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Thursday, April 30, 2026

Twenty-Eighth 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 4:13 o'clock P.M.

ROLL CALL

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 36 Senators present and 2 Senators absent as follows:

PRESENT –36: The Honorable President Valarie J. Lawson, Senators Acosta, Appollonio, Bell, Bissaillon, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, de la Cruz, DiMario, Dimitri, DiPalma, Euer, Famiglietti, Felag, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Mack, McKenney, Murray, Paolino, Patalano, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Thompson, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Urso, Valverde, Vargas, and Zurier.

ABSENT – 2: Senators Morgan and Pearson.

INVOCATION

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF RECORD

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

Upon suggestion of Senator Murray 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:


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Commerce

Committee on
Finance

Committee on Special
Legislation & Veterans' Affairs

April 30, 2026

Honorable Valarie J. Lawson
President of the Rhode Island Senate
318 State House
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Madam President:

Please be advised and let the record reflect that I will be absent from Senate session on Thursday April 30, 2026 due to illness.

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

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully submitted
Elaine J. Morgan
Elaine J. Morgan
Deputy Minority Whip

IN THE SENATE
Read and Ordered to be
PLACE ON FILE

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John B. ...
Reading Clerk

Placed on file.

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

April 29, 2026

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Article 10, Section 4 of the Rhode Island Constitution, entitled State Court Judges - Judicial Selection, I have made the following appointment as Associate Justice of the Rhode Island Superior Court:

Joanna M. Achille, Esq.

Vice
Stephen P. Nugent

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

Sincerely,

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 Ethics Commission
Legislative Press Bureau
Law Revision Office
Honorable Paul Suttell, Chief Justice, Rhode Island Supreme Court
Honorable Joseph A. Montalbano, Presiding Justice, Rhode Island Superior Court
Honorable J. Matthew L. LaMountain, Chair, Senate Judiciary Committee
Joanna M. Achille, Esq.

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 29, 2026

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Article 10, Section 4 of the Rhode Island Constitution, entitled State Court Judges - Judicial Selection, I have made the following appointment as Associate Justice of the Rhode Island Superior Court:

Hon. Maria Ferro Deaton

Vice
Melanie Wilk Thunburg

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

Sincerely,

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
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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 22, 2026

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE,

I have the honor to inform you in accordance with the provisions Rhode Island General Laws § 42-64-8, I have made the following appointment to the Rhode Island Commerce Corporation:

Kevin Farrell

(Public Member)

Vice

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For a term expiring February 1, 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 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 Commerce.

**REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES
COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**

Chairwoman Gallo, from the Committee on Education, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measures:

Senate Bill No. 2208

BY Bell, Mack, Ciccone, Quezada, Bissaillon, Kallman, Famiglietti, Zurier
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- COOPERATIVE SERVICE AMONG SCHOOL DISTRICTS (Amends the composition of the urban collaborative in Providence and provides that it is governed by a board of trustees.)
{LC4445/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 2212

BY Acosta, Mack, Bissaillon, Valverde, Zurier, DiPalma, Gallo, McKenney
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CERTIFICATION OF TEACHERS (Extends teacher certifications without fee or penalty for three (3) or five (5) years for teachers who hold certifications as of July 1, 2026.)
{LC3820/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

COMMITTEE ON LABOR & GAMING

Chairman Burke, from the Committee on Labor, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measures:

Senate Bill No. 2318

BY Acosta, Vargas, Ciccone, Burke, Quezada, Thompson, Pearson, Mack, Kallman
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CORPORATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS, AND PARTNERSHIPS -- WORKERS' COOPERATIVES (Clarifies the role of a corporation electing to be governed as a workers' cooperative to allow it to operate as a hiring hall under certain circumstances.)
{LC3804/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 2744**BY** Ciccone, Burke, Felag, Acosta**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- THE RHODE ISLAND OPPORTUNITY FOR EMPLOYEE OWNERSHIP ACT (Establishes an opportunity for employee ownership where the owner notifies all current full-time and part-time employees and provides them with a 30-day window in which to initiate a process to potentially purchase the business as a workers' cooperative.)

