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Thursday, April 3, 2025

Twenty fourth-Day

The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence on Thursday, April 3, 2025, and is called to order at 4:07 o'clock P.M. by the Honorable K. Joseph Shekarchi, Speaker.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 65 members present and 10 members absent as follows:

PRESENT – 65: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Phillips, Place, Quattrocchi, Read, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, and Voas.

ABSENT – 10: Representatives Bennett, Biah, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Perez, Potter, Roberts and Shanley.

INVOCATION

The Honorable Speaker presents Representative Earl A. Read, III, 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, April 1, 2025, is approved.

COMMUNICATIONS

Representative Kathleen A. Fogarty is unable to attend session today, Thursday, April 3, 2025.
Representative Nathan W. Biah is unable to attend session today, Thursday, April 3, 2025.
Representative David A. Bennett is unable to attend session today, Thursday, April 3, 2025.
Representative Alex Finkelman is unable to attend session today, Thursday, April 3, 2025.
Representative Leonela Felix is unable to attend session today, Thursday, April 3, 2025.

CALENDAR

From the Calendar are taken:

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 3, 2025:**1. 2025-H 5640**

BY Hull

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- PASSING, USE OF LANES, AND RULES OF THE ROAD

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Chairman Craven moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Knight, Corvese, Kislak, Noret, Azzinaro and Baginski.

Chairman Craven discusses the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 60 members voting in the affirmative and 2 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 60: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Fascia, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Phillips, Quattrocchi, Read, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 2: Representatives Cruz, Place.

RECUSED - 0:

2. 2025-H 5898

BY Read

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- RIGHT-OF-WAY

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Chairman Craven moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Marszalkowski, Read, Noret, Dawson, Azzinaro, Corvese, Edwards and Speaker Pro Tempore Kennedy.

Chairman Craven discusses the act.

Read and passed, 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, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Phillips, Quattrocchi, Read, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 2: Representatives Place, Sanchez.

RECUSED - 0:

3. 2025-H 5644

BY Dawson

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES --
NONTRANSPARENT WINDSHIELD AND WINDOWS**

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Chairman Craven moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives McEntee, Phillips, Noret, Corvese and Deputy Majority Whip Ackerman.

Chairman Craven, Representatives Sanchez, Dawson, Newberry, and Deputy Speaker Hull discuss the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 54 members voting in the affirmative and 9 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 54: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Phillips, Read, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 9: Representatives Casey, Cruz, Fascia, Lombardi, Nardone, Place, Quattrocchi, Sanchez, Solomon.

RECUSED - 0:

4. 2025-H 5901 SUB A**BY** Noret**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES --
MISCELLANEOUS RULES

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, Representatives Corvese, Carson, Casimiro, Read and Phillips.

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, 62 members voting in the affirmative and 1 member voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 62: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Phillips, Place, Quattrocchi, Read, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 1: Representative Sanchez.

RECUSED - 0:

5. 2025-H 5900**BY** Noret**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOTOR
VEHICLE OFFENSES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

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

Chairman Craven, Representatives Azzinarro and Lombardi discuss the act.

Read and passed, 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, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinarro, Baginski, Batista, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone,

Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Phillips, Place, Quattrocchi, Read, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 2: Representatives Lombardi, Sanchez.

RECUSED - 0:

6. 2025-H 5438

BY Hull

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- SEARCH WARRANTS

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

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

Chairman Craven discusses the act.

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

YEAS - 65: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Phillips, Place, Quattrocchi, Read, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

7. 2025-H 5929

BY Voas

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- REGULATION OF SALES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

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

Chairman Craven, Representatives Lima, Carson and Cruz discuss the act.

Read and passed, 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, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Phillips, Place, Quattrocchi, Read, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 2: Representatives Lombardi, Sanchez.

