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Tuesday, March 5, 2024

Sixteenth-Day

The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence on Tuesday, March 5, 2024, and is called to order at 4:15 o'clock P.M. by the Honorable K. Joseph Shekarchi, Speaker.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 71 members present and 4 members absent as follows:

PRESENT – 71: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson and Voas.

ABSENT – 4: Representatives Casey, Felix, Henries and Rea.

INVOCATION

The Honorable Speaker presents Representative Karen Alzate who delivers the Invocation and leads the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

(For Invocation, see Appendix, this Journal.)

APPROVAL OF RECORD

By unanimous consent, the House Journal of Thursday, February 29, 2024, is approved.

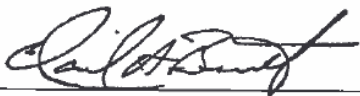
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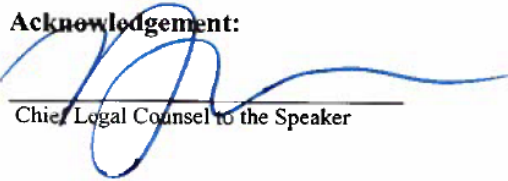
House of Representatives

CO-SPONSORSHIP REMOVAL REQUEST
2024

Pursuant to House Rule 15(g)(ii), David Bennett
hereby requests the removal of their co-sponsorship of Bill # H - 7618
entitled: Forestry and Forest Parity Act
which is currently in the House Committee on Environment

Signature:  _____

House District # 20
Date: March 5, 2024

Acknowledgement:


Chief Legal Counsel to the Speaker

NOTE: This request must be submitted to the Clerk of the House, and House Recording Clerk who will retain the original and a copy to be placed in the committee's original bill file

COMMUNICATIONS

Representative Stephen M. Casey is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, March 5, 2024.
Representative Leonela Felix is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, March 5, 2024.

NEW BUSINESS**House Bill No. 7935**

BY Carson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- NEWPORT AND BRISTOL COUNTY CONVENTION AND VISITORS' BUREAU (Makes various amendments to the chapter creating the Newport and Bristol County Convention and Visitors Bureau.) {LC5471/1}

03/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 7936

BY Cotter, Tanzi, Cortvriend, Casimiro, Edwards, Speakman, Donovan, McEntee, Morales, McGaw
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (Provides that any disaster response worker shall, in the course of their duties, be considered a state employee under the provisions of chapters 29 through 38 of title 28 and under § 9-31-8 of the general laws.) {LC5197/1}

03/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 7937

BY Cotter, Tanzi, Cortvriend, Casimiro, Edwards, Speakman, Donovan, McEntee, Morales, McGaw
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- ARCHITECTS (Provides that architects and other authorized disaster response workers be considered, in the course of performing their duties, state workers and be entitled to all rights in like manner as state employees.) {LC5202/1}

03/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 7938

BY Baginski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- ATHLETIC TRAINERS (Requires athletic trainers to be trained in the use of epi-pens on and after January 1, 2025.) {LC5071/1}

03/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 7939

BY Marszalkowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- UNFAIR SALES PRACTICES (Requires retailers of glucose monitors to provide a free, point of sale replacement for any broken or defective monitor within twenty-four (24) hours of the request.) {LC5400/1}

03/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 7940

BY Voas, Alzate, Potter, Kazarian, Hull, Marszalkowski, DeSimone, Finkelman, Caldwell, Slater
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- SENIOR SAVINGS PROTECTION ACT (Prohibits the charging of any fees to a senior citizen who is 65 years of age or older for a hard-copy paper bill, invoice or statement. The violation of this provision would be a deceptive trade practice subject to a (\$500) fine.) {LC5258/1}
03/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 7941

BY Potter, Cruz, Stewart, Alzate, Morales, Ajello, Tanzi, Batista, Felix, Slater
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- INTEREST AND USURY (Removes the exemption from interest rate limits provided by the Depository Institutions Deregulation and Monetary Control Act of 1980, for all loans made within the state of Rhode Island.) {LC5421/1}
03/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 7942

BY Craven
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICES (Makes any term or condition in any agreement that unnecessarily burdens a person's vindication of rights under this section null and void.) {LC5048/1}
03/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 7943

BY Newberry
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICES (Prohibits disclosure terms "down payment", "money down", or any similar language to describe lump sum payments in order to reduce monthly lease payments. Provides that lump sum payments are non-refundable in the event of a total loss of the vehicle.) {LC5148/1}
03/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 7944

BY Voas
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- DENTAL INSURANCE LOSS RATIO REPORTING AND STUDY ACT (Requires dental health insurance carriers to file an actuarial memorandum disclosing its incurred claims/earned premiums, to assist the health insurance commissioner with respect to a study report/recommendations regarding a dental insurance loss ratio.) {LC5079/1}
03/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 7945

BY McNamara, Bennett, Alzate, Edwards, Potter, Ackerman
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY LICENSURE COMPACT (Creates the occupational therapy licensure compact that would allow licensed occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants to practice in all states that join the compact.) {LC5058/1}
03/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 7946**BY** Chippendale, Quattrocchi, Nardone, Newberry**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- UNLAWFUL CONFINEMENT OF A COVERED ANIMAL (Exempts egg laying hens kept for commercial egg production purposes from the provisions of chapter 4-1.1 until January 1, 2034.) {LC5327/1}

