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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Tuesday, May 21, 2024

Thirty-Sixth Day

The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence on Tuesday, May 21, 2024, and is called to order at 4:47 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, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson and Voas.

ABSENT – 3: Representatives Chippendale, Perez and Rea.

INVOCATION

The Honorable Speaker presents Pastor Dongsup Kum, from The Way of Life Korean Church, who delivers the Invocation and Speaker Shekarchi leads the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

(For Invocation, see Appendix, this Journal.)

NATIONAL ANTHEM

The Honorable Speaker presents Nare Kim, who will sing the United States and Korean National Anthem.

APPROVAL OF RECORD

By unanimous consent, the House Journal of Wednesday, May 15, 2024, is approved.

ADDRESS

The Honorable Speaker calls on Consul General Jai-hui Kim to address the members in recognition of Korea Day.

GUESTS

Speaker Pro Tempore Kennedy is honored to warmly welcome the distinguished guests joining us in the House Chamber today in celebration of Korea Day and delighted to have Pastor Dongsup Kum from The Way of Life Korean Church who lead us in prayer and privileged to have Nare Kim perform the United States, National Anthems.

The House sincerely welcomes the esteemed members of the Korean Consulate: Jae-hui Kim, Consul General; Soon Bok Hong, Deputy Consul General; and Giho Lee, Consul; and members of the Korean American Association of Rhode Island: President Angela Sharkey, Director of the Building Committee Bongsup Cho, President of Board of Directors Heonjo Park; Korean War Veterans Commander Richard Mande and Alfred "Gus" Pagel we are grateful to have you all here today as we celebrate the vibrant culture and significant contributions of the Korean community to our state. Welcome, and thank you for joining the House in this special celebration of Korea Day.

Representative Casimiro welcomes the 41st 2024 Academic Decathlon State Champions from North Kingstown High School to the House Chamber. Congratulations to Lucas Meier, the science gold medalist, team members Lillian Borkman and Maggie Buch, and Coach Susan Eriksen. Speaker Shekarchi congratulates them and welcomes them to the House.

Chairwoman Serpa welcomes American Dental Association President Dr. Linda Edgar, New England Trustee of the American Dental Association Dr. Jonathan Knapp, and Aaron Gukian, an advocate for better oral health from the American Dental Association, to the House Chamber. Speaker Shekarchi welcomes them to the House.

Representative Morgan extends a warm welcome and congratulates her constituent, Sophia Wood; Sophia is a sophomore at the University of Rhode Island and recently placed 2nd at 569 in the Rifle at the 2024 MAC Championship. Along with her today are her parents, Michele and David Wood, and her teammate, Emily Lopez. Speaker Shekarchi welcomes them to the House.

CALENDAR

From the Calendar are taken:

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.

Chairman Solomon moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Phillips, Morales, Potter, Cruz, Felix, Stewart, Majority Whip Kazarian, Representatives Biah, Craven, Vella-Wilkinson, and Bennett.

Chairman Solomon discusses the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 67 members voting in the affirmative and 3 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 67: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Place, Potter, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 3: Representatives Morgan, Quattrocchi, Roberts.

RECUSED - 0:

Majority Leader Blazejewski moves items #4 and #8 to be placed after item #1 on today's Calendar. There is no objection.



State of Rhode Island

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



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

I, Leonela Felix, State Representative, District 6e1, hereby under oath depose and say:

1. (Matter requiring action: i.e. Bill number) I expect to be called upon, in my capacity as State Representative to participate in the consideration of, and/or to vote upon: 2024 H 7052/S 2857

2. (Nature of the potential conflict) I have the following interest in the matter: EMPLOYED by City of Providence

3. (Please select one of the following):

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

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

[Signature]
REPRESENTATIVE

State of Rhode Island
County of: Providence

Subscribed and sworn to under the penalties for perjury before me this 21 day of May, 2024

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

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Michael B. Eggar
Notary Public
State of Rhode Island
COMMISSION EXPIRES 03/31/2026
[Signature]
SPEAKER

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.

