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Thirty-third Day

The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence on Thursday, May 9, 2024, and is called to order at 4:10 o'clock P.M. by the Honorable K. Joseph Shekarchi, Speaker.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 72 members present and 3 members absent as follows:

PRESENT – 72: 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, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson and Voas.

ABSENT – 3: Representatives Fogarty, Kazarian and Rea.

INVOCATION

The Honorable Speaker presents Representative Grace Diaz who delivers the Invocation and leads the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

(For Invocation, see Appendix, this Journal.)

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Representative Diaz presents Melanie Eusebio, a senior at Classical High School who will sing the National Anthem. Speaker Shekarchi thanks Melanie.

APPROVAL OF RECORD

By unanimous consent, the House Journal of Tuesday, May 7, 2024, is approved.

COMMUNICATIONS

Representative Kathleen A. Fogarty is unable to attend session today, Thursday, May 9, 2024.

GUESTS

Chairwoman Diaz welcomes two exceptional students from Classical High School, Joeandy Cordon and Melanie Eusebio, to the House Chamber. Their presence here today is a testament to their dedication and hard work, and do not doubt that they will continue to impress us with their achievements.

Representative Cruz is delighted to welcome dedicated members of the Parents as Teachers group who are here today for the Strolling Thunder Rhode Island to highlight the importance of early childhood education and parental support. She thanks Christina Stanlewicz, Nancy Peralta, Marlene Pineda, Paula Annenberg, Emily Spence, Robynne Wildman, Vivienne Joffe, and Kerri Staniunas for their commitment to our children's future.

Chairman Bennett, with great pleasure, welcomes David Gigliotti to the House Chamber as Rhode Island celebrates Quahog Week. This tradition holds a special place in Rhode Island's heart, highlighting the cultural and economic significance of the shellfishing industry in our beloved Ocean State. David's presence here today underscores the importance of this celebration, and we look forward to recognizing the contributions of all those involved in this vital industry.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

CALENDAR

From the Calendar are taken:

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MAY 9, 2024:

Majority Leader Blazejewski moves item #5 to be placed on Wednesday, May 15, 2024, Calendar. There is no objection.

5. **2024-H 8077**
BY Solomon
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS --
MANAGEMENT AND DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

Read and, by unanimous consent, ordered to be placed on the Calendar for Wednesday, May 15, 2024.

1. 2024-H 7263 SUB A**BY Hull****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' BILL OF RIGHTS**

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

Chairman Craven moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Carson, Cotter, Spears, Donovan, Abney, Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Biah, McGaw, Voas, Cardillo, Caldwell, McEntee, Noret, Finkelman, Dawson, Shanley, Vella-Wilkinson, Shallcross Smith, Knight, Cortvriend, Serpa, Phillips, Lima, Costantino, Azzinaro, DeSimone, McNamara, Slater, Diaz, Corvese, Bennett, Fenton-Fung, Messier, Brien, Baginski, Fellela, Casimiro, Solomon, Casey, Floor Manager Edwards, Deputy Majority Whip Ackerman, and Speaker Pro Tempore Kennedy.

Chairman Craven, Representatives Casimiro, Corvese, Felix, and Dawson discuss the act.

By unanimous consent, Representative Batista, seconded by Representatives Henries, Ajello, Handy, Morales, Tanzi, Felix, Kislak, Giraldo, Potter, Cruz, Alzate, Stewart, and Sanchez, offers a written motion to amend.

**FLOOR AMENDMENT
TO****2024 -- H 7263 SUBSTITUTE A****AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' BILL OF RIGHTS**

Mr. Speaker:

I hereby move to amend 2024 -- H 7263 SUBSTITUTE A, entitled "AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' BILL OF RIGHTS", as follows:

1. On page 10, line 12, by deleting the language "(1) The use of deadly force in violation of departmental rules and regulations;".

2. On page 10, line 13, by deleting the language "(2)", and by inserting in place thereof the language "(1)".

3. On page 10, line 15, by deleting the language "(3)", and by inserting in place thereof the language "(2)".

4. On page 10, line 17, by deleting the language "(4)", and by inserting in place thereof the language "(3)".

5. On page 10, between lines 22 and 23 by inserting the following language:

"Notwithstanding any federal law to the contrary, the chief or the highest ranking officer of the department may impose employment disciplinary action up to and including termination of employment upon a finding that an accused law enforcement officer has used deadly force in violation of department rules and regulations. The sole and exclusive remedy for appeals within this provision shall be subject to grievance and arbitration provisions of the accused law enforcement officer's collective bargaining agreement."

Respectfully submitted,

Representative Batista

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Representatives Batista, Dawson, Spears, Henries, Newberry, Giraldo, McEntee, and Floor Manager Edwards discuss the amendment.

MOTION TO LAY ON THE TABLE

Floor Manager Edwards rises on a motion to Lay on the table Amendment LC0004051/2, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Abney, Noret, Baginski, Dawson, McEntee, Noret, Deputy Speaker Hull, Representatives Casimiro, Bennett, and Craven.

Representative Batista discusses the motion.

The motion to lay on the table prevails, on a roll call vote 47 members voting in the affirmative and 25 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 47: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Azzinaro, Baginski, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Craven, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Finkelman, Hull, Kennedy, Knight, Lima, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 25: Representatives Ajello, Alzate, Batista, Chippendale, Cotter, Cruz, Felix, Fenton-Fung, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Kislak, Lombardi, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Perez, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Roberts, Sanchez, Stewart, Tanzi.

