

# State of Rhode Island

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# JOURNAL

-OF THE-

# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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**JANUARY SESSION** of the General Assembly begun and held at the State House in the City of Providence on Tuesday, the Seventh Day of January in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty-Five.

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Tuesday, March 11, 2025

Seventeenth-Day

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The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence on Tuesday, March 11, 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 73 members present and 2 members absent as follows:

**PRESENT** – 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, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, 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, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi and Voas.

**ABSENT** – 2: Representatives Donovan and Sanchez.

## INVOCATION

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

(For Invocation, see Appendix, this Journal.)

## APPROVAL OF RECORD

By unanimous consent, the House Journal of Tuesday, January 7, 2025, is approved.

**APPOINTMENTS**

March 11, 2025

**Speaker Shekarchi has made the following appointments to the National Conference of State Legislatures' Standing Committees:**

**NCSL Law, Criminal Justice, and Public Safety Committee:**

Representative Jose Batista

Representative Arthur Corvese

Representative Brandon Potter

**NCSL Health Committee:**

Representative Brandon Potter

**Speaker Shekarchi has made the following nominations:**

**NCSL Energy Security Working Group:**

Representative Terri Cortvriend

**To the Legislative Energy Horizon Institute:**

Representative June Speakman

Representative Tina Spears

**To the Distributed Energy Resources Policy Workshop:**

Representative Joseph Solomon Jr.

**To the Youth Homelessness Fellows Program:**

Representative Cherie Cruz

Representative Brandon Potter

**Read and placed on file.**

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Representative Susan R. Donovan is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, March 11, 2025.

Representative Enrique G. Sanchez is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, March 11, 2025.

**CALENDAR**

From the Calendar are taken:

**IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2025:****1. 2025-H 5278 SUB A**

**BY** Azzinaro

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- THE MILITARY CHILD ACT

Committee on Veterans` Affairs recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

Chairman Azzinaro moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Corvese, Cruz, Bennett, Edwards, Knight, Shallcross Smith, Ajello, Cortvriend, Lima, Costantino, McEntee, Morales, Finkelman, Abney, Spears, Biah, Fellela, Casey, Hopkins, Phillips, Deputy Speaker Hull, Deputy Majority Whip Ackerman and Minority Leader Chippendale.

Chairman Azzinaro 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, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, 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, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

**2. 2025-H 5176 SUB A**

**BY** Speakman

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- STUDENT COMPUTER DEVICE PRIVACY

Committee on Innovation, Internet, & Technology recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

Chairwoman Baginski moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Roberts, Hopkins, Stewart, O'Brien, Bennett, Kislak, Edwards, Lima, Ajello, Shallcross Smith, Cortvriend, Carson, Spears, Speakman, Biah and Majority Whip Kazarian.

Chairwoman Baginski 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, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, 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, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

**3. 2025-H 5030**

**BY** McEntee

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

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

Chairman Casey moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Fogarty, Tanzi, McEntee and Spears.

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, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

### **GUESTS**

In celebration of International Women's Day, Chairwoman Fogarty warmly welcomes a distinguished guest to the House, Lesley Bunnell, the President of the Rhode Island National Organization for Women.

Representative Noret welcomes and congratulates his intern, Rachel Gosselin, on receiving the All-Sportsmanship Team Award and the All-Academic Team Award from Johnson & Wales University. Speaker Shekarchi congratulates Rachel and welcomes her to the House.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Representative Handy announces that Raising Rhode Island will hold a news conference on Thursday, March 13, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. at the State House Library to discuss essential improvements to the Rhode Island Works program. The news conference will highlight Representative Handy's proposed legislation to enhance the Rhode Island Works program and better support needy families.

Speaker Pro Tempore Kennedy is pleased to announce that the House of Representatives will celebrate St. Patrick's Day on Thursday, March 13, 2025. As part of the celebration, Chairman McNamara will present his annual St. Patrick's Day poem, a cherished tradition that brings humor and reflection to the occasion. A House Resolution will also be introduced to honor the significance of St. Patrick's Day and its cultural impact. Speaker Pro Tempore Kennedy encourages all House members to join the festivities by wearing green.

Chairwoman McEntee wishes her constituent, House Page Jay Thornber, a Happy Birthday!

Speaker Shekarchi wishes Jay a Happy Birthday!

Chairman Craven announces that Representative Casimiro and the Town of North Kingstown will commemorate the Town's historic 350th Anniversary on Thursday, March 13, 2025. The celebration will begin at 2:30 p.m. on the second floor of the State House. It will feature displays from local businesses and organizations that highlight North Kingstown's rich history and community contributions. Notably, Electric Boat will present a 10-foot model submarine as part of the exhibits. In addition, the North Kingstown High School Music Department will perform in the House Lounge, showcasing the musical talents of the town's students. At 3:30 p.m., the House Lounge will host a speaking program and video presentation on North Kingstown's 350-year journey and its significance within Rhode Island. All are invited to attend this momentous occasion and join in honoring North Kingstown's enduring legacy.

