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## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Twenty seventh-Day

The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence on Thursday, April 11, 2024, and is called to order at 4:12 o'clock P.M. by the Honorable K. Joseph Shekarchi, Speaker.

The roll is called, and a quorum is declared present with 69 members present and 6 members absent as follows:

**PRESENT** – 69: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Bennett, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Place, Potter, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson and Voas.

**ABSENT** – 6: Representatives Batista, Biah, Edwards, Lima, Perez and Quattrocchi.

## **INVOCATION**

The Honorable Speaker presents Speaker Pro Tempore Kennedy, who delivers the Invocation and leads the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

(For Invocation, see Appendix, this Journal.)

#### NATIONAL ANTHEM

Speaker Pro Tempore Kennedy introduces Ashley Chen to sing the National Anthem of the United States and Taiwan National Anthem.

#### APPROVAL OF RECORD

By unanimous consent, the House Journal of Tuesday, April 9, 2024, is approved.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS**

Representative John G. Edwards is unable to attend session today, Thursday, April 11, 2024. Representative Jose F. Batista is unable to attend session today, Thursday, April 11, 2024.

#### **ADDRESS**

Director-General of Taipei Economic and Cultural Office Charles Liao addresses House members in celebration of Taiwan Day.

#### **GUESTS**

Speaker Pro Tempore Kennedy welcomes to the House Chamber representatives from the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Boston, Director General Charles Liao, Deputy Director General Wellington Shih, Deputy Director Chin Hsu, and from the Rhode Island Association of Chinese, Chairman Louis Yip, and President Sunny Ng in celebration of Taiwan Day.

#### **CALENDAR**

From the Calendar are taken:

#### IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2024:

#### 1. 2024-H 7561

**BY** Casimiro

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CURRICULUM

Committee on Education recommends passage.

Chairman McNamara moves passage of the act, seconded by The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Bennett, Blazejewski, Boylan, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Noret, Phillips, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

Chairman McNamara discusses the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 68 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 68: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Bennett, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Place, Potter, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

**RECUSED - 0:** 

#### **GUESTS**

Representative Casimiro extends a warm welcome to former House page Ryan Lukowicz and his father, Steve. Ryan was the first visually impaired House page; for his high school project, he authored legislation H 7561, authorizing a partner program to assist students with an individualized education program for specially designed physical education classes.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

#### **CALENDAR**

#### 2. 2024-H 7612

**BY** Cortvriend

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Committee on Education recommends passage.

Chairman McNamara moves passage of the act, seconded by The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Azzinaro, Bennett, Blazejewski, Boylan, Carson, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Fenton-Fung, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kislak, Lombardi, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, O'Brien, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

Chairman McNamara discusses the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 68 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 68: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Bennett, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian,

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

NAYS - 0:

**RECUSED - 0:** 

#### 3. 2024-H 7586

BY Hull

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- EQUIPMENT AND ACCESSORIES GENERALLY

Committee on State Government & Elections recommends passage.

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

Chairman Shanley discusses the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 69 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 69: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Bennett, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Place, Potter, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

## 4. 2024-H 7468 SUB A

**BY** Casey

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

Committee on State Government & Elections recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

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

Chairman Shanley discusses the act.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, 69 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 69: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Bennett, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Place, Potter, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

**RECUSED - 0:** 

#### 5. 2024-H 7631

BY Serpa

**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, Deputy Majority Whip Ackerman and Representative Costantino.

Chairman Craven, Representatives Knight and Sanchez discuss the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 65 members voting in the affirmative and 3 members voting in the negative as follows:

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

NAYS - 3: Representatives Lombardi, Place, Sanchez.

**RECUSED - 0:** 

#### 6. 2024-H 7630

BY Serpa

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- ACCIDENTS AND ACCIDENT REPORTS

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Chairman Craven moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Bennett, Noret, and Caldwell.

Chairman Craven and Representative Sanchez discuss the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 58 members voting in the affirmative and 11 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 58: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Bennett, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morgan, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Potter, Rea, Roberts, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 11: Representatives Ajello, Cruz, Felix, Henries, Lombardi, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Place, Sanchez, Stewart.

