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Thirty-eighth Day

The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence on Thursday, May 23, 2024, and is called to order at 4:19 o'clock P.M. by the Honorable K. Joseph Shekarchi, Speaker.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 70 members present and 5 members absent as follows:

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

ABSENT – 5: Representatives Ackerman, Edwards, Knight, Lima and Vella-Wilkinson.

INVOCATION

The Honorable Speaker presents Representative Samuel A. Azzinaro 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 Wednesday, May 22, 2024, is approved.

COMMUNICATIONS

Representative Jason P. Knight is unable to attend session today, Thursday, May 23, 2024.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE SENATE

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

Senate Bill No. 2142 as amended

BY Cano, DiMario, Gallo, Lawson, Murray, Zurier, Euer, Lauria, Britto, DiPalma

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- RHODE ISLAND EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION WORKFORCE DATA ACT (Codifies the previously funded Rhode Island early care and education workforce registry data system.) {LC4213/1}

05/23/2024 Referred to House Education

Senate Bill No. 2397

BY Cano, Kallman, Murray, Quezada, Mack, Britto, DiMario, Valverde, Acosta, Lauria

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (Provides the state would cover dialysis for the treatment of end stage renal disease ("ESRD") and kidney transplants for persons who do not qualify for full Medicaid due to their immigration status.) {LC4530/1}

05/23/2024 Referred to House Finance

Senate Bill No. 2516

BY Lauria, Murray, Valverde, Miller, DiPalma, Lawson, Felag, LaMountain

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS (Requires RIDE to develop type 1 diabetes informational materials for the parents and guardians of students that will be posted publicly on RIDE's website.) {LC5214/1}

05/23/2024 Referred to House Education

Senate Resolution No. 2530

BY Gallo, Cano, Lawson, Pearson, Tikoian, LaMountain

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION SUPPORTING CONTINUED FOCUS AND ACTIONS FOR IMPROVED COORDINATION BETWEEN AGENCIES RESPONSIBLE FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD AND EARLY LEARNING PROGRAMS {LC5174/1}

05/23/2024 Referred to House Health & Human Services

Senate Bill No. 2618

BY DiPalma, Ciccone

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE ISLAND OLMSTEAD PLAN COMMISSION ACT (Creates an Olmstead Plan for people vulnerable to unnecessary institutionalization to update a continuum of care to receive services and supports in the least restrictive environment.) {LC5139/1}

05/23/2024 Referred to House Health & Human Services

Senate Bill No. 2719

BY DiMario, Lauria, Pearson, Valverde, Euer, DiPalma, Murray, Lawson, Miller

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- RHODE ISLAND DRUG COST REVIEW COMMISSION (Creates the Rhode Island drug cost review commission.)

{LC4258/1}

05/23/2024 Referred to House Health & Human Services

Senate Bill No. 2723

BY Pearson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE RHODE ISLAND HEALTH CARE REFORM ACT OF 2004 -- HEALTH INSURANCE OVERSIGHT

(Includes the definition of "primary care services" and requires that all biennial reports shall include a review and recommendation of rates for primary care services on and after September 1, 2025.)

{LC5628/1}

05/23/2024 Referred to House Health & Human Services

Senate Bill No. 2741

(General Treasurer)

BY Murray

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (Requires school districts to provide the parent/guardian of a student with an individualized education program (IEP) with information concerning the achieving a better life experience (ABLE) account program benefits and the program application process.)

{LC4937/1}

05/23/2024 Referred to House Education

Senate Bill No. 2742

(Secretary of State)

BY McKenney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LIBRARIES -- STATE LIBRARY (Modernizes all state library laws by eliminating the clearinghouse advisory committee, updating how the clearinghouse publishes its list of publications, reducing the number of physical copies and facilitating digital publication.) {LC5026/1}

05/23/2024 Referred to House State Government & Elections

Senate Bill No. 2743

BY Acosta, Picard, Mack, Gallo, Lawson, Pearson, Zurier

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CERTIFICATION OF TEACHERS

(Extends teacher certifications without fee or penalty for three (3) or five (5) years for teachers who hold certifications as of July 1, 2024.) {LC5303/1}

05/23/2024 Referred to House Finance

Senate Bill No. 2805

(Dept. of Education)

BY Gallo, Lawson, DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INCORPORATING THE RHODE ISLAND COMMISSION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE (Reduces the number of commissioners on the board of commissioners to no less than fifteen and would add a d/b/a Serve RI designation after commissions name.) {LC4365/1}

05/23/2024 Referred to House Education

Senate Bill No. 2807

(Dept. of Education)

BY Cano**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SHEILA C. "SKIP" NOWELL ACADEMY (Provides for changes to the operating structure of the Nowell Academy establishing a cooperative agreement among school districts.) {LC4921/1}

05/23/2024 Referred to House Education

Senate Bill No. 2816 SUB A

(Dept of Health)