Chairman Casey moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Biah, O'Brien, and Morgan.

Chairman Casey 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, 67 members voting in the affirmative and 3 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 67: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Roberts, Serpa, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 3: Representatives Ajello, Lombardi, Sanchez.

RECUSED - 1: Representative Felix.

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.

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

Chairman Casey discusses the act.

Read and passed as amended, in concurrence, on a roll call vote 67 members voting in the affirmative and 3 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 67: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier,

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

NAYS - 3: Representatives Ajello, Lombardi, Sanchez.

RECUSED - 0:

2. 2024-H 7101

BY Knight

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- ELECTRONIC IMAGING DEVICES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Chairman Craven moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Dawson, Diaz, Donovan, Fenton-Fung, Fogarty, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Knight, Lima, McEntee, McNamara, Messier, Morgan, Phillips, Roberts, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Solomon, Spears, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

Chairman Craven discusses the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 64 members voting in the affirmative and 4 members voting in the negative as follows:

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

NAYS - 4: Representatives Ajello, Cruz, Felix, Stewart.

RECUSED - 0:

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.

Chairman Craven moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Abney, Ajello, Alzate, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Cotter, Craven, Cruz,

Dawson, Diaz, Donovan, Felix, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kislak, Knight, Lombardi, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Morales, O'Brien, Potter, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

Chairman Craven discuss the act.

By unanimous consent, Minority Whip Place, seconded by Representatives Quattrocchi, Roberts, and Nardone, offers a written motion to amend.

**FLOOR AMENDMENT
TO
2024 -- H 8155 SUBSTITUTE A**

**AN ACT RELATING TO PROBATE PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE -- PRACTICE IN
PROBATE COURTS**

Mr. Speaker:

I hereby move to amend 2024 -- H 8155 SUBSTITUTE A, entitled "AN ACT RELATING TO PROBATE PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE -- PRACTICE IN PROBATE COURTS", as follows:

- 1. On page 1, line 14, by deleting the word "may" and by inserting in place thereof the word "shall"

Respectfully submitted,

Representative Place

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LC005876/2
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Minority Whip Place, Representatives Knight and Craven discuss the amendment.

The motion to amend fails on a roll call vote 5 members voting in the affirmative and 65 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 5: Representatives Morgan, Nardone, Place, Quattrocchi, Roberts.

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

RECUSED - 0:

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, 68 members voting in the affirmative and 2 members voting in the negative as follows:

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

NAYS - 2: Representatives Quattrocchi, Roberts.

RECUSED - 0:

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.

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

Chairman Casey discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 69 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

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

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

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.

Chairman Shanley moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Carson and Knight.

Chairman Shanley discusses the act.

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

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

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

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.

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

Chairwoman Alzate discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 69 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 69: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw,

McNamara, Messier, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

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.

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

Chairman Casey discusses the act.

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

YEAS - 71: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

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.

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

Chairman Casey discusses the act.

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

YEAS - 71: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

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.

Chairman Casey moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Costantino, Corvese, Lima, Cardillo, Brien and Deputy Speaker Hull.

Chairman Casey discusses the act.

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

YEAS - 71: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Casimiro recognizes Representative Shallcross Smith for the publication of her children's book.

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

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

Chairwoman Diaz wishes the late Representative Thomas Slater a Heavenly Happy Birthday!

Chairwoman Alzate announces that the Committee on Special Legislation will meet today, at the rise, in Room 101 of the State House.

IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION**House Resolution No. 8287**

BY Finkelman, Ackerman, Knight, Kislak, Boylan, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Place, Noret, Dawson
ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MAY OF 2024, TO BE "JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC5965/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Finkelman discusses the resolution.

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

House Resolution No. 8288

BY Morgan P, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Fenton-Fung, Quattrocchi, Roberts, Tanzi, Kennedy, Ajello
ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND SOPHOMORE SOPHIA ELISE WOOD FOR HER MANY OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS IN RIFLERY MARKSMANSHIP {LC6121/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Morgan discusses the resolution.