RECUSED - 0:

Representatives Lima, Sanchez, Fenton-Fung, Alzate, Tanzi, Minority Whip Place, Representatives Morales, and Perez discuss the act.

MOTION TO LAY ON THE TABLE

Representative Felix rises on a motion to Lay on the table 2024-H 7263 SUB A, seconded by Representatives Morales, Henries, Ajello, Batista, Giraldo, Stewart, Cruz, Alzate and Sanchez.

Deputy Speaker Hull discusses the motion.

The motion to lay on the table fails, on a roll call vote 14 members voting in the affirmative and 55 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 14: Representatives Ajello, Alzate, Batista, Cruz, Felix, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Lombardi, Morales, Potter, Sanchez, Stewart, Tanzi.

NAYS - 55: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Azzinaro, Baginski, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Edwards, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Hull, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McNamara, Messier, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Quattrocchi, Roberts, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

RECUSED - 0:

Minority Leader Chippendale, Representatives Stewart, Potter, Cruz, Deputy Speaker Hull, Representative Handy, and Majority Leader Blazejewski discuss the act.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, 58 members voting in the affirmative and 14 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 58: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Azzinaro, Baginski, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Hull, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Quattrocchi, Roberts, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 14: Representatives Ajello, Alzate, Batista, Cruz, Felix, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Lombardi, Morales, Potter, Sanchez, Stewart, Tanzi.

RECUSED - 0:

2. 2024-S 2096 SUB A

BY Ruggiero

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' BILL OF RIGHTS

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

Chairman Craven moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski and Representative McNamara.

Chairman Craven discusses the act.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, 58 members voting in the affirmative and 14 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 58: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Azzinaro, Baginski, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Hull, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Quattrocchi, Roberts, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 14: Representatives Ajello, Alzate, Batista, Cruz, Felix, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Lombardi, Morales, Potter, Sanchez, Stewart, Tanzi.

RECUSED - 0:

3. 2024-H 7865

BY Serpa

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- CONDOMINIUM LAW

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

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

Chairman Solomon discusses the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 65 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

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

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

4. 2024-H 7867

BY Voas

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- CONDOMINIUM LAW

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

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

Chairman Solomon discusses the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 65 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

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

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

6. 2024-H 8027 SUB A

BY Carson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- GENERAL POWERS

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

Chairman Casey moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Floor Manager Edwards, Representatives Carson, Abney, Speakman and Cortvriend.

Chairman Casey discusses the act.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, 65 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

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

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

7. 2024-H 7935 SUB A**BY Carson****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --
NEWPORT AND BRISTOL COUNTY CONVENTION AND VISITORS' BUREAU**

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

Chairman Solomon moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Abney, Speakman, Carson and Corvese.

Chairman Solomon and Representative Sanchez discuss the act.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, 60 members voting in the affirmative and 1 member voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 60: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morgan, Nardone, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Roberts, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 1: Representative Sanchez.

RECUSED - 0:

8. 2024-H 7385 SUB A**BY Donovan****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES --
REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES**

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

Chairwoman Alzate moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Casey, Cortvriend, Abney, Donovan, Carson, Ajello, Shallcross Smith, Cruz and Minority Leader Chippendale.

Chairwoman Alzate discusses the act.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, 60 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 60: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, DeSimone, Diaz,

Donovan, Edwards, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morgan, Nardone, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

9. 2024-H 7066

BY Tanzi

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

Committee on Special Legislation recommends passage.

Chairwoman Alzate moves passage of the act, seconded by The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Bennett, Blazejewski, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Handy, Hull, Lima, Lombardi, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Morgan, Noret, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Solomon, Speakman, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson.

Chairwoman Alzate discusses the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 56 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 56: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Donovan, Edwards, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morgan, Nardone, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Solomon, Speakman, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

10. 2024-H 8097 SUB A

BY Azzinaro

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

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

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

Chairwoman Alzate discusses the act.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, 60 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 60: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morgan, Nardone, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

11. 2024-H 8045

BY Noret

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 and many others.

Chairwoman Alzate discusses the act.

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

YEAS - 61: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morgan, Nardone, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

12. 2024-H 7841**BY J. Lombardi****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES**

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

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

Chairman Casey discusses the act.

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

YEAS - 61: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Bennett, Blazewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morgan, Nardone, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

13. 2024-S 2735**BY Bell****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES**

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage in concurrence.

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

Chairman Casey discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 60 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 60: Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Blazewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Noret, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Roberts, Sanchez, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

NOW PRESIDING

At 6:34 o'clock P.M., the Honorable Speaker Shekarchi yields the rostrum to the Honorable Speaker Pro Tempore Kennedy.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman McNamara is delighted to announce that Speaker Pro Tempore Kennedy will receive the prestigious President's Award from the Rhode Island State Nurses Association tonight. This award is a well-deserved recognition of Speaker Pro Tempore Kennedy's dedication and leadership, particularly in enacting the Nurse Compact Legislation passed last year. We are all invited to celebrate this remarkable achievement and show our appreciation for all that has been accomplished tonight at Ladder 133.

Representative Casimiro and Speaker Pro Tempore Kennedy congratulate Ryan Lukowicz on receiving the 2024 United States Presidential Scholars Award.