03/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 7947**BY** Morales, Potter, Cruz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- THE EDWARD O. HAWKINS AND THOMAS C. SLATER MEDICAL MARIJUANA ACT (Extends the registry identification card renewal for medical marijuana cards from one year to three (3) years; removes the renewal requirement for terminally ill patients.) {LC4985/1}

03/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 7948**BY** Solomon, Fellela, Voas, Casimiro, Baginski, Shanley, Casey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES (Provides amendments to the requirements of the inclusionary zoning law for affordable housing development.) {LC5508/1}

03/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7949**BY** Craven, Fellela, Corvese, Edwards**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES --SUBDIVISION OF LAND (Makes amendments to various provisions relative to subdivision of land review, review stages, special provisions related to development and the procedures for approvals from various permitting authorities.) {LC5511/1}

03/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7950**BY** Felix, Potter, Giraldo, Cruz, Batista, Speakman, Henries, Morales**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- SUBDIVISION OF LAND (Provides amendments relative to the permitting authority of, and acceptable forms of financial security permissible for construction and/or improvement guarantees relating to the completion of required public improvements.) {LC5512/1}

03/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7951**BY** Craven, Fellela, Corvese, Edwards**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- RHODE ISLAND COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING AND LAND USE ACT (Provides amendments relative to the compliance and implementation of the comprehensive planning and use act including the conditions upon which limitations may be placed on land use applications by municipalities.) {LC5542/1}

03/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7952**BY** Craven**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE IN PARTICULAR ACTIONS -- ARBITRATION (Spells out additional notice provisions, fees and costs of the arbitration process, from initiation to default provisions and potential court sanctions for breach of the arbitration agreement.) {LC5047/1}

03/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7953**BY** Craven, Batista**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- PRELIMINARY PROCEEDINGS IN DISTRICT COURT -- POWERS OF JUSTICES OF THE PEACE (Increases the fee payable to justices of the peace to one hundred dollars \$100.00.) {LC5043/1}

03/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7954**BY** Ajello, Potter, Cruz, Felix, Tanzi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO DELINQUENT AND DEPENDENT CHILDREN -- PROCEEDINGS IN FAMILY COURT (Prohibits a peace officer, as defined in § 12-7-21, from employing threats, physical harm, deprivation, deception, coercion, or psychologically manipulative interrogation tactics during the custodial interrogation of a juvenile.) {LC5281/1}

03/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7955**BY** Finkelman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- JUDGMENTS, ORDERS, AND DECREES (Amends calculations of interest in civil actions a rate determined by average accepted auction price for last auction of 52 week U.S. treasury bills.) {LC4648/1}

03/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7956**BY** Batista**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- SENTENCE AND EXECUTION (Requires the court to set reasonable bail for all those individuals who appear before it as probation violators and establish a presumption of personal recognizance unless the new alleged offense is a crime of violence as defined in the act.) {LC5156/1}

03/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7957**BY** Cruz, Tanzi, Speakman, Morales, Potter, Stewart, Ajello, Kislak**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL TENANT'S RIGHT TO LEGAL REPRESENTATION ACT (Creates the division of civil representation within the department of housing and require civil representation by a Designated Legal Organization to provide legal representation to all tenants who qualify in eviction proceedings.) {LC5555/1}

03/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7958**BY** Henries, Morales, Stewart, Sanchez, Alzate, Felix, Cruz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- MULTIFAMILY HOUSING ACT (Requires single-family residential zoning in municipalities with populations of over 20,000 to allow middle housing and mandates that those municipalities adopt zoning regulations for middle housing.) {LC5412/1}

03/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7959**BY** Perez, Vella-Wilkinson, Batista, Fellela, Diaz, Hull, Felix, Alzate, Sanchez, Bennett**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT (Prohibits a landlord from inquiring about the immigration status of a tenant subject to any federal laws or regulations, but may request financial information or proof of identity.) {LC5271/1}

03/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7960**BY** Cruz, Tanzi, Morales, Potter, Stewart, Ajello, Kislak, Giraldo, Batista, Alzate**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT -- JUST CAUSE EVICTIONS (Provides for just cause evictions for residential landlord tenancies.) {LC5308/1}

03/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7961**BY** Cruz, Morales, Potter, Stewart, Ajello, Kislak, Felix, Sanchez**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT (Imposes a fine up to \$150 a day on a landlord for failure to deliver a copy of a state or local housing code violation to each residential tenant and a notice to prospective tenants of the building affected by said violation within 30 days of its receipt.) {LC5422/1}

03/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7962**BY** Morales, Cruz, Giraldo, Tanzi, Stewart, Diaz, Potter, Kislak, Batista, Speakman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT (Recognizes tenants' unions and provides a procedure whereby the housing resources commission shall administer a hearing process for consolidated complaints filed by tenants' unions, pertaining to the rights and obligations of tenants and landlords.) {LC5379/1}

03/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7963**BY** Giraldo, Morales, Alzate, Voas**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT (Prohibits a landlord from inquiring about the immigration status of a tenant subject to any federal laws or regulations, but may request financial information or proof of identity.) {LC5349/1}