**RECUSED - 0:** 

## 7. 2024-H 7747 SUB A

**BY** Caldwell

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- CRIMINAL INJURIES COMPENSATION

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

Chairman Craven moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Bennett, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Felix, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kislak, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, O'Brien, Potter, Roberts, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

Chairman Craven and Representative Sanchez discuss the act.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, 69 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 69: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Bennett, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Place, Potter, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

**RECUSED - 0:** 

#### 8. 2024-H 7977 SUB A

**BY** Shekarchi

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY THE ABILITY OF THE RHODE ISLAND EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM TO OFFER DEGREE OR CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS WITHIN THE STATE TO PROVIDE A SUPPLY AND A PIPELINE OF PLANNERS, PLANNING TECHNICIANS, AND PLANNING STAFF

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

Chairman Casey moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Speakman, Carson, McEntee, Cortvriend, Fogarty, Morales, McGaw, Spears, Deputy Majority Whip Ackerman, Deputy Speaker Hull, Representatives Lombardi, Felix, Kislak, Bennett, Potter, Cruz, Stewart, Alzate, Ajello and Majority Whip Kazarian.

Chairman Casey and Minority Leader Chippendale discuss the act.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, 69 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 69: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Bennett, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Place, Potter, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

#### 9. 2024-H 7980 SUB A

**BY** Shekarchi

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOBILE AND MANUFACTURED HOMES

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

Chairman Casey moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Alzate, Bennett, Blazejewski, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kislak, Lombardi, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Potter, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson.

Chairman Casey, Representatives Morgan and Spears discuss the act.

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

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

NAYS - 2: Representatives Morgan, Roberts.

RECUSED - 0:

#### 10. 2024-H 7979

BY Shekarchi

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- LOCAL PLANNING BOARD OR COMMISSION

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

Chairman Casey moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Spears, Carson, Cotter, Speakman, Donovan, Shallcross Smith, Fogarty, Cortvriend, Voas, Giraldo, Bennet and Majority Whip Kazarian.

Chairman Casey discusses the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 69 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 69: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Bennett, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Place, Potter, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

**RECUSED - 0:** 

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Speaker Shekarchi extends his wishes for a happy and healthy recess to all members. The next session will be held on Tuesday, April 23, 2024, and Wednesday, April 24, 2024. Please note that there will be no session on Thursday, April 24, 2024. Members are encouraged to check their emails for the weekly newsletter for important updates and information.

#### **NOW PRESIDING**

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

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

#### **GUESTS**

Representative Slater welcomes to the House Chamber in celebration of the Cambodian New Year, Phanida Phivilay Rudolph, Jimmy S. Chao Suonriaksmay Keo, and Ratha Kwiat. Speaker Pro Tempore Kennedy welcomes them to the House Chamber.

Representative Shallcross Smith welcomes the House Chamber in recognition of Medical Laboratory Professionals Week and their dedication to medical laboratory science. Maddie Josephs, Chair of the Allied & Rehabilitative Health Department at Community College of Rhode Island and past president of the American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science; Leslie Martineau, Systems Director of Laboratory Services, Wound Care, and Sleep Disorders at Charter Care and past president of the American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science; Betsy Reilly, Retired Cytologist and Pathology Manager at Women & Infants Hospital.

Minority Leader Chippendale welcomes former Rhode Island Representative and Veteran of the United States Army Reserve, Lieutenant Colonel John Loughlin, to the House Chamber.

Representative Morales welcomes Cheryl Space, Ed Garcia, and Bernice Pulliam to the House Chamber to commemorate National Library Week.

Representative Kislak welcomes distinguished guests here today in recognition of House Bill H 7888, The School Libraries Act, (the bill requires every public school in Rhode Island to have a school library or library media center in a permanent and dedicated space, available to students in grades K-12, with a librarian available to permit access to the library for students before, during, and after school hours), Peter Quesnel, who brings 35 years of experience in education from the Central Falls, Bristol-Warren, and Providence School Districts; Sarah Morenon, who served 15 years at Nathanael Greene Middle School in Providence and has been a school library volunteer and advocate for over ten years and expresses her gratitude for their commitment to education and library services.

