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Thirty-fifth Day

The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence on Wednesday, May 15, 2024, and is called to order at 4:15 o'clock P.M. by the Honorable K. Joseph Shekarchi, Speaker.

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

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

ABSENT – 9: Representatives Abney, Costantino, Henries, Lima, Morgan, Perez, Rea, Vella-Wilkinson and Voas.

INVOCATION

The Honorable Speaker presents Representative Karen Alzate 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 14, 2024, is approved.

COMMUNICATIONS

Representative Marvin L. Abney is unable to attend session today, Wednesday, May 15, 2024.
Representative Brandon T. Voas is unable to attend session today, Wednesday, May 15, 2024.
Representative Camille Vella-Wilkinson is unable to attend session today, Wednesday, May 15, 2024.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE SENATE

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

Senate Bill No. 2129

BY Burke, Lombardi F, McKenney, LaMountain, Tikoian

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.) {LC3836/1}

05/15/2024 Referred to House Special Legislation

Senate Bill No. 2240

BY Sosnowski, DiMario, Lombardi F, Felag, Gu

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 of The Commercial Fisheries Research Foundation.) {LC3622/1}

05/15/2024 Referred to House Special Legislation

Senate Bill No. 2278 SUB A

BY LaMountain, Burke, McKenney, Lauria, Tikoian, Quezada, Raptakis, Euer, Bissaillon, Lombardi F

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- SENIOR SAVINGS PROTECTION ACT (Prohibits the charging of any fees to a senior citizen who is 65 years of age or older for a hard-copy paper bill, invoice or statement. The violation of this provision would be a deceptive trade practice subject to a \$500 fine.) {LC4302/A/1}

05/15/2024 Referred to House Corporations

Senate Bill No. 2484 SUB A

BY McKenney, Burke, LaMountain, Tikoian, Kallman

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES (Amends the Gloria Gemma Breast Cancer Resource Foundation special plate law to include an annual ten-dollar (10.00) surcharge for plate renewals.) {LC4780/A/1}

05/15/2024 Referred to House Special Legislation

Senate Bill No. 2511 SUB A**BY** LaMountain, Burke**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW--GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- UNFAIR SALES PRACTICES (Provides that gift certificates issued by state-chartered institutions of higher education would be exempt from the provisions of the gift certificate statute relating to expiration, escheatment, reissuance and refund.) {LC5402/A/1}

05/15/2024 Referred to House Corporations

Senate Bill No. 2693**BY** DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- DEFINITIONS AND GENERAL CODE PROVISIONS (Includes "Kei cars" or "Kei trucks" as having restricted public highway use and those vehicles validly registered as of August 1, 2021, would not be denied renewal of that registration based solely on the vehicle type.) {LC5226/1}

05/15/2024 Referred to House State Government & Elections

Senate Bill No. 2694**BY** Felag, Raptakis, Lauria, Tikoian, Quezada**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - REGISTRATION FEES (Disabled veteran license plate may be transferred to veterans' spouse or issued to veteran or veterans spouse.) {LC3896/1}

05/15/2024 Referred to House Special Legislation

Senate Bill No. 2695**BY** Felag, Ciccone, Raptakis, Tikoian, Lombardi F, Burke, Lawson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- MANUFACTURING AND WHOLESALE LICENSES (Allows for the holder of a manufacturer's license to be able to sell one one-sixth (1/6) barrel key of malt beverage, produced on the premises, per day.) {LC5606/1}

05/15/2024 Referred to House Committee on Small Business

Senate Bill No. 2976**BY** Felag, Raptakis, Euer, Lombardi F, Sosnowski, Miller**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES (Allows for the surviving spouse of a National Guard member to have the spouses National Guard plates transferred to them upon their spouses death.) {LC5905/1}

05/15/2024 Referred to House Special Legislation

Senate Bill No. 3029**BY** Ciccone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF JOHNSTON TO ISSUE NOT TO EXCEED \$40,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, NOTES AND OTHER EVIDENCES OF INDEBTEDNESS TO FINANCE CONSTRUCTION, ADDITIONS, RENOVATION, IMPROVEMENT, ALTERATION, REPAIR, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF STORMWATER MANAGEMENT AND SEWER FACILITIES THROUGHOUT THE TOWN (Authorizes the Town of Johnston to issue bonds and notes in an amount not exceeding \$40,000,000 to finance construction and other improvements throughout the town.) {LC6000/1}