03/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7964**BY** Dawson, Shanley, O'Brien, Casey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE AND SALE (Allows for sending of the notice under power of sale and rights of active military servicemembers by USPS First Class Mail and/or an overnight delivery service, instead of by USPS certified mail return receipt requested.) {LC5310/1}

03/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7965**BY** Cruz, Kislak, Felix, Dawson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE AND SALE (Provides prospective owner-occupants a first opportunity to purchase properties acquired through foreclosure and would prohibit bundled foreclosure sales.) {LC5306/1}

03/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7966**BY** Perez, Diaz, Batista, Lombardi J, Fellela, Felix, O'Brien, Vella-Wilkinson, Sanchez, Lima**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT (Sets standards and procedures to allow and implement conjugal visitation at state correctional facilities.) {LC5099/1}

03/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7967**BY** Stewart, Morales, Henries, Tanzi, Felix, Cruz, Potter, Giraldo, Sanchez, Batista**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- HOMELESS BILL OF RIGHTS (Updates the Homeless Bill of Rights to add rules governing the interaction with encampments and include the right to access clean and sanitary conditions.) {LC5133/1}

03/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7968**BY** Giraldo, Morales, Stewart, Henries, Alzate**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DETENTION FOR FEDERAL CIVIL IMMIGRATION VIOLATIONS (Prohibits state or municipality from contracts to detain individuals for civil immigration violations, and if such contract exists, it must end by July 1, 2025 and prohibits using public resources to detain those individuals.) {LC5436/1}

03/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7969**BY** Knight, Shanley, Fogarty, Batista, McEntee, Cotter, Vella-Wilkinson, Dawson, Finkelman, Craven**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- ELECTRONIC MONITORING IN NURSING AND ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES (Allows electronic monitoring of residents or private living unit in nursing or assisted living facility with certain restrictions.) {LC5155/1}

03/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7970

BY Lima, Knight, Costantino, Solomon, Baginski, Brien, Fenton-Fung, Hull, Biah, DeSimone
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS -- DIVORCE AND SEPARATION (Creates a custody procedure for pets in divorce and separation proceedings based on the best interests of the animal. This act would not apply to assistance/service animals.) {LC5560/1}
03/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7971

BY Lima, Cardillo, Noret, Costantino, Chippendale, Phillips
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- BURGLARY AND BREAKING AND ENTERING (Creates a mandatory jail sentence of two (2) years for two (2) or more people who break and enter, ransack or smash doors or windows of any business with the intent to steal.) {LC5563/1}
03/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7972

BY Fogarty, Handy, Noret, Hull, Lombardi J, Tanzi, Fellela, Boylan, Alzate, Cortvriend
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- PUBLIC UTILITIES (Expands the crime of false reporting to include shootings or other dangerous events.) {LC5581/1}
03/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7973

BY Felix, Henries, Morales, Sanchez, Batista, Tanzi, Lombardi J, Kislak, Potter, Cruz
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT (Amends the uniform controlled substances act and reclassifies simple possession of 28 grams or less of certain controlled substances as a misdemeanor.) {LC5435/1}
03/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7974

BY Brien, Solomon, Baginski
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- UNFAIR CLAIMS SETTLEMENT PRACTICES ACT (Provides insured individuals with a private cause of action under the unfair claims settlement practices act.) {LC5389/1}
03/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7975

(Dept. of Human Services)
BY Cruz, Ajello, Felix, Dawson
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS -- DIVORCE AND SEPARATION (Permits state child support agencies to bring actions under the child support statute on behalf of a noncustodial parent who is incarcerated and unable to pay child support.) {LC4431/1}
03/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7976

(Judiciary)

BY Craven, Dawson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- COURTS -- CONDITIONAL ESCHEAT OF UNCLAIMED FUNDS IN COURT REGISTRIES (Updates the process by which the Supreme Court reports, holds, and escheats unclaimed property in the court registries.) {LC5113/1}

03/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Resolution No. 7977**BY** Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Cruz, Morales, Speakman, Spears, Craven, Azzinaro, Solomon, Kazarian**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 (Creates an 11 member commission to study the ability of the RI educational system to offer degrees or certificates to provide a supply/pipeline of planners, planning technicians and staff, and report back by January 1, 2025, and expire on June 30, 2025.) {LC5506/1}

03/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 7978**BY** Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Cruz, Morales, Speakman, Spears, Craven, Azzinaro, Casimiro, Solomon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- SUBDIVISION OF LAND (Requires that municipalities implement electronic permitting for all development applications pursuant to zoning and the subdivision of land.) {LC5513/1}

03/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 7979**BY** Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Cruz, Morales, Speakman, Spears, Craven, Azzinaro, Casimiro, Solomon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- LOCAL PLANNING BOARD OR COMMISSION (Provides amendments to the membership provisions of planning boards or commissions and would enable municipalities to establish "combined review boards" to replace separate planning and zoning boards.) {LC5507/1}

03/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 7980**BY** Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Cruz, Morales, Speakman, Spears, Craven, Azzinaro, Casimiro, Solomon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOBILE AND MANUFACTURED HOMES (Makes several amendments relative to manufactured homes, including adding a definition for manufactured home and a provision allowing for certain manufactured homes to be considered a single-family home if on a lot zone for such use.) {LC5551/1}