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

House Resolution No. 8289

BY Azzinaro, Kennedy, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Place, Spears, Costantino, Tanzi, Ackerman, Ajello
ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF
THE HONORABLE MARY LOUISE WALTER {LC6159/1}

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 rising vote.

House Resolution No. 8290

BY Kennedy, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Place, Costantino, Tanzi, McNamara, Ackerman, Ajello,
Shallcross Smith
ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MAY 21, 2024, TO BE "COX IMPACT
DAY" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC5753/1}

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

There is no objection.

Speaker Pro Tempore Kennedy discusses the resolution.

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

House Resolution No. 8291

BY Casimiro, Craven, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Place, Solomon, Kazarian, Tanzi, Kennedy,
McNamara
ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND CONGRATULATING THE
MEMBERS AND COACH OF THE NORTH KINGSTOWN HIGH SCHOOL TEAM ON THEIR
1ST PLACE VICTORY AT THE 41ST RHODE ISLAND ACADEMIC DECATHLON {LC6141/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Casimiro discusses the resolution.

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

House Resolution No. 8292

BY Kennedy, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Kazarian, Chippendale, Edwards, Ackerman, Azzinaro, Tanzi, McNamara

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION CELEBRATING MAY 21, 2024, AS "KOREA DAY" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC5990/1}

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

There is no objection.

Speaker Pro Tempore Kennedy discusses the resolution.

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

House Resolution No. 8293

BY Blazejewski, Place

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING CONGRATULATIONS {LC6149/1}
05/21/2024 House read and passed

Majority Leader Blazejewski requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Majority Leader Blazejewski, seconded by Minority Whip Place, by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

House Resolution No. 8294

BY Blazejewski, Place

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES {LC6150/1}

Majority Leader Blazejewski requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Majority Leader Blazejewski, seconded by Minority Whip Place, by unanimous consent, on a rising vote.

RULE 7D

The following bills were received pursuant to Rule 7D:

Representative Azzinaro-Resolution Amending the Permanent Advisory Council
Representative Finkelman-An Act relating to Employee Criminal Background
Representative McEntee-An Act relating to Health and Safety-Beverage Container Deposit Recycling 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.)

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:48 o'clock P.M. on motion of Representative Azzinaro, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of the Hon. Mary Louise Walter seconded by Majority Leader Blazewski and Minority Whip Place the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

Diane M. DePina
Recording Clerk

APPENDIX**INVOCATION****MINISTER DONGSUP KUM**

Dear Heavenly Father, thank you so much for your steadfast love and faithfulness, and allowing us to hold the National Assembly today and celebrate Korean Day.

121 years ago, 102 Koreans first immigrated to Hawaii, USA. Since then, there has been continued immigration, and now there are over 2 million Koreans in the United States. Here in Rhode Island, Koreans live in various regions of the state, working in diverse industries.

In the United States, where various ethnic groups live together, Koreans are also growing together as one body. Although we have different skin colors, different languages, and different cultures, Each of us is using our unique talents to cultivate the great nation of the United States.

I pray that everyone is able to respect and encourage one another, and build a beautiful country in Christ. I pray that as the senators, representatives of the House gather together to discuss the welfare of our state and country, the Lord would be with us and give them wisdom and discernment to lead well.

Dear God, today the Consul General of Boston is giving a speech on behalf of Korea. I pray that you will be with Consul General, and that this will be a time where the friendship between the United States and Korea becomes stronger.

God, I pray for America and Korea. Please make us nations that fear the name of God and bless our presidents and politicians so that they have the fear of God and the discernment from God in order to lead and guide our countries wisely.

Let Rhode Island be born again through the Gospel, Let the power of the gospel be revealed, so that the darkness disappear, and we can be filled with the joy and peace of God.

I pray, giving thanks and glory to God alone. I pray in the holy name of Jesus Christ. Amen

APPENDIX

CALENDAR

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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