05/15/2024 Referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

Senate Bill No. 3030**BY** de la Cruz

ENTITLED, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF GLOCESTER TO FINANCE THE RENOVATION AND/OR EXPANSION AT THE EXISTING GLOCESTER POLICE STATION AND INCIDENTAL FURNISHINGS AND EQUIPMENT AND TO ISSUE NOT MORE THAN \$10,700,000 BONDS AND NOTES THEREFOR (Authorizes the Town of Gloucester to finance the renovation and/or expansion of Gloucester police station and to issue not more than \$10,700,000 bonds and notes therefore.) {LC6030/1}

05/15/2024 Referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

Senate Bill No. 3046**BY** Felag

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- INDEBTEDNESS OF TOWNS AND CITIES (Adds the town of Warren to those towns and cities authorized to issue bonds to finance the uninsured portion of a settlement arising out of litigation against the town or city.) {LC6071/1}

05/15/2024 Referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

NEW BUSINESS**House Bill No. 8274****BY** Lombardi J, Hull, Potter, Stewart, Morales, Felix, Tanzi, Ajello, Handy, Sanchez

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- WORKPLACE PSYCHOLOGICAL SAFETY ACT (Protects bullying/psychological abuse in workplace inflicted upon employees by employers/co-employees/provides civil remedies to affected employees/fines against employers/imprisonment/fines against co-employees.) {LC6117/1}

05/15/2024 Introduced, referred to House Labor

House Bill No. 8275**BY** Slater

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES (Authorizes the city of Providence to issue a BV alcoholic beverage license for the premises located at 1230 Elmwood Avenue.) {LC6136/1}

05/15/2024 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

CALENDAR

From the Calendar are taken:

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.

Chairman Craven moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Ackerman, Ajello, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Cortvriend, Cotter, Craven, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fenton-Fung, Fogarty, Giraldo, Hull, Kazarian, Kislak, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, O'Brien, Shallcross Smith, Speakman, Spears, Tanzi.

Chairman Craven, Representatives Newberry, Cruz, Batista, Fogarty, Felix, Nardone, Stewart, Knight, Minority Whip Place, Representatives McEntee and Noret discuss the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 52 members voting in the affirmative and 12 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 52: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McNamara, Messier, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Roberts, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Tanzi.

NAYS - 12: Representatives Batista, Cruz, Felix, Lombardi, McGaw, Nardone, Newberry, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Sanchez, Stewart.

RECUSED - 0:

2. 2024-H 7975

BY Cruz

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS -- DIVORCE AND SEPARATION

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Chairman Craven moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Bennett, Ajello and Felix.

Chairman Craven and Representative Diaz discuss the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 65 members voting in the affirmative and 1 member voting in the negative as follows:

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

NAYS - 1: Representative Roberts.

RECUSED - 0:

3. 2024-H 7832

BY Knight

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- SEXUAL OFFENDER REGISTRATION AND COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Chairman Craven moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives McEntee, Bennett and Knight.

Chairman Craven discuss the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 64 members voting in the affirmative and 1 member voting in the negative as follows:

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

NAYS - 1: Representative Batista.

RECUSED - 0:

4. 2024-H 7800

BY Marszalkowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- VICTIM'S RIGHTS

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Chairman Craven moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Morales, McEntee, Solomon, Floor Manager Edwards and Majority Whip Kazarian.

Chairman Craven 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 Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier,

Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

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.

Chairwoman Donovan moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Brien, Corvese, Bennett, Biah, Floor Manager Edwards and Majority Whip Kazarian.

Chairwoman Donovan discusses the act.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, 64 members voting in the affirmative and 1 member voting in the negative as follows:

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

NAYS - 1: Representative Batista.

RECUSED - 0:

6. 2024-H 7232

BY McNamara

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- EDUCATION ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

Committee on Education recommends passage.

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

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

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

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.

Majority Leader Blazejewski moves to recommit. There is no objection.

Read and recommitted to the Committee on Municipal Government & Housing.

8. 2024-H 7114

BY Carson

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 Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Phillips and Carson.

Chairwoman Alzate discusses the act.

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

YEAS - 64: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives 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, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

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.

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, 64 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 64: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives 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, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

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.

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, 63 members voting in the affirmative and 1 member voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 63: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives 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, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Kazarian, Kennedy,

Kislak, Knight, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi.

