. of Human Services)

BY Lombardi F, Euer, McKenney, Burke**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- CHILD SUPPORT INTERCEPT ACT (Expands child support interception of insurance payments to include life insurance proceeds payable to non-custodial parents who are the beneficiaries of the policy.) {LC1576/1}

05/12/2023 Placed on the House Consent Calendar (05/16/2023)

Senate Bill No. 740

(Dept. of Environmental Management)

BY Euer**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- FORT ADAMS FOUNDATION (Amends the composition of the Fort Adams foundation to include a representative from the division of parks and recreation in place of a member of the public.) {LC1567/1}

05/12/2023 Placed on the House Consent Calendar (05/16/2023)

Senate Bill No. 751

(Dept. of Revenue)

BY Britto, Lombardi F, Lawson, Ciccone, DiPalma, Acosta, DiMario, Tikoian**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES -- DRIVER PRIVILEGE CARDS AND PERMITS (Reduces the fee for an original driver privilege card from fifty dollars (\$50.00) to twenty-five dollars (\$25.00).) {LC2281/1}

05/12/2023 Placed on House Calendar (05/16/2023)

Senate Bill No. 840**BY** Lombardi F**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- GENERAL PROVISIONS (Amends the election laws to change certain deadlines for declarations of candidacy, party disaffiliation and submission of nomination papers for special federal elections.) {LC2570/1}

05/12/2023 Placed on the House Consent Calendar (05/16/2023)

Senate Bill No. 883**BY** Felag**ENTITLED**, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AMENDMENTS TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF WARREN (Validates and ratifies amendments to the Home Rule Charter of the town of Warren, adopted and approved on November 8, 2022.) {LC2719/1}

05/12/2023 Placed on the House Consent Calendar (05/16/2023)

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**COMMITTEE ON CORPORATIONS**

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

House Bill No. 5032**BY** Hull, O'Brien, Fogarty, Morales, Lombardi J, Bennett, Abney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION (Requires all public utilities to maintain a customer service facility within the state to perform services such as addressing customer inquiries and accepting bill payments.) {LC405/1}

05/12/2023 Placed on House Calendar (05/16/2023)

House Bill No. 5163 SUB A**BY** Fellela, Cardillo, Serpa, Baginski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- RYAN'S LAW (Overprescribing, death resulting, would result in three (3) year license suspension.) {LC611/A/1}

05/12/2023 Placed on House Calendar (05/18/2023)

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}

05/12/2023 Placed on House Calendar (05/16/2023)

House Bill No. 5496 SUB A**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/A/1}

05/12/2023 Placed on House Calendar (05/16/2023)

House Bill No. 5665

(by request)

BY Carson, Cortvriend, Donovan, Abney, Finkelman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- NEWPORT AND BRISTOL COUNTY CONVENTION AND VISITORS' BUREAU (Creates a doing business as for Discover Newport as a short title for the bureau.) {LC1315/1}

05/12/2023 Placed on House Calendar (05/16/2023)

House Bill No. 5841**BY** Solomon, DeSimone, Cardillo, Casey, Noret, Vella-Wilkinson, Kennedy, Azzinaro**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- PURCHASE AND SALE OF PRECIOUS METALS (Mandates bill of sale for transacted catalytic converter, changes requirement to three years for report, and would make a conviction of § 6-11.1-7 a felony.) {LC2066/1}

05/12/2023 Placed on House Calendar (05/18/2023)

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

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

House Bill No. 5009

(Dept. of Education (RIDE))

BY McNamara, Shallcross Smith, Ackerman, Noret, Donovan, Roberts**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - PUPIL TRANSPORTATION VEHICLES ("Pupil Transportation Vehicle" to be and constructed to seat not more than ten (10) passengers including the operator, rather than the existing limit of eight (8) passengers.) {LC52/1}

05/12/2023 Placed on House Calendar (05/18/2023)

House Bill No. 5167**BY** McNamara, Biah, Donovan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CURRICULUM (Extends the date to June 30, 2027 for local education agencies to select identified high quality curricula and materials for science and technology.) {LC619/1}

05/12/2023 Placed on House Calendar (05/16/2023)

House Bill No. 5168**BY** McNamara, Biah, Donovan, Noret**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CERTIFICATION OF TEACHERS

(Revises the course requirements for the fast-track principal certification program.) {LC616/1}

05/12/2023 Placed on House Calendar (05/16/2023)

House Bill No. 5423 SUB A

(Dept. of Education (RIDE))

BY Lombardi J, Hull, Ajello, Cruz, Stewart**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- COOPERATIVE SERVICE AMONG

SCHOOL DISTRICTS (Amends the composition of the Urban Collaborative and provide that the collaborative be governed by a board of trustees.) {LC1158/A/1}

