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Forty-ninth Day

The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence on Thursday, June 13, 2024, and is called to order at 4:28 o'clock P.M. by the Honorable K. Joseph Shekarchi, Speaker.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 75 members present and 1 member absent as follows:

PRESENT – PRESENT – 75: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, 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, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson and Voas.

ABSENT – 1: Representative Spears.

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, June 12, 2024, is approved.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE SENATE

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

Senate Bill No. 2499 SUB A

BY Euer, Sosnowski, DiMario, Zurier

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEMS ACT (Creates the financial framework for incentivizing energy storage systems.) {LC5005/A/2}

06/13/2024 Placed on House Calendar (06/13/2024)

Senate Bill No. 2152 SUB A as amended

BY Kallman, DiMario, Miller, Ujifusa, Britto, Euer, Sosnowski, Pearson, Lawson, Valverde

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- CONSUMER PFAS BAN ACT OF 2024 (Enacts the Comprehensive PFAS Ban Act of 2024, prohibiting the intentional addition of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances of PFAS in products offered for sale or manufactured in the state as of January 1, 2027.) {LC4312/A/1}

06/13/2024 Placed on House Calendar (06/13/2024)

Senate Bill No. 2173

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

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- AUDIOLOGY AND SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY INTERSTATE COMPACT (Adopts the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact and would establish a joint public agency known as the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Compact commission to administer the provisions of the compact between the states.) {LC3969/1}

06/13/2024 Placed on House Calendar (06/13/2024)

Senate Bill No. 2415 SUB A

BY DiPalma, Felag

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PARKS AND RECREATIONAL AREAS -- GENERAL PROVISIONS (Authorizes the department of environmental management to allow and promote passive recreation and enter into leases for agricultural use within certain boundaries designated as the land of Sapowet Marsh Management Area.) {LC4655/A/1}

06/13/2024 Placed on House Calendar (06/13/2024)

Senate Bill No. 2643 SUB A

BY Mack

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT (Requires landlords to list all mandatory fees when advertising any residential property for rent as well as on the first page of any lease. Prohibits a landlord from charging a convenience fee when the tenant pays rent.) {LC5344/A/1}

06/13/2024 Placed on House Calendar (06/13/2024)

Senate Bill No. 2681 SUB A**BY** Burke, McKenney, Tikoian, LaMountain**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- UNFAIR CLAIMS SETTLEMENT PRACTICES ACT (Provides that any insurer refusing to honor a "direction to pay" executed by an insured for payment on a property damage benefit would constitute an unfair claims practice.) {LC5342/A/1}

06/13/2024 Placed on House Calendar (06/13/2024)

Senate Bill No. 2704 SUB A**BY** Gallo, Cano, Sosnowski, Bissaillon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- KRATOM CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT (Authorizes and regulates the distribution of the product known as "kratom.") {LC5006/A/1}

06/13/2024 Placed on House Calendar (06/13/2024)

Senate Bill No. 2758**BY** Lombardi F, DiPalma, Britto, Tikoian, Felag, Ciccone, Pearson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- RYAN'S LAW (Overprescribing, death resulting, would result in three (3) year license suspension.) {LC5215/1}

06/13/2024 Placed on House Calendar (06/13/2024)

Senate Bill No. 2828 SUB A

(Dept. of Public Safety)

BY Tikoian, Burke, McKenney, Lombardi F, Felag, Bissaillon, Raptakis, Quezada**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.) {LC4347/A/1}

06/13/2024 Placed on House Calendar (06/13/2024)

Senate Bill No. 2833 SUB A

(Governor)

BY Gallo, Lawson, DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- COURTS -- DOMESTIC ASSAULT (Exempts out-of-state businesses and their employees performing services, during declared state or federal disasters or emergencies, from state or local business requirements, as well as state or local taxes or fees.) {LC4919/A/1}

06/13/2024 Placed on House Calendar (06/13/2024)

Senate Bill No. 2863 SUB A

(Emergency Management Agency)

BY Murray**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION FEES (Exempts the Rhode Island Disaster Medical Assistance Team, Inc. from payment of certain vehicles registration fees.) {LC4339/A/1}

06/13/2024 Placed on House Calendar (06/13/2024)

Senate Bill No. 2876**BY** Gallo, DiPalma, Gu, Ciccone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- RHODE ISLAND PHYSICAL THERAPIST LICENSURE COMPACT ACT (Allows the state to become a member of the physical therapist licensure compact adopted by twenty-five (25) states in order to facilitate the interstate practice of physical therapy with the goal of improving public access to physical therapy service) {LC4679/1}

06/13/2024 Placed on House Calendar (06/13/2024)

Senate Bill No. 3059

(Secretary of State)

BY Euer**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- FEDERAL ELECTIVE OFFICERS (Changes the meeting of presidential electors from the first Monday after the second Wednesday in December after their election to the first Tuesday.) {LC6081/1}

06/13/2024 Placed on House Calendar (06/13/2024)

Senate Bill No. 3124**BY** DiPalma, Ciccone, Britto**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS REQUIRED AT PUBLIC PLACES AND HEALTH CARE FACILITIES (Requires all health care facilities to provide functional automated external defibrillators (AEDs) and least one person who is properly trained in the operation and use of an AED.) {LC6206/1}

06/13/2024 Placed on House Calendar (06/13/2024)

Senate Bill No. 3134**BY** Lombardi F**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- OPERATORS' AND CHAUFFEURS' LICENSES (Allows members of the Rhode Island judiciary and certain employees of the judiciary recommended by the chief justice to be issued a driver's license that contains the applicant's official business address in lieu of a residence address.) {LC6220/1}

06/13/2024 Placed on House Calendar (06/13/2024)

Senate Resolution No. 3136**BY** Euer**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION TO SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING QUESTION TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE STATE AT THE NEXT GENERAL ELECTION IN 2024: "SHALL THERE BE A CONVENTION TO AMEND OR REVISE THE CONSTITUTION?" (This resolution would provide for the presentation of the following question at the next general election "Shall there be a convention to amend or revise the Constitution?") {LC6219/1}

06/13/2024 Placed on House Calendar (06/13/2024)

Senate Resolution No. 3147**BY** Euer**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR A BI-PARTISAN PREPARATORY COMMISSION TO ASSEMBLE INFORMATION ON CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS IN PREPARATION FOR A VOTE BY THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS ON THE HOLDING OF A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE XIV SECTION 2 OF

THE RHODE ISLAND CONSTITUTION (This resolution would provide for a twelve (12) member bi-partisan commission to assemble information on constitutional questions in preparation for a vote by electors on holding a constitutional convention, and who would report back by September 1, 2024.) {LC6240/1}

06/13/2024 Placed on House Calendar (06/13/2024)

Senate Bill No. 3152 SUB A

BY DiPalma

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- TAXATION OF BANKS (Provides banks with an election to use the allocation and apportionment method of income for purposes of taxation.) {LC6255/A/1}

06/13/2024 Placed on House Calendar (06/13/2024)

House Bill No. 7022 SUB A as amended

BY Spears, Cortvriend, Kislak, Kazarian, Casimiro, Carson, Cotter, Speakman, Ajello, Dawson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- ACT ON COASTS - COASTAL RESILIENCY (Requires the chief resilience officer (CRO) be charged with creation/maintenance/updating of the state's resiliency/recovery program along with climate change resiliency plan with ocean/riverine coasts resiliency advisory board.) {LC3288/A/1}

06/13/2024 Placed on House Calendar (06/13/2024)

Senate Bill No. 2083

BY Lawson, Lauria, Valverde, Miller, Cano, DiMario, Murray, Euer, Bissaillon, Britto

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- NURSES (Amends the conditions upon which a nurse would be exempt from certain licensing requirements to include eligibility to practice, before taking and receiving results of the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX).) {LC3470/1}

06/13/2024 Placed on House Calendar (06/13/2024)

Senate Bill No. 2015 SUB A

BY DiPalma, Miller, DiMario, Valverde, Lawson, Lauria, Ujifusa, Morgan E

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND HOSPITALS -- DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND HOSPITALS (Mandates, as of 1/1/26, all recovery housing facilities register with department of behavioral healthcare, developmental disabilities and hospitals adhere to the National Alliance for Recovery Residences process.) {LC3830/A/1}

06/13/2024 Placed on House Calendar (06/13/2024)

Senate Bill No. 3118 SUB A as amended

BY Ciccone

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO THE TOWN OF JOHNSTON MUNICIPAL COURT (Totally repeals the 1964 public law, which established the Johnston Municipal Court and which has never been amended and would enable the town of Johnston to establish a municipal court and housing court with expanded legal and equitable powers.) {LC6177/A/1}

06/13/2024 Placed on House Calendar (06/13/2024)

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES
COMMITTEE ON CORPORATIONS**

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

House Bill No. 7811

BY Handy, Fogarty, Cortvriend, Ajello, Tanzi, Kislak, Shanley, Batista, McEntee, Felix

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- 2024 ENERGY STORAGE ACT (Requires the office of energy resources to initiate the process of developing programs and associated funding mechanisms, for electric energy storage resources connected to the electric distribution system.) {LC5069/1}

06/13/2024 Placed on House Calendar (06/13/2024)

Representative Sanchez requests that items #2 and #11 on the Consent Calendar be moved to the bottom of today's Calendar. There is no objection.

2. 2024-S 2671

BY Gallo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE --
PROCEDURE IN PARTICULAR ACTIONS -- ARBITRATION

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

11. 2024-S 2803

BY Sosnowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS -- POWERS AND
OPERATIONS

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

Read, and by unanimous consent, ordered to be placed on the bottom of today's Calendar.

CONSENT CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 13, 2024:

1. 2024-S 3021 SUB A

BY Euer

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

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

.3. 2024-S 2625 SUB A

BY Miller

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LICENSING OF
MASSAGE THERAPISTS

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

4. 2024-S 3131

BY Cano

ENTITLED, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF PAWTUCKET TO PROVIDE FOR THE DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, RECONSTRUCTION AND REPAIR OF ENVIRONMENTAL INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, PARKS, STREETS, STREETSCAPES, RECREATION, SIDEWALKS, SEWERS, BUILDINGS AND BRIDGES AND AUTHORIZING THE FINANCING THEREOF, INCLUDING THE ISSUE OF NOT MORE THAN \$20,000,000 BONDS AND NOTES THEREFOR, TO FUND THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE TWO FISCAL YEARS 2026 AND 2027

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

5. 2024-H 7424 as amended

BY Shanley

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- FILING OF ASSUMED NAME

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

6. 2024-S 2280

BY DiMario

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CURRICULUM

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

7. 2024-S 2609 SUB A

BY Valverde

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- DENSE BREAST NOTIFICATION AND EDUCATION

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

8. 2024-S 2624

BY F. Lombardi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- OPTICIANS -- QUALIFICATIONS

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

9. 2024-S 2854

BY Britto

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- MOTOR VEHICLE AND TRAILER EXCISE TAX ELIMINATION ACT OF 1998

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

10. 2024-S 2802 SUB A**BY** Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- EXAMINATIONS

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

Majority Leader Blazejewski moves passage of the Consent Calendar, seconded by Minority Leader Chippendale.

The Consent Calendar prevails in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 70 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 70: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, 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:



State of Rhode Island

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

I, Christopher K. Blazjewski, State Representative, District 2, hereby under oath depose and say:

1. (Matter requiring action: i.e. Bill number) I expect to be called upon, in my capacity as State Representative to participate in the consideration of, and/or to vote upon: 2024-H 7927 Sub A

2. (Nature of the potential conflict) I have the following interest in the matter: None, but I

3. (Please select one of the following): am electing to refuse in an overabundance of caution. My law firm - though not me - previously represented Citizens Bank while my law firm does not currently represent Citizens Bank after consulting with the Ethics Commission and in an overabundance of caution, I elected to decline.

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

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

Christopher K. Blazjewski⁽²⁾
REPRESENTATIVE

State of Rhode Island
County of: Providence

Subscribed and sworn to under the penalties for perjury before me this 13 day of June, 2024

Michael R. Egan
Notary Public
State of Rhode Island
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES 03-30-2026
Commission # 57679
NOTARY PUBLIC

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

[Signature]
SPEAKER



State of Rhode Island

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

I, Robert D. Phillips State Representative, District 57, hereby under oath depose and say:

1. (Matter requiring action: i.e. Bill number) I expect to be called upon, in my capacity as State Representative to participate in the consideration of, and/or to vote upon: H 2927 sub A

2. (Nature of the potential conflict) I have the following interest in the matter: I own stock in a financial institution included in this bill.

3. (Please select one of the following):

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

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

State of Rhode Island
County of: Providence

Subscribed and sworn to under the penalties for perjury before me this 3 day of June, 2024

Michael Egan
REPRESENTATIVE
Michael Egan
Notary Public
State of Rhode Island
COMMISSION EXPIRES 03-30-2026
Commission # 57679

Michael Egan
NOTARY PUBLIC

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

Robert D. Phillips
SPEAKER



State of Rhode Island

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

I, BA Fenton Fung, State Representative, District 15, hereby under oath depose and say:

1. (Matter requiring action: i.e. Bill number) I expect to be called upon, in my capacity as State Representative to participate in the consideration of, and/or to vote upon: # 727 Sub A (7927)

2. (Nature of the potential conflict) I have the following interest in the matter: I am

a corporator at a bank that has a

3. (Please select one of the following): financial interest

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

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

State of Rhode Island
County of: Providence

Michael F. Egan
REPRESENTATIVE
Notary Public
State of Rhode Island
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES 03-30-2026
Commission # 57679

Subscribed and sworn to under the penalties for perjury before me this 13 day of June, 2024

Michael F. Egan
NOTARY PUBLIC

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

Speaker
SPEAKER

CALENDAR

From the Calendar are taken:

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 13, 2024:

- 1. 2024-H 7927 SUB A**
BY Solomon
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- TAXATION OF BANKS

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

Chairman Solomon moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Abney, Bennett, Biah, Cardillo, Casey, Corvese, Craven, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Finkelman, Giraldo, Hull, Kazarian, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McNamara, Serpa, Shanley, Slater, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

Chairman Solomon, Representatives Tanzi, Cotter, Sanchez, Finkelman, Casimiro, Lima, Baginski, Corvese and Solomon discuss 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 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, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, Perez, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 2: Representatives Henries, Sanchez.

RECUSED - 3: Representatives Blazejewski, Fenton-Fung, Phillips.

TRANSMITTAL

By unanimous consent, (2024 H7927) on the Clerk's desk is ordered to be transmitted to the Honorable Senate, forthwith.

- 2. 2024-H 7162 SUB A**
BY J. Lombardi
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.

Chairman Craven moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Ajello, Alzate, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Carson, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Donovan, Edwards, Finkelman, Giraldo, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kislak, Lima, Lombardi, McGaw, Morales, Potter, Solomon, Speakman, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson.

Chairman Craven, Representatives Batista, Cruz, and Lombardi discuss 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 6 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, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Newberry, Noret, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

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

RECUSED - 0:

3. 2024-S 2407 SUB A

BY Bell

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.

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

Chairman Craven discusses the act.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, 67 members voting in the affirmative and 8 members voting in the negative as follows:

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

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

RECUSED - 0:

4. 2024-H 7053 SUB A

BY Knight

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- EXPUNGEMENT OF CRIMINAL RECORDS

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

Chairman Craven moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Biah, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Carson, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Dawson, Donovan, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Hull, Kazarian, Kislak, Knight, Lima, McGaw, Messier, Solomon, Speakman, Voas.

Chairman Craven, Representatives Cruz, Morgan, and Batista discuss the act.

NOW PRESIDING

At 5:13 o'clock P.M., the Honorable Speaker Shekarchi yields the rostrum to the Honorable Speaker Pro Tempore Kennedy.

Representative Tanzi continues the discussion on the act.

Representative Tanzi requests for her name to be removed from seconding the act. There is no objection.

Representatives Knight, Cruz, Ajello and Newberry continue the discussion on the act.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, 54 members voting in the affirmative and 19 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 54: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Azzinaro, Baginski, Bennett, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morgan, O'Brien, Phillips, Quattrocchi, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Voas.

NAYS - 19: Representatives Alzate, Batista, Cardillo, Cruz, Felix, Henries, Lombardi, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Perez, Place, Potter, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson.

RECUSED - 0:

5. 2024-H 8342**BY** McEntee**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- EXPUNGEMENT OF CRIMINAL RECORDS

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Chairman Craven moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Cruz, McEntee, Felix, Morales, McEntee, Lombardi, Tanzi and Majority Whip Kazarian.

Chairman Craven discusses the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 72 members voting in the affirmative and 1 member voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 72: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shalldcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 1: Representative Morgan.

RECUSED - 0:

6. 2024-S 2227**BY** LaMountain**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- EXPUNGEMENT OF CRIMINAL RECORDS

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, 71 members voting in the affirmative and 3 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 71: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski,

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

NAYS - 3: Representatives Morgan, Perez, Vella-Wilkinson.

RECUSED - 0:

7. 2024-H 8349

BY Knight

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- COURTS -
- FAMILY COURT**

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

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

Chairman Craven discuss the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 74 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 74: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, 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:

NOW PRESIDING

At 5:10 o'clock P.M., the Honorable Speaker Pro Tempore Kennedy yields the rostrum to the Honorable Speaker Shekarchi.

8. 2024-S 2211

BY F. Lombardi

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- COURTS -
- FAMILY COURT**

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

YEAS - 74: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, 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:

9. 2024-H 7099 SUB A

BY Ajello

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES --
COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY-- POLICE RELATIONSHIP ACT OF 2015

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

Chairman Craven moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Ajello, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Carson, Cortvriend, Corvese, Craven, Cruz, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Felix, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kislak, Knight, Lombardi, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Morales, Potter, Shallcross Smith, Speakman, Stewart, Tanzi.