{LC5587/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 2922

(Lietenant Governor)

BY Ciccone, DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE RHODE ISLAND CENTER FOR EMPLOYEE OWNERSHIP (Establishes the Rhode Island center for employee ownership to facilitate businesses in transitioning to an employee-owned business model.)

{LC4777/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL LEGISLATION AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Chairman Felag, from the Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measures:

Senate Bill No. 2184**BY** Felag, Appollonio, Lauria, Gallo, Burke, LaMountain, Britto**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES (Removes the fee for registration and plate transfer for a Distinguished Service Cross registration plate.)

{LC4237/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 2332**BY** Bell, Murray, Thompson, Gu, Ujifusa, Quezada, Valverde, Felag, Vargas, DiMario**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES (Provides that exemptions to the prohibition of liquor licenses within two hundred feet (200') of schools or places of worship do not eliminate neighboring property owners' remonstrance rights to object to the license.)

{LC3965/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 2414**BY** Felag, Raptakis, Burke, Tikoian, LaMountain, Murray, Lauria, Vargas, DiMario**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES --

REGISTRATION FEES (Disabled veteran license plate may be transferred to veterans' spouse or issued to veteran or veterans spouse.)

{LC4568/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 2418**BY** Lawson, LaMountain, Gallo, Lauria, Britto**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES --

REGISTRATION FEES (Includes veterans 75 years or older with a combined service connected disability rating of 70% as eligible for disabled veterans license plates.)

{LC4214/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 2420**BY** Patalano, Ciccone, Tikoian, Famiglietti, Appollonio, Thompson, Raptakis, Burke, Urso, Dimitri**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- NATIONAL GUARD (Allows the dependents of a national guard member, who is in good standing, to be eligible for tuition assistance.)

{LC4301/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 2838

(Adm/Office of Healthy Aging (OHA))

BY Tikoian**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HOLIDAYS AND DAYS OF SPECIAL

OBSERVANCE-- DAYS OF SPECIAL OBSERVANCE (Provides that the month of September in each year be designated "Rhode Island Senior Center Month" with appropriate exercises in public places.)

{LC4959/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 2177**BY** Felag, Appollonio, Lauria, Gallo, Burke, LaMountain, Britto**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE --

DECORATIONS (Establishes the Rhode Island orange heart medal to formally recognize Rhode Island veterans whose service exposed them to toxic herbicides, burn pits, or other hazardous agents.)

{LC4232/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 2627**BY** LaMountain, Felag, Burke, Gallo, Tikoian, Ciccone, Britto, Raptakis, Bissaillon, Murray**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- TEMPORARY

EXTENDED SERVICE HOURS (Authorizes temporary periods for extended service hours under existing liquor licenses for the 2026 FIFA World Cup Tournament, subject to limitations or opt out by a municipality via council resolution.)

{LC5018/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

Senate Resolution No. 2754**BY** Ciccone, Felag, Tikoian, Gallo**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION URGING THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO ENACT THE MAJOR RICHARD STAR ACT

{LC5905/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 2756**BY** Felag, Burke, Tikoian, Raptakis, Appollonio, Euer, Britto, Bissaillon, Ciccone, Morgan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- MILITARY

CHILD ACT (Defines "military-connected student" and permits military-connected students to enroll by remote registration upon presentation of military orders confirming the parent or guardian be stationed in this state during the current or following school year.)

{LC5878/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 2996

(National Guard)

BY Felag, Raptakis, Burke, Tikoian, DiPalma, LaMountain, Gallo, Ciccone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE --

DECORATIONS (Creates three (3) new awards for Rhode Island National Guard members and would provide eligibility for the Rhode Island star for certain civilian government employees and military and civilian leaders of foreign governments.)

{LC5436/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 3002

(Dept. of Transportation)

BY McKenney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- SIZE, WEIGHT, AND LOAD LIMITS (Provides a series of updates to size, weight, and load regulations for commercial and specialized vehicles.)

{LC5447/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Resolution No. 3236****BY** DiPalma**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND EXALTING THE PARISH OF ST. LUCY CATHOLIC CHURCH ON THE JOYOUS OCCASION OF THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF ITS FOUNDING

{LC6343/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION**Senate Resolution No. 3237****BY** Lawson, Zurier**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING MAY 4, 2026, AS RHODE ISLAND INDEPENDENCE DAY AND THE 250TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S HISTORIC ACT OF RENUNCIATION
{LC6249/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Zurier requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

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

The resolution is read and passed upon a voice vote.