03/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 7981

BY Giraldo, Speakman, Biah, Henries, Voas, Kislak, Batista, Diaz, Alzate, Kazarian
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES
(Amends the provisions relative to permitted uses within residential, industrial and commercial zoning use districts.) {LC5509/1}
03/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 7982

BY Cortvriend, Speakman
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES
(Amends provisions relative to the application of zoning ordinances pertaining to wetland buffers to projects for development, redevelopment, construction or rehabilitation.) {LC5510/1}
03/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 7983

BY Cruz, Potter, Diaz, Kislak, Kazarian, Giraldo, Slater
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- STATE BUILDING CODE
(Amends various provisions relative to the duties of the state building commissioner and would establish a building code education and training unit to educate building officials and inspectors statewide.) {LC5543/1}
03/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 7984

BY McEntee, Fogarty, Tanzi, Casimiro, McGaw, Craven, Corvese, Spears, Kennedy, DeSimone
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE ISLAND HOUSING RESOURCES ACT OF 1998 (Provides that mobile and manufactured homes be included as affordable housing under certain conditions.) {LC5549/1}
03/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 7985

BY Spears, Speakman, Carson, Cortvriend, McEntee
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION (Requires, by January 1, 2026, the creation of an online, publicly available, comprehensive statewide geographic information system of land related resources to include information from all towns and cities.) {LC5515/1}
03/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 7986

BY Batista, Casimiro, Slater, Giraldo, Alzate
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- ABANDONED PROPERTY (Requires towns and cities to publish a list of abandoned properties and makes various other amendments relative to the sale of abandoned property by a receiver.) {LC5550/1}
03/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 7987

BY Cruz, Stewart, Speakman, Morales, Potter, Ajello, Kislak, Felix, Sanchez
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- HOUSING MAINTENANCE AND OCCUPANCY CODE -- NOTICE OF VIOLATIONS (Requires a housing code enforcement officer to give a copy of any housing code violation notice to all tenants of the building affected by a housing code violation along with any hearing dates scheduled for the violation.) {LC5394/1}
03/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 7988

BY Cruz, Potter, Stewart, Ajello, Kislak, Felix
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- PUBLIC AUCTIONS BY ELECTRONIC OR REMOTE PROCEDURES (Brings greater public scrutiny to the public auction sales of real estate in Rhode Island by requiring public auctions by any city or town of real estate or an interest therein shall only be done in person, not by electronic or remote procedures.) {LC5413/1}
03/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing
(For Co-sponsorship removal request, see Journal of 3-21-2024, page 2.)

House Bill No. 7989

BY Sanchez
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- GENERAL POWERS--TENANT PROTECTION ACT (Authorizes cities and towns to establish a housing authority to adopt tenant protection measures, including rent control, annual rent increase ordinances and no-fault evictions, subject to certain exemptions.) {LC4270/1}
03/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 7990

BY Lima, Cardillo, Costantino
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Permits every municipality in the state to offer a homestead tax exemption of up to 20% of assessed value on residential properties, and also provides that municipalities that grant greater exemptions not be limited by this section.) {LC5569/1}
03/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 7991

BY Fogarty, Cortvriend, Kazarian, Speakman, Hull, Morales
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Limits real estate tax assessments for low- and moderate-income housing units to the last current sales price within a 5 year period.) {LC5423/1}
03/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 7992

(Judiciary)
BY Craven, Dawson
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- RETIREMENT SYSTEM -- CONTRIBUTIONS AND BENEFITS (Allows retired state employees who worked as certified or qualified court interpreter to be employed or re-employed for a limited period of time in a given year to provide court interpretation services within the unified judicial system.) {LC5135/1}
03/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7993

BY McEntee, Fogarty, Tanzi, O'Brien, Dawson, Caldwell, Craven, Knight, Handy, Casimiro
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- TEACHERS' RETIREMENT (Allows for a one-time two percent (2%) supplemental cost of living adjustment for plan year 2025 to the public pension benefits administered by the ERSRI, and allows for those benefits to be deducted from the taxpayer's adjusted gross income.) {LC5252/1}
03/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7994

BY Craven, Shanley, Dawson
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- MOTION PICTURE PRODUCTION TAX CREDITS (Increase the motion picture tax credit to \$10,000,000 and then to \$15,000,000 for 2026 and the total available credits to \$40,000,000 for 2025 and \$50,000,000 for 2026 and eliminates the sunset provision. Effective 1/1/2025.) {LC4805/1}
03/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7995

BY McEntee, Fogarty, Tanzi, Cortvriend, McGaw, Knight, Handy, Casimiro, Edwards, Spears
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- TAX CREDIT FOR FOOD DONATION (Provides a tax credit for food donations by qualified taxpayers to nonprofit organizations up to five thousand dollars (\$5,000) per year.) {LC5195/1}
03/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7996

BY McEntee, Fogarty, Tanzi, Dawson, Casey, Cortvriend, O'Brien, Handy, Casimiro, Edwards
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- STATE TAX OFFICIALS (Reduces the interest rate on delinquent payments to the twelve percent (12%) per annum.) {LC5414/1}
03/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7997