BY Ciccone, Lombardi F, DiPalma, Britto, de la Cruz, Rogers**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- OFFICE OF STATE MEDICAL EXAMINERS (Provides for procedures for the burial of unclaimed remains.) {LC4442/A/1}

05/23/2024 Referred to House Health & Human Services

Senate Bill No. 2818

(Dept. of Health)

BY Miller**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LICENSING OF HEALTHCARE FACILITIES (Requires the disclosure of the transfer of certain assets of healthcare facilities and would provide penalties for failing to file healthcare facility ownership information.) {LC4945/1}

05/23/2024 Referred to House Health & Human Services

Senate Bill No. 2820

(Dept of Health)

BY Valverde, Euer, DiMario, Miller**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT (Substitutes the current lists of controlled substances in the general laws with the current version of title 21 of the code of federal regulations.) {LC4443/1}

05/23/2024 Referred to House Judiciary

Senate Bill No. 2872**BY** Miller, Lawson, DiPalma, DiMario, Lauria, Ujjifusa**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- COMPREHENSIVE

DISCHARGE PLANNING (Requires coverage for residential/inpatient mental health services for detox/stabilization/substance abuse disorders without preauthorization or be subject to concurrent review during the first 28 days.) {LC5694/1}

05/23/2024 Referred to House Finance

GUESTS

Chairwoman Diaz, in recognition of Lupus Day, extends a warm welcome to Aida Patricia Crosson, Director of Administration at the Rhode Island Office of Attorney General and volunteer Ambassador at the Lupus Foundation New England. She also warmly welcomes Lisa Luzzi, Rachel Rossi, and Addevlin Bailey.

Speaker Shekarchi commends them for their dedicated work and advocacy. We are honored to welcome these remarkable individuals to the House, and we deeply appreciate their commitment to raising awareness and supporting those affected by lupus.

Deputy Speaker Hull is pleased to welcome and congratulate Paul Rizzo, the former head coach of the North Providence High School boys' basketball team from 1999 to 2018, on his induction into the Rhode Island Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame. A North Providence native, Rizzo distinguished himself in basketball and as an outstanding baseball player at La Salle Academy and Providence College, eventually spending the 1986 season in the New York Mets' organization.

Rizzo's coaching career at North Providence High School began with the softball team in 1991. Under his leadership, the Cougars won state titles in 1991, 1993, and 2001 and reached the state finals four times over his 14-year tenure. His exemplary coaching and dedication have left a lasting legacy, and his Hall of Fame induction is a well-deserved honor.

Representative Casimiro warmly welcomes Boys Town New England, an esteemed organization dedicated to saving children and healing families for 100 years. Boys Town New England provides a variety of services based on the research-proven Boys Town Model, effectively supporting adolescents and young children through numerous programs designed to assist children and families.

Representative Casimiro is honored to acknowledge Charon Rose, Director of Workforce Strategy and Operations for the Rhode Island Office of the Postsecondary Commissioner and a dedicated Board Member of Boys Town New England, Boys Town New England Executive Leadership Team, Glenn Hofmann, Director of Development; Eli Escrogin, Senior Director of Program Operations; and Olivia Behrens, Director of Community Support Services. Your commitment and contributions are invaluable to the community.

Chairman Craven welcomes to the House Chamber Special Olympics Rhode Island Athletes Jeff Peter Jr. and Keith Wilcox, their mentor coaches Claudette Gilheeny and Jordan Broder, and Edwin Pacheco, Executive Director of the Rhode Island Special Olympics and former House Representative. Speaker Shekarchi welcomes them to the House and thanks Ed for all his hard work for the Special Olympics.

CALENDAR

From the Calendar are taken:

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.

Chairman McNamara moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Abney, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Bennett, Blazejewski, Boylan, Carson, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Craven, Cruz, Donovan, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kislak, McEntee, McNamara, Morales, Potter, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

Chairman McNamara, Minority Leader Chippendale, Representatives Ajello, Corvese, Alzate, Giraldo, Minority Whip Place, Representatives Stewart, Handy and Spears discuss the act.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, 61 members voting in the affirmative and 8 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 61: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Potter, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 8: Representatives Chippendale, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Place, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts.

RECUSED - 0:

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.

Chairman McNamara moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Spears, Carson, Morales, McEntee, Phillips, Cortvriend, Tanzi, Bennett, Potter,

Voas, Stewart, Cruz, Casimiro, Solomon, Felix, Fogarty, Noret, Corvese and Majority Whip Kazarian.

Chairman McNamara discusses the act.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, 69 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

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

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

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.

Chairman Bennett moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Abney, Ajello, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Costantino, Craven, Cruz, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Felix, Fogarty, Handy, Hull, Kislak, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Morales, Phillips, Potter, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi.

Chairman Bennett, Minority Leader Chippendale, and Representative Slater discuss the act.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, 69 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

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

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

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.