Chairman Craven discusses the act.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, 74 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 74: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, 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, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

10. 2024-S 3097

BY Valverde

ENTITLED, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF NORTH KINGSTOWN TO ISSUE NOT MORE THAN \$137,200,000 OF BONDS AND NOTES FOR CONSTRUCTION, IMPROVEMENT, RENOVATION, DEMOLITION, REMEDIATION, FURNISHING, EQUIPPING AND OTHER CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS OF SCHOOL FACILITIES THROUGHOUT THE TOWN, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO A NEW WICKFORD MIDDLE SCHOOL

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

Vice-Chairman Slater moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski and Representative Dias.

Vice-Chairman Slater discusses the act.

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

FLOOR AMENDMENT

TO

2024 -- S 3097

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF NORTH KINGSTOWN TO ISSUE NOT MORE THAN \$137,200,000 OF BONDS AND NOTES FOR CONSTRUCTION, IMPROVEMENT, RENOVATION, DEMOLITION, REMEDIATION, FURNISHING, EQUIPPING AND OTHER CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS OF SCHOOL FACILITIES THROUGHOUT THE TOWN, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO A NEW WICKFORD MIDDLE SCHOOL

Mr. Speaker:

I hereby move to amend 2024 -- S 3097, entitled “AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF NORTH KINGSTOWN TO ISSUE NOT MORE THAN \$137,200,000 OF BONDS AND NOTES FOR CONSTRUCTION, IMPROVEMENT, RENOVATION, DEMOLITION, REMEDIATION, FURNISHING, EQUIPPING AND OTHER CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS OF SCHOOL FACILITIES THROUGHOUT THE TOWN, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO A NEW WICKFORD MIDDLE SCHOOL”, as follows:

1. By deleting all language following the enactment clause, and by inserting in place thereof the following language:

"SECTION 1. The town of North Kingstown is hereby empowered, in addition to authority previously granted, to issue bonds to an amount not exceeding one hundred thirty seven million two hundred thousand dollars (\$137,200,000) from time to time under its corporate name and seal or a facsimile of such seal. The bonds of each issue may be issued in the form of serial bonds or term bonds or a combination thereof and shall be payable either by maturity of principal in the case of serial bonds or by mandatory serial redemption in the case of term bonds, in annual installments of principal, the first installment to be not later than five (5) years and the last installment not later than thirty (30) years after the date of the bonds.

SECTION 2. This act shall constitute an enabling act of the general assembly that is required pursuant to § 16-7-44. Any bonds, notes or other evidences of indebtedness issued under this act for school projects shall not be eligible for state housing aid reimbursement pursuant to § 16-7-44 unless the school projects described herein shall have been approved by the Rhode Island department of education. Such school housing aid reimbursement rate or state share ratio may be increased through the award of incentives, pursuant to §§ 16-7-39, 16-7-40 and 16-105-3 of the general laws, at the completion of each project.

SECTION 3. The bonds shall be signed by the manual or facsimile signatures of the town treasurer and the president of the town council and shall be issued and sold in such amounts as the town council may authorize by resolution, which resolution may authorize any and all actions to be taken under this act by the president of the town council, to be taken by the president pro tempore of the town council or other member of the town council. The manner of sale, denominations, maturities, interest rates and other terms, conditions and details of any bonds or notes issued under this act may be fixed by the resolution of the town council authorizing the issue or by separate resolution of the town council or, to the extent provisions for these matters are not so made, they may be fixed by the officers authorized to sign the bonds or notes. Notwithstanding anything contained in this act to the contrary, the town may enter into financing agreements with the Rhode Island health and educational building corporation pursuant to chapter 7 of title 16 and chapter 38.1 of title 45 and, with respect to bonds or notes issued in connection with such financing agreements, if any, the town acting by said officers may elect to have the provisions of chapter 38.1 of title 45 apply to the issuance of bonds or notes issued hereunder to the extent the provisions of said chapter are inconsistent herewith. In addition, the town may enter into financing agreements with the Rhode Island infrastructure bank pursuant to the provision of chapter 12.2 of title 46 and, with respect to bonds or notes issued in connection with such financing agreements, if any, the town acting by said officers may elect to have the provisions of chapter 12.2 of title 46 apply to the issuance of bonds or notes issued hereunder to the extent the provisions of said chapter are inconsistent herewith.

SECTION 4. The proceeds derived from the sale of the bonds shall be delivered to the treasurer, and such proceeds exclusive of premiums and accrued interest shall be expended: (1) For construction, improvement, renovation, demolition, remediation, furnishing, equipping and other capital improvements of school facilities throughout the town, including, but not limited to, a new Wickford Middle School and all expenses incidental thereto, (collectively, the "projects"); (2) In payment of the principal of or interest on temporary notes issued under section 5; or (3) In repayment of advances under section 6. No purchaser of any bonds or notes under this act shall be in any way responsible for the proper application of the proceeds derived from the sale thereof. The projects shall be carried out and all contracts made therefor on behalf of the town by the town council or as may be otherwise directed by the town council. The proceeds of bonds or notes issued under this act, any applicable federal or state assistance and the other monies referred to in sections 8 and 11 shall be deemed appropriated for the purposes of this act without further action than that required by this act. The bond issue, and any issue of notes, authorized by this act may be consolidated for the purposes of issuance and sale with any other bond and/or note issue of the town heretofore or hereafter authorized; provided that, notwithstanding any such consolidation, the proceeds from the sale of the bonds and notes authorized by this act shall be expended for the purposes set forth above.

SECTION 5. The town council may by resolution authorize the issue from time to time of interest bearing or discounted notes in anticipation of the authorization or issue of bonds or in anticipation of the receipt of federal or state aid for the purposes of this act. The amount of original notes issued in anticipation of bonds may not exceed the amount of bonds which may be issued under this act and the amount of original notes issued in anticipation of federal or state aid may not exceed the amount of available federal or state aid as estimated by the treasurer. Temporary notes issued

hereunder shall be signed by the treasurer and by the president of the town council and shall be payable within five (5) years from their respective dates, but the principal of and interest on notes issued for a shorter period may be renewed or paid from time to time by the issue of other notes hereunder; provided the period from the date of an original note to the maturity of any note issued to renew or pay the same debt or the interest thereon shall not exceed five (5) years. Any temporary notes in anticipation of bonds issued under this section may be refunded prior to maturity of the notes by the issuance of additional temporary notes; provided that, no such refunding shall result in any amount of temporary notes outstanding at any one time in excess of two hundred percent (200%) of the amount of bonds that may be issued under this act; and provided, further, that if the issuance of any such refunding notes results in excess of the amount of bonds that may be issued under this act, the proceeds of such refunding notes shall be deposited in a separate fund established with the paying agent which is the paying agent for the notes being refunded. Pending their use to pay the notes being refunded, monies in the fund shall be invested for the benefit of the town by the paying agent at the direction of the treasurer in any investment permitted under section 7. The monies in the fund and any investments held as a part of the fund shall be held in trust and shall be applied by the paying agent solely to the payment or prepayment of the principal and interest on the notes being refunded. Upon payment of all principal and interest on the notes being refunded, any excess monies in the fund shall be distributed by the paying agent to the town. The town may pay the principal of and interest on the notes in full or in part from other than the issuance of refunding notes prior to the issuance of bonds pursuant to section 1 hereof. In such case the town's authority to issue bonds or notes in anticipation of bonds under this act shall continue; provided that: (1) The town council passes a resolution evidencing the town's intent to pay off the notes without extinguishing the authority to issue bonds or notes; and (2) That the period from the date of the original note to the maturity of any other note shall not exceed five (5) years.

SECTION 6. Pending any authorization or issue of bonds hereunder or pending or in lieu of any authorization or issue of notes hereunder, the treasurer, with the approval of the town council, may, to the extent that bonds or notes may be issued hereunder, apply funds in the treasury of the town to the purposes specified in section 4, such advances to be repaid without interest from the proceeds of bonds or notes subsequently issued or from the proceeds of applicable federal or state assistance or from other available funds.

SECTION 7. Any proceeds of bonds or notes issued hereunder or of any applicable federal or state assistance, pending their expenditure may be deposited or invested by the treasurer, in demand deposits, time deposits or savings deposits in banks which are members of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or in obligations issued or guaranteed by the United States of America or by any agency or instrumentality thereof or as may be provided in any other applicable law of the State of Rhode Island or resolution of the town council or pursuant to an investment policy of the town.

SECTION 8. Any accrued interest received upon the sale of bonds or notes hereunder shall be applied to the payment of the first interest due thereon. Any premiums arising from the sale of bonds or notes hereunder and any earnings or net profit realized from the deposit or investment of funds hereunder shall, in the discretion of the treasurer, be applied: (1) To the cost of preparing, issuing and marketing bonds or notes hereunder to the extent not otherwise provided; (2) To the cost of capitalized interest on temporary notes issued under section 5; (3) To the payment of the cost of the projects for which such bonds were issued or to the cost of additional improvements coming within the description of the projects in section 4; and/or (4) To the payment of the principal of or interest on bonds or notes issued hereunder; or to any one or more of the foregoing. The cost of preparing, issuing and marketing bonds or notes hereunder may also, in the discretion of the treasurer, be met from bond or note proceeds exclusive of accrued interest or from other monies available therefor. Any balance of bond or note proceeds remaining after payment of the cost of the projects and said

additional improvements and the cost of preparing, issuing and marketing bonds or notes hereunder shall be applied to the payment of the principal of or interest on bonds or notes issued hereunder. To the extent permitted by applicable federal laws, any earnings or net profit realized from the deposit or investment of funds hereunder may, upon receipt, be added to and dealt with as part of the revenues of the town from property taxes. In exercising any discretion under this section, the treasurer shall be governed by any instructions adopted by resolution of the town council. The treasurer is authorized to take any action deemed by them necessary: (1) To assure that interest on the bonds or notes issued hereunder remains excludable from gross income of the recipients thereof for federal income tax purposes, including, without limitation, paying to the federal government any rebate of earnings derived from the deposit or investment of the proceeds of such bonds or notes that may be required therefor; (2) To comply with the requirements of federal law, including, without being limited to, regulations and other requirements of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board, imposed directly on the town or on the underwriters of such bonds and notes; and/or (3) To comply with the provisions of §§ 16-7-35 through 16-7-47; including making all necessary contracts and agreements to issue said bonds and/or notes through the Rhode Island health and educational building corporation.

SECTION 9. All bonds or notes issued under this act and the debts evidenced thereby shall be obligatory on the town in the same manner and to the same extent as other debts lawfully contracted by it and shall be excepted from the operation of § 45-12-2. No such obligation shall at any time be included in the debt of the town for the purpose of ascertaining its borrowing capacity. The town shall annually appropriate a sum sufficient to pay the principal and interest coming due within the year on bonds and notes issued hereunder to the extent that monies therefor are not otherwise provided. If such sum is not appropriated, it shall nevertheless be added to the annual tax levy. In order to provide such sum in each year and notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, all taxable property in the town shall be subject to ad valorem taxation by the town without limitation as to rate or amount.

SECTION 10. Any bonds or notes issued under the provisions of this act, if properly executed by officers of the town in office on the date of execution, shall be valid and binding according to their terms notwithstanding that before the delivery thereof and payment therefor any or all of such officers shall for any reason have ceased to hold office.

SECTION 11. The town, acting by resolution of its town council, is authorized to apply for, contract for and expend any federal or state advances or other grants or assistance which may be available for the purposes of this act, and any such expenditures may be in addition to other monies provided in this act. To the extent of any inconsistency between any law of this state and any applicable federal law or regulation, the latter shall prevail. Federal and state advances, with interest where applicable, whether contracted for prior to or after the effective date of this act, may be repaid as project costs under section 4.

SECTION 12. Bonds and notes may be issued under this act without obtaining the approval of any governmental agency or the taking of any proceedings or the happening of any conditions except as specifically required by this act for such issue. In carrying out any project financed in whole or in part under this act, including, where applicable, the condemnation of any land or interest in land, and in the levy and collection of assessments or other charges permitted by law on account of any such project, all action shall be taken which is necessary to meet constitutional requirements whether or not such action is otherwise required by statute; but the validity of bonds and notes issued hereunder shall in no way depend upon the validity or occurrence of such action. To the extent of any inconsistency between this act and the town charter, this act shall prevail.

SECTION 13. All of any portion of the authority to issue bonds and notes under this act may be extinguished by resolution of the town council, without further action by the general assembly

seven (7) years after the effective date of this act.

SECTION 14. The question of the approval of this act shall be submitted to the electors of the town at the general election to be held on November 5, 2024. The question shall be submitted in substantially the following form: "Shall an act, passed at the 2024 session of the General Assembly, entitled 'AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF NORTH KINGSTOWN TO ISSUE NOT MORE THAN \$137,200,000 BONDS AND NOTES FOR CONSTRUCTION, IMPROVEMENT, RENOVATION, DEMOLITION, REMEDIATION, FURNISHING, EQUIPPING AND OTHER CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS OF SCHOOL FACILITIES THROUGHOUT THE TOWN, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, A NEW WICKFORD MIDDLE SCHOOL' be approved?" and the warning for the election shall contain the question to be submitted. The town board of canvassers may combine any two (2) or more voting districts for the election and when so combined shall be treated as one voting district. If so combined, the town board of canvassers shall advertise the combination of districts in a newspaper of general circulation in the town. From the time the election is warned and until it is held, it shall be the duty of the town clerk to keep a copy of the act available at their office for public inspection, but the validity of the election shall not be affected by this requirement.

SECTION 15. This section and section 14 shall take effect upon passage. The remainder of this act shall take effect upon the approval of this act by a majority of those voting on the question at the election prescribed by section 14."

Respectfully submitted,

Representative Abney

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

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

Read and passed, as amended, on a roll call vote, 74 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 74: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, 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, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

11. 2024-H 7905 SUB A

BY Casimiro

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --
DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES' HIGHER EDUCATION
OPPORTUNITY INCENTIVE GRANT

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

Vice-Chairman Slater moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski.

Vice-Chairman Slater discusses the act.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, 73 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 73: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, 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, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

12. 2024-H 7204 SUB A**BY** Shallcross Smith**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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

Vice-Chairman Slater moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Ackerman, Ajello, Bennett, Blazejewski, Boylan, Cardillo, Carson, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Fenton-Fung, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Hull, Kazarian, Kislak, Knight, Lima, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Phillips, Potter, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Speakman, Tanzi, Voas.

Vice-Chairman Slater discusses the act.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, 70 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 70: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, 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:

13. 2024-S 2072 SUB A**BY** DiMario**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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

Vice-Chairman Slater moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski.

Vice-Chairman Slater discusses the act.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, 74 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 74: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, 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, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

14. 2024-H 7860 SUB A

BY Costantino

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

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

Vice-Chairman Slater moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Cardillo, Corvese, Costantino, Lima, Potter and Speaker Pro Tempore Kennedy.

Vice-Chairman Slater discusses the act.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, 74 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 74: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, 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, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

15. 2024-H 7492 SUB A**BY** Costantino**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES --
REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES

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

Vice-Chairman Slater moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Costantino and Potter.

Vice-Chairman Slater discusses the act.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, 74 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 74: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, 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, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

16. 2024-H 8348**BY** Serpa**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- STATE
PURCHASES

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

Vice-Chairman Slater moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski and Representative Phillips.

Vice-Chairman Slater discusses the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 74 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 74: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, 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, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

17. 2024-S 3139

BY DiPalma

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- STATE PURCHASES

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

Vice-Chairman Slater moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski.

Vice-Chairman Slater discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 74 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 74: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, 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, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

18. 2024-H 7702 SUB A

BY Speakman

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LICENSING OF HEALTHCARE FACILITIES

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

Vice-Chairman Slater moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Ajello, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Cotter, Cruz, Donovan, Fogarty, Handy, Hull, Kazarian, Kislak, Lima, Lombardi, McEntee, McGaw, Morales, Potter, Sanchez, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Speakman, Stewart, Voas.

Vice-Chairman Slater discusses the act.

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

**FLOOR AMENDMENT
TO
2024 -- H 7702 SUBSTITUTE A**

AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LICENSING OF HEALTHCARE FACILITIES

Mr. Speaker:

I hereby move to amend 2024 -- H 7702 SUBSTITUTE A, entitled "AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LICENSING OF HEALTHCARE FACILITIES", as follows:

- 1. On page 1, lines 15 and 16, by deleting the language "should screen an uninsured patient during registration unless it would cause a delay of care to the patient; otherwise, a hospital".
- 2. On page 2, line 26, by deleting the language "conspicuously in the admission and registration areas of the hospital" and by inserting in place thereof the language "in accordance with § 23-17-54".
- 3. On page 2, lines 27 and 28, by deleting all language therein.
- 4. On page 2, line 29, by deleting the language "(4)" and by inserting in place thereof the language "(3)".
- 5. On page 2, line 32, by deleting the language "(5)", and by inserting in place thereof the language "(4)".

Respectfully submitted,

Representative Abney

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

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

Representative Corvese, Vice-Chairman Slater, and Minority Whip Place discuss the amended act.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, as amended, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, 74 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 74: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henriess, 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, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

19. 2024-S 2714 SUB A

BY Lauria

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LICENSING OF HEALTHCARE FACILITIES

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

Vice-Chairman Slater moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski.

Vice-Chairman Slater discusses the act.