Chairwoman Vella-Wilkinson welcomes her constituent City of Warwick Firefighter Nicholas Varros, to commemorate the 170th Anniversary of the first full-time paid fire department.

Representative Cortvriend welcomes her constituent Bianca Abbott and her parents, Daniela and Brendan, to the House Chamber. Bianca has achieved a remarkable feat by winning first place in the Junior Division at the Rhode Island Science and Engineering Fair. Speaker Pro Tempore Kennedy welcomes Bianca to the House Chamber.

Minority Whip Place welcomes the House Chamber General Manager and CEO of Pascoag Utility District, Michael Kirkwood, to the House Chamber. Michael is here to provide testimony on a House Bill, and we are grateful for his expertise and insight on this matter.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chairman Casey announces that the Committee on Municipal Government & Housing will meet today, at the rise of the House, in Room 101 of the State House.

Chairwoman Diaz reminds all members that Wednesday, April 24, 2024, is Administrative Professionals Day.

Chairman Azzinaro wishes a Happy 60th Wedding Anniversary to his wife Carol!

Speaker Pro Tempore Kennedy congratulates Chairman Azzinaro and his wife Carol on their 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.

Vice-Chairman O'Brien announces that the Committee on Corporations will meet today, at the rise of the House, in Room 135 of the State House.

Representative Morales wishes his friend Anthony Phoenix a Happy Birthday!

Chairwoman Donovan recognizes her daughter-in-law Erin Donovan, who is a librarian at Bristol Roger Free Library, in commemoration of National Library Week.

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

Majority Leader Blazejewski announces that the next House session will be Tuesday, April 23, 2024, and Wednesday, April 24, 2024. There will be no session on Thursday, April 25, 2024. The

Legislative Priorities Form must be submitted as soon as possible, with the deadline next Friday, April 19, 2024.

Majority Leader Blazejewski wishes everyone a safe and enjoyable Spring Recess next week.

#### IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION

#### House Resolution No. 8162

**BY** McGaw, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Carson, Bennett, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Knight, Ajello, Boylan

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION CELEBRATING THE 54TH ANNIVERSARY OF "EARTH DAY" ON APRIL 22, 2024, IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC5908/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative McGaw discusses the resolution.

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

#### House Resolution No. 8163

**BY** McNamara, Azzinaro, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Speakman, Chippendale, Kennedy, Ajello, Shallcross Smith, Bennett

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF RAYMOND M. DIPASQUALE {LC5929/1}

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

There is no objection.

Chairman McNamara and Speaker Pro Tempore Kennedy discuss the resolution.

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

#### House Resolution No. 8164

**BY** Morales, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, McEntee, Fenton-Fung, Kislak, Chippendale, Kennedy, Phillips, Ajello

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL 7-13, 2024, TO BE "NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC5718/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Morales and Speaker Tempore Kennedy discuss the resolution.

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

#### **House Resolution No. 8165**

**BY** Shallcross Smith, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Ajello, Spears, Fellela, Boylan, Handy, Diaz

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL 14-20 OF 2024 TO BE "MEDICAL LABORATORY PROFESSIONALS WEEK" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC5914/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Shallcross Smith discusses the resolution.

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

#### House Resolution No. 8166

**BY** Slater, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Hull, Fenton-Fung, Diaz, Cruz, Potter, McNamara **ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE CELEBRATION OF THE CAMBODIAN NEW YEAR AND "THE YEAR OF THE DRAGON" ON APRIL 14-16, 2024 {LC5706/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Slater discusses the resolution.

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

## **House Resolution No. 8167**

**BY** Kennedy, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Diaz, Edwards, McNamara, Chippendale, Ackerman, Kazarian, Abney

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION REAFFIRMING THE FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND TAIWAN WHILE SUPPORTING ENHANCED BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH TAIWAN AND TAIWAN'S PARTICIPATION IN THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY {LC5778/1}

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 Speaker Shekarchi and many others, by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

#### House Resolution No. 8168

BY Blazejewski, Chippendale

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES {LC5956/1}

Majority Leader Blazejewski requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Majority Leader Blazejewski, seconded by Minority Leader Chippendale, by unanimous consent, on a rising vote.