On behalf of Chairman Abney, Representative Carson invites all members to join them for the annual Newport St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 15, 2025, at City Hall on Broadway at 11:00 a.m.

Majority Leader Blazejewski announces that the next House session will be held Thursday, March 13, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. The House will not be in session tomorrow. However, the Environment and

Natural Resources Committee and the Finance Subcommittee on General Government will both meet at 4:00 p.m.

Speaker Shekarchi reminds all members that the Greater Providence Chamber of Commerce Legislative Leadership Luncheon is scheduled for Wednesday, March 12, 2025, from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Rhode Island Convention Center.

Representative David Morales extends his heartfelt gratitude to all healthcare professionals, acknowledging their unwavering dedication and recognizing them as true healthcare heroes.

### **IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION**

#### **House Resolution No. 6050**

**BY** Fogarty, Kazarian, Casimiro, Alzate, Stewart, Cruz, Tanzi, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale  
**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MARCH 8, 2025, AS "INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC1817/1}

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. 6051**

**BY** Messier, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Kennedy, Ajello, Cortvriend, Shallcross Smith, Solomon, Bennett  
**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF ARMAND M. LAMONTAGNE {LC2407/1}

With the agreement of the majority and the minority, on behalf of Speaker Shekarchi, Representative Messier requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Representative Messier discusses the resolution. Speaker Shekarchi offers his condolences to the family of Armand M. Lamontagne.

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

**House Resolution No. 6052**

**BY** Noret, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Kennedy, Ajello, Cortvriend, Shallcross Smith, Solomon, Potter

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MARCH OF 2025, TO BE "MUSIC IN OUR SCHOOLS MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC1629/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Noret discusses the resolution.

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

**RULE 7D****The following bills were received pursuant to Rule 7D:**

Representative Bennett-An Act relating to Health and Safety–Licensing of Healthcare Facilities

Representative Boylan-An Act relating to Businesses and Professions-Podiatrist

Representative Cortvriend-An Act relating to Waters and Navigation-Coastal Resources Management Council

Representative Corvese-An Act relating to Parking Facilities and Privileges-For Individuals with Disabilities

Representative Costantino-An Act relating to Towns and Cities–Low and Moderate Income Housing

Representative Finkelman-An Act relating to Rhode Island Commerce Corporation-Qualified Data Center Location Incentive

Representative O’Brien-An Act relating to Animals and Animal Husbandry–Cruelty to Animals

Representative Shallcross Smith-An Act relating to Education-Student Loan Repayment Program

Representative Shanley-An Act relating to Labor and Labor Relations-Healthcare Workers Platform Act

Representative Speakman-An Act relating to Public Utilities and Carriers-Net Metering

Representative Voas-An Act relating to Elections

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

### TRANSMITTAL

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

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

### DESK HELD OPEN

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

### NEW BUSINESS

#### House Bill No. 6053

**BY** O'Brien, Slater, Kazarian, Baginski, Casey, Craven, Dawson, DeSimone

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

PRACTICES ACT (Makes it an unfair claims practice for insurer to designate a motor vehicle a total loss if the cost to repair motor vehicle to its pre-accident condition is less than 85% of the fair market value.) {LC2258/1}

03/12/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

#### House Bill No. 6054

**BY** Baginski, Kazarian, Corvese, Casey

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- MOTOR VEHICLE APPRAISAL

(Changes the process by which a dispute between the insured and their insurance company, concerning property damages and requires that the umpire appraisers shall be disinterested and the cost shared equally.) {LC2260/1}

03/12/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

#### House Bill No. 6055

**BY** Potter, Cruz, Sanchez, Alzate, Lombardi, Slater, Giraldo

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY

PROVISIONS -- INTEREST AND USURY (Allows RI to opt out of the provisions of DIDMCA exempting out of state lenders from interest rate limits which apply to RI lenders. Prevents evasion of statutory interest rate limits and lending rules for loans made in RI.) {LC2347/1}

03/12/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

#### House Bill No. 6056

**BY** Baginski, Solomon, Finkelman

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- THE RHODE ISLAND HEMP

THC-INFUSED BEVERAGES ACT (Authorizes the sale of THC-infused beverages to be regulated by the DBR division of commercial licensing. It also establishes licensing and an endorsement process for wholesale and retail THC-infused beverages.) {LC2242/1}

03/12/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 6057****BY** Cotter, Casimiro**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO THE EXETER - WEST GREENWICH SCHOOL DISTRICT (Amends chapter 80 of the public laws of 1965 with respect to the composition of the regional district school building committee, apportionment of construction and operating costs and amendments to the agreement.) {LC2395/1}