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

**FLOOR AMENDMENT
TO
2024 -- S 2714 SUBSTITUTE A**

**AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LICENSING OF HEALTHCARE
FACILITIES**

Mr. Speaker:

I hereby move to amend 2024 -- S 2714 SUBSTITUTE A, entitled "AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LICENSING OF HEALTHCARE FACILITIES", as follows:

1. On page 3, line 18, by deleting all language therein and by inserting in place thereof the following:

"SECTION 2. Joint Resolution. – AUTHORIZING THE SECRETARY OF THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO DEVELOP A PILOT PLAN FOR ESTABLISHING AN ACUTE HOSPITAL CARE AT HOME PROGRAM

WHEREAS, During the COVID-19 pandemic, federal and state governments issued waiver flexibilities that allowed hospitals to provide advanced level services to patients at home under certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, The waiver flexibility is built on the success of previous acute care at home models that have been tested over decades, showing that advanced care at home can be a safe, effective way to provide care to patients that is associated with lower costs and better patient outcome and satisfaction compared with inpatient hospitalization; and

WHEREAS, As part of the omnibus spending bill that became law December 29, 2022, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid services extended, through December 31, 2024, the acute hospital care at home initiative whereby individual hospitals may seek waivers to operate acute care at home programs; and

WHEREAS, The hospital at home model is an important component of the shift away from institutionalized care and has been successful in allowing patients with particular conditions to remain in their homes and avoid risks associated with inpatient admission and care.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

1. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the Executive Office of Health and Human Services shall establish a pilot program to permit a hospital to provide acute care services to a covered person outside of the hospital's licensed facility and within a private residence designated by the covered person. The pilot program shall be established in a manner that is consistent with the provisions of the Acute Hospital Care at Home Program, as authorized by the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

2. Any hospital previously in receipt of a waiver to operate, or otherwise approved to participate in the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' Acute Hospital Care at Home Program prior to the effective date of this resolution, shall be permitted to operate or to continue to operate the program in the same manner as previously permitted under federal law, and shall be integrated into the pilot program established pursuant to this resolution.

3. The Medicaid program shall provide coverage and payment for acute hospital care services delivered to a covered person through the program established pursuant to this resolution, on the same basis as when services are delivered within the facilities of a hospital. Reimbursement payments under this section shall be provided to the hospital, facility, or organization providing the services or the individual practitioner who delivered the reimbursable services, or to the agency, facility, or organization that employs or contracts with the individual practitioner who delivered the reimbursable services, as appropriate, for a period of ninety (90) days following the expiration of the program, at a rate no higher than current reimbursement rates to ensure the pilot program is budget neutral.

4. The pilot program shall be limited to any person participating in the program at the time of the expiration of the program and shall continue for not more than ninety (90) days, provided that the person is eligible for Medicaid. The pilot program shall not utilize more stringent utilization management criteria than apply when those services are provided within the facilities of a hospital.

5. The Secretary of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services shall apply for any State plan amendments or waivers as may be necessary to implement the provisions of this resolution and to secure federal financial participation for State Medicaid expenditures under the federal Medicaid program.

6. The Secretary of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services shall adopt rules and regulations, in accordance with the "Administrative Procedure Act," if necessary to effectuate the provisions of this resolution.

7. The Secretary of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services may waive any state rules or regulations if necessary to implement the provisions of this resolution.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The pilot program shall become ineffective upon the expiration of the federal program, and The Secretary of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services shall provide a report to the Governor and the General Assembly regarding the cost of the pilot program.

SECTION 3. Section 1 of this act shall take effect on January 1, 2025 and Section 2 of this act shall take effect on July 1, 2024."

2. On page 4, line 3, by deleting all language therein and by inserting in place thereto the following:

"Section 1 of this act would take effect on January 1, 2025 and Section 2 of this act would take effect on July 1, 2024."

Respectfully submitted,

Representative Abney

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Vice-Chairman Slater discusses the amendment.

The motion to amend prevails 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 Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

Read and passed, as amended, on a roll call vote, 73 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 73: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo,

Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, 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

20. 2024-H 7041

BY Potter

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- THE PRESCRIPTION DRUG SALES REPRESENTATIVE DISCLOSURE ACT

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.

Chairwoman Donovan moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Potter, Sanchez and Speakman.

Chairwoman Donovan discusses the act.

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

FLOOR AMENDMENT

TO

2024 -- H 7041

AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- THE PRESCRIPTION DRUG SALES REPRESENTATIVE DISCLOSURE ACT

Mr. Speaker:

I hereby move to amend 2024 -- H 7041, entitled "AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- THE PRESCRIPTION DRUG SALES REPRESENTATIVE DISCLOSURE ACT", as follows:

1. On page 2, line 8, after the language "marketing," by inserting the word "or".
2. On page 2, line 8, by deleting the language ", repackaging, distribution, or labeling".
3. On page 2, line 9, by deleting the language "of biological products".

Respectfully submitted,

Representative Donovan

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Chairwoman Donovan discusses the amendment.

The motion to amend prevails on a roll call vote 65 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

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

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

Representative Carson discusses the amended act.

Read and passed, as amended, on a roll call vote, 70 members voting in the affirmative and 4 members voting in the negative as follows:

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

NAYS - 4: Representatives Newberry, Noret, Phillips, Place.

RECUSED - 0:

21. 2024-H 8332 SUB A

BY Speakman

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING HEALTHSOURCE RI (HSRI) TO CONVENE A WORKING GROUP TO STUDY THE ISSUE OF AFFORDABILITY OF COVERAGE IN THE RHODE ISLAND HEALTH INSURANCE INDIVIDUAL MARKET AND TO PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE DESIGN OF A STATE-BASED PROGRAM TO PROVIDE AFFORDABILITY ASSISTANCE TO RHODE ISLANDERS ENROLLED IN PLANS THROUGH THE HSRI EXCHANGE

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

Chairwoman Donovan moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Speakman, McGaw, Ajello and Kislak.

Chairwoman Donovan discusses the act.

By unanimous consent, Chairwoman Donovan, seconded by Majority Leader Blazewski, offers a written motion to amend.

**FLOOR AMENDMENT
TO
2024 -- H 8332 SUBSTITUTE A**

**JOINT RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING HEALTHSOURCE RI (HSRI) TO
CONVENE A WORKING GROUP TO STUDY THE ISSUE OF AFFORDABILITY OF
COVERAGE IN THE RHODE ISLAND HEALTH INSURANCE INDIVIDUAL MARKET AND
TO PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE DESIGN OF A STATE-BASED PROGRAM TO
PROVIDE AFFORDABILITY ASSISTANCE TO RHODE ISLANDERS ENROLLED IN PLANS
THROUGH THE HSRI EXCHANGE**

Mr. Speaker:

I hereby move to amend 2024 -- H 8332 SUBSTITUTE A, entitled "JOINT RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING HEALTHSOURCE RI (HSRI) TO CONVENE A WORKING GROUP TO STUDY THE ISSUE OF AFFORDABILITY OF COVERAGE IN THE RHODE ISLAND HEALTH INSURANCE INDIVIDUAL MARKET AND TO PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE DESIGN OF A STATE-BASED PROGRAM TO PROVIDE AFFORDABILITY ASSISTANCE TO RHODE ISLANDERS ENROLLED IN PLANS THROUGH THE HSRI EXCHANGE", as follows:

1. On page 3, line 26, by deleting the language "December 31, 2024" and by inserting in place thereof the language "January 31, 2025".

Respectfully submitted,

Representative Speakman

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LC006199/2
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Chairwoman Donovan discusses the amendment.

The motion to amend prevails on a roll call vote 65 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

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

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

Representatives Morales, Nardone and Speakman discuss the amended act.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, as amended, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, 73 members voting in the affirmative and 1 member voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 73: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, 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 - 1: Representative Newberry.

RECUSED - 0:

22. 2024-S 3086 SUB A as amended

BY Miller

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING HEALTHSOURCE RI (HSRI) TO CONVENE A WORKING GROUP TO STUDY THE ISSUE OF AFFORDABILITY OF COVERAGE IN THE RHODE ISLAND HEALTH INSURANCE INDIVIDUAL MARKET AND TO PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE DESIGN OF A STATE-BASED PROGRAM TO PROVIDE AFFORDABILITY ASSISTANCE TO RHODE ISLANDERS ENROLLED IN PLANS THROUGH THE HSRI EXCHANGE

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

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

Chairwoman Donovan discusses the act.

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

**FLOOR AMENDMENT
TO**

2024 -- S 3086 SUBSTITUTE A AS AMENDED

JOINT RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING HEALTHSOURCE RI (HSRI) TO CONVENE A WORKING GROUP TO STUDY THE ISSUE OF AFFORDABILITY OF COVERAGE IN THE RHODE ISLAND HEALTH INSURANCE INDIVIDUAL MARKET AND TO PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE DESIGN OF A STATE-BASED PROGRAM TO

PROVIDE AFFORDABILITY ASSISTANCE TO RHODE ISLANDERS ENROLLED IN PLANS THROUGH THE HSRI EXCHANGE

Mr. Speaker:

I hereby move to amend 2024 -- S 3086 SUBSTITUTE A AS AMENDED, entitled "JOINT RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING HEALTHSOURCE RI (HSRI) TO CONVENE A WORKING GROUP TO STUDY THE ISSUE OF AFFORDABILITY OF COVERAGE IN THE RHODE ISLAND HEALTH INSURANCE INDIVIDUAL MARKET AND TO PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE DESIGN OF A STATE-BASED PROGRAM TO PROVIDE AFFORDABILITY ASSISTANCE TO RHODE ISLANDERS ENROLLED IN PLANS THROUGH THE HSRI EXCHANGE", as follows:

- 1. On page 3, lines 16 through 20, by deleting all language therein.

Respectfully submitted,

Representative Speakman

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Chairwoman Donovan discusses the amendment.

The motion to amend prevails 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 Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

Read and passed, as amended, on a roll call vote, 72 members voting in the affirmative and 1 member voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 72: 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, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, 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 - 1: Representative Newberry.

RECUSED - 0:

ANNOUNCEMENT

Representative Vella-Wilkinson has announced that she will not be running for re-election next year.

Chairman McNamara shares a few remarks on the retirement of Representative Vella Wilkinson.

GUESTS

Chairman McNamara introduces and welcomes to the House Chamber Representative Vella-Wilkinson's husband, Ken Wilkinson, her son and daughter-in-law, Ian and Amanda Vella-Wilkinson, and her sister, Cocetta Vella Archer; long-time friends and fellow veterans Deb Shusterman, Mike and Kim Kellor; Rhode Island Department of Disabled American Veterans Jr. Vice Commander, Sal Caiozzo and from the Warwick City Council, Councilman Jim McElroy and from the Seekonk Wampanoag Tribe Chief Darrell Waldron, First Councilman John Harris, Ambassador Barrett Washington and Historian Mike Markley.

IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION

House Resolution No. 8361

BY Shekarchi, Blazejewski, McNamara, Bennett, Shanley, Solomon, Ackerman, Kazarian, Azzinaro, Chippendale

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION HONORING REPRESENTATIVE CAMILLE F.J. VELLA-WILKINSON FOR HER SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC6262/1}

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

There is no objection.

Chairman McNamara, Representatives Lombardi, Diaz, Corvese, Batista, Azzinaro, Shanley, Lima, Morales, McEntee and Speaker Shekarchi discuss the resolution.

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

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.)

AT EASE

At 6:28 o'clock P.M., the Honorable Speaker Shekarchi declares the House to be at ease.

ORDER

At 7:44 o'clock P.M., the Honorable Speaker Shekarchi calls the House to order.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT – 57: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Giraldo, Henries, Kazarian, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, McGaw, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, Phillips, Place, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Stewart, Tanzi.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

CALENDAR**23. 2024-H 7618**

BY Cotter

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY -- FORESTRY AND FOREST PARITY ACT

Committee on Environment and Natural Resources recommends passage.

Chairman Bennett moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Ajello, Alzate, Blazejewski, Boylan, Cardillo, Carson, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, DeSimone, Donovan, Felix, Fenton-Fung, Fogarty, Kazarian, Kislak, Lima, Marszalkowski, McGaw, Potter, Roberts, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Speakman, Tanzi.

Chairman Bennett discusses the act.

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

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

24. 2024-H 7617 SUB A

BY Kislak

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE EXECUTIVE CLIMATE CHANGE COORDINATING COUNCIL (EC4) TO PREPARE A REPORT ON BENCHMARKING AND BUILDING PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

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 Ackerman, Blazejewski, Boylan, Carson, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Donovan, Felix, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kislak, Lombardi, McGaw, McNamara, Morales, Potter, Sanchez, Shallcross Smith, Speakman, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

Chairman Bennett and Representative Carson 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 10 members voting in the negative as follows:

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

NAYS - 10: Representatives Brien, Cardillo, Chippendale, Costantino, Nardone, Newberry, Place, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts.

RECUSED - 0:

25. 2024-H 7507 SUB A

BY Solomon

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- UNFAIR CLAIMS SETTLEMENT PRACTICES ACT

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.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote 71 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 71: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, 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, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

26. 2024-S 2557

BY DiPalma

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- BEHAVIORAL HEALTH EDUCATION, TRAINING, AND COORDINATION FUND

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

Vice-Chairman Slater moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski.

Vice-Chairman Slater discusses the act.

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

FLOOR AMENDMENT

TO

2024 -- S 2557

AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- BEHAVIORAL HEALTH EDUCATION, TRAINING, AND COORDINATION FUND

Mr. Speaker:

I hereby move to amend 2024 -- S 2557, entitled "AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- BEHAVIORAL HEALTH EDUCATION, TRAINING, AND COORDINATION FUND", as follows:

1. On page 1, line 11, after the language "of RI", by inserting the language "and any other organization certified pursuant to the provisions of § 23-100-2".

2. On page 2, line 2, by deleting the language "44-30-2.11", and by inserting in place thereof the language "44-30-2.12".

3. On page 2, line 5, by deleting the language "44-30-2.11", and by inserting in place thereof the language "44-30-2.12".

4. On page 2, lines 25 through 34, by deleting all language therein.

5. On page 3, lines 1 through 18, by deleting all language therein and by inserting in place thereof the following language:

"SECTION 2. Section 44-30-2.11 of the General Laws in Chapter 44-30 entitled "Personal Income Tax" is hereby amended to read as follows:

44-30-2.11. Refund deduction for contribution to the substance use and mental health leadership council of RI.

(a) There shall be provided as a deduction from any refund from the Rhode Island personal income tax otherwise due to a taxpayer for a taxable year a contribution to the substance use and mental health leadership council of RI. The provision for the contribution shall appear on the state personal income tax return as follows:

Substance use and mental health leadership council of RI.

Check if you wish to contribute

_____ \$1.00

_____ \$5.00

_____ \$10.00

_____ \$ _____ (write in amount of your tax REFUND for this program.)

(b) The tax administrator shall annually forward by August 1, all contributions made to the substance use and mental health leadership council of RI to the general treasurer to be deposited in the fund created in § 23-14-3. The general treasurer shall annually distribute the proceeds of the fund as prescribed in chapter 14 of title 23.

(c) The provisions of this section shall commence for returns filed for the tax year ending December 31, 2018, and shall sunset and expire for the tax year ending December 31, 2023.

SECTION 3. Chapter 44-30 of the General Laws entitled "Personal Income Tax" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

44-30-2.12. Refund deduction for contribution to the behavioral health education, training, and coordination fund.

(a) There shall be provided as a deduction from any refund from the Rhode Island personal income tax otherwise due to a taxpayer for a taxable year a contribution to the behavioral health education, training, and coordination fund. The provision for the contribution shall appear on the state personal income tax return as follows:

Behavioral health education, training, and coordination fund.

Check if you wish to contribute

_____ \$1.00

_____ \$5.00

_____ \$10.00

_____ \$ _____ (write in amount of your tax REFUND for this program.)

(b) The tax administrator shall annually forward by August 1, contributions made to the behavioral health education, training, and coordination fund to the general treasurer to be deposited in the fund created in § 23-100-2. The general treasurer shall annually distribute proceeds of the fund as prescribed in chapter 100 of title 23.

(c) The provision of this section shall commence for returns filed for the tax year ending December 31, 2024.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon passage."

Respectfully submitted,

Representative Abney

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Vice-Chairman Slater 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 Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, 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, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

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

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

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

27. 2024-H 8160
BY Craven
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- BEHAVIORAL HEALTH EDUCATION, TRAINING, AND COORDINATION FUND

Ordered on the Calendar

Vice-Chairman Slater moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski.

Vice-Chairman Slater discusses the act.

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

YEAS - 71: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, 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, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

Majority Leader Blazejewski moves item # 28 to the bottom of the Calendar. There is no objection.

28. 2024-H 7946 SUB A

BY Chippendale

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- UNLAWFUL CONFINEMENT OF A COVERED ANIMAL

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

Read, and by unanimous consent, ordered to be placed on the bottom of the calendar.

29. 2024-H 8331

BY Solomon

ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF THE KENT OFFICE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC.

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

YEAS - 71: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, 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, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

30. 2024-H 7017

BY Morales

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

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

Chairman Solomon discusses the act.

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

YEAS - 70: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, 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, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

31. 2024-S 2036

BY Murray

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Committee on Corporations recommends 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, 70 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

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

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

32. 2024-H 7264 SUB A

BY Corvese

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- MOTOR VEHICLE REPLACEMENT PARTS

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

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

Chairman Solomon and Representative Knight discuss the act.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, 72 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 72: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, 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, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

33. 2024-S 2440 as amended**BY Gallo****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- MOTOR VEHICLE REPLACEMENT PARTS**

Committee on Corporations recommends passage as amended 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, 72 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 72: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, 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, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

34. 2024-H 7532**BY Felix****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- MINIMUM WAGES**

Committee on Labor recommends passage.

Chairman Corvese moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Ajello, Alzate, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, DeSimone, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kislak, Lombardi, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Morales, Potter, Sanchez, Speakman, Stewart, Tanzi.

Chairman Corvese discusses the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 62 members voting in the affirmative and 7 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 62: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Casey,

Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Potter, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 7: Representatives Chippendale, Nardone, Newberry, Place, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts.

RECUSED - 0:

35. 2024-S 2021

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ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- MINIMUM WAGES

Committee on Labor recommends passage in concurrence.

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

Chairman Corvese discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 64 members voting in the affirmative and 7 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 64: Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Potter, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 7: Representatives Chippendale, Nardone, Newberry, Place, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts.

RECUSED - 0:

36. 2024-H 8059 SUB A

BY Baginski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- RHODE ISLAND NONCOMPETITION AGREEMENT ACT

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

Chairman Corvese moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski and Representatives Potter and Biah.