Senate Resolution No. 3238**BY** Vargas**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION CELEBRATING THE 175TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE YMCA IN THE UNITED STATES AND RECOGNIZING THE IMPACT OF THE RHODE ISLAND ALLIANCE OF YMCAS
{LC6286/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Vargas requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

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

Senators Vargas and Paolino speak on the senate resolution.

The resolution is read and passed upon a voice vote.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senators Vargas, Tikoian, Urso and by unanimous consent, the Honorable Senate President, welcomes to the Chamber Shauna Lewis, CEO of the Smithfield YMCA, Jeff Merhige, CEO of the YMCA of Pawtucket, Sheila Litty, CEO of the Ocean Community YMCA, Corey Prachniak, Director of the Hope Department YMCA of Pawtucket, Kate Messier, Vice President for Development YMCA in Pawtucket, Anthony Gibney, Executive Director of Cranston YMCA, and Erlin Rogel, COO Greater Providence YMCA.

IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION**Senate Resolution No. 3239****BY** DiMario**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING APRIL 2026 AS "OUT-OF-SCHOOL TIME MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
{LC6372/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator DiMario requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator DiMario moves passage, seconded by The Honorable President Valarie J. Lawson, Senators Acosta, Appollonio, Bell, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, de la Cruz, Dimitri, DiPalma, Euer, Famiglietti, Felag, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Mack, McKenney, Murray, Paolino, 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 Senators DiMario, Mack, Euer, Thompson and by unanimous consent, the Honorable Senate President, welcomes to the Chamber Michael Dunican, Rhode Island Afterschool Network, Peter Chung, Young Voices Providence, Ellen Pinnock, Fab Newport, Jalayah Bowman, Fab Newport, and Gianna Michel, Fab Newport.

IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION**Senate Resolution No. 3240****BY** de la Cruz**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION CONDEMNING POLITICAL VIOLENCE AND REAFFIRMING THE PRINCIPLES OF CIVILITY, PUBLIC SAFETY, AND DEMOCRATIC GOVERNANCE

{LC6389/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator de la Cruz requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator de la Cruz moves passage, seconded by The Honorable President Valarie J. Lawson, Senators Appollonio, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, de la Cruz, Dimitri, DiPalma, Euer, Famiglietti, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, McKenney, Paolino, Patalano, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Thompson, Tikoian, and Valverde.

Senators Acosta, Lauria, and de la Cruz speak on the senate resolution.

The resolution is read and passed upon a voice vote.

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.

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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.

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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

Senator DiMario announces that the Senate Committee on Housing and Municipal Government 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 Room 211.

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.

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Bill No. 3241****BY** DiMario

ENTITLED, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF NARRAGANSETT TO FINANCE THE EQUIPPING, EXPANSION, IMPROVEMENT AND RENOVATION OF FIRE STATIONS IN THE TOWN OF NARRAGANSETT AND TO ISSUE NOT MORE THAN \$3,000,000 BONDS AND NOTES THEREFOR (Authorizes the town of Narragansett to issue up to \$3,000,000 in bonds and notes to finance the equipping, expansion, improvement and renovation of fire stations in the town.)

{LC6415/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 3242**BY** Gu

ENTITLED, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CHARIHO REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SERVING THE TOWNS OF CHARLESTOWN, RICHMOND AND HOPKINTON, CONSISTING OF ONE OR MORE BUILDINGS ON A SINGLE CAMPUS, AND IMPROVEMENTS AT THE SWITCH ROAD CAMPUS INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, COSTS OF LAND ACQUISITION, DEMOLITION, DESIGN, HEALTH AND SAFETY PROJECTS, PLAYGROUNDS, LANDSCAPING, PAVING, AND ALL EXPENSES INCIDENTAL THERETO, BY THE ISSUANCE OF NOT MORE THAN \$116,000,000 BONDS AND/OR NOTES THEREFOR, SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF STATE HOUSING AID AT A REIMBURSEMENT RATE OR STATE SHARE RATIO OF NOT LESS THAN 61% AT THE TIME OF ISSUANCE, WHICH RATE OR RATIO MAY INCREASE TO 65% AT PROJECT COMPLETION (Authorizes the Chariho Regional School District to finance the construction, furnishing and equipping of an elementary school and to issue not more than \$116,000,000 bonds and/or notes.)