03/12/2025 Introduced, referred to House Education

**House Bill No. 6058****BY** O'Brien, Dawson, Corvese, Read, Slater, Kazarian, Diaz, Solomon, Casimiro, Alzate**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- DUAL ENROLLMENT EQUAL OPPORTUNITY ACT (Amends references in the dual enrollment act by using the phrase "public higher education institution".) {LC2318/1}

03/12/2025 Introduced, referred to House Education

**House Bill No. 6059****BY** Noret, Corvese, Costantino, O'Brien, Dawson, Fellela, Batista, Fascia, Casey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- CONSUMER PFAS BAN ACT OF 2024 (Exempts certain products that have PFAS if deemed safe by FDA.) {LC2349/1}

03/12/2025 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

**House Bill No. 6060****BY** Bennett, Speakman, Casey, Baginski, Hopkins, Chippendale, Casimiro, McNamara, Ackerman, Hull**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PHYSICAL THERAPISTS (Permits physical therapists to continue to order diagnostic imaging as an authorized practice of physical therapy beyond December 31, 2025.) {LC2171/1}

03/12/2025 Introduced, referred to House Health &amp; Human Services

**House Bill No. 6061****BY** Tanzi, Cruz, Potter, Morales, Giraldo, Kislak, Diaz, Casimiro, Alzate, Stewart**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR MENTAL ILLNESS AND SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS (Amends the provisions for insurance coverage of mental health, mental illness, and substance use disorders.) {LC1503/1}

03/12/2025 Introduced, referred to House Health &amp; Human Services

**House Bill No. 6062****BY** Tanzi, Donovan, Speakman, McGaw, Ajello, Knight, Stewart, Kislak, Felix, Cruz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW--GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- PRIVACY PROTECTIONS FOR LOCATION INFORMATION DERIVED FROM ELECTRONIC DEVICES (Establishes a new chapter for privacy protections for location information derived from electronic devices. DBR would be responsible for promulgating rules and regulations to implement administer and enforce this chapter.) {LC982/1}

03/12/2025 Introduced, referred to House Innovation, Internet, &amp; Technology

**House Bill No. 6063****BY** Brien, Baginski, Place, Cruz, Casey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- PERSONAL WATERCRAFT SAFETY ACT (Makes certain personal watercraft violations a misdemeanor.) {LC2379/1}

03/12/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 6064****BY** Newberry**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- STATE IDENTIFICATION CARDS FOR MINORS WITHOUT RESIDENCE ACT (Allows a minor between the ages of 14 -17 without a permanent residence/in custody of the DCYF to get state identification card without a signature from parent, guardian or foster parent as well as a certified copy of minor's birth certificate at no cost.) {LC2399/1}

03/12/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 6065****BY** Giraldo, Furtado, Handy, Alzate, Cruz, McGaw, Potter, McNamara, Speakman, Slater**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- RHODE ISLAND BONE MARROW AND ORGAN DONOR LEAVE ACT (Mandates paid leave by allowing qualified employees to take medical leave to undergo donation procedures, medical tests, and recovery related to being a living organ donor, or bone marrow transplant donor.) {LC2041/1}

03/12/2025 Introduced, referred to House Labor

**House Bill No. 6066****BY** Giraldo, Potter, Voas, Stewart, Alzate, Morales**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- TEMPORARY DISABILITY INSURANCE -- GENERAL PROVISIONS (Includes siblings, grandchildren, and care recipient in the coverage for temporary caregiver benefits and increases the taxable wage base upon which employees make contributions to the TDI and TCI funds.) {LC2030/1}

03/12/2025 Introduced, referred to House Labor

**House Bill No. 6067**

(Dept. of Housing)

**BY** Noret, Casimiro, Finkelman, Read, Fogarty, Corvese, Solomon, Spears, Bennett, Fellela**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING (Clarifies roles and regulatory authority for the administration of the program involving the repurposing of vacant schools for housing.) {LC1354/1}

03/12/2025 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government &amp; Housing

**House Bill No. 6068****BY** Noret, Corvese, Finkelman, Read, Dawson, Fascia, Morales**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING (Requires municipalities to report to the RI department of housing regarding single-family low- or moderate-income housing available to rent/own. Information to be made available to the public on the department's website and emailed to interested parties.) {LC314/1}

03/12/2025 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government &amp; Housing

**House Bill No. 6069****BY** Spears

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT -- NEW SHOREHAM (Provides that municipal water supply entities, including New Shoreham and Jamestown, be required to provide water service to only its designated service areas.) {LC2313/1}

03/12/2025 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

**House Bill No. 6070****BY** DeSimone

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES (Provides that exemptions to the prohibition of liquor licenses within two hundred feet (200') of schools or places of worship do not eliminate neighboring property owners' remonstrance rights to object to the license.) {LC2359/1}

