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Fortieth-Day

The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence on Wednesday, May 29, 2024, and is called to order at 4:14 o'clock P.M. by the Honorable K. Joseph Shekarchi, Speaker.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 71 members present and 4 members absent as follows:

PRESENT – 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, 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, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson and Voas.

ABSENT – 4: Representatives Chippendale, Edwards, Felix and Fellela.

INVOCATION

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

(For Invocation, see Appendix, this Journal.)

APPROVAL OF RECORD

By unanimous consent, the House Journal of Tuesday, May 28, 2024, is approved.

COMMUNICATIONS

Representative Deborah A. Fellela is unable to attend session today, Wednesday, May 29, 2024.
Representative John G. Edwards is unable to attend session today, Wednesday, May 29, 2024.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE SENATE

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

House Bill No. 7795 SUB B

BY Casimiro, Alzate, Noret, Baginski, Kazarian

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.) {LC4898/B/1}
05/29/2024 Placed on House Calendar (06/04/2024)

Senate Bill No. 2740 SUB A

BY LaMountain

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO AERONAUTICS -- AIRPORTS AND LANDING FIELDS (Designates the appropriate authority on air space issues as the president and CEO of the Rhode Island airport corporation and aligns certain job titles with their proper responsibilities relative to aeronautics.) {LC5646/A/1}
05/29/2024 Referred to House Corporations

Senate Bill No. 2380 SUB A

BY Bissaillon, DiMario, Gallo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES (Prohibits prior authorization or a step therapy protocol for the prescription of a nonpreferred medication on their drug formulary used to assess or treat an enrollee's bipolar disorder, schizophrenia or schizotypal.) {LC4628/A/1}
05/29/2024 Referred to House Finance

Senate Bill No. 2608

BY DiMario, Miller, Lauria, Cano, Valverde, Lawson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (Requires executive office of health and human services to establish an early childhood mental health hub program focused on improving access to infant and early childhood mental health services for children under age 6 and their families.) {LC4532/1}
05/29/2024 Referred to House Finance

Senate Bill No. 2382 SUB A

BY Miller, Sosnowski, Felag, Gallo, McKenney, Euer, Pearson, LaMountain, Lauria, Murray
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS
INSURANCE POLICIES -- LIFETIME LIMITS (Repeals the authority of the health insurance
commissioner to enforce any act of Congress/decision of federal court invalidating or repealing the
prohibition of annual lifetime limits on health insurance in this state.) {LC4906/A/1}
05/29/2024 Referred to House Health & Human Services

Senate Bill No. 2400

BY DiPalma, Ciccone, Valverde, Lauria, Miller, Lawson
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- WHOLESALE PRESCRIPTION
DRUG IMPORTATION PROGRAM (Establishes the Wholesale Prescription Drug Importation
Program for the importation of wholesale prescription drugs from Canada to provide savings to
Rhode Island consumers.) {LC4053/1}
05/29/2024 Referred to House Health & Human Services

Senate Bill No. 2705 SUB A

BY DiMario, DiPalma, Lawson
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --
DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES (Requires the department of children,
youth and families (DCYF) to conduct periodic comprehensive needs assessments to determine
whether the department's programs and services meet the needs of children and families.)
{LC4840/A/1}
05/29/2024 Referred to House Health & Human Services

Senate Bill No. 2725 as amended

BY Valverde, Pearson
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- DEFENDING
AFFORDABLE PRESCRIPTION DRUG COSTS ACT (Prohibits any health insurer, pharmacy
benefit manager, or other third-party payor from discriminating against any 340B entity participating
in a drug discount program.) {LC5419/1}
05/29/2024 Referred to House Health & Human Services

NEW BUSINESS**House Bill No. 8317**

BY McNamara
ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER
OF THE RHODE ISLAND PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION {LC6192/1}
05/29/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

CALENDAR

From the Calendar are taken:

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.

Chairman McNamara moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Bennett, Blazejewski, Boylan, Carson, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, DeSimone, Donovan, Fogarty, Handy, Kazarian, Kislak, McEntee, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Noret, Potter, Sanchez, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson.

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

YEAS - 68: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, 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, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

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.

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

Chairman McNamara discusses the act.

By unanimous consent, Chairman McNamara, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski and Representatives Morales, Phillips, Kislak and Biah, offers a written motion to amend.

**FLOOR AMENDMENT
TO
2024 -- H 8190 SUBSTITUTE A**

AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- ATTENDANCE FOR SUCCESS ACT

Mr. Speaker:

I hereby move to amend 2024 -- H 8190 SUBSTITUTE A, entitled "AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- ATTENDANCE FOR SUCCESS ACT", as follows:

- 1. Page 2, line 19, after the semicolon ";" by inserting the language "provided, however, that said definition shall have no impact on current accountability systems;"
- 2. Page 10, lines 19 through 28, by deleting all of the language thereon.
- 3. Page 10, line 29, by deleting the language "(e)" and inserting in place thereof the language "(d)".