NAYS - 1: Representative Edwards.

RECUSED - 0:

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.

Chairman Casey moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Speakman, Carson, Cortvriend and Majority Whip Kazarian.

Chairman Casey discusses the act.

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

YEAS - 64: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives 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, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

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.

Chairman Casey moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives McEntee, Fogarty and Spears.

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

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

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.

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

Chairman Casey discusses the act.

Read and passed as in concurrence, 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 Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

GUESTS

Minority Whip Place proudly continues the tradition of recognizing the exemplary work at Eleanor Slater Hospital-Zambarano Campus. This institution provides crucial, unparalleled care to extremely vulnerable patients within our state. In celebration of Zambarano Day, he welcomes Brett Johnson, CEO of Eleanor Slater Hospital, to the House Chamber.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman McNamara announces that the Committee on Education will meet today, at the rise of the House, in the House Lounge of the State House.

Representative Casimiro is pleased to announce and congratulate Majority Whip Kazarian on her graduation from Roger Williams University School of Law this Friday. Her achievement is remarkable, and she is now poised to take on new and exciting challenges as she enters the legal community. Speaker Shekarchi, Leader Blazejewski, and Representative Casimiro invite all members to a celebration cake to celebrate this significant milestone. Speaker Shekarchi extends his heartfelt congratulations to Majority Whip Kazarian and welcomes her to the profession of Law.

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.

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

Representative Cortvriend reminds all members that tomorrow, all members are invited to attend Alzheimer's Awareness Day in the State Room from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

NOW PRESIDING

At 5:11 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 Shanley announces that the Committee on State Government & Elections will meet today, at the rise of the House, in Room 135 of the State House.

Chairman Solomon announces that the Committee on Corporations will meet tomorrow at 4:00 p.m. in the House Lounge of the State House.

GUESTS

Chairman Solomon welcomes Denise Panichas from The Samaritans of Rhode Island to the House Chamber and thanks her for her hard work.

Majority Leader Blazejewski announces that the House will meet in session next week on Tuesday, May 21st, Wednesday, May 22nd, and Thursday, May 23rd, at 4 p.m. Additionally, on behalf of the entire House of Representatives, congratulations are extended to Environment Committee Chairman David Bennett. He will receive the Legislative Champion Award, along with Senator Alana DiMario, this Friday, May 17th, at the organization's Breakfast of Champions at the Edgewood Yacht Club.

Majority Leader Blazejewski, on behalf of the House of Representatives, wishes Speaker Shekarchi a Happy Birthday!

IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION**House Resolution No. 8276**

BY Place, Newberry, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Tanzi, Shallcross Smith, Ajello, Fogarty, Ackerman

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE ELEANOR SLATER HOSPITAL-ZAMBARANO CAMPUS ON THE RECOGNITION OF "ZAMBARANO DAY" ON MAY 16, 2024 {LC5680/1}

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

There is no objection.

Minority Whip Place discusses the resolution.

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

House Resolution No. 8277

BY Azzinaro, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Fellela, Messier, Fenton-Fung, Casimiro, Kennedy, Solomon

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION HONORING AND CELEBRATING "ARMED FORCES DAY" ON MAY 18TH, 2024, IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC5969/1}

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

There is no objection.

Chairman Azzinaro discusses the resolution.

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

House Resolution No. 8278

BY McNamara, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Ackerman, Phillips, Kennedy, Tanzi, Shallcross Smith, Ajello

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION WELCOMING THE NARRAGANSETT COUNCIL, BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA, TO THE RHODE ISLAND STATE HOUSE AND JOYFULLY CELEBRATING SCOUTING MONTH IN FEBRUARY {LC4513/1}

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

There is no objection.

Chairman McNamara discusses the resolution.

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

RULE 7D

The following bills were received pursuant to Rule 7D:

Representative Casimiro-An Act relating to School Construction Bond
Representative Finkelman-An Act relating to Public Utilities and Carriers
Representative Shallcross Smith-An Act relating to Medical Spas Safety Act
Representative Shanley-An Act relating to Elections–Federal Elective Officers
Representative Tanzi- House Resolution Report on School Meal Debt Policy

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.

