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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Tuesday, January 28, 2025

Seventh-Day

The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence on Tuesday, January 28, 2025, and is called to order at 4:15 o'clock P.M. by the Honorable K. Joseph Shekarchi, Speaker.

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

PRESENT – 71: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, and Voas.

ABSENT – 4: Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Cruz and Felix.

INVOCATION

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

(For Invocation, see Appendix, this Journal.)

APPROVAL OF RECORD

By unanimous consent, the House Journal of Thursday, January 23, 2025, is approved.

COMMUNICATIONS

Representative Marvin L. Abney is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, January 28, 2025.

Representative Cherie Cruz is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, January 28, 2025.

Representative Leonela Felix is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, January 28, 2025.

GUESTS

Representatives Speakman and Boylan warmly welcome Joan Arico, widow of the late Anthony V. Arico; son Anthony; daughters Janice Rosa and her husband, William Rosa, Esq.; and Laureen Lewis and her husband, Joseph A. Lewis Jr.; as well as grandsons John and Joseph A. Lewis III to the House. She offers her deepest condolences to the family as they join together to honor the life and legacy of the late Anthony V. Arico. His memory and contributions are cherished, and his impact will long be remembered by all who knew him.

Representative Stewart is pleased to welcome resident physicians and fellows from Rhode Island Hospital and Brown University Health at Care New England Hospitals to the House. Dr. William Levesque, Neurosurgery Resident; Dr. Felicia Sun, Medicine-Pediatrics Resident; Dr. Anita Gandhi, Medicine-Pediatrics Resident; and Dr. Diana Sibai, Family Medicine Resident. Representative Stewart extends gratitude for their dedication to advancing healthcare and serving the community.

On behalf of Speaker Shekarchi, Chairman Corvese is honored to welcome George Nee, his wife, Ann, his daughter, Katie, and his son, Patrick, to the House to celebrate George's retirement as President of the AFL-CIO. Chairman Corvese proudly acknowledges George's decades of dedicated service to the labor movement and his tireless advocacy for workers throughout Rhode Island. His leadership, vision, and unwavering commitment have left an indelible mark on our state, and we extend our deepest gratitude for his remarkable contributions. We wish him a well-deserved and fulfilling retirement.

CALENDAR

From the Calendar are taken:

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2025:

- 1. 2025-H 5007 SUB A**
BY Fogarty
ENTITLED, AN ACT ADOPTING THE RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE YEARS 2025 AND 2026

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

Chairwoman Fogarty moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Phillips, Carson, Cortvriend, Corvese, Azzinaro, Serpa, Biah, Majority Whip

Kazarian, Representatives Kislak, Solomon, Potter, Slater, Bennett, McEntee, and Floor Manager Edwards.

By unanimous consent, Chairwoman Fogarty, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski and Representative Casey, offers a written motion to amend.

**FLOOR AMENDMENT
TO
2025 -- H 5007 SUBSTITUTE A**

**AN ACT ADOPTING THE RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE
YEARS 2025 AND 2026**

Mr. Speaker:

I hereby move to amend 2025 -- H 5007 SUBSTITUTE A, entitled "AN ACT ADOPTING THE RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE YEARS 2025 AND 2026", as follows:

1. On page 1, by deleting the title "AN ACT ADOPTING THE RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE YEARS 2025 AND 2026" and by inserting in place thereof the language "HOUSE RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE YEARS 2025 AND 2026".

2. On page 1, between the title and line 1, by deleting the language "It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:".

Respectfully submitted,

Representative Fogarty

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Chairwoman Fogarty 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 Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Place, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

By unanimous consent, Representative Nardone, seconded by Minority Leader Chippendale, Minority Whip Place, Representatives Paplauskas, Santucci, Quattrocchi, Hopkins, Roberts, and Fascia, offers a written motion to amend.