05/12/2023 Placed on House Calendar (05/18/2023)

House Bill No. 5667**BY** Fogarty, Shallcross Smith, Tanzi, Hull, Lombardi J, Carson, Donovan, McEntee**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- COUNCIL ON ELEMENTARY AND

SECONDARY EDUCATION (Requires the council on elementary and secondary education to adopt standards which take into consideration the time and cost of transporting students across municipal boundaries and promotes maximum efficiency in other programs.) {LC2011/1}

05/12/2023 Placed on House Calendar (05/18/2023)

House Resolution No. 6254**BY** Casimiro**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REPORTING AND EXPIRATION

DATES 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, 2024, to November 15,

2024, and would expire on November 29, 2024.) {LC2777/1}

05/12/2023 Placed on House Calendar (05/18/2023)

House Bill No. 6272**BY** McNamara, Donovan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- EDUCATION ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

(Extends the due date for the district action plan each and every year from September 1 to December

31, and further require that there are no fewer than five (5) school district education reviews annually beginning in academic year 2024-2025.) {LC2747/1}

05/12/2023 Placed on House Calendar (05/16/2023)

COMMITTEE ON INNOVATION, INTERNET, AND TECHNOLOGY

Chairwoman Baginski, for the Committee on Innovation, Internet, and Technology reports back the following measure, with recommendation of passage:

House Bill No. 5560

(By request)

BY Kennedy, Azzinaro, Edwards, Kazarian, Corvese, Serpa, Diaz

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- CONSUMER ENFORCEMENT OF ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY DEVICE WARRANTIES (Enhances the rights of consumers by adding the requirement that the vendor or manufacturer maintain records of any reported defects or repairs of a device, making it easier for a consumer to enforce their rights under the law.) {LC1731/1}

05/12/2023 Placed on House Calendar (05/16/2023)

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

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

House Bill No. 5906

(Judiciary)

BY Diaz, Hull, Slater, DeSimone, Morales, Felix, Giraldo, Kennedy, Edwards, Cruz

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE--COURTS -- LANGUAGE INTERPRETERS--USE OF LANGUAGE INTERPRETERS IN LEGAL PROCEEDINGS (Ensures that communications between court appointed interpreters and limited-English-proficient individuals involved in legal proceedings in the courts are confidential.)

{LC2412/1}

05/12/2023 Placed on House Calendar (05/16/2023)

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:

House Bill No. 5948

BY Kazarian, Boylan, Dawson, Henries

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Transfers the tax exemption classification to a surviving spouse until remarriage or death.)

{LC2139/1}

05/12/2023 Placed on House Calendar (05/18/2023)

House Bill No. 5951

(Office of Veterans Services)

BY Azzinaro

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Includes the national guard in the definition of who is eligible for veterans' exemptions.)

{LC2187/1}

05/12/2023 Placed on House Calendar (05/18/2023)

House Bill No. 6081 SUB A**BY** Shekarchi, Speakman, Knight, Donovan, Tanzi, Cruz, Cortvriend, Casey, Potter**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING (Provides amendments relative to low- and moderate-income housing and modifies and clarifies the procedure for review of applications to build such housing.) {LC2127/A/1} 05/12/2023 Placed on House Calendar (05/16/2023)**House Bill No. 6082 SUB A****BY** Speakman, Kazarian, Shekarchi, Cotter, Knight, Donovan, Tanzi, Cruz, Cortvriend, Casey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES (Amends several sections of law relating to zoning ordinances to provide uniform zoning standards for accessory dwelling units.) {LC1326/A/1} 05/12/2023 Placed on House Calendar (05/16/2023)**House Bill No. 6165 SUB A****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 in an amount not to exceed \$10,000 on overdue real property tax payments.) {LC2377/A/1} 05/12/2023 Placed on House Calendar (05/18/2023)**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} 05/12/2023 Placed on House Calendar (05/18/2023)**COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT AND ELECTIONS**

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

House Bill No. 5127 SUB A**BY** Diaz, Hull, Lombardi J, Slater, Edwards, Vella-Wilkinson, Caldwell, Morales, Bennett, Felix**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT-- CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT (Directs the department of corrections to collect information from individuals entering its custody: sex, race, nativity (country of origin), religion, and level of education.) {LC407/A/1} 05/12/2023 Placed on House Calendar (05/18/2023)

House Bill No. 5463

(Dept. of Administration)

BY Edwards, Bennett, Casey, Ackerman, McEntee

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- STATE

PURCHASES (Provides that the maximum aggregate amounts for small purchases within the chapter on state purchases be adjusted to not exceed \$25,000 for construction and \$10,000 for all other purchases.) {LC1298/1}

05/12/2023 Placed on House Calendar (05/18/2023)

House Bill No. 5517 SUB A

(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/A/1}

05/12/2023 Placed on House Calendar (05/16/2023)

NEW BUSINESS**House Bill No. 6397**

BY Fogarty, McEntee, Tanzi, Carson, Serpa, Bennett, Spears, Speakman, Donovan, McGaw

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY -- PROTECTION OF

TREES AND PLANTS GENERALLY (Allows the department of environmental management to remove freshwater non-native and invasive aquatic plants and assist municipalities in preventing the growth and spread of these and other invasive species in the freshwater lakes and ponds.)

