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# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence on Thursday, April 4, 2024, and is called to order at 4:35 o'clock P.M. by the Honorable K. Joseph Shekarchi, Speaker.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 73 members present and 2 members absent as follows:

**PRESENT** – 73: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart and Voas.

**ABSENT** – 2: Representatives Tanzi and Vella-Wilkinson.

## INVOCATION

The Honorable Speaker presents Representative Jennifer S. Boylan who delivers the Invocation and leads the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

(For Invocation, see Appendix, this Journal.)

## APPROVAL OF RECORD

By unanimous consent, the House Journal of Tuesday, April 2, 2024, is approved.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Representative Camille Vella-Wilkinson is unable to attend session today, Thursday, April 4, 2024.

**CALENDAR**

From the Calendar are taken:

**IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 2024:**

- 1. 2024-H 7734 SUB A**  
**BY** Kislak  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- DENSE BREAST NOTIFICATION AND EDUCATION

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 Representatives Fogarty, Cortvriend, Shallcross Smith, Handy, Ajello, Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Cotter, Carson, Speakman, Spears, Biah, Henries, Morales, Shanley, McEntee, Speaker Pro Tempore Kennedy, Deputy Speaker Hull, Deputy Majority Whip Ackerman, Representatives Azzinaro, Lombardi, Felix, McNamara, Kislak, Diaz, Bennett, Fellela, Potter, Cruz, Boylan, Stewart, Voas, Giraldo, Alzate, Casey, Slater and Majority Whip Kazarian.

Chairwoman Donovan discusses the act.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, 73 members voting in the affirmative, and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

**YEAS - 73:** The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Voas.

**NAYS - 0:**

**RECUSED - 0:**

**2. 2024-H 7297****BY Finkelman****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS --  
OPTICIANS -- QUALIFICATIONS**

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.

Chairwoman Donovan moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Finkelman and Ajello.

Chairwoman Donovan discusses the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 73 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 73: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

**3. 2024-H 7437****BY Tanzi****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INCORPORATING THE RHODE ISLAND  
COMMISSION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Committee on Education recommends passage.

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

Chairman McNamara discusses the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 73 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 73: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski,

McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

**4. 2024-H 7522**

**BY** Baginski

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO EXTEND FUNDING FOR THE AFFORDABLE CONNECTIVITY PROGRAM

Committee on Innovation, Internet, & Technology recommends passage.

Chairwoman Baginski moves passage of the resolution, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Biah, Speakman, Carson, Shallcross Smith, Speaker Pro Tempore Kennedy, Representatives Cortvriend, Finkelman, Shanley, Felix, Kislak, Stewart, Cruz, Boylan, Alzate, Majority Whip Kazarian, and Representative Morgan.

Chairwoman Baginski and Representative Cruz discuss the resolution.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 73 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 73: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

**5. 2024-H 7384**

**BY** Slater

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- PERMANENT JOINT COMMITTEE ON NAMING ALL NEW BUILDINGS, BRIDGES, EDIFICES AND OTHER STATE CONSTRUCTIONS

Committee on Special Legislation recommends passage.

Chairwoman Alzate moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski.

Chairwoman Alzate discusses the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 73 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 73: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

### GUESTS

Representative Noret extends a warm welcome to Community College of Rhode Island Interim President Dr. Rosemary Costigan and her Chief of Staff Amy Kempe to the House Chamber to commemorate CCRI Day. Speaker Shekarchi applauds their contributions and presence, extending a hearty welcome to them in the House Chamber.

Minority Leader Chippendale is pleased to welcome Prevent Child Abuse RI Chapter Director Lamel Moore to the House Chamber to pay tribute to April as National Prevent Child Abuse Month. Speaker Shekarchi commends Director Moore's unwavering commitment and dedication to this critical cause, extending a warm welcome on behalf of the House.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Speaker Shekarchi extends his deepest sympathies to Representative Brianna Henries and her entire family.

Representatives Fellela, Solomon and Speaker Shekarchi extend their deepest condolences to Peter Fontaine's family.

Vice-Chairman Phillips announces that the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources will meet today, at the rise of the House, in Room 101 of the State House.

Representatives Morales and Noret announce upcoming public hearings hosted by the Rhode Island Public Transit Authority. These hearings are scheduled for April 8, 2024, at the Providence Foundation Commerce Center Auditorium from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and on April 15, 2024, at the West Warwick Public Library from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. and 5:00

p.m. to 7:00 p.m. the hearings allow the members of the public to express their views and concerns about the upcoming changes.