Chairman Corvese discusses the act.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, 70 members voting in the affirmative and 2 members voting in the negative as follows:

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

NAYS - 2: Representatives Brien, Newberry.

RECUSED - 0:

37. 2024-S 2436 SUB A

BY LaMountain

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- RHODE ISLAND NONCOMPETITION AGREEMENT ACT

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

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

Chairman Corvese discusses the act.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, 70 members voting in the affirmative and 2 members voting in the negative as follows:

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

NAYS - 2: Representatives Brien, Newberry.

RECUSED - 0:

38. 2024-H 7446 SUB A**BY Dawson****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT**

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

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

Chairman Craven and Whip Place discuss the act.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, 72 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 72: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, 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, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

39. 2024-S 2820 SUB A**BY Valverde****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT**

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

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

Chairman Craven discusses the act.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, 71 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 71: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty,

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

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

40. 2024-H 7830 SUB A

BY Morales

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --
DEPARTMENT OF ATTORNEY GENERAL

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

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

Chairman Craven, Minority Whip Place, Representatives Corvese, and Fenton-Fung discuss the act.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, 51 members voting in the affirmative and 20 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 51: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Speakman, Spears, Voas.

NAYS - 20: Representatives Ajello, Cardillo, Casimiro, Chippendale, Costantino, Cruz, Fenton-Fung, Hull, Lima, Lombardi, Nardone, Newberry, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Stewart, Tanzi.

RECUSED - 0:

41. 2024-H 8062

BY Cotter

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO THE EXETER - WEST GREENWICH SCHOOL
DISTRICT

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

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

Chairman Casey discusses the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 72 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 72: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, 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, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

42. 2024-H 7724

BY Henries

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- OFFENSES PERTAINING TO SCHOOLS

Committee on Education recommends passage.

Chairman McNamara moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Cortvriend, Cotter, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Felix, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kislak, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Morales, O'Brien, Potter, Sanchez, Shallcross Smith, Speakman, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

Chairman McNamara discusses the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 67 members voting in the affirmative and 4 members voting in the negative as follows:

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

NAYS - 4: Representatives Nardone, Place, Quattrocchi, Rea.

RECUSED - 0:

43. 2024-S 2523 SUB B**BY** Ujifusa**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY STUDENT TRANSPORTATION NEEDS AND SYSTEM COSTS

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

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

Chairman McNamara discusses the act.

The bill marked Substitute "B" is read and passed, and the original bill and the bill marked Substitute "A" indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, 72 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 72: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, 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, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

44. 2024-S 2156**BY** DiMario**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- RETIREMENT SYSTEM -- CONTRIBUTION AND BENEFITS

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

Vice-Chairman Slater moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Biah and Fogarty.

Vice-Chairman Slater discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 72 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 72: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz,

Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, 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, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

45. 2024-H 7029

BY McEntee

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES --
RETIREMENT SYSTEM -- CONTRIBUTION AND BENEFITS

Ordered on the Calendar

Vice-Chairman Slater moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski,

Vice-Chairman Slater discusses the act.

Read and passed, 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, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Donovan, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

46. 2024-H 8336

BY Diaz

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- LOW AND MODERATE
INCOME HOUSING

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

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

Chairman Casey discusses the act.

By unanimous consent, Chairman Casey, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Floor Manager Edwards, and Representative Diaz, offers a written motion to amend.

**FLOOR AMENDMENT
TO
2024 -- H 8336**

AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING

Mr. Speaker:

I hereby move to amend 2024 -- H 8336, entitled "AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING", as follows:

1. On page 3, lines 16 through 24, by deleting all the language therein, and by inserting in place thereof the language:

"(ii) For the period beginning on or after July 1, 2024, any housing unit which qualifies as low- or moderate-income housing under this subsection and under § 42-128-8.1 and any rental property secured with a federal government rental assistance voucher that does not otherwise meet the other requirements to qualify as low- or moderate-income housing under this section shall be counted as one whole unit toward the municipality's requirement for low- or moderate-income housing, as long as a municipality confirms with the issuing authority that the voucher is in good standing and active."

2. On page 4, line 6, by deleting the language "upon passage", and by inserting in place thereof the language "on July 1, 2024".

3. On page 5, line 4, by deleting the language "upon passage", and by inserting in place thereof the language "on July 1, 2024".

Respectfully submitted,

Representative Casey

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Chairman Casey 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, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Donovan, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

Representatives Speakman and Morales discuss the amended act.

Read and passed, as amended, on a roll call vote, 64 members voting in the affirmative and 6 members voting in the negative as follows:

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

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

RECUSED - 0:

47. 2024-S 2089

BY Felag

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage in concurrence.

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

Chairman Casey discusses the act.

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

FLOOR AMENDMENT

TO

2024 -- S 2089

AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING

Mr. Speaker:

I hereby move to amend 2024 -- S 2089, entitled "AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING", as follows:

1. On page 3, lines 13 and 14 by deleting all language after the language "occupancy."
2. On page 3, between lines 14 and 15 by inserting the following language:

"(i) Low- or moderate-income housing also includes rental property located within a municipality that is secured with a federal government rental assistance voucher.

(ii) For the period beginning on or after July 1, 2024, any housing unit which qualifies as low- or moderate-income housing under this subsection and under § 42-128-8.1 and any rental property

secured with a federal government rental assistance voucher that does not otherwise meet the other requirements to qualify as low- or moderate-income housing under this section shall be counted as one whole unit toward the municipality's requirement for low- or moderate-income housing, as long as a municipality confirms with the issuing authority that the voucher is in good standing and active."

3. On page 3, line 30, by deleting the language "upon passage", and by inserting in place thereof the language "on July 1, 2024".

4. On page 4, line 3, by deleting the language "upon passage", and by inserting in place thereof the language "on July 1, 2024".

Respectfully submitted,

Representative Casey

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Chairman Casey discusses the amendment.

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

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

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

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

RECUSED - 0:

48. 2024-S 2867 SUB A

BY Cano

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE LADDERS TO LICENSURE PROGRAM

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

Vice-Chairman Slater moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski.

Vice-Chairman Slater discusses the act.

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

FLOOR AMENDMENT TO 2024 -- S 2867 SUBSTITUTE A

AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE LADDERS TO LICENSURE PROGRAM

Mr. Speaker:

I hereby move to amend 2024 -- S 2867 SUBSTITUTE A, entitled "AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE LADDERS TO LICENSURE PROGRAM", as follows:

1. On page 2, line 20, by deleting the language "This act shall take effect upon passage", and inserting in place thereof the language, "This act shall take effect on July 1, 2024".

2. On page 3, line 7, by deleting the language, "This act would take effect upon passage", and inserting in place thereof the language, "This act would take effect on July 1, 2024".

Respectfully submitted,

Representative Abney

LC005661/3

Vice-Chairman Slater discusses the amendment.

The motion to amend prevails 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 Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, O'Brien, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea,

Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

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

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

49. 2024-H 8078

BY Tanzi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE LADDERS TO LICENSURE PROGRAM

Ordered on the Calendar

Vice-Chairman Slater moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski and Representative Tanzi.

Vice-Chairman Slater discusses the act.

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

**FLOOR AMENDMENT
TO**

2024 -- H 8078

AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE LADDERS TO LICENSURE PROGRAM

Mr. Speaker:

I hereby move to amend 2024 -- H 8078, entitled "AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE LADDERS TO LICENSURE PROGRAM", as follows:

1. On page 1, lines 1 through 18, by deleting all the language thereon.
2. On page 2, lines 1 through 12, by deleting all the language thereon.
3. On page 2, line 13, by deleting the language "SECTION 2", and inserting in place thereof the language "SECTION 1".
4. On page 3, line 2, by deleting the word "Appropriation" and by inserting in place thereof the language "Use of appropriated funds".
5. On page 3, lines 3 through 5, by deleting the language "There is hereby appropriated to the executive office of health and human services the sum of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) for fiscal year 2025 to support the first year of this three (3) year initiative. These", and by inserting in place thereof the language "Any appropriated".
6. On page 3, line 7, by deleting the word "public".
7. On page 3, line 18, by deleting the language "SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon passage.", and inserting in place thereof the language "SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on July 1, 2024.".
8. On page 4, line 7, by deleting the language "This act would take effect upon passage.", and inserting in place thereof the language "This act would take effect on July 1, 2024.".

Respectfully submitted,

Representative Abney

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Vice-Chairman Slater discusses the amendment.

The motion to amend prevails 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 Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, O'Brien, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

Read and passed, as amended, 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, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian,

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

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

Majority Leader Blazejewski moves items # 50 and #51 to the bottom of the Calendar. There is no objection.

50. 2024-S 2765

BY Acosta

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- CITY HOUSING
AUTHORITIES**

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

51. 2024-S 2047

BY Acosta

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- REDEVELOPMENT
PROJECTS**

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

Read, and by unanimous consent, placed on the bottom of the Calendar.



State of Rhode Island

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

I, Brian C. Nether, State Representative, District 48, hereby under oath depose and say:

1. (Matter requiring action: i.e. Bill number) I expect to be called upon, in my capacity as State Representative to participate in the consideration of, and/or to vote upon: S 2565

2. (Nature of the potential conflict) I have the following interest in the matter: _____

Avoid appearance of conflict of interest

3. (Please select one of the following):

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

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

REPRESENTATIVE

State of Rhode Island
County of: Providence

Subscribed and sworn to under the penalties for perjury before me this 13 day of June, 2024

Michael R. Egan
Notary Public
State of Rhode Island
COMMISSION EXPIRES 03-30-2026
Commission # 57679

NOTARY PUBLIC

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

SPEAKER

52. 2024-S 2565

BY Lauria

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- FOUNDATION LEVEL SCHOOL SUPPORT

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

Vice-Chairman Slater moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski and Representative Henries.

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

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 1: Representative Newberry.



State of Rhode Island

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

I, Brian C. Newberry, State Representative, District 48, hereby under oath depose and say:

1. (Matter requiring action: i.e. Bill number) I expect to be called upon, in my capacity as State Representative to participate in the consideration of, and/or to vote upon: H 7545

2. (Nature of the potential conflict) I have the following interest in the matter: _____

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3. (Please select one of the following):

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

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

[Signature]
REPRESENTATIVE

State of Rhode Island
County of: Providence

Subscribed and sworn to under the penalties for perjury before me this _____

[Signature]
Michael R. Egan
Notary Public
State of Rhode Island
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES 03-30-2025
Commission # 57679
NOTARY PUBLIC

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

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SPEAKER

53. 2024-H 7543**BY** Boylan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- FOUNDATION LEVEL SCHOOL SUPPORT

Ordered on the Calendar

Vice-Chairman Slater moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski.

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

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 1: Representative Newberry.

54. 2024-S 2500 SUB A as amended**BY** DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- RHODE ISLAND DATA TRANSPARENCY AND PRIVACY PROTECTION ACT

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

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

Chairwoman Baginski 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, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Nardone, Newberry, O'Brien, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 1: Representative Sanchez.

RECUSED - 0:

AT EASE

At 8:26 o'clock P.M., the Honorable Speaker Shekarchi declares the House to be at ease.

ORDER

At 8:29 o'clock P.M., the Honorable Speaker Shekarchi calls the House to order.

TRANSMITTAL

By unanimous consent, 24H-7617 SUBA, on the Clerk's desk, is ordered to be transmitted to the Honorable Senate, forthwith.

IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION

House Resolution No. 8362

BY Shekarchi, Chippendale, Blazejewski, Lima, Roberts, Place, Nardone, Newberry, Fenton-Fung, Hull

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION HONORING BRIAN REA FOR HIS DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC6096/1}

06/13/2024 House read and passed

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

There is no objection.

Minority Leader Chippendale and Speaker Shekarchi discuss the resolution. Representative Rea thanks all for their kind words.

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

House Resolution No. 8363

BY Shekarchi, Chippendale, Blazejewski, Roberts, Quattrocchi, Place, Nardone, Newberry, Rea, Hull

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION HONORING REPRESENTATIVE BARBARA ANN FENTON-FUNG FOR HER SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC6095/1}

06/13/2024 House read and passed

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

There is no objection.

Minority Leader Chippendale, Representatives Speakman, Cotter and Speaker Shekarchi discuss the resolution. Representative Fenton-Fung thanks all for their kind words.

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

House Resolution No. 8364

BY Shekarchi, Chippendale, Roberts, Quattrocchi, Place, Nardone, Fenton-Fung, Rea, Hull, Lombardi J

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION HONORING AND THANKING REPRESENTATIVE PATRICIA MORGAN FOR HER DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC6097/1}

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

There is no objection.

Minority Leader Chippendale discusses the resolution.

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

House Resolution No. 8365

BY Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Kazarian, Dawson, Chippendale, Boylan, Cruz, Speakman, Felix, Alzate
ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION HONORING REPRESENTATIVE BRIANNA HENRIES FOR HER SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC6208/1}

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

There is no objection.

Majority Whip Kazarian, Representatives Felix, Morales, Speakman and Speaker Shekarchi discuss the resolution. Representative Henries thanks all for their kind words.

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

House Resolution No. 8366

BY Azzinaro, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Kennedy, Tanzi, Fellela, Shallcross Smith, Felix, Fogarty

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION CELEBRATING THE 249TH BIRTHDAY OF THE U.S. ARMY {LC6249/1}

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

There is no objection.

Chairman Azzinaro discusses the resolution.

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

House Resolution No. 8367

BY Henries, Stewart, Morales, Felix, Hull, Alzate, Giraldo, Chippendale, Shekarchi, Blazejewski
ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING "JUNETEENTH NATIONAL FREEDOM DAY" ON JUNE 19, 2024 {LC5440/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Henries discusses the resolution.

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

ANNOUNCEMENT

Minority Leader Chippendale congratulates Sergeant Dennis Charbonneau on his retirement from the Rhode Island Capitol Police after 12 years of service at the Rhode Island State House. He also acknowledges him as a retired member of the United States Army and the United States Air Force.

TRANSMITTAL

By unanimous consent, all matters on the Clerk's desk are ordered to be transmitted to the Honorable Senate, forthwith.

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

AT EASE

At 9:24 o'clock P.M. the Honorable Speaker Shekarchi declares the House to be at ease.

ORDER

At 9:58 o'clock P.M., the Honorable Speaker Shekarchi calls the House to order.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT –54: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Cardillo, Carson, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Cruz, Dawson, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, O'Brien, Place, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Fenton-Fung wishes Representative Nardone a Happy 60th Birthday!

Representative Fellela congratulates Representative Serpa on her upcoming award. On June 21st, she will receive the Levin Center State Oversight Academy award.

CALENDAR

55. 2024-S 2552

BY Rogers

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION

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

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

Chairman Casey discusses the act.

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

YEAS - 65: 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, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Donovan, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, O'Brien, Perez, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 1: Representative Edwards.

RECUSED - 0:

56. 2024-S 2621 SUB A**BY** Valverde**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- NURSING HOME WORKFORCE STANDARDS BOARD ACT

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for 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, 59 members voting in the affirmative and 7 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 59: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Morales, O'Brien, Perez, Potter, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 7: Representatives Chippendale, Nardone, Newberry, Place, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts.

RECUSED - 0:

57. 2024-S 2798 SUB A**BY** Picard**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- PRODUCER LICENSING ACT

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

Chairman Solomon moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Casey and Speaker Pro Tempore Kennedy.

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

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

58. 2024-S 2582

BY Picard

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES

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

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

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

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

59. 2024-S 3045

BY Cano

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS

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

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

Chairman McNamara discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 58 members voting in the affirmative and 8 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, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Donovan,

Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Morales, O'Brien, Perez, Potter, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Voas.

NAYS - 8: Representatives Fenton-Fung, Nardone, Newberry, Place, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Tanzi.

RECUSED - 0:

60. 2024-S 3148

BY Bissaillon

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES

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

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

Chairman Casey discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 58 members voting in the affirmative and 8 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, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Morales, O'Brien, Perez, Potter, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Voas.

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

RECUSED - 0:

61. 2024-S 3151

BY Cano

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- DISTRICT CHARTER SCHOOL

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

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

Chairman McNamara discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 63 members voting in the affirmative and 1 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 63: Representatives Abney, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, O'Brien, Perez, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 1: Representative Sanchez.

RECUSED - 0:

28. 2024-H 7946 SUB A

BY Chippendale

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY --
UNLAWFUL CONFINEMENT OF A COVERED ANIMAL**

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 and Minority Leader Chippendale.

Chairman Solomon, Representatives Potter, Serpa, Lima 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 stay on the act.

Representative Sanchez, Minority Leader Chippendale, Representatives Casey, Cotter, Minority Whip Place, Representative McGaw, Deputy Speaker Hull, and Representative Speakman continue the discussion on the act.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, 42 members voting in the affirmative and 15 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 42: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Azzinaro, Baginski, Bennett, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Dawson, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Knight, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McNamara, Nardone, Newberry, Place, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Voas.

NAYS - 15: Representatives Ajello, Alzate, Batista, Cardillo, Cruz, Henries, Kislak, Lima, McGaw, Morales, Potter, Sanchez, Serpa, Stewart, Tanzi.

RECUSED - 0:

CALENDAR # 2

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 13, 2024:

1. 2024-S 2671

BY Gallo

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE --
PROCEDURE IN PARTICULAR ACTIONS -- ARBITRATION**

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for 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, 55 members voting in the affirmative and 1 member voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 55: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Cardillo, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Nardone, Newberry, Place, Potter, Rea, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 1: Representative Sanchez.

RECUSED - 0:

2. 2024-S 2803

BY Sosnowski

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS -- POWERS AND
OPERATIONS**

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.

POINT OF ORDER

Representative Corvese 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.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 63 members voting in the affirmative and 2 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 63: 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, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Nardone, Newberry, O'Brien, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 2: Representatives Morales, Sanchez.