#### **House Resolution No. 8169**

BY Blazejewski, Chippendale

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING CONGRATULATIONS {LC5955/1}

Majority Leader Blazejewski requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

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

#### **RULE 7D**

#### The following bills were received pursuant to Rule 7D:

Representative Donovan-An Act relating to Accident and Sickness—Health Insurance Policies Representative Morales-An Act relating to Prohibiting Legacy Admissions in Higher Education Representative Newberry-An Act relating to Relating to DNA Tests

Representative Noret-An Act relating to Motor and Other Vehicles—Motor Vehicle Offenses Representative Serpa-An Act relating to Public Officers and Employees Retirement System-Contribution and Benefits

An Act relating to Teachers Retirement Public Officials and Employee Retirement System

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.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### House Bill No. 8170

**BY** Shallcross Smith, Craven, Ackerman, Kislak, Noret, DeSimone, Nardone, Fellela, Baginski, Lombardi J

**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.) {LC5923/1} 04/12/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

#### House Bill No. 8171

BY Dawson, O'Brien

**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.) {LC5934/1} 04/12/2024 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

#### House Bill No. 8172

**BY** Morales, Potter, Henries, Giraldo, Dawson, Ajello **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS -- FULL ENFORCEMENT OF SUPPORT OBLIGATIONS (Allows a board to modify an obligor's license to a "Provisional Employment Operator's License" allowing the obligor the ability to operate a motor vehicle during designated hours of employment.) {LC5747/1} 04/12/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

#### House Bill No. 8173

**BY** Lombardi J, Tanzi, Kislak, Potter, Stewart, Alzate, Sanchez, Hull **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT (Permits other residents of residential dwelling unit to extend term of rental agreement for 3 months after death of lessee, however it would not permit temporary tenant to permanent tenancy or rental assistance if transfer of benefits conflicts with law.) {LC5906/1} 04/12/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

#### House Bill No. 8174

BY Dawson, O'Brien

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- FEDERAL AID (Expands the law on school lunch service contracts requirements that provides for payment to workers/aides for 180 days or the contract for the school year, exclusive of paid time off, including vacation days or other forms of compensatory time off.) {LC5938/1}

04/12/2024 Introduced, referred to House Labor

#### House Bill No. 8175

BY Phillips, Casey, Brien

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Gives the city of Woonsocket the authority to establish by ordinance, exemptions from taxation on real and personal property for different classifications of individuals including, but not limited to, the elderly with income requirements and veterans.) {LC5913/1}

04/12/2024 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

#### House Bill No. 8176

BY Phillips, Casey, Brien

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Authorizes reassessment of taxes on new construction from the date of issuance of the certificate of occupancy or the date it is first used, whichever is the earlier.) {LC5916/1} 04/12/2024 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

#### House Bill No. 8177

(by request)

**BY** Azzinaro

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES (Allows for the surviving spouse of a National Guard member to have the spouses National Guard plates transferred to them upon their spouses death.) {LC5943/1} 04/12/2024 Introduced, referred to House Special Legislation

#### House Bill No. 8178

**BY** Speakman, Henries, Kazarian, Donovan, Spears, Cotter, Carson, Kislak, Boylan, Alzate **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- EQUAL OPPORTUNITY AND AFFIRMATIVE ACTION (Redefines the groups included in "minority community-based organizations" for purposes of them making recommendations for appointments to state boards, commissions, public authorities, and quasi-public corporations.) {LC5930/1} 04/12/2024 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

## House Bill No. 8179

BY Dawson, O'Brien

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- RESIDENCE OF CHILDREN FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES (Relieves East Providence from providing any educational/financial resources to children in the CRAFT program or other Bradley Hospital programs. Requires the school district of origin where the student was last registered to bear this responsibility.) {LC5935/1} 04/12/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