BY McGaw, Cortvriend
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (Directs the department of transportation to effectuate a complete and total restoration, reconstruction and refurbishing of the Stone Bridge abutment in Portsmouth.) {LC5295/1}
03/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7998

BY Slater, Diaz, Giraldo, Cruz, Morales, Potter, Felix
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- HEALTH CARE FOR CHILDREN AND PREGNANT WOMEN (Provides children from birth through age five (5) with continuous coverage eligibility for RItE Track/RItE Care so that they are not at risk of losing coverage at the yearly redetermination due solely to administrative barriers.) {LC5203/1}
03/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7999

BY McEntee, Fogarty, Handy, Casimiro, Finkelman, Edwards, McGaw, Craven, Spears
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE RHODE ISLAND MUNICIPAL INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM (Provides that the \$5,500,000 appropriation to the infrastructure bank from the 2023 budget act be allocated for eligible municipal infrastructure grant program projects.) {LC5375/1}
03/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 8000

BY Morales, Speakman, Giraldo, Cotter, Stewart, Vella-Wilkinson, Alzate, Cortvriend, Edwards, Slater
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- REDUCED HOUSING RENT PILOT PROGRAM (Establishes and funds an incentive program for landlords to offer reduced rents to eligible tenants. The program would be administered by the state department of housing with an appropriation of \$3,000,000 for fiscal year 2024-2025.) {LC4872/1}
03/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 8001

(by request)

BY Spears, Kennedy

ENTITLED, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CHARIHO REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF THREE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS (ONE IN EACH OF THE TOWNS OF CHARLESTOWN, RICHMOND AND HOPKINTON) AND IMPROVEMENTS AT THE SWITCH ROAD CAMPUS INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, COSTS OF DEMOLITION, DESIGN, HEALTH AND SAFETY PROJECTS, PLAYGROUNDS, LANDSCAPING, PAVING AND ALL EXPENSES INCIDENTAL THERETO BY THE ISSUANCE OF NOT MORE THAN \$150,000,000 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 MORE THAN 76% AT PROJECT COMPLETION (Authorizes the Chariho Regional School District to finance the construction, furnishing and equipping of three elementary schools (one in each of the towns of Charlestown, Richmond and Hopkinton) and improvements at the Switch Road Campus.) {LC5060/1}

03/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Resolution No. 8002

BY McEntee, Fogarty, Tanzi, O'Brien, Caldwell, Knight, Handy, Casimiro, Edwards, McGaw
ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$500,000 TO DAY ONE, RHODE ISLAND'S SEXUAL ASSAULT COALITION AND RAPE CRISIS CENTER (This resolution would authorize the appropriation of the sum of \$500,000 to Day One.) {LC5253/1}
03/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Resolution No. 8003

BY McEntee, Caldwell, Handy, Finkelman, Casimiro, Edwards, Fogarty, Tanzi, McGaw, Spears
ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$10,000,000 TO THE RHODE ISLAND COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL (CRMC) (This resolution would authorize the appropriation of the sum of \$10,000,000 to the Rhode Island Coastal Resources Management Council.) {LC4564/1}

03/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Resolution No. 8004

BY Messier, Fellela, Stewart, Casimiro, Alzate, Kazarian, Brien, Baginski
ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$500,000 TO GLORIA GEMMA FOUNDATION (This resolution would appropriate the sum of \$500,000 to the Gloria Gemma Fountain.) {LC5600/1}

03/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Resolution No. 8005

BY Noret, Casimiro, Casey, Edwards, Azzinaro, Shanley, Spears, Corvese, Chippendale, Fogarty
ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$60,000 TO THE RHODE ISLAND FIRE ACADEMY (This resolution would authorize the appropriation of the sum of \$60,000 to the Rhode Island Fire Academy for training to extinguish small to large lithium battery fires.) {LC5595/1}

03/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 8006

(CRMC)

BY Spears, Speakman, Cortvriend, McEntee

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL (Provides that the legislature would be the body that negotiates on behalf of the state for all activities occurring in, on and over state submerged land extending beyond twenty-five (25) acres.) {LC4325/1}

03/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 8007

BY Finkelman, Fogarty, Tanzi, Knight, Handy, McEntee

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- TRANSFER OF VEHICLES (Allows temporary vehicle registration and plates issued to Rhode Island residents by another state to be valid; provided that, the plates and registration issued to an out-of-state resident by a Rhode Island seller are valid in that other state.) {LC5335/1}

03/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 8008

BY Quattrocchi, Nardone, Chippendale, Place, Rea, Roberts

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (Limits the governor to one thirty (30) day renewal of a declaration of emergency without a joint resolution of the general assembly.) {LC5329/1}

03/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 8009

BY Edwards, Diaz, Baginski, Noret, Casey, Bennett, Donovan, Solomon, Potter, Alzate
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- ORGAN-
DONATION LEAVE ACT (Provides for paid leave for a state employee who donates an organ. The
duration of the leave is dependent on the type of donation and notice should be provided to the
employer at least thirty (30) days prior to the leave.) {LC5097/1}
03/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 8010

