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Tuesday, April 28, 2026

Twenty-Seventh Legislative Day

CALL TO ORDER

The Senate meets pursuant to recess and is called to order by The Honorable Valarie J. Lawson, President of the Senate, at 4:07 o'clock P.M.

ROLL CALL

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 34 Senators present and 4 Senators absent as follows:

PRESENT –34: The Honorable President Valarie J. Lawson, Senators Acosta, Appollonio, Bell, Bissaillon, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, de la Cruz, DiMario, Dimitri, DiPalma, Euer, Famiglietti, Felag, Gallo, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Mack, McKenney, Murray, Patalano, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Thompson, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Urso, Valverde, Vargas, and Zurier.

ABSENT – 4: Senators Gu, Morgan, Paolino, and Pearson.

INVOCATION

The Honorable President, by unanimous consent, presents Senator McKenney to deliver the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

The Honorable President, by unanimous consent, presents Senator McKenney, to lead the Senate in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.


APPROVAL OF RECORD

The Senate Journal of the Twenty-Sixth Day of the 2026 proceedings is read in part.

Upon suggestion of Senator McKenney and by unanimous consent, further reading of the Journal is dispensed with and the Journal approved as recorded.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Honorable President of the Senate presents the following communications:

<p>SENATOR VICTORIA GU District 38</p> <hr/> <p>Room 308 Rhode Island State House Providence, Rhode Island 02903</p> <p>MOBILE: 401-388-0696 OFFICE: 401-276-5535</p> <p>sen-gu@rilegislature.gov</p>	<p>State of Rhode Island</p>  <p>Senate Chamber</p>	<p>CHAIR Committee on Artificial Intelligence & Emerging Technologies</p> <hr/> <p>Committee on Environment and Agriculture</p> <hr/> <p>Committee on Housing & Municipal Government</p>
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April 28, 2026

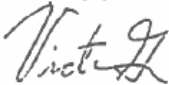
The Honorable Valarie Lawson
President of the Senate
Rhode Island State House
82 Smith Street, 3rd Floor, Room 316
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Madam President:

Please be advised and let the record reflect that I will be absent from the Chamber Tuesday, April 28, 2026

I would appreciate your recording my letter in the appropriate Senate Journal.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Victoria Gu
Senator District #38

Placed on file.

SENATOR
DAVID P. TIKOIAN
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Senate Chamber

April 29, 2026

Mrs. Helena S. Reid
Secretary of the Senate
State House Room 220
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Mrs. Secretary:

Pursuant to Rule 4.1 of the Senate Rules, I would like to respectfully request that the following bill be withdrawn:

2026 Senate Bill S-2714; RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY --
ABUSE IN HEALTHCARE FACILITIES

This legislation has been assigned to the Senate Judiciary.

I appreciate your assistance in this matter. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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David P. Tikoian
Senate Majority Whip
Senator - District 22

APPOINTMENTS BY THE GOVERNOR

The Honorable President presents the following communication from His Excellency, The Governor, transmitting the following appointments and requesting the advice and consent of the Senate thereto:



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR DANIEL J. MCKEE

March 16, 2026

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE,

I have the honor to inform you in accordance with the provisions Rhode Island General Laws § 42-57-3, I have made the following reappointment to the Fort Adams Foundation:

Virginia Hesse

For a term expiring January 31, 2029.

To this Appointment, I respectfully request your advice and consent.

Sincerely,

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Daniel J. McKee
Governor

Cc: Honorable Valarie J. Lawson, Senate President
Honorable Frank A. Ciccone III, Senate Majority Leader
Honorable Jessica de la Cruz, Senate Minority Leader

RHODE ISLAND STATE HOUSE, PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND 02903

Referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR DANIEL J. MCKEE

April 16, 2026

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE,

I have the honor to inform you in accordance with the provisions of Section § 20-3-1 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following appointment to the Rhode Island Marine Fisheries Council:

David L. Ghigliotty
(Representative of Commercial Fishing)

Vice
Vacant

For a term expiring April 1, 2031.

To this Appointment, I respectfully request your advice and consent.

Sincerely,

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Daniel J. McKee
Governor

Cc: Honorable Valarie J. Lawson, Senate President
Honorable Frank A. Ciccone, III, Senate Majority Leader
Honorable Jessica de la Cruz, Senate Minority Leader

RHODE ISLAND STATE HOUSE, PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND 02903

Referred to the Senate Committee on Environment and Agriculture.