Respectfully submitted,

Representative McNamara

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Chairman McNamara discusses the amendment.

The motion to amend prevails 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, 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, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, as amended, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, 64 members voting in the affirmative and 3 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 64: 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, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kislak, Lima, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 3: Representatives Knight, Lombardi, Sanchez.

RECUSED - 0:

3. 2024-H 7303

BY Noret

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- THREATS AND EXTORTION

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Chairman Craven moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Biah, O'Brien, Serpa, Noret, Finkelman, Vella-Wilkinson, Lima, Phillips, Corvese, McNamara, Casimiro, McEntee, Deputy Majority Whip Ackerman, and Majority Whip Kazarian.

Chairman Craven, Representatives Cruz, Casimiro and Sanchez discuss the act.

POINT OF ORDER

Representative O'Brien rises on a point of order for Representative Sanchez to stay on the merits of the act.

The Honorable Speaker upholds the point of order and asks Representative Sanchez to speak on the merits of the act.

Representatives Sanchez, Morgan, Noret, Craven, Knight, Corvese, Alzate, Carson, Batista, Tanzi, Phillips, Lombardi, Ajello, Vella-Wilkinson, Serpa, McEntee, Cotter, and Boylan continue the discussion on the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 50 members voting in the affirmative and 17 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 50: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Handy, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Knight, Lima, Marszalkowski,

McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 17: Representatives Ajello, Batista, Cruz, Giraldo, Henries, Lombardi, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Perez, Place, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Stewart, Tanzi.

RECUSED - 0:

Majority Leader Blazejewski moves item #4 to be placed on tomorrow's Calendar. There is no objection.

4. 2024-H 7129

BY Edwards

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- OPEN MEETINGS

Committee on State Government & Elections recommends passage.

Read and, by unanimous consent, placed on the Calendar for Thursday, May 30, 2024.

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.

Chairman Casey moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Spears, Speakman, Cortvriend and Ajello.

Chairman Casey discusses the act.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, 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, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, 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, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

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.

Chairman Casey moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Biah, Dawson, Phillips, Morales, and Casimiro.

Chairman Casey discusses the act.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, 63 members voting in the affirmative and 6 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 63: 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, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Potter, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 6: Representatives Nardone, Newberry, Place, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts.

RECUSED - 0:

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.

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

Chairman Solomon discusses the act.

By unanimous consent, Chairman Solomon, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, offers a written motion to amend.

FLOOR AMENDMENT
TO
2024 -- H 8190 SUBSTITUTE A

AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- ATTENDANCE FOR SUCCESS ACT

Mr. Speaker:

I hereby move to amend 2024 -- H 8190 SUBSTITUTE A, entitled "AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- ATTENDANCE FOR SUCCESS ACT", as follows:

- 1. Page 2, line 19, after the semicolon ";" by inserting the language "provided, however, that said definition shall have no impact on current accountability systems;"
- 2. Page 10, lines 19 through 28, by deleting all of the language thereon.
- 3. Page 10, line 29, by deleting the language "(e)" and inserting in place thereof the language "(d)".

Respectfully submitted,

Representative McNamara

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Chairman Solomon discusses the amendment.

The motion to amend prevails 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, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, 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, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 1: Representative Perez.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, as amended, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, 66 members voting in the affirmative and 2 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 66: 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, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 2: Representatives Fogarty, Place.

RECUSED - 1: Representative Perez.

8. 2024-H 7719

BY Baginski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- LIFE INSURANCE POLICIES AND RESERVES

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

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

Chairman Solomon discusses the act.

Read and passed, 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, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

9. 2024-H 7970

BY Lima

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

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

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

Chairman Craven, Representatives Lima, Casimiro, and Brien discuss the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 66 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 66: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Bennett, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

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.

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

Chairman Casey discusses the act.

Read and passed, 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, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Bennett, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

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.

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

Chairman Solomon discusses the act.

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

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

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

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.

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

Chairman Solomon discusses the act.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, 66 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 66: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Bennett, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa,

Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

13. 2024-S 2087

BY Miller

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

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage in concurrence.

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

Chairwoman Donovan discusses the act.

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

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

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.

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

Chairman Bennett discusses the act.

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

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

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

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.

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

Chairman Craven discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 66 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 66: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Bennett, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

16. 2024-S 2825

BY F. Lombardi

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

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage in concurrence.

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

Chairman Craven discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 66 members voting in the affirmative and 1 member voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 66: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Bennett, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 1: Representative Roberts.

RECUSED - 0:

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

GUEST

Representative Stewart is pleased to introduce two exemplary students, Anna Costello and Nathan Monchik, to the House Chamber. As seniors at Moses Brown School, Anna and Nathan have dedicated their senior project to studying the legislative process and the spirited debates that shape our laws. Speaker Shekarchi joins in welcoming them to the House and congratulates them on their imminent graduation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Chairman Corvese announces that the Committee on Labor will meet tomorrow, at 3:45 p.m. in Room 135 of the State House.