#### House Bill No. 8180

BY Baginski, Finkelman, Brien, Solomon

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- MOTION PICTURE PRODUCTION TAX CREDITS (Clarifies that all costs of goods used and services performed in Rhode Island shall qualify as state-certified production costs.) {LC5942/1}

04/12/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

#### **House Resolution No. 8181**

**BY** Shekarchi, Solomon, Vella-Wilkinson, Bennett, Shanley, McNamara **ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$500,000 TO THE CITY OF WARWICK AS COMPENSATION FOR MUNICIPAL SERVICES PROVIDED AT RHODE ISLAND T.F. GREEN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (This joint resolution would provide payment of \$500,000 to the City of Warwick for municipal services provided to Rhode Island T.F. Green International Airport.) {LC5953/1}

04/12/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

#### House Bill No. 8182

BY Carson

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT (Requires hosting platforms offering short-term rental of residential property for tourist or transient use to disclose on listings the current, valid registration number and its expiration date.) {LC5847/1}

04/18/2024 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

#### House Bill No. 8183

BY Carson, Cortvriend, McGaw, Spears, Slater

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES--LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Imposes a tax of five percent (5%) upon the rental of a house or condominium. The funds from the tax to be used exclusively for infrastructure improvements, riverine and coastal resiliency and housing.) {LC5926/1} 04/18/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

#### COMMUNICATION FROM THE SENATE

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

#### Senate Bill No. 2100

**BY** Acosta, Cano, Kallman, Euer, Bissaillon, Mack, Britto, Gu, Quezada, Ujifusa **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- GENERAL PROVISIONS (This act would further delineate the definitions of felony, misdemeanor and petty misdemeanor.) {LC3658/1}

04/18/2024 Referred to House Judiciary

#### Senate Bill No. 2858

BY Bissaillon, Ruggerio, Quezada, Zurier, Mack, Ciccone, Miller, Kallman, Bell ENTITLED, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE TO ISSUE NOT TO EXCEED \$400,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND NOTES TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION, RELATED DEMOLITION, RENOVATION, IMPROVEMENT, ALTERATION, REPAIR, LANDSCAPING, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL FACILITIES THROUGHOUT THE CITY AND ALL COSTS RELATED THERETO, SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF STATE HOUSING AID AT A REIMBURSEMENT RATE OR STATE SHARE RATIO OF NOT LESS THAN 75% AT THE TIME OF ISSUANCE AND PROVIDED THAT THE AUTHORIZATION SHALL BE REDUCED BY THE AMOUNT OF CERTAIN GRANTS RECEIVED FROM STATE BOND PROCEEDS, FROM THE RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION OR FROM THE RHODE ISLAND SCHOOL BUILDING AUTHORITY (Authorizes Providence to issue not more than \$400,000,000 general obligation bonds & notes to finance the construction, related demolition, renovation, improvement, alteration, repair, landscaping, furnishing and equipping of schools throughout the city.) {LC5055/1} 04/18/2024 Referred to House Finance

#### Senate Bill No. 2859

**BY** Bissaillon, Ruggerio, Quezada, Zurier, Mack, Ciccone, Miller, Kallman, Bell **ENTITLED**, AN ACT IN ACCORDANCE WITH RHODE ISLAND GENERAL LAWS SECTION 16-7-44 APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF \$125,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, NOTES AND OTHER EVIDENCES OF INDEBTEDNESS OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, IMPROVEMENT, ALTERATION, REPAIR, LANDSCAPING, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL FACILITIES THROUGHOUT THE CITY AND ALL COSTS RELATED THERETO (This act serves as the enabling act required by § 16-7-44 of the general laws in order for the principal and interest on bonds issued in support of school housing projects to be eligible for state housing aid reimbursement.) {LC5053/1}