RECUSED - 0:

3. 2024-S 2152 SUB A as amended

BY Kallman

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- CONSUMER PFAS BAN ACT OF 2024

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for 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, 64 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members 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, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, O'Brien, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

4. **2024-S 2173**

BY Gallo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS --
AUDIOLOGY AND SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY INTERSTATE COMPACT

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

Chairman 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 65 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 65: 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, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, O'Brien, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:



State of Rhode Island

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

I, Brook Weber, State Representative, District 48, hereby under oath depose and say:

1. (Matter requiring action: i.e. Bill number) I expect to be called upon, in my capacity as State Representative to participate in the consideration of, and/or to vote upon: S 2415

2. (Nature of the potential conflict) I have the following interest in the matter: Avail access of other representatives

3. (Please select one of the following):

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

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

State of Rhode Island
County of: Providence

Subscribed and sworn to under the penalties for perjury before me this 13 day of June, 2024

[Signature]
REPRESENTATIVE
Michael R. Egan
Notary Public
State of Rhode Island
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES 03-30-2026
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[Signature]
NOTARY PUBLIC

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

[Signature]
SPEAKER



State of Rhode Island
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

2415
Item 5
Sec H 69a

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

I, Megan Cotter, State Representative, District 39, hereby under oath depose and say:

1. (Matter requiring action: i.e. Bill number) I expect to be called upon, in my capacity as State Representative to participate in the consideration of, and/or to vote upon: 2024 - ~~8~~ - 2415

2. (Nature of the potential conflict) I have the following interest in the matter: Work in
Seafood

3. (Please select one of the following):

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

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

State of Rhode Island
County of: Providence

Subscribed and sworn to under the penalties for perjury before me this 13 day of June, 2024

Megan Cotter
REPRESENTATIVE

Michael R. Egan
Notary Public
State of Rhode Island
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES 08/30/2026
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[Signature]
NOTARY PUBLIC

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

[Signature]
SPEAKER

5. 2024-S 2415 SUB A**BY DiPalma****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PARKS AND RECREATIONAL AREAS --
GENERAL PROVISIONS**

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

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

Chairman Casey and Representative McGaw discuss the act.

POINT OF ORDER

Floor Manager Edwards rises on a point of order for Representative McGaw to stay on the merits of the act.

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

Representative McGaw continues the discussion on the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 40 members voting in the affirmative and 16 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 40: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Edwards, Fellela, Finkelman, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, McEntee, O'Brien, Potter, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Spears, Stewart, Voas.

NAYS - 16: Representatives Ajello, Biah, Cardillo, Chippendale, Felix, Fenton-Fung, Fogarty, McGaw, Nardone, Place, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Speakman, Tanzi.

RECUSED - 2: Representatives Cotter, Newberry.

6. 2024-S 2643 SUB A**BY Mack****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND
TENANT ACT**

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for 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, 55 members voting in the affirmative and 3 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 55: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, McEntee, McGaw, Newberry, O'Brien, Place, Potter, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 3: Representatives Nardone, Quattrocchi, Rea.

RECUSED - 0:

7. 2024-S 2681 SUB A

BY Burke

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- UNFAIR CLAIMS SETTLEMENT PRACTICES ACT

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

YEAS - 58: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, McEntee, McGaw, Nardone, Newberry, O'Brien, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

8. 2024-S 2704 SUB A

BY Gallo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- KRATOM CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT

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 and Representative McGaw discuss the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote 39 members voting in the affirmative and 20 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 39: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Edwards, Fellela, Giraldo, Handy, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Knight, Marszalkowski, McEntee, O'Brien, Place, Potter, Sanchez, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Voas.

NAYS - 20: Representatives Ajello, Biah, Brien, Cardillo, Chippendale, Corvese, Cotter, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Henries, McGaw, Nardone, Newberry, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Tanzi.

RECUSED - 0:

9. 2024-S 2758

BY F. Lombardi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- RYAN'S LAW

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

YEAS - 60: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Knight, Lima, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, O'Brien, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

10. 2024-S 2828 SUB A

BY Tikoian

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for 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, 57 members voting in the affirmative and 4 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 57: 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, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, O'Brien, Potter, Roberts, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart.

NAYS - 4: Representatives Place, Quattrocchi, Rea, Sanchez.

RECUSED - 0:

11. 2024-S 2833 SUB A

BY Gallo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- COURTS -
- DOMESTIC ASSAULT

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

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

Chairman Craven discuss the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 62 members voting in the affirmative and 2 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 62: 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, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, O'Brien, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 2: Representatives Place, Sanchez.

RECUSED - 0:

12. 2024-S 2863 SUB A**BY Murray****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES --
REGISTRATION FEES**

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

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

Chairman Shanley discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 63 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 63: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, O'Brien, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

Leader Blazejewski moves to bundle items #13-19, 22, 29, 33, 37, and 42 with the exception of items 20, 21, 23-28, 30-32, 34-36, and 38-41, seconded by Representative Newberry.

13. 2024-S 2873 SUB A**BY LaMountain****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- DENTAL INSURANCE LOSS
RATIO REPORTING AND STUDY ACT**

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

14. 2024-S 2876**BY Gallo****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- RHODE
ISLAND PHYSICAL THERAPIST LICENSURE COMPACT ACT**

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

15. 2024-S 3059**BY Euer****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- FEDERAL ELECTIVE OFFICERS**

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

16. **2024-S 3124**
BY DiPalma
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS REQUIRED AT PUBLIC PLACES AND HEALTH CARE FACILITIES

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

17. **2024-S 3134**
BY F. Lombardi
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- OPERATORS' AND CHAUFFEURS' LICENSES

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

18. **2024-S 3136**
BY Euer
ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION TO SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING QUESTION TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE STATE AT THE NEXT GENERAL ELECTION IN 2024: "SHALL THERE BE A CONVENTION TO AMEND OR REVISE THE CONSTITUTION?"

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

19. **2024-S 3147**
BY Euer
ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR A BI-PARTISAN PREPARATORY COMMISSION TO ASSEMBLE INFORMATION ON CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS IN PREPARATION FOR A VOTE BY THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS ON THE HOLDING OF A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE XIV SECTION 2 OF THE RHODE ISLAND CONSTITUTION

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

22. **2024-S 2083**
BY Lawson
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- NURSES

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

29. 2024-S 2298 SUB A as amended**BY Gu****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- ACT ON COASTS - COASTAL RESILIENCY**

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

33. 2024-S 2991**BY Burke****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- LOCAL PLANNING BOARD OR COMMISSION**

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

37. 2024-S 2995 SUB A**BY Mack****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION**

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

42. 2024-S 3036 SUB A**BY Murray****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- SUBDIVISION OF LAND**

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

The motion to bundle prevails on a roll call vote, 62 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 62: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, O'Brien, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

Pursuant to Rule 14(d) of House Rules, the Bundle consists of Senate duplicates of House bills that previously passed, and by such rule, the vote of the members on the House bills is reflected as the same for each Senate bill. See below for House votes for the dual Senate bills:

House Floor

Thursday, June 13, 2024

Item	Bills	House Bill	Vote Date
1	2671 (Gallo)	7952 (Craven) <i>Judiciary</i> 72-0	04/30/2024
2	2803 (Sosnowski)	7282 (Kennedy) <i>Corporations</i> 66-0	06/05/2024
3	2152 A aa (Kallman)	7356 A aa (Cortvriend) <i>Environment and Natural Resources</i> 70-0	06/10/2024
4	2173 (Gallo)	8219 (Handy) <i>Health & Human Services</i> 70-0	06/11/2024
5	2415 A (DiPalma)	7060 A (Edwards) <i>Municipal Government & Housing</i> 53-9 (Chippendale, Fenton-Fung, Morgan, Nardone, Place, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Speakman) (R- Cotter, Newberry)	06/06/2024
6	2643 A (Mack)	7647 A (Kislak) <i>Judiciary</i> 65-3 (Nardone, Quattrocchi, Rea)	06/11/2024
7	2681 A (Burke)	7507 A (Solomon) <i>Corporations</i> 68-0	06/13/2024
8	2704 A (Gallo)	7231 A aa (Edwards) <i>Corporations</i> 50-14 (Brien, Cardillo, Chippendale, Corvese, Costantino, Finkelman, Lima, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Serpa)	06/06/2024
9	2758 (F. Lombardi)	7013 A (Fellela) <i>Corporations</i> 67-2 (Ajello, Boylan)	02/08/2024
10	2828 A (Tikoian)	7570 A (Noret) <i>Judiciary</i> 65-4 (Morales, Place, Quattrocchi, Sanchez)	05/28/2024

11	2833 A (Gallo)	7567 A (Baginski) <i>Judiciary</i> 71-1 (Place)	06/10/2024
12	2863 A (Murray)	7468 A (Casey) <i>State Government & Elections</i> 69-0	04/11/2024
13	2873 A (LaMountain)	7944 A (Voas) <i>Corporations</i> 71-0	06/12/2024
14	2876 (Gallo)	7213 (McGaw) <i>Corporations</i> 70-0	05/07/2024
15	3059 (Euer)	8304 (Shanley) <i>State Government & Elections</i> 70-0	06/11/2024
16	3124 (DiPalma)	7044 A (Corvese) <i>Health & Human Services</i> 68-0	05/23/2024
17	3134 (F. Lombardi)	7578 A (Corvese) <i>Judiciary</i> 68-0	06/06/2024
18	3136 (Euer)	8326 (Craven) <i>Judiciary</i> 67-0	06/10/2024
19	3147 (Euer)	8324 (Craven) <i>Judiciary</i> 70-0	06/10/2024
20	3152 A (DiPalma)	7927 A (Solomon) <i>Finance</i> 64-2 (Henries, Sanchez) (R- Blazejewski, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman)	06/13/2024
22	2083 (Lawson)	7826 (Casey) <i>Health & Human Services</i> 70-0	06/11/2024
23	2015 A (DiPalma)	7092 aa (Casimiro) <i>Health & Human Services</i>	06/10/2024

		<i>71-1 (Morgan)</i>	
28	2394 A (Zurier)	7301 B (Ackerman) <i>Health & Human Services</i>	03/05/2024
29	2298 A aa (Gu)	<i>67-2 (Place, Sanchez)</i> 7022 A aa (Spears) <i>Environment and Natural Resources</i> 74-0	06/11/2024
31	2988 A (F. Lombardi)	7951 A (Craven) <i>Judiciary</i> <i>61-8 (Chippendale, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Place, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts)</i>	05/07/2024
32	2990 A (Ciccone)	7983 B (Cruz) <i>Municipal Government & Housing</i> 73-1 (Place)	04/30/2024
33	2991 (Burke)	7979 (Shekarchi) <i>Municipal Government & Housing</i> 69-0	04/11/2024
34	2992 A (Kallman)	7986 A aa (Batista) <i>Municipal Government & Housing</i> <i>60-10 (Chippendale, Costantino, Fenton-Fung, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Place, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts)</i>	05/07/2024
35	2993 aa (DiPalma)	7984 A (McEntee) <i>Municipal Government & Housing</i> <i>67-5 (Chippendale, Morgan, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts)</i>	04/30/2024
36	2994 (McKenney)	7982 (Cortvriend) <i>Municipal Government & Housing</i> <i>64-8 (Chippendale, Costantino, Morgan, Nardone, Place, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts)</i>	04/30/2024
37	2995 A (Mack)	7985 A (Spears) <i>Municipal Government & Housing</i> 69-0	05/29/2024
38	2998 A (Gu)	7062 A (Speakman) <i>Municipal Government & Housing</i> <i>55-9 (Cardillo, Chippendale, Costantino, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Place, Rea, Roberts)</i>	02/14/2024
39	2999 A (Bissaillon)	7948 A (Solomon) <i>Judiciary</i> <i>66-3 (Henries, Morales, Sanchez)</i>	04/09/2024

40	3000 A (Euer)	7950 A (Felix) <i>Judiciary</i> <i>66-3 (Chippendale, Nardone, Roberts)</i>	04/09/2024
41	3001 A (LaMountain)	7949 A aa (Craven) <i>Judiciary</i> <i>66-2 (Chippendale, Roberts)</i>	04/09/2024
42	3036 A (Murray)	7978 A (Shekarchi) <i>Municipal Government & Housing</i> <i>71-0</i>	05/07/2024

The bundle prevails on a roll call vote, 64 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

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

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:



State of Rhode Island

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

I, Christopher R. Blazewski State Representative, District 2, hereby under oath depose and say:

1. (Matter requiring action: i.e. Bill number) I expect to be called upon, in my capacity as State Representative to participate in the consideration of, and/or to vote upon: 2024-53152

2. (Nature of the potential conflict) I have the following interest in the matter: None, but in.

an overabundance of caution, I am electing to excuse.

3. (Please select one of the following):

See 2024-17927 Sub A

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

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

Christopher R. Blazewski
REPRESENTATIVE

State of Rhode Island
County of: PROVIDENCE

Subscribed and sworn to under the penalties for perjury before me this June 13, 2024

Michael R. Egan
Notary Public
State of Rhode Island
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES 03-30-2026
Commission # 51670
NOTARY PUBLIC

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

[Signature]
SPEAKER



State of Rhode Island
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

I, Bill Fenton Fung, State Representative, District 15 hereby under oath depose and say:

1. (Matter requiring action: i.e. Bill number) I expect to be called upon in my capacity as State Representative to participate in the consideration of, and/or to vote upon: 3152 sub A

2. (Nature of the potential conflict) I have the following interest in the matter: I am a corporator at a bank that has a financial interest

3. (Please select one of the following):

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

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

State of Rhode Island
County of: PROVIDENCE

Michael P. [Signature]
Notary Public
State of Rhode Island
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES 12-31-2024
Commission # 57679

Subscribed and sworn to under the penalties for perjury before me this 13 day, June, 2024

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

[Signature]
NOTARY PUBLIC

[Signature]
SPEAKER

- 20. 2024-S 3152 SUB A**
BY DiPalma
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- TAXATION OF BANKS

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

Chairman Solomon moves passage of the act, seconded by Representative Finkelman.

Chairman Solomon discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 57 members voting in the affirmative and 3 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 57: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Dawson, DeSimone, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, Nardone, Newberry, O'Brien, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 3: Representatives Felix, Henries, Sanchez.

RECUSED - 2: Representatives Blazejewski, Fenton-Fung.

TRANSMITTAL

By unanimous consent, all matters on the Clerk's desk are ordered to be transmitted to the Honorable Senate, forthwith.

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

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

CALENDAR #2

- 21. 2024-H 7022 SUB A as amended**
BY Spears
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- ACT ON COASTS - COASTAL RESILIENCY

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for 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, 63 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 63: 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, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, Nardone, Newberry, O'Brien, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

23. 2024-S 2015 SUB A

BY DiPalma

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND HOSPITALS -- DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND HOSPITALS

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for 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, 62 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 62: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, O'Brien, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

24. 2024-S 3118 SUB A as amended

BY Ciccone

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO THE TOWN OF JOHNSTON MUNICIPAL COURT

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

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

Chairman Casey discusses the act.

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

YEAS - 61: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, O'Brien, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

25. 2024-S 2499 SUB A

BY Euer

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEMS ACT

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, 55 members voting in the affirmative and 7 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 55: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, Morales, O'Brien, Potter, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 7: Representatives Chippendale, Nardone, Newberry, Place, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts.

RECUSED - 0:

26. 2024-H 7811**BY Handy****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- 2024 ENERGY STORAGE ACT**

Ordered on the Calendar

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

Chairman Solomon discusses the act.

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

FLOOR AMENDMENT**TO**

2024 -- H 7811

AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- 2024 ENERGY STORAGE ACT

Mr. Speaker:

I hereby move to amend 2024 -- H 7811, entitled "AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- 2024 ENERGY STORAGE ACT", as follows:

1. By deleting all language after the enactment clause and inserting in place thereof the following language:

"SECTION 1. Legislative findings and purpose.

The general assembly hereby finds that:

(1) An energy storage system connected to the electric power system could alleviate time and location-based constraints on the distribution and bulk power systems, including physical, economic, and environmental constraints, and result in lower costs to the general body of ratepayers if located in the right place and operated at the right time.

(2) Currently, Rhode Island does not have an interconnection tariff that recognizes the potential flexibility and dispatchability of energy storage systems.

(3) The public utilities commission should advance frameworks that would promote advancement of grid connected energy storage systems when those systems can provide net value to the general body of ratepayers.

(4) In order to secure a long-term, stable, and affordable supply of energy storage systems, it is essential that Rhode Island begin procuring and deploying energy storage systems as an alternative to costly and redundant utility distribution infrastructure.

SECTION 2. Title 39 of the General Laws entitled "PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following chapter:

CHAPTER 33**ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEMS ACT****39-33-1. Definitions.**As used in this chapter:(1) "Commission" means the public utilities commission.(2) "Energy storage system" means any technology capable of converting electrical energy to

some form of stored energy for reconversion to electrical energy at a later time.

(3) "Long-duration energy storage system" means energy storage systems that are capable of permanently displacing fossil fuel energy systems designed to store energy or necessary for balancing intermittent renewable energy resources.

39-33-2. Storage tariff.

No later than September 1, 2024, the public utilities commission shall engage stakeholders to adopt a framework for an energy storage system tariff for energy storage systems connected to the electric distribution system.

(1) The tariff framework should, at a minimum, address the ability of energy storage systems to charge from and discharge to the electric distribution system.

(2) The commission shall set a schedule that is designed to result in a model tariff no later than May 1, 2025, consistent with the tariff framework.

(3) Following that date, if the commission finds that the energy storage system tariff can be implemented without inequitable cross subsidization between customers, each electric distribution company as defined in § 39-1-2 that has greater than one hundred thousand (100,000) customers shall file the model tariff for review and approval by the public utilities commission in a contested proceeding. Otherwise, the model tariff shall be included as part of the electric distribution company's next general rate filing.

39-33-3. Interconnection.

(a) No later than September 1, 2024, the commission shall commence a process, which includes stakeholder engagement, to adopt a framework for an interconnection tariff for energy storage systems connected to the electric distribution system that recognizes the flexible operating characteristics of energy storage systems.