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

Majority Leader Blazewski announces that the next House Session will be held on Tuesday, April 9, 2024, and Thursday, April 11, 2024. All members are reminded to check their mailboxes each legislative day for essential updates and communications. A special program is scheduled for Tuesday, April 9, 2024, at 3:00 p.m. in the House Lounge. Brown University President Christina Paxson and Dr. Mukesh Jain, Dean of Medicine and Biological Sciences, will discuss the future of health care and life sciences in Rhode Island. They will also highlight Brown University's commitment to the City of Providence and the entire State. All members are invited to attend this informative session.

Majority Leader Blazewski and Speaker Shekarchi wish Floor Manager John G. Edwards and Representative David A. Bennett a Happy Birthday!

### IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION

#### **House Resolution No. 8135**

**BY** McGaw, Shekarchi, Blazewski, Chippendale, Speakman, Vella-Wilkinson, Henries, DeSimone, Spears, Cotter

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL OF 2024 TO BE "NATIVE PLANT MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC5693/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative McGaw discusses the resolution.

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

#### **House Resolution No. 8136**

**BY** Casey, Shekarchi, Blazewski, Chippendale, Kazarian, Solomon, Edwards, Voas, Giraldo, Brien

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL OF 2024, TO BE "ALCOHOL AWARENESS MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC5751/1}

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

There is no objection.

Chairman Casey discusses the resolution.

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

**House Resolution No. 8137**

**BY** Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Potter, Chippendale, Giraldo, Morales, Cruz, Edwards, Kennedy, Bennett

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION CELEBRATING APRIL OF 2024, AS "ORGAN DONATION MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC5750/1}

With the agreement of the majority and the minority, on behalf of Speaker Shekarchi, Representative Potter requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Representative Potter and Speaker Shekarchi discuss the resolution.

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

**House Resolution No. 8138**

**BY** Boylan, Ackerman, Kazarian, Kislak, Knight, Finkelman, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Cortvriend

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL TO BE "HOLOCAUST & GENOCIDE AWARENESS MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC5842/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Boylan discusses the resolution.

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

**House Resolution No. 8139**

**BY** Chippendale, Newberry, Roberts, Quattrocchi, Rea, Kennedy, Edwards, Bennett, Fenton-Fung, Ajello

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL OF 2024 TO BE "NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC5780/1}

With the agreement of the majority and the minority, Minority Leader Chippendale requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Minority Leader Chippendale and Speaker Shekarchi discuss the resolution.

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

**House Resolution No. 8140**

**BY** Noret, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Bennett, Cruz, Felix, Shallcross Smith, Voas, Finkelman

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL 4TH OF 2024, TO BE "COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF RHODE ISLAND DAY" {LC5752/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Noret and Speaker Shekarchi discuss the resolution.

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

**House Resolution No. 8141**

**BY** Blazejewski, Chippendale

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING CONGRATULATIONS {LC5894/1}

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.

**House Resolution No. 8142**

**BY** Blazejewski, Chippendale

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES {LC5895/1}

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.



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

Representative Biah-An Act relating to Graduate Medical Education

Representative Carson-An Act relating to Tourism

Representative Craven-An Act relating to Probate Practice and Procedures

An Act relating to Behavioral Health Education, Training, and Coordination Fund

Representative Donovan-An Act relating to Assisted Living Residence Licensing Act

Representative Knight-An Act relating to Courts and Civil Procedures-Family Court

Representative McNamara-An Act relating to Education-Attendance for Success Act

Representative Noret-An Act relating to Criminal Procedure-Bail and Recognizance

Representative Phillips-An Act relating to Towns and Cities Tax Stabilization

Representative Solomon-An Act relating to Public Buildings

Representative Spears-An Act relating to Motor and Other Vehicles-Rental of Motorized Bicycles, Motor Scooters and Motorized Tricycles in New Shoreham

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, 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 Shekarchi announces that the desk will be held open.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES  
COMMITTEE ON CORPORATIONS**

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

**House Bill No. 7561**

**BY** Casimiro, Donovan, Cotter, Kislak, McNamara, Abney, Voas, Serpa, Shekarchi, Craven

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CURRICULUM (Enables cities and towns to enact enabling legislation authorizing a partner program to assist students with an IEP for specially designed physical education classes.) {LC4667/1}

04/05/2024 Placed on House Calendar (04/11/2024)

**House Bill No. 7612**

(General Treasurer)

**BY** Cortvriend, Spears, Carson, Dawson, McGaw, Finkelman, Handy, Azzinaro, Nardone

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (Requires school districts to provide the parent/guardian of a student with an individualized education program (IEP) with information concerning the achieving a better life experience (ABLE) account program benefits and the program application process.)