RECUSED - 0:

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

GUESTS

Chairman Solomon, a proud alumnus of Bishop Hendricken High School, is delighted to welcome the Bishop Hendricken High School Mock Trial Team to the House in recognition of their outstanding achievement. This year's team includes club president Benjamin Warr, along with Lucas Caporaso, Nathan Viera, Jacob Harrigan, Adam Barboza-Simpkins, Matthew Pappas, Edward Saroka, and Ryan Lopez. Their remarkable success would not have been possible without the dedication and guidance of their coaches, Donna Lynch, the team's moderator, and Rebecca Warr, an attorney who provides invaluable mentorship.

For the first time in the school's history, it has won the prestigious Rhode Island Legal Education Foundation Annual Rhode Island Mock Trial Tournament, securing a place in the national championships. This milestone is a testament to the team's hard work and unwavering perseverance.

Speaker Shekarchi joins Chairman Solomon in congratulating these talented students and their coaches on this extraordinary accomplishment and wishes them the best of luck as they represent Rhode Island on the national stage.

Representative Dawson is honored to welcome distinguished guests from PACE Rhode Island Joan Kwiatkowski, Chief Executive Officer; Paari Gopalakrishnan, Board Member and President of Kent Hospital; Angela Flynn, Director of Nursing and Home Care; Lucille G., a valued participant in the PACE program; and Thomas Boucher, Chief of External Affairs to the House Chamber in celebration of the organization's 20th anniversary. For two decades, PACE Rhode Island has been dedicated to providing essential programs and services for individuals with developmental disabilities, improving lives and strengthening communities abroad.

Speaker Shekarchi extends a warm welcome and heartfelt gratitude to them for their dedication and contributions to their vital mission.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Azzinaro proudly congratulates Chairman Abney on his induction into the United States Army Officer Candidate School (OCS) Hall of Fame, a distinguished honor recognizing his exceptional public service and leadership. The OCS Hall of Fame honors graduates who have made

significant contributions in military, government, and public service, including members of Congress, governors, cabinet secretaries, U.S. ambassadors, mayors of major cities, and federal judges. Chairman Abney's dedication to service, both in uniform and in the Rhode Island House of Representatives, exemplifies the values upheld by this prestigious institution.

Speaker Shekarchi joins in expressing gratitude for Chairman Abney's unwavering commitment to public service and his lasting impact on our State.

Majority Leader Blazewski announces that the next session will be held on Tuesday, April 8, 2025, and Thursday, April 10, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. Committee meetings will be scheduled for all three days next week.

On behalf of Speaker Shekarchi and the entire House of Representatives, Majority Leader Blazewski proudly congratulates Emily Martineau on being nominated for the Providence Business News 2025 Women's Business Award for Government/Quasi-Government Industry Leader on May 22nd.

Emily has been selected for this prestigious honor in recognition of her outstanding efforts in promoting the achievements of the House of Representatives. Through her management of all social media initiatives, she ensures timely updates, captures countless moments through photography, and enhances public engagement across various platforms. Additionally, her exceptional speechwriting and tireless communication efforts have been instrumental in amplifying the work of the House of Representatives.

Speaker Shekarchi and the entire House commend Emily for her dedication and hard work, and congratulate her on this well-deserved recognition from Providence Business News!

Majority Leader Blazewski and Speaker Shekarchi wish Representative John Edwards a Happy Birthday!

NOW PRESIDING

At 4:52 o'clock P.M., the Honorable Speaker Shekarchi yields the rostrum to the Honorable Speaker Pro Tempore Kennedy.

Representatives Cortvriend and McGaw extend their deepest sympathy to the family of Jhodi Ross Redlich.

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

Chairwoman McEntee announces that the Committee on Small Business will meet today, at the rise of the House, in Room 135 of the State House.

IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION**House Resolution No. 6167**

BY Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Kennedy, Ajello, Tanzi, Boylan, McNamara, Shallcross Smith, Ackerman

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING OUR HIGHLY ESTEEMED COLLEAGUE EMILY MARTINEAU, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS, OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, ON RECEIVING THE 2025 PROVIDENCE BUSINESS NEWS GOVERNMENT/QUASI-GOVERNMENT INDUSTRY LEADER AWARD {LC2700/1}

With the agreement of the Minority Leader, on behalf of Speaker Shekarchi and the entire House of Representatives, Majority Leader Blazejewski requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Majority Leader Blazejewski and Speaker Shekarchi discuss the resolution.