{LC2604/1}

05/12/2023 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

House Bill No. 6398

BY Finkelman, Baginski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- OPTICIANS

(Provides as an alternative to graduation from a two (2) year school of opticianry that the education requirement for licensing may be satisfied by completion of an apprentice program.) {LC2960/1}

05/12/2023 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 6399

BY Morales, Potter, Sanchez, Stewart, Giraldo, Henries

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH

INSURANCE PROGRAM (Establishes a universal, comprehensive, affordable single-payer health care insurance program and helps control health care costs, which would be referred to as, "the Rhode Island Comprehensive Health Insurance Program" (RICHIP).) {LC1805/1}

05/12/2023 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 6400**BY** Dawson, O'Brien, Carson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- JOINT COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE SERVICES (Requires the law revision director to report to the general assembly, sections of law that are amended by multiple bills and which amendments are unable to be conflated.) {LC2552/1}

05/12/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Resolution No. 6401**BY** Craven, Caldwell, McGaw**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY AND PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS AND COMMENTS FOR HEALTHCARE LIABILITY REFORM (Creates a 15 member legislative commission to study and provide recommendations and annotations for healthcare liability reform in Rhode Island, and report back to the House by January 15, 2024, and expire on April 15, 2024.) {LC2952/1}

05/12/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 6402**BY** Baginski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- ACQUISITION OF LAND -- CRANSTON (Requires state properties committee of the State of RI to sell/transfer/convey all of its right/title/interests in and to the property located at 735 New London Avenue (RT2) Cranston, RI to the city of Cranston, RI for consideration in the amount of \$1.00) {LC3000/1}

05/12/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 6403**BY** McNamara, Solomon, Vella-Wilkinson, Shanley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- FOUNDATION LEVEL SCHOOL SUPPORT (Provides that interest payments made by municipalities on approved school construction projects would be eligible for state reimbursement starting with the date of the first interest payment.) {LC3010/1}

05/12/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 6404**BY** Knight, Boylan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF BARRINGTON TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION, IMPROVEMENT, RENOVATION, ALTERATION, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL FACILITIES IN THE TOWN AND ALL EXPENSES INCIDENT THERETO INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, COSTS OF DESIGN, ATHLETIC FIELDS, PLAYGROUNDS, LANDSCAPING, PARKING AND COSTS OF FINANCING AND TO ISSUE NOT MORE THAN \$250,000,000 BONDS AND/OR NOTES THEREFOR, SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF STATE HOUSING AID AT A REIMBURSEMENT RATE OR STATE SHARE RATIO OF NOT LESS THAN 35 PERCENT AT THE TIME OF ISSUANCE AND PROVIDED THAT THE AUTHORIZATION SHALL BE REDUCED BY THE

AMOUNT OF CERTAIN GRANTS RECEIVED FROM STATE BOND PROCEEDS, FROM THE RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION OR FROM THE RHODE ISLAND SCHOOL BUILDING AUTHORITY (Authorizes the town of Barrington to issue not more than \$250,000,000 bonds and notes to finance the construction, improvement, renovation, alteration, furnishing and equipping of public schools and school facilities in the town.) {LC2993/1}
05/12/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Resolution No. 6405

BY Casimiro, Craven, Casey

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$22,775,000 TO THE RHODE ISLAND AIRPORT CORPORATION FOR REPAIRS TO THE PIER AT 1390 ROGER WILLIAMS WAY, NORTH KINGSTOWN, RI 02852 (THE FORMER AIRCRAFT CARRIER PIER) (This resolution would authorize the appropriation of the sum of \$22,775,000 to the Rhode Island Airport Corporation for reconstruction and upgrades to the pier at 1390 Roger Williams Way, North Kingstown, RI 02852.) {LC2968/1}

05/12/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:39 o'clock P.M. on motion of Representative Fellela, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Janet Whiteley; on motion of Representative Shallcross Smith, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Gerald Belisle, Jr. seconded by Leader Blazejewski and Minority Whip Place the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