(b) Following the public utilities commission's adoption of a framework, which shall be completed no later than May 1, 2025, each electric distribution company as defined in § 39-1-2 that has greater than one hundred thousand (100,000) customers shall file a proposed energy storage system interconnection tariff for review and approval in a contested proceeding.

39-33-4. Periodic storage assessment and procurement.

(a) Not less than every three (3) years, the commission shall conduct a market survey to assess the capabilities of storage technologies and whether those capabilities have the potential to meet the needs of, or provide net value to, the distribution system or the bulk power system.

(1) As part of its review, the commission shall consider time and location-based constraints on the distribution and bulk power systems, including physical, economic, and environmental constraints that increase costs to the general body of ratepayers.

(2) Transmission level storage, at a minimum, shall include long duration energy storage systems and short duration energy storage systems that have peaking capabilities, but may include other applications.

(b) upon a finding by the commission that storage may meet distribution system or bulk power system needs, or provide net value to the general body of ratepayers, the commission shall direct the electric distribution company with more than one hundred thousand (100,000) customers to conduct a procurement of transmission level or distribution level storage consistent with subsection (c) of this section. This review shall also consider whether any changes need to be made to previously approved storage procurement methods to meet the targets and may be conducted as part of the review of system reliability and procurement in § 39-1-27.7(b). The commission's findings about appropriate targets and procurement shall be consistent with its least cost procurement standards and that the approved procurement is cost effective, less than the cost of available supply, reliable, prudent and environmentally responsible.

(c) The electric distribution company shall issue and, subject to review and approval of the

commission, select a reasonable, open, and competitive method of soliciting proposals from third parties for one or more services from energy storage projects connected to the transmission or distribution system in front of the meter, including, but not limited to, long-duration energy storage projects, that would achieve the goals in chapter 33 of title 39.

39-33-5. Administrative expense.

The commission is authorized to hire one or more consultants to assist with each task set forth in this chapter and may assess its actual costs to each electric distribution company as defined in § 39-1-2 that has greater than one hundred thousand (100,000) customers in a manner to be determined by the commission.

SECTION 3. Section 39-26.1-4 of the General Laws in Chapter 39-26.1 entitled "Long-Term Contracting Standard for Renewable Energy" is hereby amended to read as follows:

39-26.1-4. Financial remuneration and incentives.

In order to achieve the purposes of this chapter, electric distribution companies shall be entitled to financial remuneration and incentives for long-term contracts for newly developed renewable energy resources, which are over and above the base rate revenue requirement established in its cost of service for distribution ratemaking. Such remuneration and incentives shall compensate the electric distribution company for accepting the financial obligation of the long-term contracts. The financial remuneration and incentives described in this section shall apply only to long-term contracts for newly developed renewable energy resources. For long-term contracts approved pursuant to this chapter before January 1, 2022, the financial remuneration and incentives shall be in the form of annual compensation, equal to two and three quarters percent (2.75%) of the actual annual payments made under the contracts for those projects that are commercially operating, unless determined otherwise by the commission at the time of approval. For long-term contracts approved pursuant to this chapter on or after January 1, 2022, including contracts above the minimum long-term contract capacity, the financial remuneration and incentives shall be in the form of annual compensation up to one percent (1.0%) of the actual annual payments made under the contracts through December 31, 2026, for those projects that are commercially operating. For all long-term contracts approved pursuant to this chapter on or after January 1, 2027, financial remuneration and incentives shall not be applied, unless otherwise granted by the commission. For any calendar year in which the electric distribution company's actual return on equity exceeds the return on equity allowed by the commission in the electric distribution company's last general rate case, the commission shall have the authority to adjust any or all remuneration paid to the electric distribution company pursuant to this section in order to assure that such remuneration does not result in or contribute toward the electric distribution company earning above its allowed return for such calendar year.

SECTION 4. Chapter 39-26.1 of the General Laws entitled "Long-Term Contracting Standard for Renewable Energy" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

39-26.1-10. Energy storage programs.

(a) The general assembly finds that while the commission develops new energy market rules for the use of energy storage systems, it is in the public interest to support the deployment of the following energy storage capacity:

- (1) Ninety megawatts (90MW) by December 31, 2026;
- (2) One hundred ninety-five megawatts (195MW) by December 31, 2028;
- (3) Six hundred megawatts (600 mw) by December 31, 2033; and
- (4) Subsequent targets may be proposed and set pursuant to chapter 31 of title 39.

(b) The Rhode Island infrastructure bank, in consultation with the office of energy resources, shall develop one or more programs and shall distribute funds made available pursuant to this chapter to meet the goals established in subsection (a) of this section.

(c) The Rhode Island infrastructure bank may take in funds from the following sources in support of this program:

(1) Money appropriated in the state budget to the fund or otherwise made available to the infrastructure bank;

(2) Money made available to the fund through federal programs or private contributions;

(3) Application or other fees paid to the infrastructure bank to process applications; and

(4) Any other money made available to the bank.

(d) The program(s) shall establish supplemental funding efforts to support the deployment of energy storage systems for:

(1) Residential classes of electric customers;

(2) Low-income residential classes of electric customers;

(3) Commercial and residential classes of electric customers; and

(4) Energy storage systems connected to the distribution or transmission system in front of the meter and not associated with a customer's electric load.

(e) The program shall provide for grants, no-interest loans, and low-interest loans to support:

(1) The co-locate energy storage systems with distributed energy resources; or

(2) Energy storage systems that would allow for the interconnection of distributed energy resources without distribution system upgrade costs.

(f) Any local distribution company that serves greater than one hundred thousand (100,000) customers shall not be eligible for the financial support described in this section.

(g) The infrastructure bank shall have the authority to adopt, amend, and implement such rules and regulations as may be necessary and desirable to effectuate the purposes of this section.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon passage."

Respectfully submitted,

Representative Solomon

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Representative Handy discusses the amendment.

The motion to amend prevails on a roll call vote 58 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 58: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Marszalkowski, McEntee, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, O'Brien, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

Representatives Speakman, McGaw, and Minority Whip Place discuss the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 54 members voting in the affirmative and 6 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 54: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, Morales, O'Brien, Place, Potter, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

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

RECUSED - 0:

Majority Leader Blazejewski moves items# 27, #28, #30 and #31 to the bottom of the Calendar. There is no objection.

27. 2024-H 7301 SUB B

BY Ackerman

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LICENSING OF HEALTHCARE FACILITIES

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

28. 2024-S 2394 SUB A

BY Zurier

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LICENSING OF HEALTHCARE FACILITIES

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

30. 2024-S 3105 SUB A

BY Gallo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- UNFAIR CLAIMS SETTLEMENT PRACTICES ACT

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

31. 2024-S 2988 SUB A

BY F. Lombardi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- RHODE ISLAND COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING AND LAND USE ACT

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

Read, and by unanimous consent, placed on the bottom of today's Calendar.

32. 2024-S 2990 SUB A

BY Ciccone

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- STATE BUILDING CODE

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

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

Chairman Casey discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 58 members voting in the affirmative and 1 member voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 58: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ajello, Azzinaro, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, O'Brien, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 1: Representative Place.

RECUSED - 0:

34. 2024-S 2992 SUB A

BY Kallman

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- ABANDONED PROPERTY

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

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

Chairman Casey discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 53 members voting in the affirmative and 7 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 53: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima,

Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, Morales, O'Brien, Potter, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 7: Representatives Chippendale, Nardone, Newberry, Place, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts.

RECUSED - 0:

Majority Leader Blazejewski moves item #35 to the bottom of the Calendar. There is no objection.

35. 2024-S 2993 as amended

BY DiPalma

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE ISLAND HOUSING RESOURCES ACT OF 1998

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

Read, and by unanimous consent, placed on the bottom of today's Calendar.

36. 2024-S 2994

BY McKenney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES

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

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

Chairman Casey discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote 54 members voting in the affirmative and 6 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 54: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, Morales, Newberry, O'Brien, Potter, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

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

RECUSED - 0:

38. 2024-S 2998 SUB A

BY Gu

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES

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

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

Chairman Casey discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 52 members voting in the affirmative and 7 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 52: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ajello, Alzate, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, Morales, O'Brien, Potter, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 7: Representatives Chippendale, Nardone, Newberry, Place, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts.

RECUSED - 0:

39. 2024-S 2999 SUB A

BY Bissaillon

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES

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

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

Chairman Casen discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 57 members voting in the affirmative and 1 member voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 57: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ajello, Alzate, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, O'Brien, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 1: Representative Sanchez.

RECUSED - 0:

40. 2024-S 3000 SUB A

BY Euer

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- SUBDIVISION OF LAND

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

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

Chairman Casey discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 55 members voting in the affirmative and 5 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 55: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, Morales, Newberry, O'Brien, Place, Potter, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 5: Representatives Chippendale, Nardone, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts.

RECUSED - 0:

41. 2024-S 3001 SUB A

BY LaMountain

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES --SUBDIVISION OF LAND

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

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

Chairman Casey discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 56 members voting in the affirmative and 4 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 56: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, O'Brien, Place, Potter, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 4: Representatives Chippendale, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts.

RECUSED - 0:

AT EASE

At 11:34 o'clock P.M. the Honorable Speaker Shekarchi declares the House to be at ease.

ORDER

At 12:15 o'clock A.M. the Honorable Speaker Shekarchi calls the House to order.

30. 2024-S 3105 SUB A

BY Gallo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- UNFAIR CLAIMS SETTLEMENT PRACTICES ACT

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.

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

FLOOR AMENDMENT

TO

2024 -- S 3105 SUBSTITUTE A

AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- UNFAIR CLAIMS SETTLEMENT PRACTICES ACT

Mr. Speaker:

I hereby move to amend 2024 -- S 3105 SUBSTITUTE A, entitled "AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- UNFAIR CLAIMS SETTLEMENT PRACTICES ACT", as follows:

1. On page 5, line 24, by deleting the language "upon passage", and by inserting in place thereof the language "on January 1, 2025".

2. On page 6, line 3, by deleting the language "upon passage", and by inserting in place thereof the language "on January 1, 2025".

Respectfully submitted,

Representative Solomon

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Chairman Solomon discusses the amendment.

The motion to amend prevails on a roll call vote 55 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 55: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ajello, Baginski, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, McEntee, McGaw, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, O'Brien, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

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

YEAS - 61: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ajello, Alzate, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, O'Brien, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

43. 2024-H 7537 SUB A

BY Voas

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --
SMALL BUSINESS ADVOCACY COUNCIL

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

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

Chairman Casey discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 60 members voting in the affirmative and 1 member voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 60: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ajello, Alzate, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, O'Brien, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 1: Representative Place.

RECUSED - 0:

44. 2024-S 2841 SUB A

BY Cano

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --
SMALL BUSINESS ADVOCACY COUNCIL

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

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

Chairwoman McEntee discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 59 members voting in the affirmative and 1 member voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 59: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ajello, Alzate, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, O'Brien, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 1: Representative Place.

RECUSED - 0:

45. 2024-H 7631 as amended

BY Serpa

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOTOR
VEHICLE OFFENSES

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for 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, 9 members voting in the affirmative and 2 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 59: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ajello, Alzate, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Donovan, Edwards,

Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, O'Brien, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 2: Representatives Place, Sanchez.

RECUSED - 0:

46. 2024-S 2042 SUB A

BY Lauria

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- TRANSPARENCY IN ARTS
EDUCATION ACCESS AND PROFICIENCY ACT

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

Representative Brien moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski.

Representative Brien discusses the act.

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

YEAS - 61: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ajello, Alzate, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, O'Brien, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

47. 2024-S 2150 SUB A as amended

BY Rogers

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY --
UNLAWFUL CONFINEMENT OF A COVERED ANIMAL

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, 43 members voting in the affirmative and 16 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 43: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Baginski, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Dawson, DeSimone, Donovan, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Knight, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, Nardone, Newberry, O'Brien, Place, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Shallcross Smith, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Voas.

NAYS - 16: Representatives Ajello, Alzate, Batista, Carson, Cortvriend, Cruz, Edwards, Felix, Henries, Kislak, Morales, Potter, Sanchez, Serpa, Stewart, Tanzi.

RECUSED - 0:

48. 2024-S 2337 SUB A
BY Murray
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- THE RHODE ISLAND WORKS PROGRAM

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

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

Chairman Abney discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 59 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 59: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ajello, Alzate, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, O'Brien, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

49. 2024-H 7686
BY Handy
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- THE RHODE ISLAND WORKS PROGRAM

Ordered on the Calendar

Chairman Abney moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski and Representative Morales.

Chairman Abney discusses the act.

By unanimous consent, Chairman Abney, seconded by Majority leader Blazejewski and Representative Handy offers a written motion to amend.

FLOOR AMENDMENT
TO
2024 -- H 7686

AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- THE RHODE ISLAND WORKS PROGRAM

Mr. Speaker:

I hereby move to amend 2024 -- H 7686, entitled "AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- THE RHODE ISLAND WORKS PROGRAM", as follows:

1. On page 1, by deleting all of the language after the enactment clause and by inserting in its place the following language:

"SECTION 1. Sections 40-5.2-10, 40-5.2-11 and 40-5.2-12 of the General Laws in Chapter 40-5.2 entitled "The Rhode Island Works Program" are hereby amended to read as follows:

40-5.2-10. Necessary requirements and conditions.

The following requirements and conditions shall be necessary to establish eligibility for the program.

(a) Citizenship, alienage, and residency requirements.

(1) A person shall be a resident of the State of Rhode Island.

(2) Effective October 1, 2008, a person shall be a United States citizen, or shall meet the alienage requirements established in § 402(b) of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996, PRWORA, Pub. L. No. 104-193 and as that section may hereafter be amended [8 U.S.C. § 1612]; a person who is not a United States citizen and does not meet the alienage requirements established in PRWORA, as amended, is not eligible for cash assistance in accordance with this chapter.

(b) The family/assistance unit must meet any other requirements established by the department of human services by rules and regulations adopted pursuant to the Administrative Procedures Act, as necessary to promote the purpose and goals of this chapter.

(c) Receipt of cash assistance is conditional upon compliance with all program requirements.

(d) All individuals domiciled in this state shall be exempt from the application of subdivision 115(d)(1)(A) of Pub. L. No. 104-193, the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996, PRWORA [21 U.S.C. § 862a], which makes any individual ineligible for certain state and federal assistance if that individual has been convicted under federal or state law of any offense that is classified as a felony by the law of the jurisdiction and that has as an element the possession, use, or distribution of a controlled substance as defined in § 102(6) of the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. § 802(6)).

(e) Individual employment plan as a condition of eligibility.

(1) Following receipt of an application, the department of human services shall assess the financial conditions of the family, including the non-parent caretaker relative who is applying for cash assistance for themselves as well as for the minor child(ren), in the context of an eligibility determination. If a parent or non-parent caretaker relative is unemployed or under-employed, the department shall conduct an initial assessment, taking into account:

(A) The physical capacity, skills, education, work experience, health, safety, family responsibilities, and place of residence of the individual; and

(B) The child care and supportive services required by the applicant to avail themselves of employment opportunities and/or work readiness programs.

(2) On the basis of this assessment, the department of human services and the department of labor and training, as appropriate, in consultation with the applicant, shall develop an individual employment plan for the family that requires the individual to participate in the intensive employment services. Intensive employment services shall be defined as the work requirement activities in § 40-5.2-12(g) and (i).

(3) The director, or the director's designee, may assign a case manager to an applicant/participant, as appropriate.

(4) The department of labor and training and the department of human services in conjunction with the participant shall develop a revised individual employment plan that shall identify employment objectives, taking into consideration factors above, and shall include a strategy for immediate employment and for preparing for, finding, and retaining employment consistent, to the extent practicable, with the individual's career objectives.

(5) The individual employment plan must include the provision for the participant to engage in work requirements as outlined in § 40-5.2-12.

(6)(i) The participant shall attend and participate immediately in intensive assessment and employment services as the first step in the individual employment plan, unless temporarily exempt from this requirement in accordance with this chapter. Intensive assessment and employment services shall be defined as the work requirement activities in § 40-5.2-12(g) and (i).

(ii) Parents under age twenty (20) without a high school diploma or general equivalency diploma (GED) shall be referred to special teen-parent programs that will provide intensive services designed to assist teen parents to complete high school education or GED, and to continue approved work plan activities in accord with Rhode Island works program requirements.

(7) The applicant shall become a participant in accordance with this chapter at the time the individual employment plan is signed and entered into.

(8) Applicants and participants of the Rhode Island works program shall agree to comply with the terms of the individual employment plan, and shall cooperate fully with the steps established in the individual employment plan, including the work requirements.

(9) The department of human services has the authority under the chapter to require attendance by the applicant/participant, either at the department of human services or at the department of labor and training, at appointments deemed necessary for the purpose of having the applicant enter into and become eligible for assistance through the Rhode Island works program. The appointments include, but are not limited to: the initial interview, orientation and assessment; job readiness; and job search. Attendance is required as a condition of eligibility for cash assistance in accordance with rules and regulations established by the department.

(10) As a condition of eligibility for assistance pursuant to this chapter, the applicant/participant shall be obligated to keep appointments; attend orientation meetings at the department of human services and/or the Rhode Island department of labor and training; participate in any initial assessments or appraisals; and comply with all the terms of the individual employment plan in accordance with department of human services rules and regulations.

(11) A participant, including a parent or non-parent caretaker relative included in the cash assistance payment, shall not voluntarily quit a job or refuse a job unless there is good cause as defined in this chapter or the department's rules and regulations.

(12) A participant who voluntarily quits or refuses a job without good cause, as defined in § 40-5.2-12(l), while receiving cash assistance in accordance with this chapter, shall be sanctioned in accordance with rules and regulations promulgated by the department.

(f) Resources.

(1) The family or assistance unit's countable resources shall be less than the allowable resource limit established by the department in accordance with this chapter.