Chairman Bennett moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives O'Brien, Carson, Phillips, Casimiro, Cortvriend and Majority Whip Kazarian.

Chairman Bennett, Representative Morales, and Minority Leader Chippendale discuss the act.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, 69 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

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

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

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.

Chairman Bennett moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Cortvriend, Phillips, Donovan, Spears, Potter, Boylan and Majority Whip Kazarian.

Chairman Bennett discusses 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 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

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

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

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.

Chairwoman Donovan moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Abney, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Cardillo, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Place, Potter, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Voas.

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

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

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

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.

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

Vice Chairwoman Messier discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 58 members voting in the affirmative and 6 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 58: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Cardillo, Carson, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Felix, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Newberry, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Voas.

NAYS - 6: Representatives Chippendale, Morgan, Nardone, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts.

RECUSED - 0:

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.

Chairman Abney moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Newberry, Noret, and Minority Whip Place.

Chairman Abney discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, 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 Abney, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey,

Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Felix, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Voas.

NAYS - 1: Representative O'Brien.

RECUSED - 0:

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman McNamara invites all House members to attend the Gaspee Days, which celebrates Rhode Islanders' burning of the HMS Gaspee in 1772. The event will ring in Memorial Day Weekend with a Block Party & an Arts & Crafts Festival, which will be happening right in the middle of the Narragansett Parkway, with parts of the street being blocked off for vendors and attendees; it's a family-friendly experience.

Representative Sanchez congratulates his father for his 24 years of sobriety.

Chairwoman Alzate congratulates her mother, Amparo Arango, on becoming a United States citizen today.

Representative Stewart announces that a fire ignited yesterday in her district and wishes to recognize the brave and selfless Pawtucket firefighters who responded to the emergency. Five of these dedicated firefighters were taken to the hospital to be treated for heat exhaustion. Representative Stewart extends her deepest gratitude to these firefighters for their sacrifices, readiness, professionalism, and heroism. Their unwavering commitment to protecting our community is truly commendable, and we are profoundly grateful for their courageous service.

Representative Felix wishes her niece, Leah Marianna Ramos, a Happy 17th Birthday!

Representative Handy would like to thank all the House members for passing the "Widows Penalty" bill (S-2269) yesterday and recognize that tomorrow would have been his 27th Wedding anniversary.

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 held on Tuesday, May 28th, 2024, Wednesday, May 29th, 2024, and Thursday, May 30th, 2024, all at 4 p.m. Additionally, on Tuesday, May 28th, Speaker Shekarchi will host a Health Care Summit from 9:30 a.m. through 12:30 p.m. in the House Chamber. This summit will be joined by U.S. Senator Sheldon Whitehouse and Attorney General Peter Neronha and will bring together physicians and providers, healthcare industry leaders, and other stakeholders to engage in a comprehensive review and discussion of pertinent issues. All Representatives are invited.

Majority Leader Blazewski wishes all a safe Memorial Day!

Chairwoman Donovan announces that the Committee on Health & Human Services will meet today, at the rise of the House, in Room 135 of the State House.

IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION

House Resolution No. 8306

BY Morales, Shekarchi, Blazewski, Chippendale, Kennedy, Ajello, Fogarty, Cortvriend, Shallcross Smith, Diaz

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MAY 23, 2024, TO BE "LEAD POISONING PREVENTION DAY" IN RHODE ISLAND {LC5972/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Morales discusses the resolution.

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

House Resolution No. 8307

BY McNamara, Shekarchi, Blazewski, Chippendale, Fellela, Tanzi, Kennedy, Ajello, Fogarty, Cortvriend

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE 59TH ANNUAL GASPEE DAYS CELEBRATION AND THE MOMENTOUS 252ND ANNIVERSARY OF THE BURNING OF THE GASPEE {LC5973/1}

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.

House Resolution No. 8308

BY Casimiro, Cortvriend, Shekarchi, Blazewski, Chippendale, Noret, Brien, Kennedy, Ajello, Fogarty

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION WELCOMING BOYS TOWN NEW ENGLAND TO THE RHODE ISLAND STATE HOUSE ON MAY 23, 2024, AND THANKING THEM FOR ALL THE GOOD WORK THEY DO FOR CHILDREN AND FOR HEALING AND BRINGING FAMILIES TOGETHER {LC6080/1}

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. 8309

BY Hull, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Lombardi J, Corvese, Place, Chippendale, Kennedy, Fogarty, Cortvriend

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING PAUL RIZZO ON BEING INDUCTED INTO THE RHODE ISLAND BASKETBALL COACHES ASSOCIATION HALL OF FAME {LC6173/1}

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

There is no objection.

Deputy Speaker Hull discusses the resolution.