NEW BUSINESS

House Bill No. 8279

BY Diaz, Cortvriend, Handy, Fogarty, Shallcross Smith, Ajello, Slater, Kennedy, Azzinaro, Perez
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- CONSUMER ENFORCEMENT OF ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY DEVICE WARRANTIES (Requires manufacturers of assisting technology devices to make available to independent repair providers/the owner of the device, any documentation/parts, software/other items intended for use with the equipment/parts, including updates to software.) {LC6137/1}
05/16/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Resolution No. 8280

BY Kislak
ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY, PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS, AND OVERSEE IMPLEMENTATION OF REQUIREMENTS FOR STATE DEPARTMENTS AND VENDORS TO ADOPT GOOD FOOD PURCHASING STANDARDS IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND (Creates a 17 member commission to study, provide recommendations and oversee implementing Good Food Purchasing Standards, and make an interim report to EOHHS by December 15, 2024, a final report by February 15, 2025, and expire on February 15, 2026.) {LC6107/1}
05/16/2024 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 8281

BY Sanchez
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC TRANSIT AUTHORITY (Prohibits RIPTA from using state funds or the proceeds of any bond(s) to pay for any work performed after 9/1/24, pursuant to the "transit center joint development project" RFP and/or pursuant to related the preliminary services agreement.) {LC5979/1}
05/16/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 8282

BY Messier, Serpa, Ajello, Kazarian, McEntee, Fellela, Donovan
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- RETIREMENT SYSTEM -- CONTRIBUTIONS AND BENEFITS (Awards all members of the pension system a three and one-half percent (3.5%) annual benefit adjustment applied to the first thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) of a member's retirement allowance.) {LC6131/1}
05/16/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 8283

BY Azzinaro, Corvese, Kennedy, Costantino, O'Brien, Lima
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES -- LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Prohibits the collection of sales tax on refundable deposits for batteries and core charges for motor vehicle equipment, parts or components.) {LC6126/1}
05/16/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 8284**BY** Quattrocchi

ENTITLED, AN ACT IN ACCORDANCE WITH RHODE ISLAND GENERAL LAWS SECTION 16-7-44 APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF \$3,500,000 BONDS BY THE TOWN OF SCITUATE TO FINANCE CAPITAL PROJECTS AT THE SCITUATE SCHOOLS (Approving the issuance of \$3,500,000 bonds by the town of Scituate to finance capital projects at the Scituate schools.) {LC6148/1}

05/16/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Resolution No. 8285**BY** Diaz, Slater, Biah

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$3,000,000 TO 25 BOUGH, LLC TO SUPPORT THE COMPLETION OF THE INITIAL PHASE OF RENOVATIONS TO CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED IN PROVIDENCE (Authorizes the appropriation of the sum of \$3,000,000 to 25 Bough to support a mixed use building located in Providence.) {LC6142/1}

05/16/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Resolution No. 8286**BY** Baginski

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$20,000 TO THE RHODE ISLAND SAILING EVENTS COMMISSION (This resolution would authorize the appropriation of the sum of \$20,000 to the Rhode Island Sailing Events Commission.) {LC6110/1}

05/16/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

COMMUNICATION FROM THE SENATE

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

Senate Bill No. 2146**BY** Lombardi F, LaMountain, Britto, Ciccone, Felag

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SCHOOL AND YOUTH PROGRAMS CONCUSSION ACT (Requires all school districts to designate an athletic trainer to be available for high school athletic practices and games.) {LC4205/1}

05/17/2024 Referred to House Education

Senate Resolution No. 2147**BY** Picard, Quezada, Zurier

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE, PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION -- RIGHT TO AN ADEQUATE EDUCATION (Amends the constitution to guarantee Rhode Island residents with equal opportunity to receive an education that is adequate, equitable and meaningful and provides judicial enforcement of this provision.) {LC4297/1}

05/17/2024 Referred to House State Government & Elections

Senate Bill No. 2148

BY Gallo, Lawson, Pearson, Valverde, DiMario, Cano, Murray, Lauria

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE KINDERGARTEN THROUGH GRADE TWO (2) MAXIMUM CLASS SIZE ACT (Mandates 20 students per classroom for kindergarten through second grade. Exceptions for emergencies and temporary situations, not to exceed 3 days and mid-year enrollments.) {LC3962/1}

05/17/2024 Referred to House Education

Senate Bill No. 2293 SUB A as amended

BY DiMario, Euer, Miller, LaMountain, Tikoian, Sosnowski, Valverde, Britto, Murray, Gu