{LC6408/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 3243**BY** Ujifusa

ENTITLED, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF PORTSMOUTH TO ISSUE NOT TO EXCEED \$41,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, NOTES AND OTHER EVIDENCES OF INDEBTEDNESS TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION, ADDITIONS, RENOVATION, IMPROVEMENT, ALTERATION, REPAIR, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL FACILITIES THROUGHOUT THE TOWN (Authorizes the Town of Portsmouth to issue bonds and notes in amount not exceeding \$41,000,000 to finance construction, additions, renovation, improvement, alteration, repair, furnishing and equipping of schools and school facilities throughout the town.)
{LC6382/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 3244

(Attorney General)

BY Murray

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- THE HOSPITAL CONVERSIONS ACT (Authorizes the Superior Court to place a hospital into receivership upon action by the attorney general or department of health when a hospital is mismanaged, financially distressed, acting illegally, or endangering patient health and safety.)
{LC6238/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

A message from the House of Representatives transmits with announcement of passage, of the following measures:

House Bill No. 7008 SUB A**BY** Corvese

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- PARKING FACILITIES AND PRIVILEGES (Includes the governor's commission on disabilities in the decision making process for the disability parking enforcement enhancement program and requires an annual report be submitted to the governor's commission.)
{LC3563/A/1}

Referred to the Senate Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

House Bill No. 7030 SUB A

BY Shanley, Craven, Caldwell, Bennett, Casimiro, Corvese, Morales, Paplauskas, Hopkins
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- HEALTHCARE
WORKER PLATFORM ACT (Creates the healthcare worker platform act that requires
platforms offering healthcare shifts to register with the Rhode Island department of health while
exempting them from being classified as nursing service agencies.)
{LC3152/A/1}

Referred to the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services.

House Bill No. 7032

BY Speakman, Ajello, Kislak, Donovan, Cotter, Casimiro, Felix, Batista, McGaw, Potter
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- STUDENT COMPUTER DEVICE
PRIVACY (Prohibits an educational institution or school district from accessing or using
location data for tracking a student's institutional device or personal device, except in limited
circumstances.)
{LC3565/1}

Referred to the Senate Committee on Education.

House Bill No. 7083 SUB A

BY Lima, Potter, Cruz, Slater, Diaz, Sanchez, Handy, Bennett, McNamara
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- GENERAL POWERS
(Authorizes the city of Cranston to establish a housing division within its municipal court.)
{LC3945/A/1}

Referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill No. 7090

BY McNamara, Corvese, Shekarchi, Diaz
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- PRIMARIES FOR ELECTION OF
DELEGATES TO NATIONAL CONVENTIONS AND FOR PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE
(Changes the date for the election of delegates to the conventions from the fourth Tuesday in
April to the first Tuesday in March 2028.)
{LC3947/1}

Referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill No. 7094

BY Azzinaro, Shallcross Smith, Corvese, McNamara, Fellela, Solomon, Kennedy
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE --
DECORATIONS (Establishes the Rhode Island orange heart medal to formally recognize Rhode
Island veterans whose service exposed them to toxic herbicides, burn pits, or other hazardous
agents.)
{LC3134/1}

Referred to the Senate Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

House Bill No. 7173 as amended

BY Kennedy, Cotter, Fellela, Serpa, Diaz, Ackerman, Edwards, Solomon, Azzinaro, O'Brien
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS --
FACILITATING BUSINESS RAPID RESPONSE TO STATE DECLARED DISASTER ACT
OF 2024 (Incorporates broadband, internet, and wireless means into the crime of injuring electric
and communication lines and authorizes municipalities to grant zoning relief for the protection of
critical infrastructure.)
{LC4181/1}

Referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill No. 7218

(City of Providence)