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

House Resolution No. 8310

BY Diaz, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Slater, Chippendale, Brien, Messier, Caldwell, Craven, McGaw

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MAY 10TH, 2024, TO BE "LUPUS DAY" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC5820/1}

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. 8311

BY Giraldo, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Stewart, Boylan, Kislak, Cruz, Potter, Sanchez

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MAY 23, 2024, AS "RHODE ISLAND COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER DAY" {LC5970/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Giraldo discusses the resolution.

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

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

TRANSMITTAL

By unanimous consent, all matters on the clerk's desk are ordered to be transmitted to His Excellency, the Governor, to the Honorable Senate and the Honorable Secretary of State forthwith.

(For Transmittals to Governor, see Appendix of this Journal.)

DESK HELD OPEN

The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi announces that the desk will be held open.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE SENATE

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

Senate Bill No. 2183

BY LaMountain, DiMario, Pearson, Lauria, Lawson, Valverde, Ujifusa

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- COUNSELING COMPACT (Adopts a counseling compact for the interstate practice of licensed professional counselors by providing for the mutual recognition of other member state licenses governed and administrated by commission.) {LC3527/1}

05/24/2024 Referred to House Corporations

Senate Bill No. 2184 SUB A

BY DiMario, Lauria, Pearson, Valverde, Murray, Lawson, Ujifusa, Euer, Bissaillon, Bell

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- SOCIAL WORK LICENSURE COMPACT (Adopts model legislation facilitating the interstate practice of regulated social workers.) {LC3525/A/1}

05/24/2024 Referred to House Corporations

Senate Bill No. 2273**BY** Euer, LaMountain, Burke, Bissaillon, DiMario, Gallo, Lawson, Cano**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- UNFAIR SALES PRACTICES (Requires businesses that offer automatic subscription renewals/continuous service offers to provide consumers with notice to the consumer prior to their engagement in the contract along with notice of renewal of subscription/cancellation info. eff. 1/1/25) {LC4294/1}

05/24/2024 Referred to House Corporations

Senate Bill No. 2469 SUB A as amended**BY** Bissaillon, Britto**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- ELECTRICIANS (Amends the state's apprenticeship laws to make them more consistent with applicable federal regulations and makes said laws more comprehensible and consistent with each other.)

{LC5035/A/1}

05/24/2024 Referred to House Labor

Senate Bill No. 3068**BY** Ciccone, Lombardi F, Bissaillon, Britto**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.) {LC6076/1}

05/24/2024 Referred to House Labor

Senate Bill No. 2013 SUB A**BY** DiPalma, Miller, DiMario, Valverde, Lawson, Lauria, Ujifusa, Morgan E**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- PRESCRIPTION DRUG COST PROTECTION (Prohibits the state, participating ERISA or any health plan from purchasing referenced drugs for a cost higher than the referenced rate.) {LC3776/A/1}

05/24/2024 Referred to House Health & Human Services

Senate Bill No. 2378 SUB A**BY** DiMario, Lauria, Bissaillon, DiPalma, Kallman, Euer, Valverde, Murray, Miller, Ujifusa**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT (Requires the department of health to amend its rules and regulations that allow for DEA-registered pharmacies to transfer electronic prescriptions at a patient's request.)

{LC4037/A/1}

05/24/2024 Referred to House Health & Human Services

Senate Bill No. 2389 as amended**BY** Miller, Pearson, DiMario, DiPalma, Valverde, Lauria**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES (Authorizes emergency medical service agencies to transport individuals to alternative facilities for treatment and permits licensed providers for mental health disorders to treat patients within the community.) {LC4305/1}

05/24/2024 Referred to House Health & Human Services

Senate Bill No. 2606 SUB A as amended**BY** DiMario, Miller, Lauria, Cano, Valverde, Lawson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS

INSURANCE POLICIES (Requires insurance coverage for all community health workers' services to include health and promotion coaching, health education and training, health system navigation and resource coordination services, care planning and follow-up care recommendations.) {LC4893/A/2}

05/24/2024 Referred to House Health & Human Services

Senate Bill No. 2607 SUB A**BY** DiMario, Miller, Lauria, Cano, Valverde, Lawson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS

INSURANCE POLICIES (Requires coverage for acute mental health crisis mobile response and stabilization services to eligible individuals enrolled as plan beneficiaries.) {LC5160/A/1}

05/24/2024 Referred to House Health & Human Services

Senate Bill No. 2075 SUB A**BY** Miller, Valverde, Pearson, Lawson, Ruggerio, Lauria, DiMario, Ujifusa**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- OFFICE OF

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (Requires the secretary of the executive office of health and human services to present to the general assembly a plan for the realignment of state hospitals into a department of hospitals no later than September 1, 2024.) {LC4038/A/1}

05/24/2024 House voted to recommit to House State Government & Elections

Senate Bill No. 3039**BY** Ciccone, Lombardi F, DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES

(Allows for the issuance of Class BV liquor licenses for the properties located at 94 Carpenter Street and 1023 Broad Street, both in the city of Providence.) {LC6028/1}