**FLOOR AMENDMENT
TO
2025 -- H 5007 SUBSTITUTE A**

**AN ACT ADOPTING THE RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE
YEARS 2025 AND 2026**

Mr. Speaker:

I hereby move to amend 2025 -- H 5007 SUBSTITUTE A, entitled "AN ACT ADOPTING THE RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE YEARS 2025 AND 2026", as follows:

1. On page 5, line 34, after the language "Speaker.", by inserting the language "Any member of the House who has been removed, by the Speaker or their designee, and without their consent, from a committee to which they have been appointed, shall have the right to file an appeal with the committee on conduct within fifteen (15) days of removal, who shall hold a public hearing and decide such appeal within thirty (30) days of its filing. The decision of the committee on conduct regarding the member's appointment to such committee shall be final."

Respectfully submitted,

Representative Nardone

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Representative Nardone, Minority Leader Chippendale, Chairwoman Fogarty, Representatives Newberry, Quattrocchi, and Minority Whip Place discuss the amendment.

The motion to amend fails on a roll call vote 11 members voting in the affirmative and 60 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 11: Representatives Chippendale, Fascia, Hopkins, Nardone, Newberry, Paplauskas, Perez, Place, Quattrocchi, Roberts, Santucci.

NAYS - 60: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Potter, Read, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

RECUSED - 0:

Minority Whip Place discusses 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, 60 members voting in the affirmative and 11 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 60: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Potter, Read, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 11: Representatives Chippendale, Fascia, Hopkins, Nardone, Newberry, Paplauskas, Place, Quattrocchi, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci.

RECUSED - 0:

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Messier and Speaker Shekarchi extend their heartfelt congratulations to House Clerk Francis McCabe and his entire family on this joyous occasion of the birth of his first grandson, Casey McCabe Raia, who arrived early this morning.

Speaker Shekarchi offers his condolences to Representative Messier and the entire family of Dennis Cabral.

AT EASE

At 5:01 o'clock P.M., the Honorable Speaker Shekarchi declares the House to be at ease.

ORDER

At 5:02 o'clock P.M., the Honorable Speaker Shekarchi calls the House to order.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

On behalf of Chairman Abney, Majority Leader Blazejewski announces that all members should have received a copy of the updated report on the Governor's budget prepared by the Fiscal Staff.

Majority Leader Blazejewski announces that the next session will be held on Thursday, January 30, at 4:00 p.m.

Majority Leader Blazejewski announces that the Rhode Island Police Chiefs Association will host a Legislative Reception this Thursday at 3:00 p.m. in the State House Library.

Majority Leader Blazejewski announces that the Rhode Island Community Foodbank will host its Food Insecurity Awareness Day this Thursday from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the State House

Library. He also congratulates Finance Committee Chairman Marvin Abney, who will be presented with the Dorothy Licht Community Award for his dedication to addressing food insecurity.

Majority Leader Blazejewski congratulates Representative Megan Cotter on being named the Rhode Island Southern Firefighters' League Legislator of the Year.

Majority Leader Blazejewski and Speaker Shekarchi wishes Representative Azzinaro a Happy Birthday!

AT EASE

At 5:05 o'clock P.M., the Honorable Speaker Shekarchi declares the House to be at ease.

ORDER

At 5:06 o'clock P.M., the Honorable Speaker Shekarchi calls the House to order.

Speaker Shekarchi announces that on Thursday, January 30, 2025, Appointments of Committees will be announced.

Representative Handy announces that the Economic Progress Institute's Rhode Island Standard of Need Research Day will be held this Thursday, January 30, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. in the House Lounge. All members are invited to attend.

OBJECTION

Representative Sanchez rises with an objection that Minority Leader Chippendale's resolution is not germane.

The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi rules that the objection is overruled.

Minority Leader Chippendale continues his discussion on the resolution.

IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION

House Resolution No. 5206

BY Speakman, Boylan, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Knight, Corvese, McNamara, Chippendale, Tanzi, Ajello

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF ANTHONY V. ARICO {LC751/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representatives Speakman, Boylan, Chairman Corvese, and Speaker Shekarchi discuss the resolution. Speaker Shekarchi offers his condolences to the family of Anthony V. Arico.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Speakman, seconded by Representative Boylan and many others, by unanimous consent, on a rising vote.