03/12/2025 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

**House Bill No. 6071**

(General Treasurer)

**BY** Giraldo, Stewart, Voas, Potter, Alzate, Felix, Tanzi, Solomon, Kislak, Diaz

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC FINANCE -- RHODE ISLAND BABY BOND TRUST (This pilot program would create a \$3,000 trust for each Rhode Island child ages zero to one year born to a family enrolled in the Rhode Island Works Program ("RI Works") during the preceding calendar year.) {LC1696/1}

03/12/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 6072****BY** Tanzi, Cruz, Potter, Morales, Giraldo, Kislak, Diaz, Casimiro, Alzate, Stewart

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX -- CHILD TAX CREDIT (Establishes a child tax credit of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) per dependent.) {LC1457/1}

03/12/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 6073****BY** Giraldo, Potter, Stewart, Alzate, Morales

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- THE RHODE ISLAND FAMILY HOME -- VISITING ACT (Changes annual reporting requirements for the state's family home-visiting program and also impacts appropriation and spending of funds in order to access maximum federal funding for these programs.) {LC1650/1}

03/12/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 6074****BY** Shanley, Craven, Edwards, Bennett, Kazarian, Casimiro, Batista

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE -- LONG-TERM CARE SERVICE AND FINANCE REFORM (Authorizes an increase in resource eligibility limits for persons with long-term-care needs who reside at home and requires semi-annual reports from Medicaid certified assisted living facilities and adult day service providers to the EOHHS.) {LC1209/1}

03/12/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 6075****BY** Shanley, Craven, Edwards, Bennett, Kazarian, Casimiro, Batista**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- INSURANCE BENEFITS (Allows private employees at nursing homes, developmental disability and home care providers whose salaries are 90% funded with federal or state monies to be eligible to opt into the state healthcare plan.) {LC1142/1}

03/12/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 6076****BY** Slater, Potter, Diaz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- FANTASY SPORTS CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT (Establishes the fantasy sports consumer protection act.) {LC2172/1}

03/12/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 6077****BY** Giraldo, Voas, Alzate, Stewart**ENTITLED**, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF CENTRAL FALLS TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, IMPROVEMENT, ALTERATION, REPAIR, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL FACILITIES IN THE CITY BY THE ISSUANCE OF NOT MORE THAN \$15,000,000 BONDS, NOTES AND/OR OTHER EVIDENCES OF INDEBTEDNESS THEREFOR (Authorizes the City of Central Falls to issue bonds and notes in an amount not exceeding \$15,000,000 to finance the construction, renovation, improvement, alteration, repair furnishing and equipping of schools and school facilities in the city.) {LC2245/1}

03/12/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Resolution No. 6078****BY** Finkelman, Dawson, Noret, Batista, Solomon, Casimiro, Kazarian**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$1,000,000 TO 401 TECH BRIDGE TO STUDY AND EXPLORE SEAGLIDERS IN RHODE ISLAND {LC2344/1}

03/12/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 6079****BY** Baginski, DeSimone, Kazarian, Corvese, Casey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- LIABILITY INSURANCE -- RENTAL VEHICLE COVERAGE (Restricts private vehicle property damage insurance coverage for a rental passenger vehicle, to the named insured and drivers listed on that private policy, unless the designated driver is specifically excluded.) {LC2259/1}

03/12/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 4:40 o'clock P.M. on motion of Representative Fellela, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of James "Jim" Velleco; on motion of Representative Messier, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Armand LaMontagne; seconded by Leaders Blazejewski and Chippendale the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

**Diane M. DePina**  
**Recording Clerk**

**APPENDIX**

**INVOCATION**

**REPRESENTATIVE TERESA A. TANZI**

Divine Creator,

We come before you with gratitude for the strength, wisdom, and resilience of women throughout history and today.

We celebrate the pioneers who have broken barriers, the visionaries who have led with compassion, and the everyday heroes who continue to fight for justice and equality.

May we honor the voices of women who have been silenced, forgotten, or overlooked, lifting their stories into the light. May we recognize the contributions of women of all races, faiths, backgrounds, and experiences, understanding that their struggles are our struggles, and their victories are our collective victories.

Amen.

**APPENDIX**

**CALENDAR**

**IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 2025:**

- 1. 2025-H 5269**  
**BY Noret**  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.
- 2. 2025-H 5332**  
**BY Knight**  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS -- THE RHODE ISLAND SPECIAL DEPOSITS ACT

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.
- 3. 2025-H 5231**  
**BY Phillips**  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- RHODE ISLAND UNIFORM COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSE ACT

Committee on State Government & Elections recommends passage.
- 4. 2025-S 157**  
**BY DiPalma**  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF F.H.J. MOVING & STORAGE, INC.

Committee on Corporations recommends passage in concurrence.

**Francis McCabe**  
Clerk of the House

**Friday, March 7, 2025**