05/24/2024 Referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

Senate Bill No. 3069**BY** Zurier**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES

(Allows for the issuance of a Class B or BV liquor license for the property located at 79 Ives Street in the city of Providence.) {LC6105/1}

05/24/2024 Referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

Senate Bill No. 3070**BY** Quezada**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.) {LC6129/1}

05/24/2024 Referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 7509 SUB A

BY Finkelman, Shanley, Batista, Vella-Wilkinson, Perez, Noret, Dawson, O'Brien, Morales, Cotter
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.) {LC4378/A/1}
05/24/2024 Placed on House Calendar (05/29/2024)

NEW BUSINESS**House Bill No. 8312**

BY McEntee, Spears, Bennett, Fogarty, McGaw, Cortvriend, McNamara, Boylan, Kislak, Carson
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- BEVERAGE CONTAINER DEPOSIT RECYCLING ACT (Establishes beverage container recycling to be regulated by DEM.) {LC5947/1}
05/24/2024 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

House Bill No. 8313

(by request)

BY Spears, Cotter, Kennedy

ENTITLED, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CHARIHO REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT TO FINANCE IMPROVEMENTS, FURNISHING, AND EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENTS AT THE SWITCH ROAD CAMPUS INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, COSTS OF DEMOLITION, DESIGN, HEALTH AND SAFETY PROJECTS, ROOFING, PLAYGROUNDS, LANDSCAPING, PAVING AND ALL EXPENSES INCIDENTAL THERETO BY THE ISSUANCE OF NOT MORE THAN \$15,000,000 BONDS AND/OR NOTES THEREFOR, SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF STATE HOUSING AID AT A REIMBURSEMENT RATE OR STATE SHARE RATIO OF NOT LESS THAN 61% AT THE TIME OF ISSUANCE, WHICH RATE OR RATIO MAY INCREASE TO 65% AT PROJECT COMPLETION (Authorizes the Chariho Regional School District to issue not more than \$15,000,000 in bonds and notes.) {LC6166/1}
05/24/2024 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:

Senate Bill No. 2278 SUB A

BY LaMountain, Burke, McKenney, Lauria, Tikoian, Quezada, Raptakis, Euer, Bissaillon, Lombardi
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}
05/24/2024 Placed on House Calendar (05/30/2024)

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}

05/24/2024 Placed on House Calendar (05/29/2024)

House Bill No. 7510 SUB A**BY** Vella-Wilkinson, Batista, Baginski, Lima, Diaz, DeSimone, Fellela, Biah, Morales, Fenton-Fung**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- TAXICABS AND LIMITED PUBLIC MOTOR VEHICLES (Amends requirements regarding how taxicabs can be placed into service.) {LC4794/A/2}

05/24/2024 Placed on House Calendar (05/29/2024)

House Bill No. 7719**BY** Baginski, Edwards, Bennett**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- LIFE INSURANCE POLICIES AND RESERVES (Replaces the term "the drug naloxone" with the term "opioid antagonist" in chapters regulating life insurance policies and group life insurance policies.) {LC5057/1}

05/24/2024 Placed on House Calendar (05/29/2024)

House Bill No. 7940 SUB A**BY** Voas, Alzate, Potter, Kazarian, Hull, Marszalkowski, DeSimone, Finkelman, Caldwell, Slater**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 five hundred dollar (\$500) fine.) {LC5258/A/1}

05/24/2024 Placed on House Calendar (05/30/2024)

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

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

House Bill No. 7721 SUB A**BY** Kislak, Cotter, Shanley, Giraldo, Speakman, Carson, Cruz, Slater, Morales, Caldwell**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

(Outlines the requirements and process for LEAs to get written parental consent before conducting an evaluation, reevaluation, making an initial placement/changes in placement/the individual education program of a student in a special education program.) {LC5150/A/1}

05/24/2024 Placed on House Calendar (05/29/2024)

House Bill No. 8190 SUB A

(Dept. of Education (RIDE))

BY McNamara, Ackerman, Donovan, Cotter, McGaw, Lombardi J, Voas, Stewart

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- ATTENDANCE FOR SUCCESS ACT

(Establishes the "Attendance for Success Act" that mandates requirements for attendance policies, and provides for multiple plans, reporting requirements and supports to address student absenteeism from school.) {LC5883/A/1}

05/24/2024 Placed on House Calendar (05/29/2024)

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:

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}

05/24/2024 Placed on House Calendar (05/29/2024)

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}

05/28/2024 Placed on House Calendar (06/04/2024)

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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

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}

05/24/2024 Placed on House Calendar (05/29/2024)

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}

05/24/2024 Placed on House Calendar (05/28/2024)

House Bill No. 7732

(Dept. of Health)

BY Solomon, Edwards, Casey**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.)