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR DANIEL J. MCKEE

April 1, 2026

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE,

I have the honor to inform you in accordance with the provisions Rhode Island General Laws § 46-12.2-3, I have made the following reappointment to the Infrastructure Bank:

Scott Lajoie
(Vice Chair)

For a term expiring March 1, 2028.

To this Appointment, I respectfully request your advice and consent.

Sincerely,

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Daniel J. McKee
Governor

Cc: Honorable Valarie J. Lawson, Senate President
Honorable Frank A. Ciccone III, Senate Majority Leader
Honorable Jessica de la Cruz, Senate Minority Leader

RHODE ISLAND STATE HOUSE, PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND 02903

Referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR DANIEL J. MCKEE

April 9, 2026

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section § 23-28.3-2 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following appointment to the Rhode Island Fire Safety Code Board of Appeal & Review:

John Mackay
(Rep of Volunteer Fire Chief)

Vice
Jeffrey Muto

For Term expiring March 1st, 2030

To this Appointment, I respectfully request your advice and consent.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Daniel J. McKee".

Daniel J. McKee
Governor

- cc: Honorable Sabina Matos, Lieutenant Governor
Honorable K. Joseph Shekarchi, Speaker of the House
Honorable Valarie J. Lawson, Senate President
Honorable Michael W. Chippendale, House Minority Leader
Honorable Jessica de la Cruz, Senate Minority Leader
Rhode Island Ethics Commission
Legislative Press Bureau
Law Revision Office
Appointment Member

RHODE ISLAND STATE HOUSE, PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND 02903

Referred to the Senate Committee on Housing and Municipal Government.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senators Murray and Thompson and by unanimous consent, the Honorable Senate President, welcomes to the Chamber from Woonsocket Dave Andrews, Robin Crane, Donna Broomfield, Kathy McCarthy, Mitchel Cohen, Kevin McCarthy, and Roxanne Carry.

IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION**Senate Resolution No. 3232****BY** Gallo**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL 28, 2026, TO BE "ARTS DAY IN RHODE ISLAND"

{LC3819/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Gallo requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Gallo moves passage, seconded by The Honorable President Valarie J. Lawson, Senators Acosta, Appollonio, Bell, Bissaillon, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, de la Cruz, DiMario, Dimitri, DiPalma, Famiglietti, Felag, Gallo, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Mack, McKenney, Murray, Patalano, Quezada, Rogers, Sosnowski, Thompson, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Urso, Valverde, Vargas, and Zurier.

The resolution is read and passed upon a voice vote.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator Gallo and by unanimous consent, the Honorable Senate President, welcomes to the Chamber David Kim, Vice Chair of the RISCA Board, Andre Herrera, RISCA Board member, Kara Kunst, RISCA Board member, Michael Rose, RISCA Board member, and Sara Leonard, Deputy Director of RISCA.

IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION**Senate Resolution No. 3233****BY** Ujifusa**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE VITAL ROLE OF
INDEPENDENT COMMUNITY PHARMACIES IN RHODE ISLAND
{LC6349/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Ujifusa requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Ujifusa moves passage, seconded by The Honorable President Valarie J. Lawson, Senators Acosta, Appollonio, Bell, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, de la Cruz, DiMario, Dimitri, DiPalma, Euer, Famiglietti, Gallo, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Mack, McKenney, Murray, Patalano, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Thompson, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Urso, Valverde, Vargas, and Zurier.

Senators Ujifusa and de la Cruz speak on the senate resolution.

The resolution is read and passed upon a voice vote.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senators Ujifusa, DiPalma, and Gallo and by unanimous consent, the Honorable Senate President, welcomes to the Chamber Zahan Akbar Atwood Pharmacy, Hasan Iqbal Chapel Pharmacy, Bill Quirk Seaside Pharmacy, Matt Oliver from Matt's Local Pharmacy, Bob Iacobucci and Beth Brown from White Cross Pharmacy.

IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION**Senate Resolution No. 3234****BY** Bell**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MAY 2026 AS “JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH” IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
{LC6128/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Bell requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Bell moves passage, seconded by The Honorable President Valarie J. Lawson, Senators Acosta, Appollonio, Bissaillon, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, de la Cruz, DiMario, Dimitri, DiPalma, Euer, Famiglietti, Felag, Gallo, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Mack, McKenney, Murray, Patalano, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Thompson, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Urso, Valverde, Vargas, and Zurier.

The resolution is read and passed upon a voice vote.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator Bell and by unanimous consent, the Honorable Senate President, welcomes to the Chamber Emily Geaudreau and Stephanie Hague from the Jewish Alliance.

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Resolution No. 3235****BY** Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE CAROLINA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT ON RECEIVING THE RICHMOND GRANGE'S COMMUNITY SERVICE GROUP OF THE YEAR AWARD
{LC6344/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

Appendix

CONSENT CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 2026:

1. ***The Reappointment of David Kim to the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts for a term expiring March 1, 2029.***

Committee on Education recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.
2. ***The Reappointment of Amy Leidtke to the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts for a term expiring March 1, 2029.***

Committee on Education recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.
3. ***The Appointment of Kara Kunst VICE Suzanne Augenstein to the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts for a term expiring March 1, 2029.***

Committee on Education recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.
4. ***The Appointment of Maggie Anderson VICE Marisa Angell Brown to the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts for a term expiring March 1, 2029.***

Committee on Education recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.
5. ***The Appointment of Michael Rose VICE Dominique Alfandre to the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts for a term expiring March 1, 2029.***

Committee on Education recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.
6. ***The Appointment of André Herrera-Quinonez VICE Jennifer Fonseca to the Rhode Island State Council of the Arts for a term expiring March 1, 2028.***

Committee on Education recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.

7. **2026-S 3226**
BY McKenney
ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF MARY ANN JOHNSON

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

8. **2026-S 3229**
BY de la Cruz
ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL OF 2026, TO BE "PARKINSON'S AWARENESS MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

9. **2026-S 3230**
BY de la Cruz
ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL OF 2026, AS "AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

10. **2026-H 7227**
BY J. Lombardi
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES

Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs recommends passage in concurrence.

11. **2026-H 7029 SUB A**
BY Boylan
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- NURSES

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

12. **2026-H 7043 SUB A**
BY Azzinaro
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES

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

- 13. 2026-H 7661**
BY McGaw
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage in concurrence.

- 14. 2026-H 7151**
BY Finkelman
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage in concurrence.

- 15. 2026-H 7662**
BY Cortvriend
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage in concurrence.

Upon motion of Senator Tikoian, seconded by Senator de la Cruz, the following measures on Today's Consent Calendar, by unanimous consent, are read and passed, upon a roll call vote:

YEAS – 34: The Honorable President Valarie J. Lawson, Senators Acosta, Appollonio, Bell, Bissaillon, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, de la Cruz, DiMario, Dimitri, DiPalma, Euer, Famiglietti, Felag, Gallo, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Mack, McKenney, Murray, Patalano, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Thompson, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Urso, Valverde, Vargas, and Zurier.

NAYS – 0:

Appendix**CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 2026:****1. 2026-S 2876****BY** Murray**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFITS

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.

Senator Murray moves passage of the act, seconded by The Honorable President Valarie J. Lawson, Senators Acosta, Appollonio, Bell, Bissaillon, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, de la Cruz, DiMario, Dimitri, DiPalma, Famiglietti, Felag, Gallo, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Mack, McKenney, Patalano, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Thompson, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Urso, Valverde, Vargas, and Zurier.

The act is read and passed, upon a roll call vote, with 34 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS – 34: The Honorable President Valarie J. Lawson, Senators Acosta, Appollonio, Bell, Bissaillon, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, de la Cruz, DiMario, Dimitri, DiPalma, Euer, Famiglietti, Felag, Gallo, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Mack, McKenney, Murray, Patalano, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Thompson, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Urso, Valverde, Vargas, and Zurier.

NAYS – 0:**2. 2026-S 2877****BY** Murray**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.

Senator Murray moves passage of the act, seconded by The Honorable President Valarie J. Lawson, Senators Acosta, Appollonio, Bell, Bissaillon, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, de la Cruz, DiMario, Dimitri, DiPalma, Famiglietti, Felag, Gallo, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Mack, McKenney, Patalano, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Thompson, Tikoian, Urso, Vargas, and Zurier.