BY Kislak, Blazejewski, Diaz, Slater, Sanchez, Biah, DeSimone, Morales, Lombardi
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS -- CROOK POINT BRIDGE
AUTHORITY ACT (Creates the Crook Point Bridge Authority for the purpose of maintain the
Crook Point Bascule Bridge and any property related thereto.)
{LC4257/1}

Referred to the Senate Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

House Bill No. 7342 SUB A

BY Carson, Cortvriend, Boylan, Speakman, McGaw, Fogarty, Spears, Casimiro, Tanzi, Cotter
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SCHOOL WASTE RECYCLING
AND REFUSE DISPOSAL (Amends certain provisions relative to school waste recycling and
refuse disposal and requires reports of waste audits by educational entities and reports of
program participation by vendors.)
{LC3438/A/2}

Referred to the Senate Committee on Environment and Agriculture.

House Bill No. 7358**BY** Baginski, Paplauskas**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- CONDUCT OF ELECTION AND VOTING EQUIPMENT, AND SUPPLIES (Requires all write-in votes, regardless of qualification, to be reported and published by the state board of elections, on its website.)
{LC3495/1}

Referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill No. 7371**BY** Shallcross Smith, Fellela, Diaz, Slater, Hull, Messier, Donovan, Fogarty, Ackerman, McNamara**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES (Sets the zoning statewide for “family child care homes” to no fewer than twelve (12) children maximum.)
{LC4489/1}

Referred to the Senate Committee on Housing and Municipal Government.

House Bill No. 7377

(by request)

BY Carson, Shanley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- LOCAL CANVASSING AUTHORITIES (Requires party chairpersons to submit lists of party voters to the mayor or council president within 30 days of notice of vacancy in a municipal election office and mayor/council president are required to make a replacement nomination within 30 days.)
{LC4040/1}

Referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill No. 7378**BY** Baginski, Paplauskas**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- LOCAL CANVASSING AUTHORITIES (Changes how voter are notified of elections and vote registration deadlines, and local board questions.)
{LC3496/1}

Referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill No. 7424**BY** Solomon, Casimiro, Casey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- COLLABORATIVE PHARMACY PRACTICE (Expands the existing law regarding collaborative practice agreements between pharmacists and physicians to allow other healthcare providers to enter into such agreements and removes the definition of “collaborative practice committee.”)
{LC3360/1}

Referred to the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services.

House Bill No. 7475

(General Treasurer)

BY Shanley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC FINANCE -- RHODE ISLAND SECURE CHOICE RETIREMENT SAVINGS PROGRAM ACT (Makes several technical amendments to the Rhode Island secure choice retirement savings program act necessary for continued administration and inter-state partnership.)
{LC4644/1}

Referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

House Resolution No. 7532 SUB A as amended**BY** Cortvriend, Noret, Phillips**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY SLUDGE MANAGEMENT IN RHODE ISLAND (That a special joint legislative commission be created consisting of 20 members and report its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly no later than January 5, 2027, and said commission expires on March 5, 2027.)
{LC4425/A/1}

Referred to the Senate Committee on Commerce.

House Bill No. 7538**BY** Tanzi, McGaw, Felix, Hull, Lombardi, Stewart, Giraldo, Edwards, Bennett, Diaz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- USE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE BY HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS NOTIFICATION ACT (Requires healthcare providers and healthcare facilities to inform patients of the use of artificial intelligence to memorialize patient visits.)
{LC4720/1}

Referred to the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services.

House Bill No. 7562**BY** Dawson, O'Brien**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- CRUELTY TO ANIMALS (Allows animal control officers in the cities and towns to lawfully take charge of and provide adequate care to any animal found abandoned or neglected or hazardedly accumulated and includes them as agents authorized to enforce the provisions of this law.)

{LC5009/1}

Referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill No. 7572**BY** Ackerman, McNamara, Edwards, Kazarian, Kennedy, Dawson, Serpa, Chippendale, Place, Potter**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- CONDUCT OF ELECTION AND VOTING EQUIPMENT, AND SUPPLIES (Adds early voting to the 50 feet buffer prohibitions against politicking during election day voting.)

{LC4411/1}

Referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill No. 7639**BY** Ajello, Cortvriend, Corvese, Place, Cruz, Kislak, Handy, Boylan, Donovan, Cotter**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.)