Read and passed, on a motion of Majority Leader Blazejewski, seconded by Speaker Shekarchi, Minority Leader Chippendale, and the entire House of Representatives, by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

House Resolution No. 6168

BY Solomon, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Casimiro, Casey, Noret, Kennedy, Ajello, Tanzi
ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE BISHOP HENDRICKEN HIGH SCHOOL MOCK TRIAL TEAM ON WINNING THE RHODE ISLAND MOCK TRIAL TOURNAMENT FOR THE FIRST TIME IN SCHOOL HISTORY AND WISHING THEM CONTINUED SUCCESS AT THE NATIONAL MOCK TRIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS BEING HELD IN PHOENIX, ARIZONA, FROM MAY 7-11, 2025 {LC2626/1}

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

There is no objection.

Chairman Solomon discusses the resolution.

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

House Resolution No. 6169

BY Cotter, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Kennedy, Ajello, Tanzi, Boylan, McNamara, Shallcross Smith

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF THE HONORABLE RONALD D. NEWMAN {LC2668/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Cotter discusses the resolution. Speaker Shekarchi offers condolences to Representative Cotter and the family of the Honorable Ronald D. Newman.

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

House Resolution No. 6170

BY Newberry, Serpa, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Kennedy, Ajello, Tanzi, Boylan, McNamara, Shallcross Smith

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL OF 2025, TO BE "PARKINSON'S AWARENESS MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC2386/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Newberry discusses the resolution.

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

House Resolution No. 6171

BY Chippendale, Place, Santucci, Blazejewski, Kennedy, Ajello, Tanzi, Boylan, McNamara, Shallcross Smith

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE PONAGANSET GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM ON WINNING THE 2024-25 RHODE ISLAND INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE GIRLS BASKETBALL STATE CHAMPIONSHIP {LC2701/1}

With the agreement of the Majority Leader, 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. 6172

BY Dawson, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Kennedy, Ajello, Tanzi, Boylan, McNamara, Shallcross Smith

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION JOYOUSLY CELEBRATING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF PACE-RI {LC2610/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Dawson discusses the resolution.

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

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

Representative Baginski-Act relating to Commercial Law-Gift Card Fraud

Representative Carson-An Act relating to Grant Program for Older Rhode Islanders

Representative Chippendale-An Act relating to Public Utilities and Carriers
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Representative Cortvriend-An Act relating to Health and Safety-Hazardous Waste Management

Representative Craven-An Act relating to Courts and Civil Procedure-Procedure in Particular Actions-Arbitration

Representative Dawson-An Act relating to Criminal Procedure-State Crime Laboratory Commission

Representative Furtado-An Act relating to Insurance-Prescription Drug Benefits

Representative Noret-An Act relating to Motor Vehicle Offenses-Driving Under Influence of Liquor or Drugs

Representative Paplauskas-An Act relating to Public Utilities and Carriers

Representative Quattrocchi-An Act relating to Public Utilities and Carriers

Representative Shallcross Smith-An Act relating to Education-Health and Safety of Pupils

Representative Tanzi-An Act relating to Courts and Civil Procedure

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 Pro Tempore Kennedy announces that the desk will be held open.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES COMMITTEE ON CORPORATIONS

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

House Bill No. 5558

BY Shallcross Smith, Ackerman, Fellela, Perez, Baginski, Casimiro, McEntee, Spears, Place, Fogarty
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- CONTRACTORS' REGISTRATION AND LICENSING BOARD (Requires all applicants who seek to register as a contractor to produce a legible copy of a valid government issued identification.) {LC1655/1}
04/04/2025 Placed on House Calendar (04/10/2025)

House Bill No. 5569 SUB A

BY Solomon
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- PET INSURANCE ACT (Provides for the sale and regulation of pet insurance.) {LC1722/A/1}
04/04/2025 Placed on House Calendar (04/08/2025)

House Bill No. 5811

(Dept. of Business Regulation)