04/18/2024 Referred to House Finance

#### Senate Bill No. 2862

BY de la Cruz

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT IN ACCORDANCE WITH RHODE ISLAND GENERAL LAWS § 16-7-44, APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF \$6,400,000 BONDS BY THE TOWN OF BURRILLVILLE TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, IMPROVEMENT, ALTERATION, REPAIR, LANDSCAPING, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL FACILITIES THROUGHOUT THE TOWN, AND ALL ATTENDANT EXPENSES INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, ENGINEERING AND ARCHITECTURAL COSTS (Enabling act required by § 16-7-44 in order for the principal of, and interest on bonds issued by the Town of Burrillville in support of school housing projects to be eligible for state housing aid reimbursement.) {LC5649/1} 04/18/2024 Referred to House Finance

## 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. 7431 SUB A

**BY** Speakman

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

METERING (Modifies the definition of "core forest" to refer to unfragmented forest blocks or single or multiple parcels totaling 250 acres or greater and at least 25 yards from mapped roads.) {LC4786/A/1}

04/19/2024 Placed on House Calendar (04/24/2024)

#### House Bill No. 7435

(Dept. Business Regulation)

BY Solomon, Casimiro, Casey, Lima, Costantino, Messier, Kennedy

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- PET INSURANCE ACT (Enacts a chapter to regulate pet insurance.) {LC4386/1}

04/19/2024 Placed on House Calendar (04/24/2024)

#### 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. 2092

BY Sosnowski, Valverde, Gu

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Exempts from taxation the real and tangible personal property of the Johnnycake Center Realty Corporation, a domestic nonprofit corporation, located in South Kingstown.) {LC3834/1} 04/19/2024 Placed on House Calendar (04/24/2024)

#### Senate Bill No. 2539

**BY** Tikoian

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- DOGS (Permits Smithfield to enact ordinances that would allow the animal control officer to issue citations which could be paid my mail and to prescribe penalties for violations of the town's ordinances regulating dogs.) {LC5014/1}

04/19/2024 Placed on House Calendar (04/24/2024)

#### Senate Bill No. 2878

BY Pearson, Picard

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- GENERAL POWERS (Authorizes the town of Cumberland to require the registration of certain business entities not registered with the secretary of state that are situated in Cumberland.) {LC5689/1} 04/19/2024 Placed on House Calendar (04/24/2024)

#### Senate Bill No. 2881

**BY** Pearson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- DOGS (Increases the fines for dog ordinance violations in the town of Cumberland.) {LC5688/1} 04/19/2024 Placed on House Calendar (04/24/2024)

#### House Bill No. 8060

BY Kennedy, Cotter, Azzinaro

ENTITLED. AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- DOGS (Permits the town council of the town of Hopkinton to enact ordinances which increase the fines pertaining to the violation of any dog ordinance.) {LC5501/1} 04/19/2024 Placed on House Calendar (04/23/2024)

#### House Bill No. 8085

**BY** Casimiro, Craven

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Exempts from taxation the real and tangible personal property of Wildlife Rehabilitators Association of Rhode Island (Wildlife Clinic of Rhode Island), a Rhode Island domestic nonprofit corporation, located in North Kingstown, Rhode Island.) {LC5736/1} 04/19/2024 Placed on House Calendar (04/24/2024)

#### House Bill No. 8086

(by request)

**BY** Carson, Abney

ENTITLED, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF NEWPORT TO ISSUE NOT TO EXCEED \$98,500,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND NOTES TO FINANCE THE DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, REPAIR, REHABILITATION, REPLACEMENT AND IMPROVEMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND MUNICIPAL FACILITIES IN THE CITY'S NEIGHBORHOODS. INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, LAND ACQUISITION, DEMOLITION, LANDFILL REMEDIATION, STREETS, SIDEWALKS, PUBLIC PARKS, BRIDGES, SEWERS, DRAINAGE, CITY BUILDINGS, AND RECREATION, BEACH AND HARBOR FACILITIES (Authorizes Newport to issue not more than \$98,500,000 general obligation bonds and notes to finance all costs relating to the design, construction, repair, rehabilitation, replacement and improvement of infrastructure and municipal facilities) {LC5772/1}

## 04/19/2024 Placed on House Calendar (04/23/2024)

#### House Bill No. 8106

BY Corvese, O'Brien, Hull

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO THE NORTH PROVIDENCE CHARTER -- THE SALVATORE MANCINI CENTER ON AGING (Amends the charter of the Town of North Providence to create a new department entitled the "Salvatore Mancini Center on Aging.")