Chairman Azzinaro announces that the Committee on Veterans' Affairs will meet today, at the rise of the House, in Room 135 of the State House.

Chairwoman Vella-Wilkinson reminds all members that the 8th Annual Military and Veterans Outreach Day is tomorrow, May 30, 2024, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. All are invited to attend. The event provides veterans and their families with an opportunity to network and learn more about the resources available to them.

Chairwoman Donovan announces that the Committee on Health & Human Services will meet today, at the rise of the House, in Room 101 of the State House.

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

Majority Leader Blazewski announces the next House session will be Thursday, May 30, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. Also, a reminder to check committee calendars, as they get updated frequently this time of year. Five committees will be scheduled for tomorrow, including three before session and two at the Rise. Additionally, the Budget has been posted for a vote in the Finance committee this Friday at 5:00 p.m. If the Budget passes, the House will be in session next Friday, June 7th, 2024.

Majority Leader Blazewski wishes Representative Robert Phillips a Happy Birthday!

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.

NEW BUSINESS

House Bill No. 8318

BY Dawson, Boylan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- CAUSES OF ACTION (Clarifies the statute of limitations for all causes of action not otherwise time barred that seek damages arising out of or related to the design/construction/supervision/or inspection of the Washington Bridge No. 700, located in East Prov. RI.) {LC6185/1}

05/29/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:58 o'clock P.M. on motion of Majority Leader Blazewski seconded by Minority Leader Chippendale the House adjourns, on a unanimous voice vote.

Diane M. DePina
Recording Clerk

APPENDIX

INVOCATION

REPRESENTATIVE KATHLEEN A. FOGARTY

Eternal God: We ask your blessing upon the men and women of this, the people's house. Grant that we are good in thought, gracious in word, and great in spirit. Amen

APPENDIX

TRANSMITTED TO GOVERNOR

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}
05/29/2024 Transmitted to Governor

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}
05/29/2024 Transmitted to Governor

APPENDIX**CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MAY 30, 2024:**

- 1. 2024-H 7129**
BY Edwards
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- OPEN MEETINGS

Committee on State Government & Elections recommends passage.

- 2. 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.

- 3. 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.

- 4. 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.

- 5. 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.

6. **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.

7. **2024-H 7758**
BY Edwards
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC RECORDS -- ACCESS TO PUBLIC RECORDS

Committee on State Government & Elections recommends passage.

8. **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.

9. **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.

10. **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.

11. **2024-H 7113**
BY Bennett
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- STATE EMBLEMS

Committee on Special Legislation recommends passage.

12. 2024-H 7754**BY** Fellela

ENTITLED, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF JOHNSTON TO ISSUE NOT TO EXCEED \$40,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, NOTES AND OTHER EVIDENCES OF INDEBTEDNESS TO FINANCE CONSTRUCTION, ADDITIONS, RENOVATION, IMPROVEMENT, ALTERATION, REPAIR, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF STORMWATER MANAGEMENT AND SEWER FACILITIES THROUGHOUT THE TOWN

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

13. 2024-S 3029**BY** Ciccone

ENTITLED, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF JOHNSTON TO ISSUE NOT TO EXCEED \$40,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, NOTES AND OTHER EVIDENCES OF INDEBTEDNESS TO FINANCE CONSTRUCTION, ADDITIONS, RENOVATION, IMPROVEMENT, ALTERATION, REPAIR, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF STORMWATER MANAGEMENT AND SEWER FACILITIES THROUGHOUT THE TOWN

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage in concurrence.

14. 2024-H 8239**BY** Chippendale

ENTITLED, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF GLOCESTER TO FINANCE THE RENOVATION AND/OR EXPANSION AT THE EXISTING GLOCESTER POLICE STATION AND INCIDENTAL FURNISHINGS AND EQUIPMENT AND TO ISSUE NOT MORE THAN \$10,700,000 BONDS AND NOTES THEREFOR

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

15. 2024-S 3030**BY** de la Cruz

ENTITLED, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF GLOCESTER TO FINANCE THE RENOVATION AND/OR EXPANSION AT THE EXISTING GLOCESTER POLICE STATION AND INCIDENTAL FURNISHINGS AND EQUIPMENT AND TO ISSUE NOT MORE THAN \$10,700,000 BONDS AND NOTES THEREFOR

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage in concurrence.

16. 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.

- 17. 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.

- 18. 2024-S 2447**
BY McKenney
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- STATEWIDE REFERENDA ELECTIONS

Committee on State Government & Elections recommends passage in concurrence.

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, JUNE 4, 2024:

- 1. 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.

- 2. 2024-S 3046**
BY Felag
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- INDEBTEDNESS OF TOWNS AND CITIES

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage in concurrence.

Francis McCabe
Clerk of the House

Tuesday, May 28, 2024