BY Voas, Stewart, Kazarian, Casimiro, Solomon, O'Brien, Potter
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS -- AN ACT ADOPTING THE FEDERAL SECURE AND FAIR ENFORCEMENT FOR MORTGAGE LICENSING ACT OF 2009 (Prohibits an individual who is licensed as both a Rhode Island real estate agent and mortgage loan originator to be compensated for both the sale of the property and the origination or referral of the loan in securing the property.) {LC1765/1}
04/04/2025 Placed on House Calendar (04/10/2025)

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Chairman Bennett, for the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources, reports back the following measure, with recommendation of passage:

House Bill No. 5846

BY Cortvriend, Edwards, Kislak, Speakman, Handy, McGaw

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

(Establish a moratorium on changes to the state energy conservation code from the 2024 International Energy Conservation Code until January 1, 2030, unless approved by the legislature and made effective by the governor.) {LC1611/1}

04/04/2025 Placed on House Calendar (04/08/2025)

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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

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}

04/04/2025 Placed on House Calendar (04/10/2025)

House Bill No. 5353 SUB A

BY Casimiro, Noret, Spears, Donovan, Speakman, Morales, Solomon, Shanley

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PHARMACIES

(Authorizes a pharmacy technician or pharmacy intern to perform technology-assisted dispensing process validation for medications prepared for distribution by another pharmacy technician or intern within an institutional pharmacy.) {LC768/A/2}

04/04/2025 Placed on House Calendar (04/08/2025)

House Bill No. 5613 SUB A

(Dept. of Health)

BY Donovan, Boylan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED

DISEASES (Provides a duty upon midwives, physician assistants and nurse practitioners to obtain a blood specimen of pregnant women within thirty (30) days after the first professional visit.)

{LC1421/A/1}

04/04/2025 Placed on House Calendar (04/08/2025)

House Bill No. 5619

BY Ackerman, McNamara, Shallcross Smith, Casimiro, Dawson, McEntee, Bennett, Donovan, Cotter, Fogarty

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- RHODE ISLAND PROGRAM TO ADDRESS ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE (Requires the department of health to incorporate information about dementia risk factors and reduction into public education and healthcare provider education materials.) {LC1918/1}

04/04/2025 Placed on House Calendar (04/10/2025)

House Bill No. 5625

BY Dawson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES (Removes the sunset provision of all statutory law requiring coverage for the treatment of pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal infections and pediatric acute onset neuropsychiatric syndrome.) {LC1991/1}

04/04/2025 Placed on House Calendar (04/10/2025)

House Bill No. 5633

BY McGaw, Boylan, Speakman, Kislak, Casimiro, Casey, DeSimone, Tanzi, Edwards, Donovan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PHARMACIES (Allows a pharmacist to dispense a one-time refill for certain medications for continuation of therapy to patients under certain circumstances.) {LC1849/1}

04/04/2025 Placed on House Calendar (04/10/2025)

COMMITTEE ON INNOVATION, INTERNET, AND TECHNOLOGY

Chairwoman Baginski, for the Committee on Innovation, Internet, and Technology, reports back the following measure, with recommendation of passage:

House Bill No. 5121 SUB A

BY Casimiro, Noret, Read, Carson, O'Brien, Bennett, Serpa, Voas, Kazarian, Alzate

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS -- CURRENCY TRANSMISSIONS (Creates a process for licensure and oversight by DBR over the practices and procedures of virtual currency kiosk operators to prevent fraud related to the use of virtual currency kiosks, by establishing daily transaction limits and the regulating of fees.) {LC155/A/2}

04/04/2025 Placed on House Calendar (04/10/2025)

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

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

House Bill No. 5892 SUB A

(Judiciary)

BY McEntee, Caldwell, Dawson, Fogarty, Knight, Bennett, Alzate

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- COURTS -- COURT ADMINISTRATION (Protects the personal information of judicial officers and their

immediate family members who serve or have served the RI unified judicial system, as well as judicial officers who reside in RI and who serve or have served in the federal courts.) {LC1481/A/2} 04/04/2025 Placed on House Calendar (04/08/2025)

COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT AND HOUSING

Chairman Casey, for the Committee on Municipal Government and Housing, reports back the following measures, with recommendation of passage:

Senate Bill No. 44

BY Sosnowski, Gu, Valverde

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Grants the town council of the town of South Kingstown the authority to enact a homestead exemption ordinance.) {LC162/1}

04/04/2025 Placed on House Calendar (04/10/2025)

Senate Bill No. 443

BY Sosnowski, Bissaillon

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO THE KINGSTON WATER DISTRICT -- BONDS

(Increases the maximum amount of the Kingston water district bonding authority from four million dollars (\$4,000,000) to fifteen million dollars (\$15,000,000).) {LC2021/1}

04/04/2025 Placed on House Calendar (04/10/2025)

House Bill No. 5695

BY Voas, Messier, Stewart, Casey, Finkelman, Solomon, Casimiro, Slater, Hull, DeSimone

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Permits municipalities to enact ordinances that provide them the authority to organize local tax amnesty events once every three (3) years.) {LC808/1}

04/04/2025 Placed on House Calendar (04/10/2025)

House Bill No. 5796

BY Knight, Tanzi, Casey, Speakman, Cotter, Dawson, Stewart, Finkelman, Hull, Ajello

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES (Adds an additional purpose to the standard provisions list that a zoning ordinance is required to address.) {LC2156/1}

04/04/2025 Placed on House Calendar (04/08/2025)

House Bill No. 5798 SUB A

BY Speakman, Tanzi, Alzate, Kislak, Spears, Dawson, Furtado, Casey, Boylan, Donovan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES (Adds the process of permitting the construction of attached single-family dwellings in identified zoning districts as a factor that zoning ordinances must address.) {LC2158/A/1}

04/04/2025 Placed on House Calendar (04/08/2025)

COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT AND ELECTIONS

Chairman Shanley, for the Committee on State Government and Elections, reports back the following measure, with recommendation of passage:

House Bill No. 5871

(Dept. of Health)

BY Cortvriend, Shanley, Tanzi, Dawson, Handy, McGaw

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- VITAL RECORDS (Provides that public historical vital records maintained by the state archives shall not be amended.)

{LC1415/1}

04/04/2025 Placed on House Calendar (04/08/2025)

COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL LEGISLATION

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

Senate Bill No. 591 SUB A

BY Felag, DiPalma, Lauria, Raptakis, Tikoian, Euer

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO RENAMING THE NEW SAKONNET RIVER BRIDGE, AQUIDNECK ISLAND (Names the new Sakonnet River Bridge as the "Staff Sergeant Christopher Potts Sakonnet River Bridge.") {LC2126/A/1}

04/04/2025 Placed on House Calendar (04/10/2025)

House Bill No. 5051 SUB A

BY Azzinaro, Edwards, Fellela, Casimiro, Corvese

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO RENAMING THE NEW SAKONNET RIVER BRIDGE, AQUIDNECK ISLAND (Names the new Sakonnet River Bridge as the "Staff Sergeant Christopher Potts Sakonnet River Bridge." This act would take effect upon passage.) {LC445/A/1}

04/04/2025 Placed on House Calendar (04/10/2025)

NEW BUSINESS**House Bill No. 6173**

(Attorney General)

BY Serpa, Fellela, Casimiro, Messier, Carson, Speakman, Ajello, Brien

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- RHODE ISLAND BID RIGGING ACT (Establishes the Rhode Island Bid Rigging Act.) {LC2672/1}

04/04/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

(For Co-sponsorship removal requests, see Journal of 4-10-2025, pages 2 and 3.)

House Bill No. 6174

BY Boylan, Ajello, Tanzi, Donovan, Kislak, Carson, Cotter, Speakman, McGaw, McEntee

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PROTECTIONS

OF HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS ACT (Provides that the prescription label for medication abortion prescription drugs shall include the name of the dispensing health care practice instead of the name of the dispenser.) {LC2671/1}

04/04/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 6175

BY Speakman

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

(Requires that affordable housing would be provided for with some developments.) {LC2664/1}

04/04/2025 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 6176

(Tiverton)

BY Edwards, McGaw

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

(Allows the town of Tiverton to determine its density bonuses based upon its underlying zoning.)