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

Chairman Craven commends Danica Iacoi for her tremendous work and dedication to helping the House of Representatives draft legislation reforming the Law Enforcement Officers' Bill of Rights and passing the Law Enforcement Officers' Due Process, Accountability, and Transparency Act.

Chairwoman Donovan announces that the Committee on Health & Human Services will meet today, at the rise of the House, in the House Lounge of the State House.

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

Majority Leader Blazejewski announces that the next House session will be on Tuesday, May 14, 2024, and Wednesday, May 15, 2024. There will be no session on Thursday, May 16th.

Majority Leader Blazejewski and Speaker Pro Tempore Kennedy wish Representative McGaw a Happy Birthday!

IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION

House Resolution No. 8256

BY Diaz, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Slater, Brien, Messier, Caldwell, Vella-Wilkinson, Edwards

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING AND CELEBRATING MAY 10, 2024, AS "CHILD CARE AWARENESS DAY" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC5962/1}

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

There is no objection.

Chairwoman Diaz discusses the resolution.

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

House Resolution No. 8257

BY Noret, Hull, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Solomon, Finkelman, Dawson, O'Brien, Kazarian

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING MAY 12 THROUGH MAY 18, 2024, TO BE "NATIONAL POLICE WEEK" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND, IN REMEMBRANCE OF ALL THE POLICE AND LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS WHO HAVE LOST THEIR LIVES IN THE LINE OF DUTY {LC5971/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Noret discusses the resolution.

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

House Resolution No. 8258

BY Chippendale, Place, Kennedy, Ajello, Handy, Shallcross Smith, Tanzi, Cortvriend, Boylan

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE PONAGANSET HIGH SCHOOL CHIEFTAINS WRESTLING TEAM ON THEIR INCREDIBLY SUCCESSFUL SEASON IN 2024 AS THEY REPEATED AS RHODE ISLAND STATE CHAMPIONS AND AS NEW ENGLAND CHAMPIONS {LC6024/1}

With the agreement of the majority and the minority, Minority Leader Chippendale requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Minority Leader Chippendale discusses the resolution.

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

House Resolution No. 8259

BY Chippendale, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Roberts, Nardone, Place, Newberry, Rea, Brien, Casimiro
ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF
THOMAS R. GALLAGHER {LC6120/1}

With the agreement of the majority and the minority, Minority Leader Chippendale requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Minority Leader Chippendale and Speaker Pro Tempore Kennedy discuss the resolution

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

House Resolution No. 8260

BY Bennett, Solomon, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Shanley, Craven, Caldwell, McGaw, Speakman

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING MAY 11-18, 2024, AS "QUAHOG WEEK 2024" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC5958/1}

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.

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

Representative Diaz-An Act relating to Disabilities and Equipment

Representative Lombardi-An Act relating to Labor and Labor Relations-Workplace Psychological Safety Act

Representative Sanchez-An Act relating to Rhode Island Public Transit Authority

Representative Shanley-An Act relating to Health and Safety-Medical Spas Safety 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 Pro Tempore Kennedy announces that the desk will be held open.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE SENATE

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

Senate Bill No. 2073

BY Miller, Valverde, Lauria, DiMario, Ujifusa

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- MEDICARE SUPPLEMENT INSURANCE POLICIES (Provides a special enrollment period for applicants for Medicare Part B. Also prohibits state insurance carriers from denying/imposing conditions on new enrollees or discriminate on price based upon health status/claims experience/preexisting conditions.) {LC3814/1}

05/10/2024 Referred to House Health & Human Services

Senate Bill No. 2087

BY Miller, Valverde

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- ALCOHOLISM (Requires the dept of behavioral healthcare/developmental disabilities/hospitals to coordinate with the DOH to propose revisions to chapter 1.10 and 10.1 of title 23, including updates and revisions of statutory language and evidence-based best practices.) {LC3811/1}

05/10/2024 Referred to House Health & Human Services

Senate Bill No. 2088 as amended

BY Euer, Lauria, Lawson, Cano, DiMario, Murray, Sosnowski, Pearson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES (Requires every individual or group health insurance contract effective on or after January 1, 2025, to provide coverage to the insured and the insured's spouse and dependents for all FDA-approved contraceptive drugs, devices and other products.) {LC4050/1}

05/10/2024 Referred to House Finance

Senate Bill No. 2154

BY Rogers, de la Cruz, Morgan E, Paolino, DeLuca, Ciccone

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE -- BIRDS (Allows the taking of wild turkeys by using a crossbow in compliance with rules and regulations promulgated by DEM.) {LC4264/1}

05/10/2024 Referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

Senate Bill No. 2177

BY DiMario, Lauria, Miller, Valverde, Lawson, Euer, Murray, Ujifusa, Kallman, Mack
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- BENEFIT DETERMINATION AND UTILIZATION REVIEW ACT (Prohibits health benefit plans reviewing prescriptions for opioid addiction treatment.) {LC3528/1}

05/10/2024 Referred to House Health & Human Services

Senate Bill No. 2181

BY Valverde, Miller, DiMario, Lauria, Lawson
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- INTERSTATE MEDICAL LICENSURE COMPACT (Repeals the July 1, 2025, sunset provision of the interstate medical licensure act.) {LC3815/1}