House Resolution No. 5207

BY Stewart, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Handy, Donovan, Fogarty, Ajello, Morales, Kislak, Cruz
ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING RESIDENT PHYSICIANS AND FELLOWS AFFILIATED WITH BROWN UNIVERSITY ON THEIR SUCCESSFUL CAMPAIGNS TO ORGANIZE UNIONS AT RHODE ISLAND HOSPITAL-BROWN UNIVERSITY HEALTH AND CARE NEW ENGLAND HOSPITALS {LC760/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Stewart and Speaker Shekarchi discuss the resolution.

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

House Resolution No. 5208

BY Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Corvese, Chippendale, Speakman, Serpa, Spears, Donovan, Ajello, Fellela

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION HONORING GEORGE NEE ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AS PRESIDENT OF THE RHODE AFL-CIO {LC91/1}

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

There is no objection.

Chairman Corvese and Speaker Shekarchi discuss the resolution.

Read and passed, on a motion of Chairman Corvese, seconded by Speaker Shekarchi, Chairman Casey, and many others, by unanimous consent, on a rising vote.

House Resolution No. 5209

BY McEntee, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Craven, Lombardi, Knight, Solomon, Tanzi, Shanley

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF ANTHONY EUGENE PICCIRILLI {LC824/1}

With the agreement of the majority and the minority, Chairwoman McEntee requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Chairwoman McEntee discusses the resolution. Speaker Shekarchi offers condolences to the family of Anthony Eugene Piccirilli.

Read and passed, on a motion of Chairwoman McEntee, seconded by many others, by unanimous consent, on a rising vote.

House Resolution No. 5210

BY Fogarty, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Hull, Handy, Cortvriend, Kislak, Shallcross Smith, Knight

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION CELEBRATING THE 11TH ANNUAL "PHYSICIAN ANESTHESIOLOGISTS WEEK" FROM JANUARY 29TH THROUGH FEBRUARY 4TH, 2025, IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC204/1}

With the agreement of the majority and the minority, Chairwoman Fogarty requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Chairwoman Fogarty discusses the resolution.

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

House Resolution No. 5211

BY Kennedy, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Kazarian, Azzinaro, Lima, Costantino, McEntee, Shallcross Smith

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE CELEBRATION OF THE LUNAR NEW YEAR "THE YEAR OF THE SNAKE" ON JANUARY 29TH OF 2025 {LC736/1}

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

There is no objection.

Speaker Pro Tempore Kennedy discusses the resolution.

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

House Resolution No. 5212

BY Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Fellela, Serpa, Costantino, O'Brien, Hull, Solomon, Messier, Chippendale

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING BOSTON CELTICS HEAD COACH AND JOHNSTON NATIVE JOE MAZZULLA ON WINNING THE 2024 NBA CHAMPIONSHIP {LC24/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Fellela discusses the resolution.

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

House Resolution No. 5213

BY Chippendale, Paplauskas, Quattrocchi, Santucci, Newberry, Place, Fascia, Roberts, Nardone, Hopkins

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING PRESIDENT DONALD J. TRUMP AND VICE PRESIDENT JAMES DAVID VANCE ON THEIR ELECTION, AND RECOGNIZING THE 2024 ELECTION AS AN HISTORIC ELECTION {LC1070/1}

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

Minority Leader Chippendale discusses the resolution.

Read and passed, on a motion of Minority Leader Chippendale, seconded by Representative Newberry, 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.)

DESK HELD OPEN

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

NEW BUSINESS

House Bill No. 5214

(by request)

BY Cotter, Kazarian, McNamara, Kislak, Potter, Stewart, Casimiro, Serpa

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- PSITTACINE BIRDS (Bans the sale of parrots at pet stores from a breeder or broker. The pet store may sell parrots obtained from animal care facilities or animal rescue organizations. The sale would also be prohibited at any outdoor markets or retail parking lots.) {LC932/1}

01/29/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5215

BY Phillips, Bennett, Corvese, Newberry, Chippendale, Brien, Solomon, Read, Serpa, Fellela
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- UNFAIR SALES PRACTICES (Providers of a club, facility, or services to a consumer must stop automatic deductions from the consumer's account or credit card within 30 calendar days of receiving a notice to stop from the consumer.) {LC748/1}
01/29/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5216