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RENEWABLE READY PROGRAM (Establishes the renewable ready program and fund to promotes the responsible siting/development of renewable energy generating resources in locations where it would be an ancillary beneficial use to the redevelopment of previously contaminated property.) {LC4795/A/1}

05/17/2024 Referred to House Corporations

Senate Bill No. 2442 SUB A

BY Murray, Mack, LaMountain, Lauria, Lombardi F, Bissaillon

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- PREVENTION AND SUPPRESSION OF CONTAGIOUS DISEASES -- HIV/AIDS (Repeals the required HIV testing for an individual convicted under chapter 34.1 of title 11 and allows the option for HIV testing for any person convicted under this chapter.) {LC4492/A/1}

05/17/2024 Referred to House Judiciary

Senate Bill No. 2519 SUB A

BY Cano, Gallo, DiMario, Lauria, Miller, Murray, Quezada

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- RHODE ISLAND PREKINDERGARTEN EDUCATION ACT (Allows municipalities participating in the state prekindergarten program to accept students from outside the municipality under certain conditions and establishes a lottery for enrollment in the program.) {LC4739/A/1}

05/17/2024 Referred to House Finance

Senate Bill No. 2781

BY Lombardi F, Burke, Tikoian, Quezada, Bissaillon, LaMountain, Euer, McKenney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO THE UNIFORM COMMERCIAL CODE (Provides amendments to the Uniform Commercial Code for emerging technologies.) {LC4368/1}

05/17/2024 Referred to House Corporations

Senate Bill No. 2809

(Dept. of Health)

BY LaMountain

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- PFAS IN DRINKING WATER, GROUNDWATER, AND SURFACE WATER (Delays from June 1, 2024, until June 1, 2025, the necessity to conduct monitoring for the maximum number PFAS in drinking water and would amend the type of water systems to which the requirement applies.) {LC4441/1}

05/17/2024 Referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

Senate Bill No. 2817

(Dept. of Health)

BY Cano

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- OFFICE OF STATE MEDICAL EXAMINERS (Includes among the responsibilities of the office of state medical examiners, to provide a multidisciplinary team review of suicide deaths with a goal of reducing its prevalence by examining trends in demographic, geographic and community risk factors.)

{LC4949/1}

05/17/2024 Referred to House Health & Human Services

Senate Bill No. 2819

(Dept. of Health)

BY DiMario, Bissaillon, Lombardi F, Euer, Lauria

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LICENSING OF NURSING SERVICE AGENCIES (Removes the exemption from licensure for certain nursing service agencies accredited by the joint commission.) {LC4948/1}

05/17/2024 Referred to House Health & Human Services

Senate Bill No. 2843

BY Gallo, DiMario, Cano, Murray, LaMountain, Zurier, Burke

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- RHODE ISLAND PREKINDERGARTEN EDUCATION ACT (Establishes guidelines for the continued implementation and expansion of high quality public prekindergarten education programs in the state.) {LC4678/1}

05/17/2024 Referred to House Finance

Senate Bill No. 2844

BY Murray

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- OFFICE OF THE SPECIAL EDUCATION OMBUD (Establishes the RI ombud for special education who ensures school districts throughout the state meet the minimum standards required to comply with the individualized education programs for students with disabilities.) {LC3493/1}

05/17/2024 Referred to House Finance

Senate Bill No. 2850 SUB A

BY Valverde, Murray, LaMountain, Kallman, Britto, Gu, DiMario, Miller

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- TOXIC PACKAGING REDUCTION ACT (Updates the existing Toxic Packaging Act by delaying the ban on PFAS in processing agents, until July 1, 2027. The act also grants DEM additional time to write rules and regulations that ban PFAS in food packaging.) {LC5790/A/1}

05/17/2024 Referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

Senate Bill No. 2945

(Dept. of BHDDH)

BY Miller**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- CONFIDENTIALITY OF HEALTH CARE COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION ACT (Amends provisions relative to confidentiality of health care communications and the process for requesting records and/or confidential health care information.) {LC4438/1}

05/17/2024 Referred to House Judiciary

Senate Bill No. 3037**BY** LaMountain**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Exempts the Center for Mediation and Collaboration Rhode Island from taxation of the real property and tangible personal property located at 831 Bald Hill Road in the city of Warwick.) {LC5625/1}

05/17/2024 Referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

**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. 7210 SUB A**BY** Kennedy, Azzinaro, Edwards, Kazarian, Diaz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO THE UNIFORM COMMERCIAL CODE (Provides amendments to the Uniform Commercial Code for emerging technologies.) {LC4083/A/1}