05/10/2024 Referred to House Health & Human Services

Senate Bill No. 2274 SUB A as amended

(Secretary of State)

BY DiPalma, Ciccone, Britto, Zurier, Acosta, Lombardi F
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- VITAL RECORDS (Requires the division of vital records to ensure that the records are accessible to the local registrars and grant local registrars the authority to issue certified copies of certificates and records.) {LC3951/A/1}

05/10/2024 Referred to House Judiciary

Senate Bill No. 2289

BY Cano, Acosta, Mack, Valverde, DiPalma
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- COUNCIL ON POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION (Prohibits colleges and universities from withholding a student's transcript due to the student failing to pay any expenses owed to the college or university but permits the withholding of a student's academic credits and grades or diploma or degree.) {LC4756/1}

05/10/2024 Referred to House Education

Senate Bill No. 2297

BY Tikoian, Raptakis, Quezada, Ciccone, Lombardi F, Britto, Sosnowski, Burke, McKenney, Rogers
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE -- FURBEARING ANIMALS (Deletes subsection (b) of this section which lists the furbearing mammals in the state and requires DEM to promulgate by rule, a list of "furbearers" for this chapter.) {LC4826/1}

05/10/2024 Referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

Senate Bill No. 2480 as amended

BY Felag, DiPalma, Lombardi F, Britto, Ciccone
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- INSPECTION OF MOTOR VEHICLES (Exempts used vehicles sold "for parts only" or purchased at end of their lease term by the current lessee that have a valid certificate of inspection affixed to the windshield, from the requirement that dealers of used vehicles conduct a new inspection.) {LC4884/1}

05/10/2024 Referred to House Corporations

Senate Bill No. 2483**BY** Murray

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- PERMANENT JOINT COMMITTEE ON NAMING ALL NEW BUILDINGS, BRIDGES, EDIFICES, AND OTHER STATE CONSTRUCTIONS -- ALBERT P. VALLIERE BIKE PATH (Names the portion of the Blackstone River Bike path within the city of Woonsocket the Albert P. Valliere Bike Path.) {LC4491/1}

05/10/2024 Referred to House Special Legislation

Senate Bill No. 2486**BY** Britto, Ciccone, DiPalma, Lauria, Lawson, Lombardi F, Sosnowski, LaMountain, McKenney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- GAMES OF CHANCE (Repeals the statute regulating games of chance.) {LC4607/1}

05/10/2024 Referred to House Judiciary

Senate Bill No. 2541**BY** DiMario, Euer, Cano, Valverde, Miller

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- STATE AGENCY EMISSION REPORTING (Requires executive climate change coordinating council (EC4) to develop a template to be used by all agencies of the state to track their climate emissions to uphold the pathway to Rhode Island's act on climate legislative goals.) {LC4969/1}

05/10/2024 Referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

Senate Bill No. 2696 SUB A**BY** Gu, Lombardi F, Felag, Lauria, Lawson, Burke

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HOLIDAYS AND DAYS OF SPECIAL OBSERVANCE -- DAYS OF SPECIAL OBSERVANCE (Directs the governor to order the lowering of flags to half-mast on any state buildings to honor the passing of first responders annually on October 28.) {LC5291/A/1}

05/10/2024 Referred to House Special Legislation

Senate Bill No. 2701**BY** Bissaillon, Ruggiero, Pearson, Lombardi F, Gallo, LaMountain

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HOLIDAYS AND DAYS OF SPECIAL OBSERVANCE -- WORK ON HOLIDAYS AND SUNDAYS (Amends the "work on holidays and Sundays" statute to include Washington's Birthday in the definition of holidays for the purpose of this statute.) {LC5498/1}

05/10/2024 Referred to House Labor

Senate Bill No. 2744**BY** Ruggiero, LaMountain, Kallman, Euer, Valverde, Murray

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- DOGS (Increases the penalty for violations of the care of dogs statute to a minimum fine of one hundred dollars (\$100) and a maximum fine of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) per violation.) {LC5657/1}

05/10/2024 Referred to House Judiciary

Senate Bill No. 2810 as amended

(Dept. of Environmental Management)

BY Tikoian, DiMario, Rogers, LaMountain, Britto, Felag, Raptakis

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE -- DEER HUNTING (Modifies reporting requirements regarding collisions between vehicles and wildlife where the vehicle has been substantially damaged.) {LC4346/1}

05/10/2024 Referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

Senate Bill No. 2836

(Dept. of Revenue)

BY Gallo, Lawson, DiPalma

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- OPERATORS' AND CHAUFFEURS' LICENSES (Amends several provisions relative to motorcycles and motor scooter license and educational requirements including deleting the learners permit requirement for motorcycles.) {LC4534/1}

05/10/2024 Referred to House State Government & Elections

Senate Bill No. 2838

(Dept. of BHDDH)

BY Gallo, DiPalma

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- PERMANENT JOINT COMMITTEE ON NAMING ALL NEW BUILDINGS, BRIDGES, EDIFICES AND OTHER STATE CONSTRUCTIONS (Renames the "Roosevelt Benton Youth Assessment Center" as the "Roosevelt Benton Center".) {LC4439/1}

05/10/2024 Referred to House Special Legislation

Senate Bill No. 3048

BY DiPalma

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Gretchen Bell to join Amber Ilcisko and Timothy Brownell in marriage on September 13, 2024, within the City of Newport, Rhode Island.) {LC6050/1}