BY McGaw, Cortvriend, Carson, Speakman, Boylan, Fogarty, Alzate, Kislak, Kazarian, Potter
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- STATE
PURCHASES (Establishes the Rhode Island purchasing cooperative for procurement of public
service and municipal vehicles for all state and municipal agencies to participate in procurement
opportunities of zero-emission vehicles.) {LC5320/1}
03/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 8011

BY Morgan P
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE PURCHASES -- CHANGE ORDERS (Prohibits the
extension of contracts by any state or municipal department or agency by the utilization of change
orders if the additional work or services exceeds ten percent (10%) of the original value of the
contract.) {LC5446/1}
03/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 8012

BY Lima, Cardillo, Costantino
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- STATE
PURCHASES (Makes all documents and information related to any bid proposal relative to state
purchases public records and available for inspection and review by any person seeking the records
under chapter 2 of title 38 after the opening of the bids.) {LC5568/1}
03/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 8013

BY McGaw, Cotter, Cortvriend, Carson, Chippendale, Casimiro
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- DEFINITIONS
AND GENERAL CODE PROVISIONS (Includes "Kei cars" or "Kei trucks" as having restricted
public highway use and those vehicles validly registered as of August 1, 2021, would not be denied
renewal of that registration based solely on the vehicle type.) {LC5227/1}
03/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 8014

BY Phillips, O'Brien, Casey, Chippendale, Noret, Casimiro, Morales, Serpa
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- RHODE ISLAND
UNIFORM COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSE ACT (Provides that commercial driver
instruction include industry-specific training on the recognition, prevention, and reporting of human
trafficking.) {LC4279/1}
03/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 8015**BY** Morgan P**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT AND MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE FRAUD REPORTING -- IMMUNITY ACT (Prohibits the release of customers personal information compiled by the department of motor vehicles to any private company, nonprofit organization or third-party vendor.) {LC5461/1}

03/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Resolution No. 8016**BY** Morgan P**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE US ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS TO STUDY AND PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS TO RESTORE THE OPERATIONAL EFFECTIVENESS OF THE POINT JUDITH BREAKWATER {LC5444/1}

03/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Resolution No. 8017**BY** Quattrocchi, Chippendale, Nardone, Place, Rea, Roberts**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION -- OF SUFFRAGE (This Joint Resolution would propose to the voters of the state a constitutional amendment which would provide that no person who is not a citizen of the United States would be allowed to vote in this state.) {LC5415/1}

03/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

CALENDAR

From the Calendar are taken:

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2024:**1. 2024-H 7301 SUB A****BY** Ackerman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LICENSING OF HEALTHCARE FACILITIES

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

Chairwoman Donovan moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Deputy Majority Whip Ackerman, Representatives McNamara, Ajello, Abney, Speakman, Tanzi, Lima, Potter, Giraldo, and Serpa.

Chairwoman Donovan, Representatives Sanchez, Lima, Minority Whip Place, Deputy Majority Whip Ackerman, and Representative Fenton-Fung discuss the act.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, 67 members voting in the affirmative and 2 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 67: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Potter, Quattrocchi, Roberts, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 2: Representatives Place, Sanchez.

RECUSED - 0:

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

GUESTS

Chairman Solomon welcomes to the House Chamber in celebration of Rhode Island Craft Beer Week members of the Rhode Island Brewers Guild, Executive Director Nils Weldy, Jeremy Duffy, Legislative Chair, and Tamara McKenney, co-owner of Apponaug Brewing in Warwick. Their presence highlights the vibrant and growing craft beer industry in Rhode Island, and we are grateful for their contributions to our state's culture and economy.

Representative Cotter, in recognition of Colorectal Awareness Month, extends a warm welcome to the House Chamber Dr. Harlan Rich, Director of Endoscopy at Rhode Island Hospital, Colorectal Surgery Specialists Dr. Leslie Roth, and Dr. Steven Schechter, Dr. Adam Klipfel, Colorectal Surgeon, Dr. Matthew Boudreau Colorectal Cancer Screening Program Manager. Representative Cotter acknowledges their dedication to promoting awareness and prevention of colorectal cancer. Speaker Shekarchi welcomes them to the House.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Bennett and Speaker Shekarchi extend their deepest condolences to Warwick City Councilman Jeremy Rix and his family on the passing of his father, Harold Rix.

NOW PRESIDING

At 4:34 o'clock P.M., the Honorable Speaker Shekarchi yields the rostrum to the Honorable Speaker Pro Tempore Kennedy.

GUESTS

Representatives Slater, Lima, Chairwoman Diaz, and Chairman Corvese welcome the owner and CEO of Metro Lobster & Seafood in Warwick, Christopher Trosin, his son, Cameron, and former Representative Peter Palumbo to the House Chamber. Speaker Pro Tempore Kennedy welcomes them to the House.

Representative Kislak welcomes to the House Chamber Janson Wu, Senior Director of State Advocacy and Government Affairs, at The Trevor Project.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Corvese announces that the Committee on Labor will meet today, at the rise of the House, in Room 135 of the State House.

GUESTS

Representative Shallcross Smith welcomes Dennis Haggerty, her intern for the 2024 session, to the House Chamber.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairwoman Donovan announces that the Committee on Health, and Human Services will meet today, at the rise of the House, in Room 101 of the State House.