BY Carson
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- PESTICIDE CONTROL (Restricts application of pesticides and rodenticides at schools and child care centers and requires schools to provide copies of notice to parents and guardians.) {LC778/1}
01/29/2025 Introduced, referred to House Education

House Bill No. 5217

BY Shanley, Bennett, Chippendale, Slater, Casey
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- THE RHODE ISLAND CLEAN AIR PRESERVATION ACT (Establishes the Rhode Island Clean Air Preservation Act that establishes a regulatory process to prohibit polluting atmospheric experimentation.) {LC763/1}
01/29/2025 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

House Bill No. 5218

BY McEntee, Donovan, Cortvriend, Azzinaro, Bennett, Edwards, Shallcross Smith, Serpa, Handy, Noret
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES (Increases insurance coverage for hearing aids from one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500) to one thousand seven hundred fifty dollars (\$1,750), per ear, for all people regardless of age effective January 1, 2026.) {LC949/1}
01/29/2025 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 5219

BY Ajello, Handy, McGaw, Craven, Cortvriend, Tanzi, Cruz, Shanley, Stewart, Potter
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LILA MANFIELD SAPINSLEY COMPASSIONATE CARE ACT (Establishes the process to provide a legal mechanism whereby a terminally ill patient may choose to end their life using medications prescribed by a physician.) {LC916/1}
01/29/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5220

BY Ajello, Morales, Cruz, Stewart, Felix, Batista, Biah, Knight, Alzate, Diaz
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY-- POLICE RELATIONSHIP ACT OF 2015 (Amends the comprehensive community-police relationship act of 2015 to require an annual study by an outside agency chosen by the department.) {LC442/1}
01/29/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5221**BY** Finkelman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- THIRD-PARTY LITIGATION FINANCING CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT (Comprehensively regulates the practices of third-party litigation financiers in Rhode Island.) {LC847/1}

01/29/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5222**BY** Craven, Caldwell, Dawson, Azzinaro, Casey, Casimiro**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO DELINQUENT AND DEPENDENT CHILDREN -- PROCEEDINGS IN FAMILY COURT (Establishes concurrent jurisdiction between the Rhode Island Family Court and the Federal Government for the purposes of adjudicating minors who have allegedly committed a crime while residing on a military installation located in Rhode Island.) {LC951/1}

01/29/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5223**BY** Craven, Caldwell, Morales, Dawson, Batista**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE RHODE ISLAND CIVIL RIGHTS ENFORCEMENT ACT (Provides a remedy for any harm caused due to deprivation or violation of rights secured by the Rhode Island Constitution due to acts of the State of Rhode Island.) {LC419/1}

01/29/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5224**BY** Carson, Spears, Cotter**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- CAUSES OF ACTION (Provides a civil cause of action for individuals injured by artificial intelligence.) {LC785/1}

01/29/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5225**BY** Alzate, Potter, Casimiro, Giraldo, Morales, Boylan, Sanchez, Voas, Ajello, Kazarian**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --THE PROTECTED SPACES ACT (Limits the ability for any federal immigration authority to investigate, detain, apprehend or arrest any individuals for potential violations of federal immigration laws without a judicial warrant within certain protected locations.) {LC884/1}

01/29/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Resolution No. 5226**BY** Perez, Bennett, Potter, Handy, Alzate, Boylan, Speakman, McNamara, Giraldo, Casey**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION CONDEMNING PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP'S EXECUTIVE ORDER TO WITHDRAW CITIZENSHIP FROM CHILDREN BORN IN THE UNITED STATES TO UNDOCUMENTED PARENTS {LC908/1}

01/29/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5227

BY Edwards, Donovan, Messier, Serpa, Fellela, McNamara, McEntee, Read, O'Brien, Potter
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- COUNCIL ON ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION (Provide protection for the rights of professional, administrative and secretarial employees of the department of education to collectively bargain over all terms and conditions of employment.) {LC707/1}