{LC4576/1}

04/05/2024 Placed on House Calendar (04/11/2024)

**House Bill No. 7613**

**BY** Donovan, Ajello, Tanzi, Lombardi J, Kennedy, Azzinaro, Speakman, Henries, Biah, Cotter

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS

(Requires RIDE to develop type 1 diabetes informational materials for the parents and guardians of students that will be posted publicly on RIDE's website.) {LC5096/1}

04/05/2024 Placed on House Calendar (04/09/2024)

**House Bill No. 7725 SUB A**

**BY** O'Brien, Biah, Corvese, McNamara, Ackerman, Hull, Slater, Donovan, Kazarian, DeSimone

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CERTIFICATION OF TEACHERS

(Allows emergency preliminary certificates for teaching to be issued for up to a total of five (5) years.) {LC5427/A/1}

04/05/2024 Placed on House Calendar (04/09/2024)

**House Bill No. 7780**

**BY** Donovan, Speakman

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- EDUCATIONAL SERVICES TO VERY

YOUNG CHILDREN (Removes private schools from the provisions of the general laws relating to educational services to very young children.) {LC5287/1}

04/05/2024 Placed on House Calendar (04/09/2024)

**COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

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

**House Resolution No. 7361**

**BY** Azzinaro, Fogarty, Hull, Tanzi, Spears, Cotter, Cortvriend, Carson, McEntee, Kennedy

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL COMMISSION TO MAKE A COMPREHENSIVE STUDY AND PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REMEDIES TO THE EROSION OF RHODE ISLAND BEACHES (Creates a 9 member commission to study and provide recommendations for remedies to the erosion of RI beaches, and would report back by January 5, 2025 and expire on March 5, 2025.) {LC4575/1}

04/05/2024 Placed on House Calendar (04/09/2024)

**House Bill No. 7439**

(Dept. of Health)

**BY** Speakman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- PFAS IN DRINKING WATER, GROUNDWATER, AND SURFACE WATER (Delays from June 1, 2024, until June 1, 2025, the necessity to conduct monitoring for the maximum number PFAS in drinking water and would amend the type of water systems to which the requirement applies.) {LC4457/1}

04/05/2024 Placed on House Calendar (04/09/2024)

**COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY**

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

**House Bill No. 7631**

(Attorney General)

**BY** Serpa, Noret**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES (Extends the "lookback" period for repeat offenses involving driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs under § 31-27-2 and for repeat offenses related to failure or refusal to submit to chemical tests under § 31-27-2.1 from five to ten years.) {LC5086/1}

04/05/2024 Placed on House Calendar (04/11/2024)

**House Bill No. 7948 SUB A****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/A/1}

04/05/2024 Placed on House Calendar (04/09/2024)

**House Bill No. 7949 SUB A****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/A/1}

04/05/2024 Placed on House Calendar (04/09/2024)

**House Bill No. 7950 SUB A****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/A/1}

04/05/2024 Placed on House Calendar (04/09/2024)

**House Bill No. 7630**

(Attorney General)

**BY** Serpa, Noret**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- ACCIDENTS AND ACCIDENT REPORTS (Provides for a single, increased range of penalties for all driving offenses which result in serious bodily injury or death.) {LC5084/1}

04/09/2024 Placed on House Calendar (04/11/2024)

**House Bill No. 7747 SUB A**

(General Treasurer)

**BY** Caldwell, Felix, Morales, Casimiro, Kazarian, Alzate, Baginski, Fogarty, Vella-Wilkinson, McNamara**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- CRIMINAL INJURIES COMPENSATION (Allows victims of violent crime receiving awards under the state's crime victim compensation program to use up to \$1,000 of their total award to make reasonable modification to their residence to ensure their future safety.) {LC4580/A/1}

04/09/2024 Placed on House Calendar (04/11/2024)

**COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT AND HOUSING**

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

**House Bill No. 7755****BY** McGaw**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Exempts from taxation the real and tangible personal property of the Little Compton Game Club.) {LC5404/1}

04/05/2024 Placed on House Calendar (04/09/2024)

**House Resolution No. 7977 SUB A****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/A/1}

04/09/2024 Placed on House Calendar (04/11/2024)

**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}

04/09/2024 Placed on House Calendar (04/11/2024)

**House Bill No. 7980 SUB A**

**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/A/1}

04/09/2024 Placed on House Calendar (04/11/2024)

**COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS**

Chairwoman McEntee, for the Committee on Small Business, reports back the following measure, with recommendation of passage:

**House Bill No. 7203**

**BY** O'Brien, Corvese, Shanley, Craven, Knight, Dawson, Finkelman, Noret, Serpa, Azzinaro

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES (Adds the month of August to the dates a Class A retail alcoholic beverage establishment can offer unlimited free samples of wine, beer and distilled spirits products.) {LC4073/1}

04/05/2024 Placed on House Calendar (04/09/2024)

**COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT AND ELECTIONS**

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

**House Bill No. 7468 SUB A**

(Emergency Management Agency)

**BY** Casey, Noret, Hull, O'Brien, Shanley, McEntee, Solomon

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION FEES (Exempts the Rhode Island Disaster Medical Assistance Team, Inc. from payment of certain vehicles registration fees.) {LC4326/A/2}

04/05/2024 Placed on House Calendar (04/11/2024)

**House Bill No. 7586**

**BY** Hull, Lombardi J, Fogarty, Cardillo, Fellela, Perez, Diaz, Costantino, Shallcross Smith, Tanzi  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- EQUIPMENT AND ACCESSORIES GENERALLY (Authorizes Providence canteen vehicles to be equipped with sirens, whistles or bells and would require operators of any canteen vehicle to receive 5 hours of training in the operation of the vehicle and its emergency equipment.) {LC4923/1} 04/05/2024 Placed on House Calendar (04/11/2024)

**NEW BUSINESS****House Bill No. 8143**

**BY** Kislak, Cotter, Fogarty, Potter, Cruz, Boylan, McGaw  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PHARMACIES (Restricts audits of pharmacists conducted by insurers and their intermediaries, limiting audits to 1 per year unless fraud or misrepresentation is reasonably suspected. The Rhode Island attorney would have the authority to impose sanctions for violations.) {LC5885/1}  
04/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Resolution No. 8144**

**BY** Carson, Noret  
**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REPORTING AND EXPIRATIONS DATES AND AMENDING THE MEMBERSHIP, FINDINGS, AND PURPOSE OF THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY AND PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS PERTAINING TO SERVICES AND COORDINATION OF STATE PROGRAMS RELATING TO OLDER ADULT RHODE ISLANDERS (Amend and the membership of said commission from 16 to 18, amends the purpose, membership, and findings, and extends the reporting and expiration dates, from May 7, 2024, to November 30, 2025, and expires on January 31, 2026.) {LC5848/1}  
04/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

**House Resolution No. 8145**

**BY** Solomon  
**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REPORTING AND EXPIRATION DATES OF THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE TO IMPROVE THE LONG-TERM OUTCOMES AND REDUCE RECIDIVISM OF FEMALES WITHIN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE POPULATION (This resolution extends the reporting and expiration dates of the task force to improve long-term outcomes and reduce recidivism of females in the criminal justice system, from February 5, 2024, to May 3, 2024, and would expire on June 7, 2024.) {LC5901/1}  
04/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Resolution No. 8146**

**BY** Carson, Cortvriend, Noret  
**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REPORTING AND EXPIRATIONS DATES AND AMENDING THE PURPOSE OF THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO REVIEW AND PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR POLICIES THAT DEAL WITH NUMEROUS ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SHORT-TERM RENTALS ISSUES (This resolution would amend and expand the purpose of said legislative commission, and extend the reporting and expirations dates from March 15, 2024, to September 30, 2025, and said commission would expire on December 10, 2025.) {LC5846/1}

04/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

**House Bill No. 8147**

**BY** Place, Newberry

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO AMENDING THE CHARTER OF THE HARRISVILLE FIRE DISTRICT AND ESTABLISHING THE CLEAR RIVER ELECTRIC AND WATER DISTRICT (Amends the Harrisville Fire District Charter allowing the district to provide rescue services, fire suppression, medical and ambulance services/water services would be provided by a separate entity.) {LC5594/1}