05/17/2024 Placed on House Calendar (05/22/2024)

House Bill No. 7505**BY** Slater, Hull, DeSimone, Voas, Shanley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- THE RHODE ISLAND CANNABIS ACT (Permits hybrid cannabis cultivators to advertise regarding cannabis products during the transitional period.) {LC4798/1}

05/17/2024 Placed on House Calendar (05/21/2024)

House Bill No. 8040**BY** Knight, Craven, Chippendale**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS -- THE RHODE ISLAND SPECIAL DEPOSITS ACT (Establishes the Rhode Island Special Deposits Act to be governed by an account agreement between the bank and the depositor or its beneficiary.) {LC5629/1}

05/17/2024 Placed on House Calendar (05/22/2024)

Senate Bill No. 2269

BY Lawson, Pearson, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Cano, Britto, DiMario, Bissaillon, Mack

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- CASUALTY INSURANCE RATING

(Prevents insurance companies from treating widowed persons differently than married persons when establishing or maintaining an insured's rate or classification respecting the operation of a personal motor vehicle. Effective 1/1/25.) {LC4562/1}

05/17/2024 Placed on House Calendar (05/22/2024)

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

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

House Bill No. 7019 SUB A

BY Spears, McNamara, Fogarty, Speakman, Cotter, Shanley, Craven, Dawson, Finkelman, Casimiro

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CURRICULUM (Establishes "workplace

readiness week". It requires all public high schools, including charter schools, to annually observe that week by providing information to students on their rights as workers and specifies the topics that must be covered.) {LC3308/A/1}

05/17/2024 Placed on House Calendar (05/23/2024)

House Bill No. 7196 SUB A

BY Casimiro, Bennett, McEntee, Spears, Carson, Knight, Noret

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE NATHAN BRUNO AND JASON

FLATT ACT (Requires public school districts to adopt a policy for responding to the death of a student or staff member. Also amends the title of chapter 16-21.7 to "The Nathan Bruno, Jason Flatt, and Alicia Biros Bereavement Act.") {LC3336/A/1}

05/17/2024 Placed on House Calendar (05/23/2024)

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

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

House Bill No. 7294 SUB A

BY Slater, Diaz, Bennett, O'Brien

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE -- HUNTING AND HUNTING

SAFETY -- CAPTIVE HUNTING PROHIBITED (Prohibits captive hunting for domestic or wild animals and does not prohibit the release of domestic game birds for hunting on licensed shooting preserves.) {LC4555/A/1}

05/18/2024 Placed on House Calendar (05/23/2024)

House Bill No. 7358 SUB A

(Dept. of Environmental Management)

BY Bennett, Edwards, Donovan, Cotter, Handy, Cortvriend, Serpa, Noret, Vella-Wilkinson, Shanley

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.) {LC4328/A/2}

05/18/2024 Placed on House Calendar (05/23/2024)

House Bill No. 8071 SUB A**BY** Cortvriend, Bennett, Edwards, McGaw**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT (Requires that the DEM rules and regulations for remediation of hazardous material releases not include any provision requiring the remediation of arsenic which is naturally occurring at levels less than 19 parts per million.) {LC5485/A/1}

05/18/2024 Placed on House Calendar (05/23/2024)

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

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

Senate Bill No. 2862**BY** de la Cruz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT IN ACCORDANCE WITH RHODE ISLAND GENERAL LAWS § 16-7-44, APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF \$6,400,000 BONDS BY THE TOWN OF BURRILLVILLE TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, IMPROVEMENT, ALTERATION, REPAIR, LANDSCAPING, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL FACILITIES THROUGHOUT THE TOWN, AND ALL ATTENDANT EXPENSES INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, ENGINEERING AND ARCHITECTURAL COSTS (Enabling act required by § 16-7-44 in order for the principal of, and interest on bonds issued by the Town of Burrillville in support of school housing projects to be eligible for state housing aid reimbursement.) {LC5649/1}

05/17/2024 Placed on House Calendar (05/23/2024)

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. 7044 SUB A**BY** Corvese, Noret, Brien, Azzinaro, Phillips, DeSimone, Voas, Finkelman, Casey, Craven**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS REQUIRED AT PUBLIC PLACES AND HEALTH CARE FACILITIES