05/10/2024 Referred to House Special Legislation

NEW BUSINESS**House Bill No. 8261**

BY Phillips, Morales, Dawson, Brien, Chippendale, Newberry, Shanley, Perez, Costantino, Lima

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- SOLAR SITING ADVISORY TASKFORCE (Creates a taskforce to provide recommendations, advice and guidance to help expedite and provide technical assistance with regard to the development of solar energy systems on property owned by the state.) {LC6077/1}

05/10/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 8262

BY Corvese, Azzinaro, Cardillo, McNamara

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- WORKERS' COMPENSATION -- BENEFITS (Amends 4 sections relating to the workers' compensation benefits

dealing with increasing the amount of dependent benefits payable to a totally disabled employee comprising this year's annual omnibus bill.) {LC6070/1}
05/10/2024 Introduced, referred to House Labor

House Bill No. 8263

BY Tanzi, McEntee

ENTITLED, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF NARRAGANSETT TO FUND AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN THE TOWN OF NARRAGANSETT AND TO ISSUE NOT MORE THAN \$3,000,000 BONDS AND NOTES THEREFOR (Authorizes the town of Narragansett to issue not more than \$3,000,000 general obligation bonds and notes to finance affordable housing in the Town of Narragansett, including but not limited for appropriations to the town's affordable housing trust.) {LC6113/1}

05/10/2024 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 8264

BY Messier, Alzate, Stewart, Cruz, Felix, Shallcross Smith, Henries

ENTITLED, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF PAWTUCKET TO PROVIDE FOR THE DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, RECONSTRUCTION AND REPAIR OF ENVIRONMENTAL INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, PARKS, STREETS, STREETSCAPES, RECREATION, SIDEWALKS, SEWERS, BUILDINGS AND BRIDGES AND AUTHORIZING THE FINANCING THEREOF, INCLUDING THE ISSUE OF NOT MORE THAN \$20,000,000 BONDS AND NOTES THEREFOR, TO FUND THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE TWO FISCAL YEARS 2026 AND 2027 (Authorizes the city of Pawtucket to issue not more than \$20,000,000 general obligation bonds, notes and other evidences of indebtedness to finance the design, construction, reconstruction and repair of environmental infrastructure improvements.) {LC6108/1}

05/10/2024 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 8265

(by request)

BY Edwards

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- TIVERTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE FINANCIAL REPORTS ACT (Authorizes the Town of Tiverton to require the school committee and quasi-municipal entities to provide regular financial reports to the chief financial officer or other designated town official.) {LC6111/1}

05/10/2024 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Resolution No. 8266

(by request)

BY Edwards, Place, Cortvriend, Newberry, Ackerman

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025 CONTAINED IN THE BUDGET SUBMITTED BY THE GOVERNOR (2024-H7225) TO THE TOWNS OF TIVERTON, BURRIVILLE AND MIDDLETOWN {LC6112/1}

05/10/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 8267**BY** Speakman, Carson, Donovan, Knight

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES -- LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION -- LOCAL MEALS AND BEVERAGE TAX (Allocates five percent (5%) of revenues from the local meals and beverage tax to the Rhode Island Semiquincentennial (R.I. 250) Commission for the execution of its duties from July 1, 2024 to December 31, 2026..) {LC6106/1}
05/10/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES
COMMITTEE ON CORPORATIONS**

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

House Bill No. 7427 SUB A

(Division of Public Utilities & Carriers)

BY DeSimone, Cardillo, Biah, McEntee, Ackerman, Corvese, Slater, Azzinaro, Dawson, McGaw
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- EXCAVATION NEAR UNDERGROUND UTILITY FACILITIES (Amends the provision of notice to be provided for the release of any hazardous gas or liquid as determined by the federal Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration.) {LC4380/A/1}
05/10/2024 Placed on House Calendar (05/14/2024)

House Bill No. 7603 SUB A

(Dept. of Business Regulation)

BY Ackerman, Edwards, Solomon, Voas, McNamara, Dawson, Craven, Place, Rea, Kennedy
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- RESIDENTIAL SOLAR ENERGY DISCLOSURE AND HOMEOWNERS BILL OF RIGHTS ACT (Repeals the "Residential Solar Energy Disclosure and Homeowners Bill of Rights Act." Amends title 5 "Businesses and Professions" to include a new chapter 93, an amended "Residential Solar Energy Disclosure and Homeowners Bill of Rights Act.") {LC4388/A/1}
05/10/2024 Placed on House Calendar (05/14/2024)

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

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

House Bill No. 7232**BY** McNamara, Potter, Alzate, Lombardi J, Voas, Ackerman, Corvese

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.) {LC3609/1}
05/10/2024 Placed on House Calendar (05/15/2024)

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Chairman Bennett, for the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources, reports back the following measure, with recommendation of passage:

House Bill No. 7562

BY Noret, Marszalkowski, Bennett, Kazarian, Craven, Caldwell, Cotter, Chippendale, Spears, Costantino

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE -- FURBEARING ANIMALS (Deletes subsection (b) of this section which lists the furbearing mammals in the state and requires DEM to promulgate by rule, a list of "furbearers" for this chapter.) {LC4675/1}

05/10/2024 Placed on House Calendar (05/14/2024)