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 meet on Thursday, March 7, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. To celebrate International Women's Day, all members are encouraged to wear purple. Additionally, Speaker Shekarchi invites all members to attend a press conference at 3:15 pm in the House Lounge to outline the House of Representatives Housing Package.

IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION

House Resolution No. 8018

BY Casimiro, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Noret, Chippendale, Edwards, Kennedy, Ajello, Shallcross Smith, Fellela

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION JOYOUSLY CELEBRATING THE 82ND ANNIVERSARY OF THE SEABEES ON MARCH 5, 2024 {LC5447/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Casimiro discusses the resolution.

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

House Resolution No. 8019

BY Solomon, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, DeSimone, Vella-Wilkinson, Casey, Chippendale, Tanzi, Caldwell, Craven

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION CELEBRATING THE 3RD ANNUAL "RI CRAFT BEER WEEK" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND ON MARCH 1ST THROUGH MARCH 10TH OF 2024 {LC5516/1}

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

There is no objection.

Chairman Solomon discusses the resolution.

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

House Resolution No. 8020

BY Cotter, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Ackerman, Speakman, McGaw, Donovan, O'Brien, Kennedy

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MARCH AS "COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC4812/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Cotter, Speaker Shekarchi and Minority Leader Chippendale discuss the resolution.

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

House Resolution No. 8021

BY Vella-Wilkinson, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Batista, Perez, Shallcross Smith, Diaz, Cortvriend, Carson, Spears

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MARCH OF 2024, AS "BLEEDING DISORDERS AWARENESS MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC4874/1}

With the agreement of the majority and the minority, Chairwoman Vella-Wilkinson requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Chairwoman Vella-Wilkinson discusses the resolution.

Read and passed, on a motion of Chairwoman Vella-Wilkinson, seconded by many others, by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

House Resolution No. 8022

BY Blazejewski, Chippendale

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES {LC5608/1}

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. 8023

BY Blazejewski, Chippendale

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING CONGRATULATIONS {LC5607/1}

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 Ackerman-An Act relating to Prescription Drug Benefits
Representative Bennett-An Act relating to State Agency Emission Reporting
Representative Hull-An Act relating to Labor and Labor Relations-Workplace Safety
Representative Knight-An Act relating to Financial Institutions–Rhode Island Special Deposits Act
Representative Shallcross Smith-An Act relating to Education–Student Loans

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

TRANSMITTAL

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

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

DESK HELD OPEN

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

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES
COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

Chairman Abney, for the Committee on Finance, reports back the following measure, with recommendation of passage:

House Bill No. 7039

BY McEntee, Tanzi, Fogarty, Spears

ENTITLED, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF SOUTH KINGSTOWN TO ISSUE NOT TO EXCEED \$150,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND NOTES TO FINANCE THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, IMPROVEMENT, RENOVATION, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF A NEW HIGH SCHOOL, ATHLETIC FACILITY, AND OTHER SCHOOL FACILITIES IN THE TOWN AND ALL EXPENSES INCIDENT THERETO INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, COSTS OF DESIGN, DEMOLITION, ATHLETIC FIELDS, LANDSCAPING AND PARKING AND ALL ATTENDANT EXPENSES, INCLUDING ENGINEERING, ARCHITECTURAL AND OTHER PROJECT-RELATED CONSULTING COSTS (Authorizes town of South Kingstown to issue not more than \$150,000,000 bonds and notes to finance the acquisition/construction/improvement/renovation/furnishing/equipping of a new high school/athletic facility/other school facilities in the town.) {LC3523/1}

03/05/2024 Placed on House Calendar (03/07/2024)

House Bill No. 7278

BY Baginski, Lima, Potter, McNamara, Handy, Cardillo, Bennett, Fenton-Fung

ENTITLED, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF CRANSTON TO ISSUE NOT TO EXCEED \$40,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, NOTES AND OTHER EVIDENCES OF INDEBTEDNESS TO FINANCE THE PURCHASE AND/OR ACQUISITION OF LAND AND BUILDINGS, CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, IMPROVEMENT, ALTERATION, REPAIR, LANDSCAPING, FURNISHING AND/OR EQUIPPING OF SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL FACILITIES THROUGHOUT THE CITY, SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF STATE HOUSING AID AT A REIMBURSEMENT RATE OR STATE SHARE RATIO OF NOT LESS THAN 50% AT THE TIME OF ISSUANCE (Authorizes the City of Cranston to issue not to exceed \$40,000,000 general obligation bonds.) {LC4261/1}

03/05/2024 Placed on House Calendar (03/07/2024)

**TRANSFER OF BILLS
COMMITTEE ON CORPORATIONS**

Chairman Solomon, for the Committee on Corporations, reports back the following measure, with recommendation of transfer to the Committee on Small Business:

House Bill No. 7434

BY Sanchez, Place, Morales, Hull, Shanley, Stewart, Craven, Phillips, Slater, Serpa

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

(Amends the current law to allow for the sale of alcoholic beverages by the bottle to be consumed on the premises of a licensee.) {LC3533/1}