(Requires all health care facilities to provide functional automated external defibrillators (AEDs) and least one person who is properly trained in the operation and use of an AED.) {LC3558/A/1}

05/17/2024 Placed on House Calendar (05/23/2024)

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

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

House Bill No. 7101

BY Knight, Speakman, Kislak, Cortvriend, Caldwell, Noret, Corvese, Casimiro, Kazarian, Alzate
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- ELECTRONIC IMAGING DEVICES (Criminalizes the unauthorized dissemination of sexually explicit images of another person that are created by digital devices or created without the consent of the person depicted.) {LC3372/1}

05/17/2024 Placed on House Calendar (05/21/2024)

House Bill No. 8155 SUB A

BY Craven, Caldwell, McEntee

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROBATE PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE -- PRACTICE IN PROBATE COURTS (Outlines the process for a person petitioning to change their name in the probate court in the town or city where they reside. It would also make the statute regarding name change gender neutral.) {LC5876/A/1}

05/17/2024 Placed on House Calendar (05/21/2024)

Senate Bill No. 2777 SUB A

(General Treasurer)

BY LaMountain, Tikoian, Burke, McKenney, Quezada, Ujifusa

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- CRIMINAL INJURIES COMPENSATION (Allows victims of violent crime receiving awards under the state's crime victim compensation program to use up to \$1,000 of their total award to make reasonable modification to their residence to ensure their future safety.) {LC4938/A/1}

05/17/2024 Placed on House Calendar (05/22/2024)

TRANSFER OF BILLS

Chairman Craven, for the Committee on Judiciary, reports back the following measure, with recommendation of transfer to the Committee on State Government and Elections:

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}

05/17/2024 Scheduled for consideration (05/23/2024)

COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL LEGISLATION

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

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}

05/17/2024 Placed on House Calendar (05/21/2024)

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}

05/17/2024 Placed on House Calendar (05/22/2024)

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:

House Bill No. 7652 SUB A

(City of Providence)

BY Slater, Diaz

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Amends provisions relative to the levy and assessment of local taxes and would provide that the city of Providence may adopt a tax classification with unrestricted tax rates for certain classes of property.) {LC5077/A/1}

05/18/2024 Placed on House Calendar (05/21/2024)

Senate Bill No. 2857 as amended

BY Bissaillon, Zurier, Ruggerio

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Amends provisions relative to the levy and assessment of local taxes and would provide that the city of Providence may adopt a tax classification with unrestricted tax rates for certain classes of property.) {LC5712/1}

05/18/2024 Placed on House Calendar (05/21/2024)

Senate Bill No. 2588**BY** DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Exempts from taxation the real and tangible personal property of the Little Compton Game Club.) {LC5487/1}

05/17/2024 Placed on House Calendar (05/21/2024)

Senate Bill No. 2967**BY** Valverde, Ciccone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Exempts from taxation the real and tangible personal property of Wildlife Rehabilitators Association of Rhode Island (Wildlife Clinic of Rhode Island), a Rhode Island domestic nonprofit corporation, located in North Kingstown, Rhode Island.) {LC5749/1}

05/17/2024 Placed on House Calendar (05/21/2024)

Senate Bill No. 2986**BY** Burke**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Increases the real property exemptions of veterans and the elderly residing in the Town of West Warwick.) {LC5939/1}

05/17/2024 Placed on House Calendar (05/21/2024)

Senate Bill No. 3010**BY** Tikoian**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO THE NORTH PROVIDENCE CHARTER -- THE SALVATORE MANCINI CENTER ON AGING (Amends the charter of the Town of North Providence to create a new department entitled the "Salvatore Mancini Center on Aging.") {LC6003/1}

05/17/2024 Placed on House Calendar (05/21/2024)

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. 8119**BY** Cortvriend, McGaw**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- LOW-SPEED VEHICLES (Provides that low-speed vehicles may be operated on limited access highways, state highways, through highways and public highways or roadways provided the speed limit on the highways and roadways is no more than thirty-five miles per hour (35 m.p.h.)) {LC5754/1}

05/17/2024 Placed on House Calendar (05/22/2024)

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}

05/17/2024 Placed on House Calendar (05/23/2024)

Senate Bill No. 2800

(Dept. of Business Regulation)

BY Sosnowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- INTERSTATE COMPACT ON INDUSTRIALIZED/MODULAR BUILDINGS (Repeals the Interstate Compact on Industrialized/Modular Buildings in its entirety.) {LC4392/1}

05/17/2024 Placed on House Calendar (05/21/2024)

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:15 o'clock P.M. on motion of Majority Leader Blazewski seconded by Minority Leader Chippendale the House adjourns, on a unanimous voice vote.