{LC2686/1}

04/04/2025 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 6177

(Tiverton)

BY Edwards, McGaw

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWN AND CITIES -- LOW AND MODERATE

INCOME HOUSING -- COMPREHENSIVE PERMIT PROJECTS IN TIVERTON (Provides that

comprehensive permit projects in Tiverton, involving property not connected to either public water or sewer or both, and for which the property is considered hydric said land be excluded from the

building land calculation.) {LC2688/1}

04/04/2025 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 6178

(Tiverton)

BY Edwards, McGaw

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWN AND CITIES -- LOW AND MODERATE

INCOME HOUSING--COMPREHENSIVE PERMIT PROJECTS IN TIVERTON (Prohibits

applications filed in the town of Tiverton, for comprehensive permit projects, for low and moderate income housing, to include accessory dwelling units.) {LC2694/1}

04/04/2025 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 6179

(Tiverton)

BY Edwards, McGaw

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

INCOME HOUSING (Requires the Rhode Island housing authority to update the count of affordable housing stock in the town of Tiverton two (2) times per year.) {LC2687/1}

04/04/2025 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 6180

(Tiverton)

BY Edwards, McGaw

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING (Ensures that minimum egress requirements for conventional subdivisions in Tiverton apply equally to comprehensive permit applications and cannot be waived, modified, or reduced for such applications.) {LC2689/1}

04/04/2025 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 6181

(Tiverton)

BY Edwards, McGaw

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING (Permits the town of Tiverton to require additional testing, to be performed by the developer, to ensure that there is no dewatering or loss of effective recharge to surrounding wells within close proximity of the new well.) {LC2692/1}

04/04/2025 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 6182

(Tiverton)

BY Edwards

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING -- TIVERTON (Requires any person who applies to rent or purchase a residence located in Town of Tiverton which qualifies as low and moderate income housing, shall require proof of Rhode Island residency or employment by a local, state or federal entity.) {LC2695/1}

04/04/2025 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 6183

(Tiverton)

BY Edwards, McGaw

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING (Allows the town of Tiverton, with an aggregate of five hundred (500) or more units proposed in a comprehensive permit project, to enact a short-term emergency moratorium until the permit laws are amended.) {LC2698/1}

04/04/2025 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 6184

(Tiverton)

BY Edwards, McGaw

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING--PARKING SPACES (Permits Tiverton to require two parking space for each studio, one-bedroom, or two-bedroom low- or moderate-income housing units upon the determination that limited or no local public transportation or off-street parking availability near these units.) {LC2693/1}

04/04/2025 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 6185

(Tiverton)

BY Edwards, McGaw

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- TIVERTON'S NEW CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS ACT (Sets timelines for Tiverton's new construction, including one year for final approval, two (2) years for building permits, and temporary inclusion of units in the town's count until completion or three (3) years, whichever comes first.) {LC2696/1}

04/04/2025 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Resolution No. 6186

BY Carson, Casimiro, Craven

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION CREATING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY AND DEFINE THE TERM "HOUSEBOAT" (Authorizes the creation of a special Task Force to study and define the term "houseboat" in consideration of existing definitions under current law.) {LC2675/1}

04/04/2025 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 6187

(by request)

BY O'Brien, Dawson, Craven, Noret, Edwards, Slater, Corvese, Solomon, Baginski, Diaz

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- STATE LOTTERY (Reduces the number of times the director of the lottery has to confer with the permanent joint committee on state lottery from nine (9) times per year to four (4) times per year or at the call of the chair and vice chair of the committee.) {LC2665/1}

04/04/2025 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 6188

BY Paplauskas, Baginski, Newberry, Quattrocchi, Read, Chippendale, Fascia, Noret, Solomon, Brien

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- STATE POLICE -- THE LINDA DALOMBA PURPLE ALERT ACT (Establishes a system to publicly disseminate emergency alerts regarding a missing adult with an intellectual disability.) {LC2683/1}

04/04/2025 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 6189

BY Ajello, Tanzi, Alzate, Donovan, Edwards, Corvese, Cotter, Spears, Cortvriend, McGaw