01/29/2025 Introduced, referred to House Labor

House Bill No. 5228

BY Shanley, Edwards, Craven, McNamara, Solomon, Kazarian, Slater, Diaz, Potter, Casey
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND HOSPITALS – QUALITY SELF-DIRECTED SUPPORTS ACT OF 2025 (Ensures that more developmentally disabled adults can self-direct the care they need and want, by incorporating collective bargaining rights into the self-directed supports program.) {LC762/1}

01/29/2025 Introduced, referred to House Labor

House Bill No. 5229

BY Speakman, Boylan, Giraldo, Tanzi, Cortvriend, Ajello, Potter, McGaw
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE ISLAND COMMERCE CORPORATION -- HOUSING DEVELOPMENT (Authorizes the establishment of a RI housing champion designation program. This program would make qualified municipalities eligible to receive preferential access to state resources, including discretionary state infrastructure funds, as available.) {LC300/1}

01/29/2025 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 5230

BY McEntee, Craven, Noret, Hull, Read, Edwards, Dawson, O'Brien, Finkelman, Caldwell
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- OPTIONAL RETIREMENT FOR MEMBERS OF POLICE FORCE AND FIREFIGHTERS (Affords an option for police and firefighters to receive retirement allowances, without reduction, who seek retirement after twenty (20) years of service upon reaching age fifty-seven (57).) {LC915/1}

01/29/2025 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 5231

BY Phillips, Bennett, Corvese, Newberry, Chippendale, Brien, Solomon, Read, Serpa, Fellela
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- RHODE ISLAND UNIFORM COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSE ACT (Provides that commercial driver instruction would include industry-specific training on the recognition, prevention, and reporting of human trafficking.) {LC747/1}

01/29/2025 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 5232

BY Brien, Corvese, Chippendale, Noret, Serpa, Azzinaro, Hopkins, Paplauskas, Baginski
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- MAIL BALLOTS (Authorizes early voting for the ten (10) calendar days except the second weekend prior immediately preceding election day, while requiring, as is practicable, that all the election day protections and procedures be afforded to early voters.) {LC628/1}

01/29/2025 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 5233

BY Donovan, Speakman, Cotter, Cortvriend, Spears, Furtado, Edwards, Morales, Ajello, Shallcross Smith

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- THE RHODE ISLAND FAMILY CAREGIVER TAX CREDIT ACT (Establishes a tax credit against income tax based on eligible expenses incurred for care and support of an eligible family member.) {LC964/1}

01/29/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Resolution No. 5234

BY Shallcross Smith, Handy, Furtado, Speakman, Noret, Casimiro, Diaz, Cotter, Kislak

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$500,000 TO THE UNITED WAY OF RHODE ISLAND FOR THE 2-1-1 HUMAN SERVICES HOTLINE (This resolution would authorize the appropriation of the sum of \$500,000 to the United Way of Rhode Island to provide operational support for the 2-1-1 system.) {LC1020/1}

01/29/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5235

BY Shallcross Smith, Handy, Furtado, Read, Speakman, Noret, Casimiro, Finkelman, Baginski, Corvese

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- INTEREST AND USURY (Provides an interest rate cap on medical debt.) {LC986/1}

01/29/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5236

BY Phillips, Bennett, Corvese, Chippendale, Brien, Serpa, Fellela, Casey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Subjects residential properties which are a part of certain federal programs to a 12% tax of the prior year's rental income.) {LC746/1}

01/29/2025 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:12 o'clock P.M. on motion of Representatives Boylan and Speakman, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Anthony Arico; on motion of Representative McEntee, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Anthony Piccirilli; on motion of Representative Messier, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Dennis Cabral; on motion of Representative Fogarty, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of the victims of the 80th year of the liberation of Auschwitz Concentration Camp; seconded by Leaders Blazejewski and Chippendale the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

Diane M. DePina
Recording Clerk

APPENDIX

INVOCATION

REPRESENTATIVE KATHLEEN A. FOGARTY

Holy God: We ask that you give us strength of purpose in our deliberations. Encourage us to build one another up to strengthen the body and heal the divisions that weaken this assembly. Grant us your divine guidance and steady our resolve to put the needs of those less fortunate above our own. Amen.