04/19/2024 Placed on House Calendar (04/23/2024)

#### COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT AND ELECTIONS

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

#### House Bill No. 7662

(Secretary of State)

BY Serpa

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- REGISTRATION OF VOTERS (Allows non-affiliated party voters to vote in party primaries, without becoming an affiliated party voter.) {LC4664/1}

04/19/2024 Placed on House Calendar (04/23/2024)

#### House Bill No. 7849

(Board of Elections)

**BY** Carson

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- MAIL BALLOTS (Requires mail ballot drop boxes to be opened thirty-five (35) days prior to election day, and twenty (20) days prior to special elections.) {LC5579/1}

04/19/2024 Placed on House Calendar (04/23/2024)

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

At 5:31 o'clock P.M. on motion of Representative Azzinaro, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Stephen Henry McGuire and Patricia McNeil; on motion of Representative Casimiro, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Grace Gunnip; on motion of Representative McNamara, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Raymond M. DiPasquale; on motion of Representative Stewart, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Arthur Plitt seconded by Leaders Blazejewski and Chippendale the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

Diane M. DePina Recording Clerk

## **APPENDIX**

#### **INVOCATION**

#### REPRESENTATIVE BRIAN PATRICK KENNEDY

Dear Lord, we thank you for giving us the wisdom as government representatives to work for our constituents. Grant us the courage to do what is right, even in the face of adversity.

As we watch the developments around the world, we pray for peace in southeast Asia and for the people of Taiwan. While we celebrate Taiwan today, we pray for those who were injured and those who lost their lives from the earthquake that struck the Republic of China (Taiwan) last week. We hope that Rhode Island and Taiwan will continue to expand our friendship, which is based on the common values of freedom, democracy and the rule of law and that our bilateral commerce activities will flourish with new trade opportunities that will grow our economies in the years ahead.

**AMEN** 

## **APPENDIX**

#### **CALENDAR**

## IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 2024:

#### 1. 2024-H 8086

**BY** Carson

ENTITLED, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF NEWPORT TO ISSUE NOT TO EXCEED \$98,500,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND NOTES TO FINANCE THE DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, REPAIR, REHABILITATION, REPLACEMENT AND IMPROVEMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND MUNICIPAL FACILITIES IN THE CITY'S NEIGHBORHOODS, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, LAND ACQUISITION, DEMOLITION, LANDFILL REMEDIATION, STREETS, SIDEWALKS, PUBLIC PARKS, BRIDGES, SEWERS, DRAINAGE, CITY BUILDINGS, AND RECREATION, BEACH AND HARBOR FACILITIES

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

#### 2. 2024-H 8060

**BY** Kennedy

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- DOGS

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

## 3. 2024-H 8106

**BY** Corvese

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO THE NORTH PROVIDENCE CHARTER -- THE SALVATORE MANCINI CENTER ON AGING

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

### 4. 2024-H 7662

**BY** Serpa

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- REGISTRATION OF VOTERS

Committee on State Government & Elections recommends passage.

#### 5. 2024-H 7849

**BY** Carson

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- MAIL BALLOTS

Committee on State Government & Elections recommends passage.

#### IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 2024:

#### 1. 2024-H 7435

**BY** Solomon

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- PET INSURANCE ACT

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

#### 2. 2024-H 7431 SUB A

**BY** Speakman

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- NET METERING

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

#### 3. 2024-H 8085

**BY** Casimiro

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

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

#### 4. 2024-S 2092

**BY** Sosnowski

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

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage in concurrence.

#### 5. 2024-S 2539

BY Tikoian

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- DOGS

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage in concurrence.

#### 6. 2024-S 2878

**BY** Pearson

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

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage in concurrence.

## 7. 2024-S 2881

**BY** Pearson

 $\ensuremath{\mathbf{ENTITLED}}$  , AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- DOGS

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage in concurrence.

Francis McCabe
Clerk of the House

Friday, April 19, 2024