{LC4861/1}

05/24/2024 Placed on House Calendar (05/28/2024)

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

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

Senate Bill No. 2202 SUB A**BY** Lauria, Pearson, Lawson, Gallo, Euer, DiMario, Miller, Felag, DiPalma, Cano**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS (Requires safe storage of firearms/provides civil and criminal penalties for violations/adds rifles and shotguns to the types of firearms requiring a trigger lock to be included with purchase/requires firearms dealers post signs regarding safe storage.) {LC4006/A/1}

05/24/2024 Placed on House Calendar (05/28/2024)

Senate Bill No. 2825

(Dept. of Human Services)

BY Lombardi F**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.) {LC4435/1}

05/24/2024 Placed on House Calendar (05/29/2024)

Senate Bill No. 2826

(Parole Board)

BY Lombardi F

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.) {LC5015/1}

05/24/2024 Placed on House Calendar (05/29/2024)

House Bill No. 7098**BY** Craven, Shanley

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS (Exempts full-time members of the capitol police from the seven (7) day waiting period and other requirements for purchasing concealable firearms or rifles and shotguns.) {LC3956/1}

05/24/2024 Placed on House Calendar (05/28/2024)

House Bill No. 7216 SUB A**BY** Boylan, Knight, Tanzi, Caldwell, Kazarian, Fogarty, Craven, McEntee, Dawson, Batista

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS (Defines "crime gun" and requires law enforcement to submit crime gun or 2 fired cartridge cases seized to state crime laboratory or the BATF for testing and tracing and also requires 2 test-fired cartridge cases to be entered into NIBIN.) {LC3492/A/1}

05/24/2024 Placed on House Calendar (05/28/2024)

House Bill No. 7303**BY** Noret, Cortvriend, Speakman, Donovan, Serpa, Phillips, McNamara, Messier, Craven, Shallcross Smith

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- THREATS AND EXTORTION (Defines "public official" to include school personnel for purposes of the criminal prohibition against making threats to public officials.) {LC4510/1}

05/24/2024 Placed on House Calendar (05/29/2024)

House Bill No. 7373 SUB A

(Governor/Lieutenant Governor/Secretary of State/General Treasurer/Attorney General)

BY Caldwell, Knight, Fellela, Batista, Boylan, Kazarian, Fogarty, Stewart, McEntee, Handy

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS (Requires safe storage of firearms/provides civil and criminal penalties for violations/adds rifles and shotguns to the types of firearms requiring a trigger lock to be included with purchase/requires firearms dealers post signs regarding safe storage.) {LC4005/A/2}

05/24/2024 Placed on House Calendar (05/28/2024)

House Bill No. 7953**BY** Craven, Batista

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- PRELIMINARY PROCEEDINGS IN DISTRICT COURT -- POWERS OF JUSTICES OF THE PEACE (Increases the fee payable to justices of the peace to one hundred dollars \$100.00.) {LC5043/1}

05/24/2024 Placed on House Calendar (05/30/2024)

House Bill No. 7959 SUB A

BY Perez, Vella-Wilkinson, Batista, Fellela, Diaz, Hull, Felix, Alzate, Sanchez, Bennett
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT (Prohibits a landlord from inquiring about the immigration status of a tenant subject to any federal laws or regulations, but may request financial information.) {LC5271/A/1}
05/24/2024 Placed on House Calendar (05/30/2024)

House Bill No. 7970

BY Lima, Knight, Costantino, Solomon, Baginski, Brien, Fenton-Fung, Hull, Biah, DeSimone
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS -- DIVORCE AND SEPARATION (Creates a custody procedure for pets in divorce and separation proceedings based on the best interests of the animal. This act would not apply to assistance/service animals.) {LC5560/1}
05/24/2024 Placed on House Calendar (05/29/2024)

House Resolution No. 8145 SUB A

BY Solomon
ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REPORTING AND EXPIRATION DATES OF THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE TO IMPROVE THE LONG-TERM OUTCOMES AND REDUCE RECIDIVISM OF FEMALES WITHIN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE POPULATION (This resolution would extend the reporting and expiration dates of the task force to improve long-term outcomes and reduce recidivism of females in the criminal justice system, from February 5, 2024, to June 4, 2024, and would expire on June 7, 2024.) {LC5901/A/2}
05/24/2024 Placed on House Calendar (05/30/2024)

House Bill No. 8154

BY Knight, Caldwell, Boylan, Cortvriend, Donovan, Tanzi, Speakman, Kazarian, McEntee, Craven
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- FAMILY COURT (Permits the family court to disclose criminal records of juvenile offenders to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System for the purposes of background check conducted when an individual attempts to purchase a firearm.) {LC5837/1}
05/24/2024 Placed on House Calendar (05/28/2024)

House Bill No. 7570

(Dept. of Public Safety)

BY Noret, Hull, Casey, Corvese, Cardillo, Phillips, Chippendale, Lima, Spears
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS (Allows law enforcement to utilize mufflers, silencers, or other devices for deadening or muffling the sound of a firearm while acting within the scope of their official duties under the supervision of the police chief or colonel of the state police.) {LC4332/1}
05/24/2024 Placed on House Calendar (05/28/2024)