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

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

Senate Bill No. 2858 SUB A

BY Bissaillon, Ruggerio, Quezada, Zurier, Mack, Ciccone, Miller, Kallman, Bell

ENTITLED, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE TO ISSUE NOT TO EXCEED \$400,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND NOTES TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION, RELATED DEMOLITION, RENOVATION, IMPROVEMENT, ALTERATION, REPAIR, LANDSCAPING, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL FACILITIES THROUGHOUT THE CITY AND ALL COSTS RELATED THERETO, SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF STATE HOUSING AID AT A REIMBURSEMENT RATE OR STATE SHARE RATIO OF NOT LESS THAN 75% 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 Providence to issue not more than \$400,000,000 general obligation bonds & notes to finance the construction, related demolition, renovation, improvement, alteration, repair, landscaping, furnishing and equipping of schools throughout the city.) {LC5055/A/1}

05/10/2024 Placed on House Calendar (05/14/2024)

Senate Bill No. 2859

BY Bissaillon, Ruggerio, Quezada, Zurier, Mack, Ciccone, Miller, Kallman, Bell

ENTITLED, AN ACT IN ACCORDANCE WITH RHODE ISLAND GENERAL LAWS SECTION 16-7-44 APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF \$125,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, NOTES AND OTHER EVIDENCES OF INDEBTEDNESS OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, IMPROVEMENT, ALTERATION, REPAIR, LANDSCAPING, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL FACILITIES THROUGHOUT THE CITY AND ALL COSTS RELATED THERETO (This act serves as the enabling act required by § 16-7-44 of the general laws in order for the principal and interest on bonds issued in support of school housing projects to be eligible for state housing aid reimbursement.) {LC5053/1}

05/10/2024 Placed on House Calendar (05/14/2024)

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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

House Bill No. 7517 SUB A

(Dept. of Health)

BY Corvese, Noret, Azzinaro, Solomon, Baginski, Brien, McNamara, Phillips, DeSimone
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- OFFICE OF STATE
MEDICAL EXAMINERS (Provides for procedures for the burial of unclaimed remains.)
{LC4459/A/4}

05/10/2024 Placed on House Calendar (05/15/2024)

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

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

House Bill No. 7645 SUB A

BY Cortvriend, Spears, Cotter, Nardone

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS -- QUALIFIED ABANDONMENT OF
TOWN ROADS (Allows for a qualified abandonment of town highways/driftways and grants a
public easement over said road allowing it to be converted to a walking/hiking/biking trail as well as
for access to parks, nature preserves and other recreational facilities.) {LC4638/A/2}

05/10/2024 Placed on House Calendar (05/14/2024)

House Bill No. 7744

(Attorney General)

BY Fogarty, Tanzi, Cortvriend, Boylan, Carson, McEntee, Kazarian, Cotter, Donovan, Speakman
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
PREVENTION ACT (Provides that a defendant's third and subsequent violation of domestic violence
offenses, including both prior felony and misdemeanor convictions, be punishable as a felony.)
{LC5572/1}

05/10/2024 Placed on House Calendar (05/15/2024)

House Bill No. 7800

(Judiciary)

BY Marszalkowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- VICTIM'S RIGHTS (Waives
the payment of filing fees and service of process costs when the victim of a crime is still owed
restitution at the expiration of a criminal case.) {LC5116/1}

05/10/2024 Placed on House Calendar (05/15/2024)

House Bill No. 7832

(Parole Board)

BY Knight**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- SEXUAL OFFENDER REGISTRATION AND COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION (Allows the sexual offender board of review to use, in addition to applicable validated risk assessment tools, a structured professional judgment approach to determine the level of risk a registered sex offender poses to the community.) {LC4953/1}

05/10/2024 Placed on House Calendar (05/15/2024)

House Bill No. 7975

(Dept. of Human Services)

BY Cruz, Ajello, Felix, Dawson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS -- DIVORCE AND SEPARATION (Permits state child support agencies to bring actions under the child support statute on behalf of a noncustodial parent who is incarcerated and unable to pay child support.) {LC4431/1}

05/10/2024 Placed on House Calendar (05/15/2024)

COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL LEGISLATION

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

House Bill No. 7114**BY** Carson, Abney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES (Authorizes the division of motor vehicles to issue special license plates in recognition and support of the Newport Festivals Foundation, Inc.) {LC3982/1}

05/10/2024 Placed on House Calendar (05/15/2024)

House Bill No. 7539

(by request)

BY Vella-Wilkinson, Bennett, Perez, Batista, Shanley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES (Authorizes the division of motor vehicles to issue special license plates in recognition and support of The Preservation Society of Rhode Island.) {LC4775/1}

05/10/2024 Placed on House Calendar (05/15/2024)

House Bill No. 7661**BY** Fenton-Fung, Nardone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES (Permits Dyslexia Advocacy Rhode Island plates to be issued for passenger or commercial vehicles upon the satisfaction of the required criteria relative to the number of plates ordered.) {LC5154/1}

05/10/2024 Placed on House Calendar (05/15/2024)

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. 2633

BY Sosnowski, Valverde, Gu

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO IN AMENDMENT OF AND IN ADDITION TO THE ACT, PASSED AT THE JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 1883, ENTITLED "AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE UNION FIRE DISTRICT OF SOUTH KINGSTOWN", AS AMENDED (Amends charter of the Union Fire District of South Kingstown by renaming 'Reserve Capital Expenditures' to 'Capital Projects Fund' and allows the board of wardens to grant tax exemptions to current and retired volunteer firefighters and their spouses.) {LC5260/1}