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- NON-OWNER OCCUPIED PROPERTY TAX ACT (Imposes a non-owner occupied property tax on residential properties assessed in excess of eight hundred thousand dollars (\$800,000) at variable rates dependent on values assessed by local tax assessors.) {LC2670/1}

04/04/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Resolution No. 6190

BY Spears, Donovan, Boylan, Speakman, Carson, Fogarty, McEntee, Morales, Azzinaro, O'Brien

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$118,422 FOR RHODE ISLAND PARENT INFORMATION NETWORK, INC. (RIPIN) (This resolution authorizes the appropriation of the sum of \$118,422 for RIPIN to continue the operation of the RIPIN Dual Ombudsman.) {LC2582/1}

04/04/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Resolution No. 6191**BY** Carson

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$10,000,000 TO THE RHODE ISLAND FOUNDATION TO SUPPORT PUBLIC EDUCATION (Authorizes the appropriation of the sum of ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) to the Rhode Island Foundation, to generate funds to support public education.) {LC2592/1}

04/04/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:00 o'clock P.M. on motion of Representative Baginski, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Peter Costa Sr.; on motion of Representative Cotter, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Hon. Ronald Newman; on motion of Representative Cortvriend, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Jhodi Ross Redlich seconded by Leaders Blazejewski and Chippendale the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

Diane M. DePina
Recording Clerk

APPENDIX

INVOCATION

REPRESENTATIVE EARL A. READ, III

Eternal God, guide us as we strive to meet the needs of our communities. Give us the courage to handle all the many adversities and conflicts, yet help us to always remain humble in service to our constituents. Amen

APPENDIX**CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 2025:**

1. **2025-H 5796**
BY Knight
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.
2. **2025-H 5798 SUB A**
BY Speakman
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.
3. **2025-H 5892 SUB A**
BY McEntee
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- COURTS -
- COURT ADMINISTRATION**

Committee on Judiciary recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.
4. **2025-H 5613 SUB A**
BY Donovan
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- SEXUALLY
TRANSMITTED DISEASES**

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.
5. **2025-H 5871**
BY Cortvriend
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- VITAL RECORDS

Committee on State Government & Elections recommends passage.
6. **2025-H 5353 SUB A**
BY Casimiro
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS --
PHARMACIES**

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends indefinite postponement of the original

bill and passage of Substitute A.

7. **2025-H 5569 SUB A**
BY Solomon
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- PET INSURANCE ACT

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

8. **2025-H 5846**
BY Cortvriend
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- STATE BUILDING CODE

Committee on Environment and Natural Resources recommends passage.

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 10, 2025:

1. **2025-H 5121 SUB A**
BY Casimiro
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS -- CURRENCY TRANSMISSIONS

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

2. **2025-H 5218**
BY McEntee
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.

3. **2025-H 5619**
BY Ackerman
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- RHODE ISLAND PROGRAM TO ADDRESS ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.

4. **2025-H 5558**
BY Shallcross Smith
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- CONTRACTORS' REGISTRATION AND LICENSING BOARD

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

5. **2025-H 5811**
BY Voas
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS -- AN ACT ADOPTING THE FEDERAL SECURE AND FAIR ENFORCEMENT FOR MORTGAGE LICENSING ACT OF 2009

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

6. **2025-H 5695**
BY Voas
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

7. **2025-H 5633**
BY McGaw
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PHARMACIES

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.

8. **2025-H 5625**
BY Dawson
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.

9. **2025-H 5051 SUB A**
BY Azzinaro
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO RENAMING THE NEW SAKONNET RIVER BRIDGE, AQUIDNECK ISLAND

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

10. **2025-S 591 SUB A**
BY Felag
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO RENAMING THE NEW SAKONNET RIVER BRIDGE, AQUIDNECK ISLAND

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

11. 2025-S 44

BY Sosnowski

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

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage in concurrence.

12. 2025-S 443

BY Sosnowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO THE KINGSTON WATER DISTRICT -- BONDS

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage in concurrence.

Francis McCabe
Clerk of the House

Friday, April 4, 2025