(2) No family or assistance unit shall be eligible for assistance payments if the combined value of its available resources (reduced by any obligations or debts with respect to such resources) exceeds five thousand dollars (\$5,000).

(3) For purposes of this subsection, the following shall not be counted as resources of the family/assistance unit in the determination of eligibility for the works program:

(i) The home owned and occupied by a child, parent, relative, or other individual;

(ii) Real property owned by a husband and wife as tenants by the entirety, if the property is not the home of the family and if the spouse of the applicant refuses to sell his or her interest in the property;

(iii) Real property that the family is making a good faith effort to dispose of, however, any cash assistance payable to the family for any such period shall be conditioned upon such disposal of the real property within six (6) months of the date of application and any payments of assistance for that period shall (at the time of disposal) be considered overpayments to the extent that they would not have occurred at the beginning of the period for which the payments were made. All overpayments are debts subject to recovery in accordance with the provisions of the chapter;

(iv) Income-producing property other than real estate including, but not limited to, equipment such as farm tools, carpenter's tools, and vehicles used in the production of goods or services that the department determines are necessary for the family to earn a living;

(v) One vehicle for each adult household member, but not to exceed two (2) vehicles per household, and in addition, a vehicle used primarily for income-producing purposes such as, but not limited to, a taxi, truck, or fishing boat; a vehicle used as a family's home; a vehicle that annually produces income consistent with its fair market value, even if only used on a seasonal basis; a vehicle necessary to transport a family member with a disability where the vehicle is specially equipped to meet the specific needs of the person with a disability or if the vehicle is a special type of vehicle that makes it possible to transport the person with a disability;

(vi) Household furnishings and appliances, clothing, personal effects, and keepsakes of limited value;

(vii) Burial plots (one for each child, relative, and other individual in the assistance unit) and funeral arrangements;

(viii) For the month of receipt and the following month, any refund of federal income taxes made to the family by reason of § 32 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, 26 U.S.C. § 32 (relating to earned income tax credit), and any payment made to the family by an employer under § 3507 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, 26 U.S.C. § 3507 [repealed] (relating to advance payment of such earned income credit);

(ix) The resources of any family member receiving supplementary security income assistance under the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. § 301 et seq.;

(x) Any veteran's disability pension benefits received as a result of any disability sustained by the veteran while in the military service.

(g) Income.

(1) Except as otherwise provided for herein, in determining eligibility for and the amount of cash assistance to which a family is entitled under this chapter, the income of a family includes all of the money, goods, and services received or actually available to any member of the family.

(2) In determining the eligibility for and the amount of cash assistance to which a family/assistance unit is entitled under this chapter, income in any month shall not include the first ~~three hundred dollars (\$300)~~ five hundred and twenty-five dollars (\$525) of gross earnings plus fifty percent (50%) of the gross earnings of the family in excess of ~~three hundred dollars (\$300)~~ five hundred and twenty-five dollars (\$525) earned during the month.

(3) The income of a family shall not include:

(i) The first fifty dollars (\$50.00) in child support received in any month from each noncustodial parent of a child plus any arrearages in child support (to the extent of the first fifty dollars (\$50.00) per month multiplied by the number of months in which the support has been in arrears) that are paid in any month by a noncustodial parent of a child;

(ii) Earned income of any child;

(iii) Income received by a family member who is receiving Supplemental Security Income (SSI) assistance under Title XVI of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. § 1381 et seq.;

(iv) The value of assistance provided by state or federal government or private agencies to meet nutritional needs, including: value of USDA-donated foods; value of supplemental food assistance received under the Child Nutrition Act of 1966, as amended, and the special food service program for children under Title VII, nutrition program for the elderly, of the Older Americans Act of 1965 as amended, and the value of food stamps;

(v) Value of certain assistance provided to undergraduate students, including any grant or loan for an undergraduate student for educational purposes made or insured under any loan program administered by the United States Commissioner of Education (or the Rhode Island council on postsecondary education or the Rhode Island division of higher education assistance);

(vi) Foster care payments;

(vii) Home energy assistance funded by state or federal government or by a nonprofit organization;

(viii) Payments for supportive services or reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses made to foster grandparents, senior health aides, or senior companions and to persons serving in SCORE and ACE and any other program under Title II and Title III of the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973, 42 U.S.C. § 5000 et seq.;

(ix) Payments to volunteers under AmeriCorps VISTA as defined in the department's rules and regulations;

(x) Certain payments to native Americans; payments distributed per capita to, or held in trust for, members of any Indian Tribe under P.L. 92-254, 25 U.S.C. § 1261 et seq., P.L. 93-134, 25 U.S.C. § 1401 et seq., or P.L. 94-540; receipts distributed to members of certain Indian tribes which are referred to in § 5 of P.L. 94-114, 25 U.S.C. § 459d, that became effective October 17, 1975;

(xi) Refund from the federal and state earned income tax credit and any federal or state child tax credits or rebates;

(xii) The value of any state, local, or federal government rent or housing subsidy, provided that this exclusion shall not limit the reduction in benefits provided for in the payment standard section of this chapter;

(xiii) The earned income of any adult family member who gains employment while an active RI Works household member. This income is excluded for the first six (6) months of employment in which the income is earned, or until the household's total gross income exceeds one hundred eighty-five percent (185%) of the federal poverty level, unless the household reaches its sixty-month (60) time limit first;

(xiv) Any veteran's disability pension benefits received as a result of any disability sustained by the veteran while in the military service.

(4) The receipt of a lump sum of income shall affect participants for cash assistance in accordance with rules and regulations promulgated by the department.

(h) Time limit on the receipt of cash assistance.

(1) On or after January 1, 2020, no cash assistance shall be provided, pursuant to this chapter, to a family or assistance unit that includes an adult member who has received cash assistance for a total of sixty (60) months (whether or not consecutive), to include any time receiving any type of cash assistance in any other state or territory of the United States of America as defined herein.

Provided further, in no circumstances other than provided for in subsection (h)(3) with respect to certain minor children, shall cash assistance be provided pursuant to this chapter to a family or assistance unit that includes an adult member who has received cash assistance for a total of a lifetime limit of sixty (60) months.

(2) Cash benefits received by a minor dependent child shall not be counted toward their lifetime time limit for receiving benefits under this chapter should that minor child apply for cash benefits as an adult.

(3) Certain minor children not subject to time limit. This section regarding the lifetime time limit for the receipt of cash assistance, shall not apply only in the instances of a minor child(ren) living with a parent who receives SSI benefits and a minor child(ren) living with a responsible adult non-parent caretaker relative who is not in the cash assistance payment.

(4) Receipt of family cash assistance in any other state or territory of the United States of America shall be determined by the department of human services and shall include family cash assistance funded in whole or in part by Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) funds [Title IV-A of the federal Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. § 601 et seq.] and/or family cash assistance provided under a program similar to the Rhode Island families work and opportunity program or the federal TANF program.

(5)(i) The department of human services shall mail a notice to each assistance unit when the assistance unit has six (6) months of cash assistance remaining and each month thereafter until the time limit has expired. The notice must be developed by the department of human services and must contain information about the lifetime time limit, the number of months the participant has remaining, the hardship extension policy, the availability of a post-employment-and-closure bonus; and any other information pertinent to a family or an assistance unit nearing the sixty-month (60) lifetime time limit.

(ii) For applicants who have less than six (6) months remaining in the sixty-month (60) lifetime time limit because the family or assistance unit previously received cash assistance in Rhode Island or in another state, the department shall notify the applicant of the number of months remaining when the application is approved and begin the process required in subsection (h)(5)(i).

(6) If a cash assistance recipient family was closed pursuant to Rhode Island's Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program (federal TANF described in Title IV-A of the Federal Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. § 601 et seq.), formerly entitled the Rhode Island family independence program, more specifically under § 40-5.1-9(2)(c) [repealed], due to sanction because of failure to comply with the cash assistance program requirements; and that recipient family received sixty (60) months of cash benefits in accordance with the family independence program, then that recipient family is not able to receive further cash assistance for his/her family, under this chapter, except under hardship exceptions.

(7) The months of state or federally funded cash assistance received by a recipient family since May 1, 1997, under Rhode Island's Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program (federal TANF described in Title IV-A of the Federal Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. § 601 et seq.), formerly entitled the Rhode Island family independence program, shall be countable toward the time-limited cash assistance described in this chapter.

(i) Time limit on the receipt of cash assistance.

(1) No cash assistance shall be provided, pursuant to this chapter, to a family assistance unit in which an adult member has received cash assistance for a total of sixty (60) months (whether or not consecutive) to include any time receiving any type of cash assistance in any other state or territory of the United States as defined herein effective August 1, 2008. Provided further, that no cash assistance shall be provided to a family in which an adult member has received assistance for twenty-four (24) consecutive months unless the adult member has a rehabilitation employment plan

as provided in § 40-5.2-12(g)(5).

(2) Effective August 1, 2008, no cash assistance shall be provided pursuant to this chapter to a family in which a child has received cash assistance for a total of sixty (60) months (whether or not consecutive) if the parent is ineligible for assistance under this chapter pursuant to subsection (a)(2) to include any time they received any type of cash assistance in any other state or territory of the United States as defined herein.

(j) Hardship exceptions.

(1) The department may extend an assistance unit's or family's cash assistance beyond the time limit, by reason of hardship; provided, however, that the number of families to be exempted by the department with respect to their time limit under this subsection shall not exceed twenty percent (20%) of the average monthly number of families to which assistance is provided for under this chapter in a fiscal year; provided, however, that to the extent now or hereafter permitted by federal law, any waiver granted under § 40-5.2-34, for domestic violence, shall not be counted in determining the twenty percent (20%) maximum under this section.

(2) Parents who receive extensions to the time limit due to hardship must have and comply with employment plans designed to remove or ameliorate the conditions that warranted the extension.

(k) Parents under eighteen (18) years of age.

(1) A family consisting of a parent who is under the age of eighteen (18), and who has never been married, and who has a child; or a family consisting of a person under the age of eighteen (18) from onset of pregnancy shall be eligible for cash assistance only if the family resides in the home of an adult parent, legal guardian, or other adult relative. The assistance shall be provided to the adult parent, legal guardian, or other adult relative on behalf of the individual and child unless otherwise authorized by the department.

(2) This subsection shall not apply if the minor parent or pregnant minor has no parent, legal guardian, or other adult relative who is living and/or whose whereabouts are unknown; or the department determines that the physical or emotional health or safety of the minor parent, or his or her child, or the pregnant minor, would be jeopardized if he or she was required to live in the same residence as his or her parent, legal guardian, or other adult relative (refusal of a parent, legal guardian, or other adult relative to allow the minor parent or his or her child, or a pregnant minor, to live in his or her home shall constitute a presumption that the health or safety would be so jeopardized); or the minor parent or pregnant minor has lived apart from his or her own parent or legal guardian for a period of at least one year before either the birth of any child to a minor parent or the onset of the pregnant minor's pregnancy; or there is good cause, under departmental regulations, for waiving the subsection; and the individual resides in a supervised supportive-living arrangement to the extent available.

(3) For purposes of this section, "supervised supportive-living arrangement" means an arrangement that requires minor parents to enroll and make satisfactory progress in a program leading to a high school diploma or a general education development certificate, and requires minor parents to participate in the adolescent parenting program designated by the department, to the extent the program is available; and provides rules and regulations that ensure regular adult supervision.

(l) Assignment and cooperation. As a condition of eligibility for cash and medical assistance under this chapter, each adult member, parent, or caretaker relative of the family/assistance unit must:

(1) Assign to the state any rights to support for children within the family from any person that the family member has at the time the assignment is executed or may have while receiving assistance under this chapter;

(2) Consent to and cooperate with the state in establishing the paternity and in establishing and/or enforcing child support and medical support orders for all children in the family or assistance unit in accordance with title 15 of the general laws, as amended, unless the parent or caretaker

relative is found to have good cause for refusing to comply with the requirements of this subsection.

(3) Absent good cause, as defined by the department of human services through the rulemaking process, for refusing to comply with the requirements of subsections (1)(1) and (1)(2), cash assistance to the family shall be reduced by twenty-five percent (25%) until the adult member of the family who has refused to comply with the requirements of this subsection consents to and cooperates with the state in accordance with the requirements of this subsection.

(4) As a condition of eligibility for cash and medical assistance under this chapter, each adult member, parent, or caretaker relative of the family/assistance unit must consent to and cooperate with the state in identifying and providing information to assist the state in pursuing any third party who may be liable to pay for care and services under Title XIX of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. § 1396 et seq.

40-5.2-11. Cash assistance.

(a) A family or assistance unit found by the department to meet the eligibility criteria set forth in this chapter shall be eligible to receive cash assistance as of the date a signed, written application, signed under a penalty of perjury, is received by the department.

(b) The family members or assistance unit shall be eligible for cash assistance for so long as they continue to meet the eligibility criteria outlined in accordance with this chapter. Parents and adult non-parent caretaker relatives receiving cash assistance shall be eligible so long as they meet the terms and conditions of the work requirements of § 40-5.2-12. An adult caretaker relative shall be eligible for assistance as a member of the assistance unit so long as he or she meets all the eligibility requirements of this chapter.

(c) The monthly amount of cash assistance shall be equal to the payment standard for the family minus the countable income of the family in that month. The department is authorized to reduce the amount of assistance in the month of application to reflect the number of the days between the first day of the month and the effective date of the application.

(d) A decision on the application for assistance shall be made or rejected by the department no later than thirty (30) days following the date submitted and shall be effective as of the date of application.

(e) The payment standard is equal to the sum of the following: ~~four hundred twenty five dollars (\$425)~~ five hundred ten dollars (\$510) ~~(three hundred sixty dollars (\$360))~~ (four hundred forty-five dollars (\$445)) for a family residing in subsidized housing) for the first person; ~~one hundred fifty nine dollars (\$159)~~ one hundred ninety-one dollars (\$191) for the second person; ~~one hundred thirty seven dollars (\$137)~~ one hundred sixty-four dollars (\$164) for the third person; and ~~one hundred four dollars (\$104)~~ one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125) for each additional person.

40-5.2-12. Work requirements for receipt of cash assistance.

(a) The department of human services and the department of labor and training shall assess the applicant/parent or non-parent caretaker relative's work experience, educational, and vocational abilities, and the department, together with the parent, shall develop and enter into a mandatory, individual employment plan in accordance with § 40-5.2-10(e).

(b) In the case of a family including two (2) parents, at least one of the parents shall be required to participate in an employment plan leading to full-time employment. The department may also require the second parent in a two-parent (2) household to develop an employment plan if, and when, the youngest child reaches six (6) years of age or older.

(c) The written, individual employment plan shall specify, at minimum, the immediate steps necessary to support a goal of long-term, economic independence.

(d) All applicants and participants in the Rhode Island works employment program must attend and participate in required appointments, employment plan development, and employment-related activities, unless temporarily exempt for reasons specified in this chapter.

(e) A recipient/participant temporarily exempted from the work requirements may participate in an individual employment plan on a voluntary basis, however, the individual remains subject to the same program compliance requirements as a participant without a temporary exemption.

(f) The individual employment plan shall specify the participant's work activity(ies) and the supportive services that will be provided by the department to enable the participant to engage in the work activity(ies).

(g) Work requirements for single-parent families. In single-parent households, the participant parent or non-parent caretaker relative in the cash assistance payment, shall participate as a condition of eligibility, for a minimum of twenty (20) hours per week if the youngest child in the home is under the age of six (6), and for a minimum of thirty (30) hours per week if the youngest child in the home is six (6) years of age or older, in one or more of their required work activities, as appropriate, in order to help the parent obtain stable, full-time, paid employment, as determined by the department of human services and the department of labor and training; provided, however, that he or she shall begin with intensive employment services as the first step in the individual employment plan. Required work activities are as follows:

(1) At least twenty (20) hours per week must come from participation in one or more of the following ten (10) work activities:

- (i) Unsubsidized employment;
- (ii) Subsidized private-sector employment;
- (iii) Subsidized public-sector employment;
- (iv) Work experience;
- (v) On-the-job training;
- (vi) Job search and job readiness;
- (vii) Community service programs;
- (viii) Vocational educational training not to exceed twelve (12) months; provided, however, that a participant who successfully completes their first year of education at the community college of Rhode Island may participate in vocational education training for an additional twelve (12) months;
- (ix) Providing childcare services to another participant parent who is participating in an approved community service program; and
- (x) Adult education in an intensive work-readiness program.

(2) Above twenty (20) hours per week, the parent may participate in one or more of the following three (3) activities in order to satisfy a thirty-hour (30) requirement:

- (i) Job skills training directly related to employment;
- (ii) Education directly related to employment; and
- (iii) Satisfactory attendance at a secondary school or in a course of study leading to a certificate of general equivalence if it is a teen parent under the age of twenty (20) who is without a high school diploma or General Equivalence Diploma (GED).

(3) In the case of a parent under the age of twenty (20), attendance at a secondary school or the equivalent during the month, or twenty (20) hours per week on average for the month in education directly related to employment, will be counted as engaged in work.

(4) A parent who participates in a work experience or community service program for the maximum number of hours per week allowable by the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) is deemed to have participated in his or her required minimum hours per week in core activities if actual participation falls short of his or her required minimum hours per week.

(5) A parent who has been determined to have a physical or mental impairment affecting employment, but who has not been found eligible for Social Security Disability benefits or Supplemental Security Income must participate in his or her rehabilitation employment plan as developed with the office of rehabilitation services that leads to employment and/or to receipt of

disability benefits through the Social Security Administration.

(6) A required work activity may be any other work activity permissible under federal TANF provisions or state-defined Rhode Island works program activity, including up to ten (10) hours of activities required by a parent's department of children, youth and families service plan.