The act is read and passed, upon a roll call vote, with 34 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS – 34: The Honorable President Valarie J. Lawson, Senators Acosta, Appollonio, Bell, Bissaillon, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, de la Cruz, DiMario, Dimitri, DiPalma, Euer, Famiglietti, Felag, Gallo, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Mack, McKenney, Murray, Patalano, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Thompson, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Urso, Valverde, Vargas, and Zurier.

NAYS – 0:

3. 2026-S 2755**BY** Zurier**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES

Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs recommends passage.

Senator Zurier moves passage of the act, seconded by The Honorable President Valarie J. Lawson, Senators Acosta, Appollonio, Bell, Bissaillon, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, DiMario, Dimitri, DiPalma, Famiglietti, Felag, Gallo, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Mack, McKenney, Murray, Patalano, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Thompson, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Urso, Valverde, and Vargas.

The act is read and passed, upon a roll call vote, with 34 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS – 34: The Honorable President Valarie J. Lawson, Senators Acosta, Appollonio, Bell, Bissaillon, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, de la Cruz, DiMario, Dimitri, DiPalma, Euer, Famiglietti, Felag, Gallo, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Mack, McKenney, Murray, Patalano, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Thompson, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Urso, Valverde, Vargas, and Zurier.

NAYS – 0:

4. 2026-S 3203**BY** Famiglietti**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES

Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs recommends passage.

Senator Famiglietti moves passage of the act, seconded by The Honorable President Valarie J. Lawson, Senators Acosta, Appollonio, Bell, Bissaillon, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, DiMario, Dimitri, DiPalma, Felag, Gallo, LaMountain, Lauria, Mack, McKenney, Murray, Patalano, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Urso, and Vargas.

The act is read and passed, upon a roll call vote, with 34 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS – 34: The Honorable President Valarie J. Lawson, Senators Acosta, Appollonio, Bell, Bissaillon, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, de la Cruz, DiMario, Dimitri, DiPalma, Euer, Famiglietti, Felag, Gallo, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Mack, McKenney, Murray, Patalano, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Thompson, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Urso, Valverde, Vargas, and Zurier.

NAYS – 0:

5. **2026-S 2391**
BY Patalano
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- PUBLIC AUCTIONS OF REAL ESTATE

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Senator Patalano moves passage of the act, seconded by The Honorable President Valarie J. Lawson, Senators Appollonio, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, Dimitri, DiPalma, Famiglietti, Felag, Gallo, LaMountain, McKenney, Patalano, Quezada, Raptakis, Sosnowski, Thompson, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Urso, and Zurier.

Senators Bell, Ciccone, Rogers, and Patalano discuss the act.

The act is read and passed, upon a roll call vote, with 25 members voting in the affirmative and 9 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS – 25: The Honorable President Valarie J. Lawson, Senators Appollonio, Bissaillon, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, DiMario, Dimitri, DiPalma, Famiglietti, Felag, Gallo, LaMountain, Lauria, McKenney, Murray, Patalano, Quezada, Raptakis, Sosnowski, Thompson, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Urso, and Vargas.

NAYS – 9: Senators Acosta, Bell, de la Cruz, Euer, Kallman, Mack, Rogers, Valverde, and Zurier.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator Sosnowski announces that the Senate Committee on Commerce will meet at the Rise of the Senate in Room 212.

Senator Lauria announces that the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services will meet at the Rise of the Senate in the Senate Lounge.

Senator Felag announces that the Senate Committee on Finance will meet at the Rise of the Senate in Room 211.

Senator Bissaillon announces that the Senate Committee on Judiciary will meet at the Rise of the Senate in Room 313.

Senator Raptakis announces that the Senate Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs will meet Wednesday, April 29th at 4:30pm in Room 211.

Senator Britto announces that the Senate Committee on Environment and Agriculture will meet Wednesday, April 29th at 4:00pm in the Senate Lounge.

Senator Murray announces that the Senate Committee on Education will meet Wednesday, April 29th at 4:00pm in Room 313.

Senator Thompson announces that the Senate Committee on Labor and Gaming will meet Wednesday, April 29th at 4:00pm in Room 212.

Senator Tikoian would like to wish a Happy Birthday to Senate Voting Clerk John D. Manni.