{LC5027/1}

Referred to the Senate Committee on Commerce.

House Bill No. 7640

(Judiciary)

BY McEntee, Caldwell, Knight, Dawson, Spears, Bennett**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE--COURTS -- COURT ADMINISTRATION (For purposes of the judicial security act permits an authorized agent to file a written notice with a state, county, or municipal agency on behalf of a protected individual.)

{LC5105/1}

Referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill No. 7642

(Judiciary)

BY Donovan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- DISTRICT COURT PRACTICE (Provides amendments to the assessment of filing fees required to appeal from certain matters adjudicated by the district court.)

{LC5100/1}

Referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill No. 7643

(Judiciary)

BY Donovan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE-- PROCEDURE IN PARTICULAR ACTION -- SMALL CLAIMS AND CONSUMER CLAIMS (Simplifies the assessment of filing fees required to appeal from small claims and consumer matters adjudicated by the district court.)

{LC5101/1}

Referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill No. 7644**BY** Felix, Batista, Knight, McEntee, Dawson, Ajello, Noret, Cruz, Place, Kazarian**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- FEES (Increases the fees charged for filings and writs of execution in the district court, superior court and family court.)

{LC5055/1}

Referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill No. 7747

(Dept. of Revenue)

BY Voas**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- REGULATION OF SALES (Prohibits the holding of multiple drivers licenses or identification cards and would change the term "re-constructed salvage" to "rebuilt salvage" for purposes of the Rhode Island salvage law.)

{LC5194/1}

Referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill No. 7748

(Judiciary)

BY Craven, McEntee, Shanley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE--COURTS -- DISTRICT COURT (Moves North Kingstown from the third division of the district court to the fourth division to better balance case workloads among the divisions.)

{LC5104/1}

Referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill No. 7777**BY** McNamara, Read, Shanley, Solomon, Hopkins, Bennett**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- GENERAL POWERS-- WARWICK MUNICIPAL COURT (Expands the jurisdiction of the city of Warwick municipal court.)

{LC3173/1}

Referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill No. 7873

(Dept. of Business Regulation)

BY Handy**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RHODE ISLAND COORDINATE SYSTEM (Updates the RI coordinate system to adopt the most recent system of plane coordinates established by the NGS, a federal agency which is part of NOAA and the USDC. Modifies the meter to foot conversion to adopt the international foot to provide uniformity.)

{LC5417/1}

Referred to the Senate Committee on Environment and Agriculture.

House Bill No. 7922

(Dept. of Health)

BY Handy**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY (Repeals the older of the two existing chapters related to speech-language pathologists and audiologists and makes several amendments to reconcile the two statutes into one.)

{LC5260/1}

Referred to the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services.

House Bill No. 7926

(Dept. of Health)

BY Speakman, Boylan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- ASBESTOS

ABATEMENT (Removes obsolete language and clarifies asbestos abatement and radon control requirements.)

{LC5259/1}

Referred to the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services.

House Resolution No. 8008 SUB A**BY** Speakman, Boylan**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY CURRENT CONDOMINIUM LAW AND PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO TRANSPARENCY, ACCOUNTABILITY AND ONGOING AFFORDABILITY OF CONDOMINIUMS IN RHODE ISLAND (Creates a 16-member commission to study current condominium law and provide recommendations for improvements, and who would report back to the General Assembly by December 31, 2027, and would expire on March 15, 2028.)

{LC5529/A/1}

Referred to the Senate Committee on Housing and Municipal Government.

House Bill No. 8050

(Judiciary)

BY McEntee, Caldwell, Spears, O'Brien, Potter**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE --

PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- CAUSES OF ACTION (Provides immunity for mediators and staff employed by the family court in the family court mediation program from financial liability for certain claims arising out of their participation in the program.)

{LC5103/1}

Referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill No. 8087

(Dept. of Public Safety)

BY Hull, Noret, Fascia, Bennett, Biah, Corvese, Azzinaro**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- SEARCH WARRANTS

(Dictates the length a search warrant involving a tracking device would be valid and provide a process to extend the time frame of the tracking device for good cause.)