(h) Exemptions from work requirements for the single-parent family. Work requirements outlined in subsection (g) shall not apply to a single parent if (and for so long as) the department finds that he or she is:

(1) Caring for a child below the age of one; provided, however, that a parent may opt for the deferral from an individual employment plan for a maximum of twelve (12) months during the twenty-four (24) months of eligibility for cash assistance and provided, further, that a minor parent without a high school diploma or the equivalent, and who is not married, shall not be exempt for more than twelve (12) weeks from the birth of the child;

(2) Caring for a disabled family member who resides in the home and requires full-time care;

(3) A recipient of Social Security Disability benefits or Supplemental Security Income or other disability benefits that have the same standard of disability as defined by the Social Security Administration;

(4) An individual receiving assistance who is a victim of domestic violence as determined by the department in accordance with rules and regulations;

(5) An applicant for assistance in her third trimester or a pregnant woman in her third trimester who is a recipient of assistance and has medical documentation that she cannot work;

(6) An individual otherwise exempt by the department as defined in rules and regulations promulgated by the department.

(i) Work requirement for two-parent families.

(1) In families consisting of two (2) parents, one or both parents are required, and shall be engaged in, work activities as defined below, for an individual or combined total of at least thirty-five (35) hours per week during the month, not fewer than thirty (30) hours per week of which are attributable to one or more of the following listed work activities; provided, however, that he or she shall begin with intensive employment services as the first step in the individual employment plan. Two-parent work requirements shall be defined as the following:

(i) Unsubsidized employment;

(ii) Subsidized private-sector employment;

(iii) Subsidized public-sector employment;

(iv) Work experience;

(v) On-the-job training;

(vi) Job search and job readiness;

(vii) Community service program;

(viii) Vocational educational training not to exceed twelve (12) months; provided, however, that a participant who successfully completes their first year of education at the community college of Rhode Island may participate in vocational education training for an additional twelve (12) months;

(ix) The provision of childcare services to a participant individual who is participating in a community service program; and

(x) Adult education in an intensive work-readiness program.

(2) Above thirty (30) hours per week, the following three (3) activities may also count for participation:

(i) Job skills training directly related to employment;

(ii) Education directly related to employment; and

(iii) Satisfactory attendance at secondary school or in a course of study leading to a certificate of general equivalence.

(3) A family with two (2) parents, in which one or both parents participate in a work experience or community service program, shall be deemed to have participated in core work activities for the maximum number of hours per week allowable by the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) if actual participation falls short of his or her required minimum hours per week.

(4) If the family receives childcare assistance and an adult in the family is not disabled or caring for a severely disabled child, then the work-eligible individuals must be participating in work activities for an average of at least fifty-five (55) hours per week to count as a two-parent family engaged in work for the month.

(5) At least fifty (50) of the fifty-five (55) hours per week must come from participation in the activities listed in subsection (i)(1).

Above fifty (50) hours per week, the three (3) activities listed in subsection (i)(2) may also count as participation.

(6) A family with two (2) parents receiving child care in which one or both parents participate in a work experience or community service program for the maximum number of hours per week allowable by the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) will be considered to have met their required core hours if actual participation falls short of the required minimum hours per week. For families that need additional hours beyond the core activity requirement, these hours must be satisfied in some other TANF work activity.

(j) Exemptions from work requirements for two-parent families. Work requirements outlined in subsection (i) shall not apply to two-parent families if (and for so long as) the department finds that:

- (1) Both parents receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI);
- (2) One parent receives SSI, and the other parent is caring for a disabled family member who resides in the home and who requires full-time care; or
- (3) The parents are otherwise exempt by the department as defined in rules and regulations.

(k) Failure to comply with work requirements — Sanctions ~~and terminations~~.

(1) The cash assistance to which an otherwise eligible family/assistance unit is entitled under this chapter shall be reduced ~~for three (3) months, whether or not consecutive~~, in accordance with rules and regulations promulgated by the department, whenever any participant, without good cause as defined by the department in its rules and regulations, has failed to enter into an individual employment plan; has failed to attend a required appointment; has refused or quit employment; or has failed to comply with any other requirements for the receipt of cash assistance under this chapter. The reduction in cash assistance shall not exceed the share of the payment made to the participant, i.e., the amount paid in addition to the payment for the dependent children. If the family's benefit has been reduced, benefits shall be restored to the full amount beginning with the initial payment made on the first of the month following the month in which the parent: (i) Enters into an individual employment plan ~~or rehabilitation plan~~ and demonstrates compliance with the terms thereof; or (ii) Demonstrates compliance with the terms of his or her existing individual employment plan ~~or rehabilitation plan~~, as such plan may be amended by agreement of the parent and the department.

(2) In the case where appropriate child care has been made available in accordance with this chapter, a participant's failure, without good cause, to accept a bona fide offer of work, including full-time, part-time, and/or temporary employment, or unpaid work experience or community service, shall be deemed a failure to comply with the work requirements of this section and shall result in reduction or termination of cash assistance, as defined by the department in rules and regulations duly promulgated.

~~(3) If the family/assistance unit's benefit has been reduced for a total of three (3) months, whether or not consecutive in accordance with this section due to the failure by one or more parents to enter into an individual employment plan, or failure to comply with the terms of his or her~~

~~individual employment plan, or the failure to comply with the requirements of this chapter, cash assistance to the entire family shall end. The family/assistance unit may reapply for benefits, and the benefits shall be restored to the family/assistance unit in the full amount the family/assistance unit is otherwise eligible for under this chapter beginning on the first of the month following the month in which all parents in the family/assistance unit who are subject to the employment or rehabilitation plan requirements under this chapter: (i) Enter into an individual employment or rehabilitation plan as applicable, and demonstrate compliance with the terms thereof, or (ii) Demonstrate compliance with the terms of the parent's individual employment or rehabilitation employment plan in effect at the time of termination of benefits, as such plan may be amended by agreement of the parent and the department.~~

~~(4)~~(3) Up to ten (10) days following a notice of adverse action to reduce ~~or terminate~~ benefits under this subsection, the client may request the opportunity to meet with a social worker to identify the reasons for non-compliance, establish good cause, and seek to resolve any issues that have prevented the parent from complying with the employment plan requirements.

~~(5)~~(4) Participants whose cases had closed in sanction status pursuant to Rhode Island's prior Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program (federal TANF described in Title IV-A of the federal Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. § 601 et seq.), the family independence program, more specifically, § 40-5.1-9(2)(c) [repealed], due to failure to comply with the cash assistance program requirements, but who had received less than forty-eight (48) months of cash assistance at the time of closure, and who reapply for cash assistance under the Rhode Island works program, must demonstrate full compliance, as defined by the department in its rules and regulations, before they shall be eligible for cash assistance pursuant to this chapter.

(1) Good cause. Good cause for failing to meet any program requirements including leaving employment, and failure to fulfill documentation requirements, shall be outlined in rules and regulations promulgated by the department of human services.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on July 1, 2024."

Respectfully submitted,

Representative Handy

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Chairman Abney discusses the amendment.

The motion to amend prevails on a roll call vote 54 members voting in the affirmative and 6 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 54: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ajello, Alzate, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, Morales, O'Brien, Potter, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

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

RECUSED - 0:

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 52 members voting in the affirmative and 6 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 52: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ajello, Alzate, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Marszalkowski, McEntee, Morales, O'Brien, Potter, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

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

RECUSED - 0:

50. 2024-S 2756

BY Felag

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- RETIREMENT SECURITY ACT FOR LOCALLY ADMINISTERED PENSION FUNDS

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

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

Chairman Casey discusses the act.

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

YEAS - 60: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ajello, Alzate, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, O'Brien, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

51. 2024-S 2935 SUB A

BY Euer

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF ATTORNEY GENERAL

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.
Chairman Craven moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski.

Chairman Craven discuss the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 43 members voting in the affirmative and 18 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 43: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Alzate, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Dawson, DeSimone, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, Morales, O'Brien, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Voas.

NAYS - 18: Representatives Ajello, Brien, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cruz, Felix, Fenton-Fung, Hull, Nardone, Newberry, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Stewart, Tanzi.

RECUSED - 0:

52. 2024-S 2937 as amended

BY Sosnowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES

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

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

Chairman Craven discuss the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 58 members voting in the affirmative and 2 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 58: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ajello, Alzate, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, O'Brien, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 2: Representatives Place, Sanchez.

RECUSED - 0:

53. 2024-S 2770 SUB A**BY** Ruggerio**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- COURTS -
- STATE AND MUNICIPAL COURT COMPACT

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

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

Chairman Craven discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 50 members voting in the affirmative and 8 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 50: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ajello, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, Morales, O'Brien, Potter, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

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

RECUSED - 0:

54. 2024-S 2874**BY** Cano**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS --
CERTIFIED SURGICAL FIRST ASSISTANTS

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for 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, 61 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 61: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ajello, Alzate, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, O'Brien, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

55. 2024-S 3003

BY LaMountain

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- MERIT SYSTEM -- PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION

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

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

Chairman Corvese discusses the act.

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

YEAS - 61: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ajello, Alzate, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, O'Brien, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

56. 2024-S 2410 SUB A as amended

BY LaMountain

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT

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

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

Chairman Casey discusses the act.

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

YEAS - 61: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ajello, Alzate, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy,

Kislak, Knight, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, O'Brien, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

57. 2024-S 2989 SUB A

BY Tikoian

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOBILE AND MANUFACTURED HOMES

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

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

Chairman Casey discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 56 members voting in the affirmative and 5 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 56: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ajello, Alzate, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, Morales, Newberry, O'Brien, Place, Potter, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 5: Representatives Chippendale, Nardone, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts.

RECUSED - 0:

31. 2024-S 2988 SUB A

BY F. Lombardi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- RHODE ISLAND COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING AND LAND USE ACT

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for 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, 53 members voting in the affirmative and 7 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 53: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ajello, Alzate, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, Morales, O'Brien, Potter, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 7: Representatives Chippendale, Nardone, Newberry, Place, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts.

RECUSED - 0:

27. 2024-H 7301 SUB B

BY Ackerman

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LICENSING OF HEALTHCARE FACILITIES

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

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

Chairwoman Donovan and Representative Morales discuss the act.

Representative Ajello requests to vote on Page 2, lines 24-26 separately.

The Honorable Speaker rules it is divisible.

Page 2, lines 24-26, prevails on a roll call vote 39 members voting in the affirmative and 21 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 39: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Alzate, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Craven, Dawson, DeSimone, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Giraldo, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Knight, Marszalkowski, McEntee, O'Brien, Potter, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Voas.

NAYS - 21: Representatives Ajello, Carson, Chippendale, Cotter, Cruz, Felix, Fogarty, Handy, Henries, Kislak, McGaw, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Place, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Stewart, Tanzi.

RECUSED - 0:

The remainder of the bill is read and passed, on a roll call vote, 50 members voting in the affirmative and 10 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 50: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ajello, Alzate, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Dawson, DeSimone, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman,

Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, Morales, Newberry, O'Brien, Potter, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 10: Representatives Chippendale, Cruz, Felix, Nardone, Place, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Stewart.

RECUSED - 0:

28. 2024-S 2394 SUB A

BY Zurier

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LICENSING OF HEALTHCARE FACILITIES

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for 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, 47 members voting in the affirmative and 14 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 47: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ajello, Alzate, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Dawson, DeSimone, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, O'Brien, Potter, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Voas.

NAYS - 14: Representatives Chippendale, Cruz, Felix, Henries, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Place, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Stewart, Tanzi.

RECUSED - 0:

IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION

House Resolution No. 8368

BY Morales, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Cruz, Stewart

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY AND PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS TO UPDATE AND CLARIFY THE "RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT" (This resolution would create an 11 member commission to study and provide recommendations to update and clarify the "Residential Landlord and Tenant Act", and would report back to the House by May 5, 2025, and would expire on June 5, 2025.) {LC6269/1}

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.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

CALENDAR #2

35. 2024-S 2993 as amended

BY DiPalma

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --
RHODE ISLAND HOUSING RESOURCES ACT OF 1998**

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

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

Chairman Casey discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 57 members voting in the affirmative and 4 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 57: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ajello, Alzate, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, O'Brien, Potter, Rea, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 4: Representatives Chippendale, Place, Quattrocchi, Roberts.

RECUSED - 0:

58. 2024-H 7087 SUB A as amended

BY Kennedy

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS --
FACILITATING BUSINESS RAPID RESPONSE TO STATE DECLARED DISASTER
ACT OF 2024**

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

Chairman Solomon moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representative Spear, and Speaker Pro Tempore Kennedy.

Chairman Solomon discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 58 members voting in the affirmative and 3 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 58: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ajello, Alzate, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, Nardone, Newberry, O'Brien, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 3: Representatives Henries, Morales, Sanchez.

RECUSED - 0:

59. 2024-S 2214 SUB A as amended

BY McKenney

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS --
FACILITATING BUSINESS RAPID RESPONSE TO STATE DECLARED DISASTER
ACT OF 2024**

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, 57 members voting in the affirmative and 3 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 57: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ajello, Alzate, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, Nardone, Newberry, O'Brien, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 3: Representatives Henries, Morales, Sanchez.

RECUSED - 0:

60. 2024-H 7570 SUB A**BY** Noret**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS

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

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

Chairman Craven, Representatives Sanchez and Fenton-Fung discuss the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 53 members voting in the affirmative and 5 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 53: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ajello, Alzate, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Dawson, DeSimone, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, Nardone, Newberry, O'Brien, Potter, Roberts, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 5: Representatives Cruz, Place, Quattrocchi, Rea, Sanchez.

RECUSED - 0:

61. 2024-S 2623 SUB A**BY** Miller**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS --
OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY LICENSURE COMPACT

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

YEAS - 58: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ajello, Alzate, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, Nardone, Newberry, O'Brien, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi offers remarks.

(For The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi's remarks, see the Appendix of this Journal.)

AT EASE

At 1:03 o'clock A.M., the Honorable Speaker Shekarchi declares the House to be at ease.

ORDER

At 1:20 o'clock A.M., the Honorable Speaker Shekarchi calls the House to order.

62. 2024-H 7980 SUB A as amended

BY Shekarchi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOBILE AND MANUFACTURED HOMES

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

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

Chairman Casey discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 52 members voting in the affirmative and 7 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 52: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ajello, Alzate, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, Morales, O'Brien, Potter, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 7: Representatives Chippendale, Nardone, Newberry, Place, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts.

RECUSED - 0:

63. 2024-H 7062 SUB A**BY** Speakman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES

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

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

Chairman Casey discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 51 members voting in the affirmative and 7 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 51: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ajello, Alzate, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kislak, Knight, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, Morales, O'Brien, Potter, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 7: Representatives Chippendale, Nardone, Newberry, Place, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts.

RECUSED - 0:

64. 2024-H 7984 SUB A as amended**BY** McEntee**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE ISLAND HOUSING RESOURCES ACT OF 1998

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

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

Chairman Casey discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 55 members voting in the affirmative and 4 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 55: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ajello, Alzate, Batista, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, O'Brien, Place, Potter, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 4: Representatives Chippendale, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts.

RECUSED - 0:

65. 2024-H 7983 SUB B

BY Cruz

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- STATE BUILDING CODE

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

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

Chairman Casey discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 54 members voting in the affirmative and 5 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 54: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ajello, Alzate, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kislak, Knight, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, O'Brien, Potter, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 5: Representatives Chippendale, Place, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts.

RECUSED - 0:

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

TRANSMITTAL

By unanimous consent, all matters on the Clerk's desk are ordered to be transmitted to the Honorable Senate, 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.

RECESS

At 1:25 o'clock A.M. on motion of Majority Leader Blazejewski seconded by Minority Leader Chippendale the House is in recess, on a unanimous voice vote.

Diane M. DePina
Recording Clerk

APPENDIX

INVOCATION

REPRESENTATIVE SAMUEL A. AZZINARO

Dear Lord: As we come toward the end of this session, let us remember to be humble in our accomplishments. Let us show pride in the knowledge that by working together, we have made Rhode Island a better place for all. Amen.

APPENDIX**SPEAKER SHEKARCHIS' REMARKS**

Speaker Shekarchi thanks all of his colleagues for allowing him to serve as their Speaker these past four years. I value your expertise and your commitment to the people of Rhode Island and I am proud to work with you all. I'd like to start by thanking our leadership team, which includes Leader Blazewski, Whip Kazarian, Deputy Whip Ackerman, Floor Manager Edwards, and the rest of the team. A particular shout-out to all the committee chairs, who spend countless hours hearing bills and providing great analysis.

I'd also like to thank Minority Leader Chippendale for his cooperation and his willingness to work together for the betterment of our state. I also want to acknowledge a very professional and dedicated staff.

I'd like to start by thanking my Chief Legal Counsel, Nicole McCarty. She is here late at night, working weekends and holidays—literally 24-7—putting together our floor and committee calendars, drafting bills and amendments, and doing everything it takes to ensure our legislative agenda is fulfilled. Thank you, Nicole. Also, a big thank you to Stacy Custer, who handles every detail in “the pit”—from transmitting your bills to the Senate and the Governor—to making sure every one of our committee hearings runs smoothly throughout the year.

Thank you also to Dee DeOliveira in our IT Department, who posts all our committee meetings and floor calendars and is invaluable in every way to us! Thank you to Kathy Brown of the IT Department, who provides such invaluable assistance to us.

I would like to acknowledge the senior staff that assisted both myself and Leader Blazewski: Raymond Simone, Steve Kavanagh, Lynne Urbani, Lynn DiPetrillo, Larry Berman, Emmanuel Falck, Henry Kinch, Emily Martineau, Jason Holt, Danica Iacoi, and Jennifer Amerantes.

The fiscal staff, headed by Sharon Reynolds Ferland, is the absolute best. I also thank each of our department directors and their staff for their tireless work:

First, I must thank Capitol TV for their professionalism during very challenging and tragic times these last 2 weeks, along with the Legislative Council, Law Revision, The Legislative Press Bureau The IT Department, JCLS, The House Policy Office, Constituent Services and the House Operations Staff. And to all the committee clerks, the workers in front of me in “the pit” and Parliamentarian Mike Egan, to all the executive assistants and the operations staff.

Thank you all.

APPENDIX

TRANSMITTED TO GOVERNOR