TRANSMITTAL

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

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE

Chairman Britto, from the Committee on Commerce, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measures:

Senate Bill No. 2015

BY Raptakis, Thompson, Gu, Patalano, Murray, Burke, Quezada, LaMountain, McKenney, Sosnowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS -- LENDERS AND LOAN BROKERS (Removes the licensing exemption for a lender that originates less than six (6) loans in twelve (12) consecutive months.)

{LC3453/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 2203

BY Zurier, Valverde, Euer, Urso, Gu

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW--GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- GENETIC INFORMATION PRIVACY ACT (Requires a direct-to-consumer genetic testing company, as defined, to provide a consumer with certain information regarding the company's policies and procedures regarding use of genetic data.)

{LC3434/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 2519**BY** McKenney, Tikoian, Britto, Bissaillon, Zurier**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS -- THE RHODE ISLAND SPECIAL DEPOSITS ACT (Establishes the Rhode Island Special Deposits Act to be governed by an account agreement between the bank and the depositor or its beneficiary.)
{LC4839/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 2639**BY** Dimitri, Famiglietti, Tikoian, Britto, Thompson, Patalano**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- SINGLE-USE PLASTIC STRAWS (Allows customers to directly take single-use plastic straws from single straw dispensers at food service establishments.)
{LC5408/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 2644

(Lieutenant Governor)

BY Murray, Thompson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- ESTATES IN REAL PROPERTY (Prohibits restrictive covenants related to grocery stores.)
{LC4779/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 2647**BY** Appollonio**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- COMMERCIAL KITCHEN EXHAUST SYSTEM INSPECTION AND CLEANING, LICENSING AND CERTIFICATION ACT (Establishes the commercial kitchen exhaust system inspection and cleaning licensing and certification act. It also requires entities inspecting or cleaning commercial exhaust systems be licensed and insured.)
{LC5335/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 2772

(Dept. of Business Regulation)

BY Gallo, Tikoian, Burke, LaMountain, Felag**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- ARCHITECTS (Amends how architecture firms and individual architects are registered.)
{LC5445/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 3073**BY** Britto, McKenney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- MORTGAGES OF REAL PROPERTY (Limits mortgage prepayment rules to mortgages on owner-occupied properties with one to four dwelling units.)

{LC5273/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 3075

(Dept. of Business Regulation)

BY Britto, Burke, Urso, Bissaillon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS -- LICENSED ACTIVITIES (Establishes requirements for capital, liquidity, and corporate governance including: audit, risk management, and board oversight, for nonbank mortgage servicers.)

{LC5442/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 3076

(Dept. of Business Regulation)

BY Britto, McKenney, Burke, Urso, Bissaillon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY (Updates the state's public accountancy act for consistency with the 9th edition of the Uniform Accountancy Act, as issued by NASBA and AICPA in July 2025.)

{LC5444/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Chairman LaMountain, from the Committee on Judiciary, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measures:

The Appointment of Michael DiLauro VICE Linda Bachand-Jackson to the Crime Laboratory Commission for a term expiring January 31, 2028.

Placed on the Consent Calendar.

The Reappointment of Christopher Behan to the Fort Adams Foundation for a term expiring January 31, 2029.

Placed on the Consent Calendar.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Chairman DiPalma, from the Committee on Finance, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measure:

Senate Bill No. 3214

BY Acosta, Lawson, Gallo, DiPalma, Ciccone, McKenney, Mack, Valverde

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SCHOOL COMMITTEES AND SUPERINTENDENTS (Establishes stabilization fund for Central Falls and for Davies and Met schools for student education funding.)

{LC6319/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Senator Tikoian, seconded by Senate President Pro Tempore Gallo, the Senate adjourns at 4:54 o'clock P.M.

HELENA S. REID
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix**INVOCATION****SENATOR MARK P. MCKENNEY**

Lord, As we return from break today, and enter the final weeks of our session, we give thanks for the time we have just had to rest, reinvigorate, and reconnect with the people we serve. As the pace quickens and the finish line nears, we ask for an extra measure of clarity and wisdom. Please help us, in heat of debate and with pressure of deadlines, remain focused not on partisan gain but on the common ground. Grant us the patience to listen, the humility to compromise where needed, and the courage to stand firm for what is right. Please guide our work so that we bring justice to the marginalized, support to the struggling, and a brighter future for every Rhode Islander. Amen.