03/06/2024 Committee transferred to House Small Business

NEW BUSINESS

House Bill No. 8024

BY O'Brien, Slater

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- MANUFACTURING AND WHOLESALE LICENSES (Prohibits manufacturers of alcoholic beverages from holding or having any interest in a wholesaler license.) {LC5582/1}

03/06/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 8025

BY McNamara, Tanzi, Cortvriend, Solomon, McGaw, Kislak, Caldwell, Alzate, Fogarty, Ackerman
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- REPRODUCTIVE TISSUE SAFETY AND STORAGE ACT OF 2024 (Creates the "Reproductive Tissue Safety and Storage Act of 2024.") {LC5536/1}

03/06/2024 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 8026

BY Hull, Lombardi J, Cardillo, Lima, Quattrocchi, Fellela, Brien, Phillips, Newberry, Nardone

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS (Exempts certain U.S. employees from having to obtain state licenses to carry a visible or concealed pistol or revolver.) {LC5578/1}

03/06/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 8027

(by request)

BY Carson, Abney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- GENERAL POWERS (Increases passenger landing and boarding fees for passenger cruise vessels landing at a dock in Newport from three dollars (\$3.00) to ten dollars (\$10.00).) {LC5270/1}

03/06/2024 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 8028**BY** Chippendale**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- GENERAL POWERS -- FOSTER MUNICIPAL COURT (Establishes a municipal court within the town of Foster.) {LC3538/1}

03/06/2024 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 8029**BY** Place, Newberry**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.) {LC5647/1}

03/06/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 8030**BY** Spears, Cortvriend, McGaw, Caldwell, Craven, McEntee, Slater, Azzinaro, Serpa, Dawson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PARKS AND RECREATIONAL AREAS -- GENERAL PROVISIONS (Adds to those persons exempt from payment of parking fees at any recreational facility owned and operated by the state those individuals determined by the executive office of HHS, or its designee, to be disabled for purposes of Medicaid eligibility.) {LC5472/1}

03/06/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 8031**BY** Spears, McGaw, Craven, McEntee, Slater, Azzinaro, Serpa, Dawson, Shanley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- PUBLIC ASSISTANCE ACT (Increases the state's share of supplementary assistance to individuals living in a state-licensed assisted-living residence from \$332.00 to \$352.00, of which \$140.00 would be allocated to the personal needs allowance.) {LC5483/1}

03/06/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 8032**BY** Fogarty, Handy, McNamara, Shallcross Smith, Kazarian, Carson, McGaw, Speakman, Cotter, Cortvriend**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES (Amends tax law on renewable energy products to exempt certain additional products from sales tax including battery energy storage system equipment, if supplied by a manufacturer of solar photovoltaic equipment.) {LC5577/1}

03/06/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Resolution No. 8033

BY Alzate, Diaz, Shallcross Smith, Vella-Wilkinson, Spears, Ajello, Fogarty, Caldwell, Cortvriend, Cotter

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$150,000 TO WOMEN'S FUND OF RHODE ISLAND {LC5616/1}

03/06/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

ADJOURNMENT

At 4:48 o'clock P.M. on motion of Representative Edwards, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Francis Marshall; on motion of Representative Messier, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Ronald Palagi; on motion of Representative Diaz, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Francisco Remigio; on motion of Representative Handy, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Claire Lane; on motion of Representative Bennett, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Harold Rix seconded by Leaders Blazejewski and Chippendale the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

Diane M. DePina
Recording Clerk

APPENDIX

INVOCATION

REPRESENTATIVE KAREN ALZATE

Bless us, Lord, as we gather today for this session. Teach us to be generous in our outlook, courageous in the face of difficulty, and wise in our decisions. Amen

APPENDIX

CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 2024:

1. 2024-H 7039

BY McEntee

ENTITLED, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF SOUTH KINGSTOWN TO ISSUE NOT TO EXCEED \$150,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND NOTES TO FINANCE THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, IMPROVEMENT, RENOVATION, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF A NEW HIGH SCHOOL, ATHLETIC FACILITY, AND OTHER SCHOOL FACILITIES IN THE TOWN AND ALL EXPENSES INCIDENT THERETO INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, COSTS OF DESIGN, DEMOLITION, ATHLETIC FIELDS, LANDSCAPING AND PARKING AND ALL ATTENDANT EXPENSES, INCLUDING ENGINEERING, ARCHITECTURAL AND OTHER PROJECT-RELATED CONSULTING COSTS

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

2. 2024-H 7278

BY Baginski

ENTITLED, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF CRANSTON TO ISSUE NOT TO EXCEED \$40,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, NOTES AND OTHER EVIDENCES OF INDEBTEDNESS TO FINANCE THE PURCHASE AND/OR ACQUISITION OF LAND AND BUILDINGS, CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, IMPROVEMENT, ALTERATION, REPAIR, LANDSCAPING, FURNISHING AND/OR EQUIPPING OF SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL FACILITIES THROUGHOUT THE CITY, SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF STATE HOUSING AID AT A REIMBURSEMENT RATE OR STATE SHARE RATIO OF NOT LESS THAN 50% AT THE TIME OF ISSUANCE

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

Francis McCabe
Clerk of the House

Tuesday, March 5, 2024