Diane M. DePina
Recording Clerk

APPENDIX

INVOCATION

REPRESENTATIVE DAVID A. BENNETT

Dear God: In honor of National Nurses Week we ask you to help us honor them while they work the most difficult job of caring for those who are ill. Nurses make a difference. Their unwavering commitment to those in need and the value of the compassion they bring to their tasks every day must be acknowledged by us all. Please continue to guide them with your support and prayers. Amen

APPENDIX

CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MAY 16, 2023:

1. **2023-H 6081 SUB A****BY** Shekarchi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING

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

2. **2023-H 6082 SUB A****BY** Speakman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES

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

3. **2023-H 5906****BY** Diaz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE--COURTS -- LANGUAGE INTERPRETERS--USE OF LANGUAGE INTERPRETERS IN LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

4. **2023-H 5560****BY** Kennedy**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- CONSUMER ENFORCEMENT OF ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY DEVICE WARRANTIES

Committee on Innovation, Internet, & Technology recommends passage.

5. **2023-H 5167****BY** McNamara**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CURRICULUM

Committee on Education recommends passage.

6. **2023-H 5168**
BY McNamara
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CERTIFICATION OF TEACHERS
- Committee on Education recommends passage.
7. **2023-H 6272**
BY McNamara
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- EDUCATION ACCOUNTABILITY ACT
- Committee on Education recommends passage.
8. **2023-H 5517 SUB A**
BY Donovan
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- ORGANIZATION OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY
- Committee on State Government & Elections recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.
9. **2023-H 5665**
BY Carson
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- NEWPORT AND BRISTOL COUNTY CONVENTION AND VISITORS' BUREAU
- Committee on Corporations recommends passage.
10. **2023-H 5496 SUB A**
BY Solomon
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- UNFAIR CLAIMS SETTLEMENT PRACTICES ACT
- Committee on Corporations recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.
11. **2023-H 5489**
BY Edwards
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- UNFAIR DISCRIMINATION AGAINST ORGAN DONORS IN DISABILITY INCOME, LIFE AND LONG-TERM CARE INSURANCE ACT
- Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

12. **2023-H 5032**
BY Hull
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

13. **2023-S 313**
BY de la Cruz
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HARRISVILLE FIRE DISTRICT

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

14. **2023-S 751**
BY Britto
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES -- DRIVER PRIVILEGE CARDS AND PERMITS

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MAY 18, 2023:

1. **2023-H 6254**
BY Casimiro
ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REPORTING AND EXPIRATION DATES 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 5423 SUB A**
BY J. Lombardi
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- COOPERATIVE SERVICE AMONG SCHOOL DISTRICTS

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

3. **2023-H 5951**
BY Azzinaro
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

4. **2023-H 5163 SUB A**
BY Fellela
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- RYAN'S LAW

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

5. **2023-H 5841**
BY Solomon
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- PURCHASE AND SALE OF PRECIOUS METALS

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

6. **2023-H 5463**
BY Edwards
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- STATE PURCHASES

Committee on State Government & Elections recommends passage.

7. **2023-H 5127 SUB A**
BY Diaz
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT-- CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT

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

8. **2023-H 5667**
BY Fogarty
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- COUNCIL ON ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

Committee on Education recommends passage.

9. **2023-H 5009**
BY McNamara
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - PUPIL TRANSPORTATION VEHICLES

Committee on Education recommends passage.

- 10. 2023-H 5948**
BY Kazarian
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

- 11. 2023-H 6165 SUB A**
BY Kazarian
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES

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

- 12. 2023-H 6167**
BY Speakman
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

Francis McCabe
Clerk of the House

Friday, May 12, 2023

APPENDIX

CONSENT CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MAY 16, 2023:

1. **2023-S 56**

BY Euer

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- TAX RELIEF IN THE TOWN OF JAMESTOWN

Ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar for passage in concurrence.

2. **2023-S 303**

BY DiMario

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES

Ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar for passage in concurrence.

3. **2023-S 418**

BY DiPalma

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- CONSERVATION AND PRESERVATION RESTRICTIONS ON REAL PROPERTY

Ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar for passage in concurrence.

4. **2023-S 730**

BY F. Lombardi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- CHILD SUPPORT INTERCEPT ACT

Ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar for passage in concurrence.

5. **2023-S 740**

BY Euer

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- FORT ADAMS FOUNDATION

Ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar for passage in concurrence.

6. **2023-S 840**

BY F. Lombardi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- GENERAL PROVISIONS

Ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar for passage in concurrence.

7. **2023-S 883**

BY Felag

ENTITLED, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AMENDMENTS TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF WARREN

Ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar for passage in concurrence.

Francis McCabe
Clerk of the House

Friday, May 12, 2023