COMMITTEE ON LABOR

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

Senate Bill No. 2901 SUB B

BY Ciccone, DiPalma, Raptakis, Lombardi F, Burke, LaMountain

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- LABOR AND PAYMENT OF DEBTS BY CONTRACTORS (Prohibits contractors and subcontractors from paying employees the cash equivalent of any applicable healthcare benefit in lieu of actually purchasing the healthcare benefit. Violations would be subject to civil fines.) {LC4771/B/1}

05/24/2024 Placed on House Calendar (05/30/2024)

COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL LEGISLATION

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

House Bill No. 7113

BY Bennett, McNamara, Carson, Hull, Edwards, Slater, Diaz, Corvese, Potter, Baginski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- STATE EMBLEMS (Designates as the state music, the genre of rhythm and blues which contains elements of pop, soul, funk, hip-hop, and electronic music.) {LC3424/1}

05/24/2024 Placed on House Calendar (05/30/2024)

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. 7382 SUB A

BY Baginski, Slater

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES (Provide the maximum number of unrelated persons living together that could be constitute an individual household would not be less than one person per bedroom.) {LC4693/A/1}

05/24/2024 Placed on House Calendar (05/29/2024)

House Bill No. 7985 SUB A

BY Spears, Speakman, Carson, Cortvriend, McEntee

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION (Requires the department of administration to publish a report to the speaker of the house, president of the senate, and secretary of housing evaluating the cost to establish and maintain a statewide geographic information system.) {LC5515/A/1}

05/24/2024 Placed on House Calendar (05/29/2024)

House Bill No. 8205**BY** Speakman, Knight**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.) {LC5997/1}

05/24/2024 Placed on House Calendar (05/29/2024)

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:

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}

05/24/2024 Placed on House Calendar (05/30/2024)

Senate Bill No. 2447

(Secretary of State)

BY McKenney, Lawson, Acosta, Cano, Gallo**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.) {LC4531/1}

05/24/2024 Placed on House Calendar (05/30/2024)

House Bill No. 7129**BY** Edwards, Kennedy, Casimiro, Fogarty, Cortvriend, Speakman, Ackerman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- OPEN MEETINGS (Allows school committees to add item(s) not appearing in published notice to their agendas for purposes of discussion only if the revised agenda is filed with the secretary of state and posted on district website at least 48 hrs in advance of the meeting.) {LC3764/1}

05/24/2024 Placed on House Calendar (05/29/2024)

House Resolution No. 7587**BY** Cortvriend, Nardone, Edwards, Morales, Potter, Batista, Handy, McGaw**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION STRONGLY SUPPORTING A NATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE BANK THROUGH THE PASSAGE OF THE 118TH CONGRESS H.R. 4052 {LC3763/1}

05/24/2024 Placed on House Calendar (05/30/2024)

House Bill No. 7664 SUB A

(Secretary of State)

BY Speakman, Donovan, Alzate, Tanzi, Morales, McGaw, Cortvriend, Fogarty, Ajello, Handy

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- NOMINATION OF PARTY AND

INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES (Amends various sections of law relating to elections, nomination

papers and the process of obtaining signatures for nomination papers and would provide a

notification procedure for the reporting of consistent patterns of forgery on nomination papers.)

{LC4662/A/1}

05/24/2024 Placed on House Calendar (05/30/2024)

House Bill No. 7756 SUB A

(Board of Elections)

BY Dawson, Shanley, O'Brien

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- MAIL BALLOTS (Eliminates requirements

of signing with an "X" for voters who cannot sign name due to blindness, disability, or inability to

read or write. Establishes a timeframe for local boards to accept mail ballot applications, if delivered

via the postal service.) {LC5176/A/1}

05/24/2024 Placed on House Calendar (05/30/2024)

House Bill No. 7758

(Judiciary)

BY Edwards, Shanley, Casey, Speakman, Knight, Solomon, Kazarian

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC RECORDS -- ACCESS TO PUBLIC RECORDS

(Amends the definition of public record to exempt from public disclosure the city or town of

residence of the justices, judges, and magistrates of the unified judicial system.) {LC5127/1}

05/24/2024 Placed on House Calendar (05/30/2024)

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:24 o'clock P.M. on motion of Majority Leader Blazejewski seconded by Minority Leader Chippendale the House adjourns, on a unanimous voice vote.