05/10/2024 Placed on House Calendar (05/15/2024)

House Bill No. 7838

BY Tanzi, Fogarty, McEntee

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO IN AMENDMENT OF AND IN ADDITION TO THE ACT, PASSED AT THE JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 1883, ENTITLED "AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE UNION FIRE DISTRICT OF SOUTH KINGSTOWN", AS AMENDED (Amends charter of the Union Fire District of South Kingstown by renaming "Reserve Capital Expenditures" to "Capital Projects Fund" and allows the board of wardens to grant tax exemptions to current and retired volunteer firefighters and their spouses.) {LC5261/1}

05/10/2024 Placed on House Calendar (05/15/2024)

House Bill No. 7981 SUB A

BY Giraldo, Speakman, Biah, Henries, Voas, Kislak, Batista, Diaz, Alzate, Kazarian

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES (Amends the provisions relative to permitted uses within residential, industrial and commercial zoning use districts.) {LC5509/A/3}

05/10/2024 Placed on House Calendar (05/14/2024)

House Resolution No. 8146

BY Carson, Cortvriend, Noret

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REPORTING AND EXPIRATIONS DATES AND AMENDING THE PURPOSE OF THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO REVIEW AND PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR POLICIES THAT DEAL WITH NUMEROUS ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SHORT-TERM RENTALS ISSUES (This resolution would amend and expand the purpose of said legislative commission, and extend the reporting and expirations dates from March 15, 2024, to September 30, 2025, and said commission would expire on December 10, 2025.) {LC5846/1}

05/10/2024 Placed on House Calendar (05/15/2024)

House Bill No. 8176

BY Phillips, Casey, Brien

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Authorizes reassessment of taxes on new construction from the date of issuance of the certificate of occupancy or the date it is first used, whichever is the earlier.) {LC5916/1}
05/10/2024 Placed on House Calendar (05/14/2024)

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. 7476

(Secretary of State)

BY Shanley, Dawson, Edwards, Bennett, Casimiro, McNamara, Baginski, Craven, O'Brien
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- STATEWIDE REFERENDA ELECTIONS (Amends certain election statutes to require ballot questions be written in plain language reasonably calculated to be understood by persons with an eighth-grade reading level.) {LC4673/1}
05/10/2024 Placed on House Calendar (05/14/2024)

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS

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

Senate Bill No. 2126

BY Felag, Lombardi F, Britto, Raptakis, Ujifusa, Gallo, Lombardo, Tikoian

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HOLIDAYS AND DAYS OF SPECIAL OBSERVANCE -- DAYS OF SPECIAL OBSERVANCE (Provides that the fifth day in April in each year be designated as "Rhode Island Gold Star Spouses Day" with appropriate exercises in public places and with flags flown at half-staff over the state house.) {LC3881/1}
05/10/2024 Placed on House Calendar (05/14/2024)

House Resolution No. 7074

BY Fenton-Fung, Kennedy, Azzinaro, Lombardi J, Hull, Chippendale

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION STRONGLY SUPPORTING THE PASSAGE OF THE 118TH CONGRESS H.R.6121 -- THE FILIPINO VETERANS FAIRNESS ACT OF 2023 {LC3829/1}
05/10/2024 Placed on House Calendar (05/14/2024)

House Bill No. 7330

(Office of Veterans Services)

BY Fellela, Azzinaro, Serpa, Place, Nardone, Vella-Wilkinson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HOLIDAYS AND DAYS OF SPECIAL OBSERVANCE -- DAYS OF SPECIAL OBSERVANCE (Provides that the fifth day in April in each year be designated as "Rhode Island Gold Star Spouses Day" with appropriate exercises in public places and with flags flown at half-staff over the state house.) {LC4454/1}
05/10/2024 Placed on House Calendar (05/14/2024)

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:53 o'clock P.M. on motion of Representative Teresa Tanzi, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Leo Jude Paquette; on motion of Representative Cruz, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Mary Angel Fisher; on motion of Representative Chippendale, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Thomas R. Gallagher; on motion of Representative Place, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Glen Biddiscombe Sr.; on motion of Representative Casimiro, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Lieutenant Gregory Jones seconded by Majority Leader Blazewski and Deputy Minority Leader Roberts the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

Diane M. DePina
Recording Clerk

APPENDIX

INVOCATION

REPRESENTATIVE GRACE DIAZ

Dear God: Today, we honor all the women and men who dedicate their lives to caring for our children. Our childcare workers are the caregivers for all future generations. We pray for their health and safety and give thanks for all the love and care they provide for our children. Amen

APPENDIX

CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MAY 14, 2024:**1. 2024-H 7981 SUB A****BY** Giraldo**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.

2. 2024-H 7603 SUB A**BY** Ackerman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- RESIDENTIAL SOLAR ENERGY DISCLOSURE AND HOMEOWNERS BILL OF RIGHTS ACT

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

3. 2024-H 7427 SUB A**BY** DeSimone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- EXCAVATION NEAR UNDERGROUND UTILITY FACILITIES

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

4. 2024-H 7562**BY** Noret**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE -- FURBEARING ANIMALS

Committee on Environment and Natural Resources recommends passage.