{LC5041/1}

Referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill No. 8123

(Rhode Island National Guard)

BY Azzinaro, Costantino, Read, Solomon, Noret, Kennedy

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE --

DECORATIONS (Creates three (3) new awards for Rhode Island National Guard members and would provide eligibility for the Rhode Island star for certain civilian government employees and military and civilian leaders of foreign governments.)

{LC5434/1}

Referred to the Senate Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

House Bill No. 8125

BY Azzinaro, Corvese, Fellela, Santucci, Phillips, Costantino, Read, Solomon, Noret, Kennedy
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- MILITARY CHILD ACT (Defines "military-connected student" and permits military-connected students to enroll by remote registration upon presentation of military orders confirming the parent or guardian be stationed in this state during the current or following school year.)

{LC5801/1}

Referred to the Senate Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

House Bill No. 8230

BY Lombardi, Hull

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES

(Allows for the issuance of a Class BV liquor license for the property located at 819 Westminster Street in the city of Providence.)

{LC5550/1}

Referred to the Senate Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

House Bill No. 8282

(Secretary of State)

BY Voas, Alzate, Stewart, Giraldo, Shanley, Edwards, Bennett, Dawson, Caldwell, Morales

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- NOMINATION OF PARTY AND INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES (Makes several amendments to provide for an online nomination paper portal for election nomination papers.)

{LC5962/1}

Referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill No. 8348 SUB A**BY** Marszalkowski, Ackerman, Voas**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Exempts from taxation the property of the nonprofit Mount St. Rita Health Centre located in Cumberland, RI. The exemption would be effective as of December 31, 2025.)
{LC6129/A/1}

Referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

**REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

Chairwoman Murray, from the Committee on Health and Human Services, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measure:

Senate Bill No. 3184 SUB A**BY** Ciccone, Burke, Famiglietti, Raptakis, Tikoian**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- NURSES (Details each of those limited emergency circumstances where a registered nurse and advanced practice registered nurses, may safely administer anesthesia such as critical life-saving or emergency situations where there is imminent threat to life or limb.)
{LC6266/A/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT

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

The Appointment of Gordon Preiss VICE Robert Walker to the Fire Safety Code Board of Appeals and Review for a term expiring March 1, 2032.

Placed on the Consent Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 2042**BY** Rogers, de la Cruz, Raptakis, Paolino, Ciccone, Burke, McKenney, Tikoian**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS -- SIDEWALKS (Requires that all maintenance of sidewalks along state highways, with the exception of snow and ice removal, be the responsibility of the state.)
{LC3276/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 2264**BY** Mack, Bissaillon, Kallman, Quezada, Gu**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (Provides for warming center and cooling center alerts to trigger certain procedures municipalities shall follow during extreme heat or cold to help at-risk individuals with resources including, but not limited to, warming and cooling centers.)
{LC3430/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 3185**BY** de la Cruz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- DAM MANAGEMENT DISTRICTS (Exempts property that consists of the lake bed and Wilson's Reservoir in the town of Burrillville from taxes.)
{LC6271/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 3186**BY** Euer**ENTITLED**, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF JAMESTOWN TO FUND AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECTS AND TO ISSUE NOT MORE THAN \$3,000,000 BONDS AND NOTES THEREFOR (Proposes a bond measure to authorize the Town of Jamestown to issue up to three million dollars (\$3,000,000) in general obligation bonds, subject to voter approval, to support affordable housing projects in Jamestown.)
{LC6261/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

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

Senate Bill No. 2126**BY** DiMario, Lawson, Valverde, Murray, Zurier, Lauria, Acosta, Vargas, Quezada**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- THE RHODE ISLAND WORKS PROGRAM (Removes the requirement that families consent to, and cooperate with the department of human services in establishing paternity and enforcing child and medical support orders as a condition of eligibility for child care assistance.)
{LC3643/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL LEGISLATION AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Chairman Felag, from the Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measure:

Senate Bill No. 2327

BY Sosnowski, Britto, McKenney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HOLIDAYS AND DAYS OF SPECIAL OBSERVANCE (Designates the month of May, annually, as "Rhode Island Native Plant Month," with appropriate ceremonies and activities to recognize and educate people about Rhode Island's native plants.)
{LC4298/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Senator Tikoian, seconded by Senate Majority Leader Ciccone, the Senate adjourns at 4:47 o'clock P.M.