Diane M. DePina
Recording Clerk

APPENDIX

INVOCATION

REPRESENTATIVE SAMUEL A. AZZINARO

Gracious God: As we approach this Memorial Day weekend, let us all keep in our prayers the men and women of our armed forces, past and present. We ask a special blessing on all those who have lost loved ones in the service to our country. Let us use this Memorial Day to honor their sacrifice. Amen

APPENDIX**TRANSMITTED TO GOVERNOR****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}

05/28/2024 Transmitted to Governor

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}

05/28/2024 Transmitted to Governor

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}

05/28/2024 Transmitted to Governor

APPENDIX**CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MAY 28, 2024:**

- 1. 2024-H 7373 SUB A**
BY Caldwell
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS

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

- 2. 2024-S 2202 SUB A**
BY Lauria
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS

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

- 3. 2024-H 7732**
BY Solomon
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- OFFICE OF STATE MEDICAL EXAMINERS

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.

- 4. 2024-S 2817**
BY Cano
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- OFFICE OF STATE MEDICAL EXAMINERS

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage in concurrence.

- 5. 2024-H 7098**
BY Craven
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

- 6. 2024-H 7216 SUB A**
BY Boylan
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS

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

7. **2024-H 7570**
BY Noret
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

8. **2024-H 8154**
BY Knight
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- FAMILY COURT

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 29, 2024:

1. **2024-H 7721 SUB A**
BY Kislak
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

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

2. **2024-H 8190 SUB A**
BY McNamara
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- ATTENDANCE FOR SUCCESS ACT

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

3. **2024-H 7303**
BY Noret
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- THREATS AND EXTORTION

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

4. **2024-H 7129**
BY Edwards
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- OPEN MEETINGS

Committee on State Government & Elections recommends passage.

5. 2024-H 7985 SUB A**BY** Spears**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --
DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

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

6. 2024-H 7382 SUB A**BY** Baginski**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.

7. 2024-H 7510 SUB A**BY** Vella-Wilkinson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS --
TAXICABS AND LIMITED PUBLIC MOTOR VEHICLES

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

8. 2024-H 7719**BY** Baginski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- LIFE INSURANCE POLICIES
AND RESERVES

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

9. 2024-H 7970**BY** Lima**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS -- DIVORCE AND
SEPARATION

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

10. 2024-H 8205**BY** Speakman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- INDEBTEDNESS OF
TOWNS AND CITIES

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

11. 2024-H 7509 SUB A**BY Finkelman****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW--GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- UNFAIR SALES PRACTICES**

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

12. 2024-S 2511 SUB A**BY LaMountain****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW--GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- UNFAIR SALES PRACTICES**

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

13. 2024-S 2087**BY Miller****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- ALCOHOLISM**

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage in concurrence.

14. 2024-S 2809**BY LaMountain****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- PFAS IN DRINKING WATER, GROUNDWATER, AND SURFACE WATER**

Committee on Environment and Natural Resources recommends passage in concurrence.

15. 2024-S 2826**BY F. Lombardi****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- SEXUAL OFFENDER REGISTRATION AND COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION**

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage in concurrence.

16. 2024-S 2825**BY F. Lombardi****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS -- DIVORCE AND SEPARATION**

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage in concurrence.

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MAY 30, 2024:**1. 2024-H 7940 SUB A****BY** Voas**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- SENIOR SAVINGS PROTECTION ACT

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

2. 2024-S 2278 SUB A**BY** LaMountain**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- SENIOR SAVINGS PROTECTION ACT

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

3. 2024-H 7959 SUB A**BY** Perez**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT

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

4. 2024-H 7953**BY** Craven**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- PRELIMINARY PROCEEDINGS IN DISTRICT COURT -- POWERS OF JUSTICES OF THE PEACE

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

5. 2024-H 8145 SUB A**BY** Solomon**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REPORTING AND EXPIRATION DATES OF THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE TO IMPROVE THE LONG-TERM OUTCOMES AND REDUCE RECIDIVISM OF FEMALES WITHIN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE POPULATION

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

6. **2024-H 7758**
BY Edwards
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC RECORDS -- ACCESS TO PUBLIC RECORDS

Committee on State Government & Elections recommends passage.

7. **2024-H 7756 SUB A**
BY Dawson
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- MAIL BALLOTS

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

8. **2024-H 7664 SUB A**
BY Speakman
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- NOMINATION OF PARTY AND INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES

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

9. **2024-H 7587**
BY Cortvriend
ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION STRONGLY SUPPORTING A NATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE BANK THROUGH THE PASSAGE OF THE 118TH CONGRESS H.R. 4052

Committee on State Government & Elections recommends passage.

10. **2024-H 7113**
BY Bennett
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- STATE EMBLEMS

Committee on Special Legislation recommends passage.

11. **2024-S 2901 SUB B**
BY Ciccone
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- LABOR AND PAYMENT OF DEBTS BY CONTRACTORS

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

12. 2024-S 2274 SUB A as amended

BY DiPalma

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- VITAL RECORDS

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

14. 2024-S 2297

BY Tikoian

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE -- FURBEARING ANIMALS

Committee on Environment and Natural Resources recommends passage in concurrence.

Francis McCabe
Clerk of the House

Friday, May 24, 2024

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