5. 2024-H 8050**BY** Biah**ENTITLED**, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE TO ISSUE NOT TO EXCEED \$400,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND NOTES TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION, RELATED DEMOLITION, RENOVATION, IMPROVEMENT, ALTERATION, REPAIR, LANDSCAPING, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL FACILITIES THROUGHOUT THE CITY AND ALL COSTS RELATED THERETO, SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF STATE HOUSING AID AT A REIMBURSEMENT RATE OR STATE SHARE RATIO OF NOT LESS THEN 75% 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

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

6. 2024-S 2858 SUB A

BY Bissaillon

ENTITLED, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE TO ISSUE NOT TO EXCEED \$400,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND NOTES TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION, RELATED DEMOLITION, RENOVATION, IMPROVEMENT, ALTERATION, REPAIR, LANDSCAPING, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL FACILITIES THROUGHOUT THE CITY AND ALL COSTS RELATED THERETO, SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF STATE HOUSING AID AT A REIMBURSEMENT RATE OR STATE SHARE RATIO OF NOT LESS THAN 75% 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

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

7. 2024-H 8049

BY Biah

ENTITLED, AN ACT IN ACCORDANCE WITH RHODE ISLAND GENERAL LAWS SECTION 16-7-44 APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF \$125,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, NOTES AND OTHER EVIDENCES OF INDEBTEDNESS OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, IMPROVEMENT, ALTERATION, REPAIR, LANDSCAPING, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL FACILITIES THROUGHOUT THE CITY AND ALL COSTS RELATED THERETO

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

8. 2024-S 2859

BY Bissaillon

ENTITLED, AN ACT IN ACCORDANCE WITH RHODE ISLAND GENERAL LAWS SECTION 16-7-44 APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF \$125,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, NOTES AND OTHER EVIDENCES OF INDEBTEDNESS OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, IMPROVEMENT, ALTERATION, REPAIR, LANDSCAPING, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL FACILITIES THROUGHOUT THE CITY AND ALL COSTS RELATED THERETO

Committee on Finance recommends passage in concurrence.

9. **2024-H 7476**
BY Shanley
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- STATEWIDE REFERENDA ELECTIONS

Committee on State Government & Elections recommends passage.

10. **2024-H 7645 SUB A**
BY Cortvriend
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS -- QUALIFIED ABANDONMENT OF TOWN ROADS

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

11. **2024-H 8176**
BY Phillips
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

12. **2024-H 7330**
BY Fellela
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HOLIDAYS AND DAYS OF SPECIAL OBSERVANCE -- DAYS OF SPECIAL OBSERVANCE

Committee on Veterans` Affairs recommends passage.

13. **2024-S 2126**
BY Felag
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HOLIDAYS AND DAYS OF SPECIAL OBSERVANCE -- DAYS OF SPECIAL OBSERVANCE

Committee on Veterans` Affairs recommends passage in concurrence.

14. **2024-H 7074**
BY Fenton-Fung
ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION STRONGLY SUPPORTING THE PASSAGE OF THE 118TH CONGRESS H.R.6121 -- THE FILIPINO VETERANS FAIRNESS ACT OF 2023

Committee on Veterans` Affairs recommends passage.

IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 2024:**1. 2024-H 7744****BY** Fogarty**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION ACT

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

2. 2024-H 7975**BY** Cruz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS -- DIVORCE AND SEPARATION

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

3. 2024-H 7832**BY** Knight**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- SEXUAL OFFENDER REGISTRATION AND COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

4. 2024-H 7800**BY** Marszalkowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- VICTIM'S RIGHTS

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

5. 2024-H 7517 SUB A**BY** Corvese**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- OFFICE OF STATE MEDICAL EXAMINERS

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

6. 2024-H 7232**BY** McNamara**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- EDUCATION ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

Committee on Education recommends passage.

7. 2024-H 8077**BY** Solomon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS --
MANAGEMENT AND DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

8. 2024-H 7114**BY** Carson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES --
REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES

Committee on Special Legislation recommends passage.

9. 2024-H 7539**BY** Vella-Wilkinson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES --
REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES

Committee on Special Legislation recommends passage.

10. 2024-H 7661**BY** Fenton-Fung**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES --
REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES

Committee on Special Legislation recommends passage.

11. 2024-H 8146**BY** Carson**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REPORTING AND
EXPIRATIONS DATES AND AMENDING THE PURPOSE OF THE SPECIAL
LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO REVIEW AND PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS
FOR POLICIES THAT DEAL WITH NUMEROUS ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SHORT-
TERM RENTALS ISSUES

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

12. 2024-H 7838**BY** Tanzi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO IN AMENDMENT OF AND IN ADDITION TO
THE ACT, PASSED AT THE JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 1883, ENTITLED "AN ACT TO
INCORPORATE THE UNION FIRE DISTRICT OF SOUTH KINGSTOWN", AS
AMENDED

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

13. 2024-S 2633

BY Sosnowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO IN AMENDMENT OF AND IN ADDITION TO THE ACT, PASSED AT THE JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 1883, ENTITLED "AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE UNION FIRE DISTRICT OF SOUTH KINGSTOWN", AS AMENDED

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage in concurrence.

Francis McCabe
Clerk of the House

Thursday, May 9, 2024

Updated: Friday, May 10, 2024