HELENA S. REID
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix

INVOCATION

SENATOR MELISSA MURRAY

We thank you for giving us the opportunity to serve as public servants for this great state. As the days get longer, and the pressures of our legislative duties compete with our own personal lives, grant us the wisdom and patience to work together for the benefit of all our citizens.

Appendix

CONSENT CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2026:

1. *The Appointment of Gordon Preiss VICE Robert Walker to the Fire Safety Code Board of Appeals and Review for a term expiring March 1, 2032.*

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.

2. **2026-S 3236**
BY DiPalma
ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND EXALTING THE PARISH OF ST. LUCY CATHOLIC CHURCH ON THE JOYOUS OCCASION OF THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF ITS FOUNDING

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

Appendix

CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MAY 5, 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.
11. **2026-S 2184**
BY Felag
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES
- Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs recommends passage.

12. **2026-S 2327**
BY Sosnowski
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HOLIDAYS AND DAYS OF SPECIAL OBSERVANCE

Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs recommends passage.

13. **2026-S 2332**
BY Bell
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES

Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs recommends passage.

14. **2026-S 2414**
BY Felag
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION FEES

Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs recommends passage.

15. **2026-S 2418**
BY Lawson
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION FEES

Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs recommends passage.

16. **2026-S 2420**
BY Patalano
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- NATIONAL GUARD

Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs recommends passage.

17. **2026-S 2838**
BY Tikoian
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HOLIDAYS AND DAYS OF SPECIAL OBSERVANCE-- DAYS OF SPECIAL OBSERVANCE

Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs recommends passage.

Appendix

CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2026:

1. **2026-S 2208**
 BY Bell
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- COOPERATIVE SERVICE
 AMONG SCHOOL DISTRICTS

 Committee on Education recommends passage.

2. **2026-S 2212 SUB A**
 BY Acosta
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CERTIFICATION OF
 TEACHERS

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

3. **2026-S 3214**
 BY Acosta
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SCHOOL COMMITTEES
 AND SUPERINTENDENTS

 Committee on Finance recommends passage.

4. **2026-S 3184 SUB A**
 BY Ciccone
 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.

5. **2026-S 2042**
 BY Rogers
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS -- SIDEWALKS

 Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.

6. **2026-S 2264**
BY Mack
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.
7. **2026-S 3185**
BY de la Cruz
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- DAM MANAGEMENT DISTRICTS

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.
8. **2026-S 3186**
BY Euer
ENTITLED, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF JAMESTOWN TO FUND AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECTS AND TO ISSUE NOT MORE THAN \$3,000,000 BONDS AND NOTES THEREFOR

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.
9. **2026-S 2126**
BY DiMario
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- THE RHODE ISLAND WORKS PROGRAM

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.
10. **2026-S 2318**
BY Acosta
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CORPORATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS, AND PARTNERSHIPS -- WORKERS' COOPERATIVES

Committee on Labor & Gaming recommends passage.
11. **2026-S 2744**
BY Ciccone
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- THE RHODE ISLAND OPPORTUNITY FOR EMPLOYEE OWNERSHIP ACT

Committee on Labor & Gaming recommends passage.

12. **2026-S 2922**
BY Ciccone
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --
THE RHODE ISLAND CENTER FOR EMPLOYEE OWNERSHIP
- Committee on Labor & Gaming recommends passage.
13. **2026-S 2177**
BY Felag
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE --
DECORATIONS
- Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs recommends passage.
14. **2026-S 2627 SUB A**
BY LaMountain
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- TEMPORARY
EXTENDED SERVICE HOURS
- Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs recommends indefinite
postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.
15. **2026-S 2754**
BY Ciccone
ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION URGING THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED
STATES TO ENACT THE MAJOR RICHARD STAR ACT
- Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs recommends passage.
16. **2026-S 2756**
BY Felag
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE --
MILITARY CHILD ACT
- Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs recommends passage.
17. **2026-S 2996**
BY Felag
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE --
DECORATIONS
- Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs recommends passage.

18. **2026-S 3002**

BY McKenney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- SIZE, WEIGHT, AND LOAD LIMITS

Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs recommends passage.