Diane M. DePina
Recording Clerk

APPENDIX

INVOCATION

REPRESENTATIVE KAREN ALZATE

Lord God: We ask you to bless the members of this House of Representatives and all those who work with them. Grant them the wisdom to make choices that strengthen the state and to make their decisions with integrity and selflessness. Amen

APPENDIX**CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MAY 21, 2024:****1. 2024-H 7505****BY Slater****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- THE RHODE ISLAND CANNABIS ACT**

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

2. 2024-H 7101**BY Knight****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- ELECTRONIC IMAGING DEVICES**

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

3. 2024-H 8155 SUB A**BY Craven****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROBATE PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE -- PRACTICE IN PROBATE COURTS**

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

4. 2024-H 7652 SUB A**BY Slater****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.

5. 2024-S 2588**BY DiPalma****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION**

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage in concurrence.

- 6. 2024-S 2800**
BY Sosnowski
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- INTERSTATE COMPACT ON INDUSTRIALIZED/MODULAR BUILDINGS

Committee on State Government & Elections recommends passage in concurrence.
- 7. 2024-S 2838**
BY Gallo
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 in concurrence.
- 8. 2024-S 2857 as amended**
BY Bissaillon
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage as amended in concurrence.
- 9. 2024-S 2967**
BY Valverde
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage in concurrence.
- 10. 2024-S 2986**
BY Burke
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage in concurrence.
- 11. 2024-S 3010**
BY Tikoian
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO THE NORTH PROVIDENCE CHARTER -- THE SALVATORE MANCINI CENTER ON AGING

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage in concurrence.

IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 22, 2024:

- 1. 2024-H 8119**
BY Cortvriend
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- LOW-SPEED VEHICLES

Committee on State Government & Elections recommends passage.

- 2. 2024-H 7210 SUB A**
BY Kennedy
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO THE UNIFORM COMMERCIAL CODE

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

- 3. 2024-H 8040**
BY Knight
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS -- THE RHODE ISLAND SPECIAL DEPOSITS ACT

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

- 4. 2024-S 3048**
BY DiPalma
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Special Legislation recommends passage in concurrence.

- 5. 2024-S 2269**
BY Lawson
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- CASUALTY INSURANCE RATING

Committee on Corporations recommends passage in concurrence.

- 6. 2024-S 2777 SUB A**
BY LaMountain
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- CRIMINAL INJURIES COMPENSATION

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

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MAY 23, 2024:**1. 2024-H 7019 SUB A****BY Spears****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CURRICULUM**

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

2. 2024-H 7196 SUB A**BY Casimiro****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE NATHAN BRUNO AND JASON FLATT ACT**

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

3. 2024-H 7294 SUB A**BY Slater****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE -- HUNTING AND HUNTING SAFETY -- CAPTIVE HUNTING PROHIBITED**

Committee on Environment and Natural Resources recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

4. 2024-H 7358 SUB A**BY Bennett****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE -- DEER HUNTING**

Committee on Environment and Natural Resources recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

5. 2024-H 8071 SUB A**BY Cortvriend****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT**

Committee on Environment and Natural Resources recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

6. 2024-H 7044 SUB A**BY Corvese****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS REQUIRED AT PUBLIC PLACES AND HEALTH CARE FACILITIES**

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

7. 2024-S 2836

BY Gallo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES --
OPERATORS' AND CHAUFFEURS' LICENSES

Committee on State Government & Elections recommends passage in concurrence.

8. 2024-S 2862

BY de la Cruz

ENTITLED, AN ACT IN ACCORDANCE WITH RHODE ISLAND GENERAL LAWS §
16-7-44, APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF \$6,400,000 BONDS BY THE TOWN OF
BURRILLVILLE TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION,
IMPROVEMENT, ALTERATION, REPAIR, LANDSCAPING, FURNISHING AND
EQUIPPING OF SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL FACILITIES THROUGHOUT THE TOWN,
AND ALL ATTENDANT EXPENSES INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO,
ENGINEERING AND ARCHITECTURAL COSTS

Committee on Finance recommends passage in concurrence.

Francis McCabe
Clerk of the House

Friday, May 17, 2024

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