04/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

**House Bill No. 8148**

(Attorney General)

**BY** Cortvriend, Tanzi, Knight, Finkelman, Handy, Edwards, Fogarty, Azzinaro, McNamara, Speakman

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL (Replaces the coastal resources management council with a state department of coastal resources and transfers all of the powers and duties between the two (2) authorities.) {LC5877/1}

04/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

**House Bill No. 8149**

**BY** Edwards, Messier, Ackerman, Cortvriend, Kennedy, Serpa, Shanley, Solomon, Diaz, Potter

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES --

RETIREMENT SYSTEM -- ADMINISTRATION (Reduces the number of years from five (5) to three (3), when calculating for retirement purposes, the average of the highest consecutive years of compensation, for state and municipal employees.) {LC5899/1}

04/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 5:12 o'clock P.M. on motion of Representative Henries, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Arthur Hazard; on motion of Representative Fellela, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Peter Fontaine; on motion of Representative Diaz, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Emoni Chaney; on motion of Representative Fogarty, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Salvatore "Sal" J. Puleo, III seconded by Leaders Blazejewski and Chippendale the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

**Diane M. DePina**  
**Recording Clerk**

**APPENDIX**

**INVOCATION**

**REPRESENTATIVE JENNIFER S. BOYLAN**

Dear God: We come to you this hour asking for your blessing as we gather here today. We pray for guidance in our deliberations. Help us to always be mindful that we carry the hopes of those we serve. Amen



**APPENDIX****CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 2024:**

- 1. 2024-H 7949 SUB A**  
**BY Craven**  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- SUBDIVISION OF LAND**

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

- 2. 2024-H 7948 SUB A**  
**BY Solomon**  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES**

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

- 3. 2024-H 7950 SUB A**  
**BY Felix**  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- SUBDIVISION OF LAND**

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

- 4. 2024-H 7725 SUB A**  
**BY O'Brien**  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CERTIFICATION OF TEACHERS**

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

- 5. 2024-H 7613**  
**BY Donovan**  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS**

Committee on Education recommends passage.

6. **2024-H 7780**  
**BY** Donovan  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- EDUCATIONAL SERVICES TO VERY YOUNG CHILDREN  
  
Committee on Education recommends passage.
7. **2024-H 7361**  
**BY** Azzinaro  
**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL COMMISSION TO MAKE A COMPREHENSIVE STUDY AND PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REMEDIES TO THE EROSION OF RHODE ISLAND BEACHES  
  
Committee on Environment and Natural Resources recommends passage.
8. **2024-H 7439**  
**BY** Speakman  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- PFAS IN DRINKING WATER, GROUNDWATER, AND SURFACE WATER  
  
Committee on Environment and Natural Resources recommends passage.
9. **2024-H 7755**  
**BY** McGaw  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION  
  
Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.
10. **2024-H 7203**  
**BY** O'Brien  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES  
  
Committee on Small Business recommends passage.

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

1. **2024-H 7561**  
**BY** Casimiro  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CURRICULUM  
  
Committee on Education recommends passage.
2. **2024-H 7612**  
**BY** Cortvriend  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Committee on Education recommends passage.

3. **2024-H 7586**  
**BY Hull**  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES --**  
**EQUIPMENT AND ACCESSORIES GENERALLY**

Committee on State Government & Elections recommends passage.

4. **2024-H 7468 SUB A**  
**BY Casey**  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES --**  
**REGISTRATION FEES**

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

5. **2024-H 7631**  
**BY Serpa**  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOTOR**  
**VEHICLE OFFENSES**

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

6. **2024-H 7630**  
**BY Serpa**  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES --**  
**ACCIDENTS AND ACCIDENT REPORTS**

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

7. **2024-H 7747 SUB A**  
**BY Caldwell**  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- CRIMINAL**  
**INJURIES COMPENSATION**

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

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

**BY Shekarchi**

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

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

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

**BY Shekarchi**

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

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

**10. 2024-H 7979**

**BY Shekarchi**

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

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

**Francis McCabe**  
Clerk of the House

**Friday, April 5, 2024**

**Updated: Tuesday, April 9, 2024**