Appendix**TRANSMITTED TO THE GOVERNOR ON TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 2026****House Bill No. 7029 SUB A**

BY Boylan, McGaw, Potter, Donovan, Fogarty, Speakman, Azzinaro, Kislak, Bennett, Hopkins
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- NURSES
(Permits a nurse who has the appropriate knowledge, credentials and clinical competency, to provide home services foot care, which includes routine foot and nail care, as well as implementing a plan of care that includes hygiene and fingernails.)
{LC3130/A/2}

Transmitted to Governor.

House Bill No. 7043 SUB A

BY Azzinaro, Kennedy, Phillips, Corvese
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES
(Requires that applicants for a retail liquor license in the town of Westerly acquire commercial, general-liability, liquor liability and property damage insurance coverage in the amount of \$300,000.)
{LC3381/A/1}

Transmitted to Governor.

House Bill No. 7151

BY Finkelman
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Authorizes the town of Jamestown to authorize, by ordinance, the expansion of the local tax exemption ordinance for seniors.)
{LC3859/1}

Transmitted to Governor.

House Bill No. 7227

BY Lombardi, Hull, Sanchez
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES
(Allows for the issuance of a Class B liquor license for the property located at 150 Broadway in the city of Providence.)
{LC4393/1}

Transmitted to Governor.

House Bill No. 7661**BY** McGaw, Cortvriend**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Enables the town of Portsmouth to adopt, repeal, or modify their tax classification plan for any tax year on and after December 31, 2026.)

{LC5089/1}

Transmitted to Governor.

House Bill No. 7662**BY** Cortvriend, Finkelman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Authorizes the town of Middletown to adopt by ordinance, a veterans' property tax exemption to any veteran, who was honorably discharged, or discharged under conditions other than dishonorable, regardless of dates or periods of service.)

{LC4881/1}

Transmitted to Governor.

Appendix

CONSENT CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 2026:

1. *The Appointment of Michael DiLauro VICE Linda Bachand-Jackson to the Crime Laboratory Commission for a term expiring January 31, 2028.*

Committee on Judiciary recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.

2. *The Reappointment of Christopher Behan to the Fort Adams Foundation for a term expiring January 31, 2029.*

Committee on Judiciary recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.

3. **2026-S 3235**

BY Sosnowski

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE CAROLINA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT ON RECEIVING THE RICHMOND GRANGE'S COMMUNITY SERVICE GROUP OF THE YEAR AWARD

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

Appendix

CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MAY 05, 2026:

1. **2026-S 2015**
 BY Raptakis
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS -- LENDERS
 AND LOAN BROKERS

 Committee on Commerce recommends passage.
2. **2026-S 2203**
 BY Zurier
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW--GENERAL
 REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- GENETIC INFORMATION PRIVACY ACT

 Committee on Commerce recommends passage.
3. **2026-S 2519**
 BY McKenney
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS -- THE RHODE
 ISLAND SPECIAL DEPOSITS ACT

 Committee on Commerce recommends passage.
4. **2026-S 2639 SUB A**
 BY Dimitri
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- SINGLE-USE
 PLASTIC STRAWS

 Committee on Commerce recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and
 passage of Substitute A.
5. **2026-S 2644**
 BY Murray
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- ESTATES IN REAL
 PROPERTY

 Committee on Commerce recommends passage.

6. **2026-S 2647 SUB A**
BY Appollonio
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- COMMERCIAL KITCHEN EXHAUST SYSTEM INSPECTION AND CLEANING, LICENSING AND CERTIFICATION ACT

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

7. **2026-S 2772**
BY Gallo
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- ARCHITECTS

Committee on Commerce recommends passage.

8. **2026-S 3073**
BY Britto
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- MORTGAGES OF REAL PROPERTY

Committee on Commerce recommends passage.

9. **2026-S 3075**
BY Britto
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS -- LICENSED ACTIVITIES

Committee on Commerce recommends passage.

10. **2026-S 3076**
BY Britto
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY

Committee on Commerce recommends passage.

Appendix

CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2026:

1. **2026-S 3214**

BY Acosta

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SCHOOL COMMITTEES
AND SUPERINTENDENTS

Committee on Finance recommends passage.