

# State of Rhode Island

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# JOURNAL

-OF THE-

# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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**JANUARY SESSION** of the General Assembly begun and held at the State House in the City of Providence on Tuesday, the Second Day of January in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty-Four.

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Tuesday, April 9, 2024

Twenty sixth-Day

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The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence on Tuesday, April 9, 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 70 members present and 5 members absent as follows:

**PRESENT** – 70: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson and Voas.

**ABSENT** – 5: Representatives Batista, Felix, Hull, Quattrocchi and Rea.

## INVOCATION

The Honorable Speaker presents Representative Terri Cortvriend 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, April 4, 2024, is approved.

RHODE ISLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY



House of Representatives

**CO-SPONSORSHIP REMOVAL REQUEST**  
**2024**

Pursuant to House Rule 15(g)(ii), Representative Edward Cardillo hereby requests the removal of their co-sponsorship of Bill # H - 7531 entitled: AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- MINIMUM WAGES (Commencing 1/1/25, gradually increases the minimum wage for employees receiving gratuities from the current (\$3.89) to (\$14.95) by 1/1/29 and on 1/1/30 the minimum wage shall be no less than the minimum wage established by the minimum wage law.)

which is currently in the House Committee on Labor

Signature: Edward Cardillo

House District # 42

Date: April 9, 2024

Acknowledgement:  
[Signature]  
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*

RHODE ISLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY



House of Representatives

**CO-SPONSORSHIP REMOVAL REQUEST**  
**2024**

Pursuant to House Rule 15(g)(ii), Representative Edward Cardillo hereby requests the removal of their co-sponsorship of Bill # H - 7532 entitled: AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- MINIMUM WAGES (Allows individuals employed in domestic service or in or about a private home to be included as an employee, for purposes of minimum wages law.) which is currently in the House Committee on Labor \_\_\_\_\_.

Signature: Edward Cardillo

House District # 42

Date: April 9, 2024

Acknowledgement:

[Signature]  
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 Jose F. Batista is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, April 9, 2024.  
Representative Leonela Felix is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, April 9, 2024.

CALENDAR

From the Calendar are taken:

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.

Chairman Craven moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazewski and many others.

Chairman Craven and Representative Knight discuss the act.

By unanimous consent, Chairman Craven, seconded by Majority Leader Blazewski, offers a written motion to amend.

FLOOR AMENDMENT  
TO  
2024 -- H 7949 SUBSTITUTE A

AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- SUBDIVISION OF LAND

Mr. Speaker:

I hereby move to amend 2024 -- H 7949 SUBSTITUTE A, entitled "AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- SUBDIVISION OF LAND", as follows:

- 1. On page 25, line 27, by deleting the word "confirming", and by inserting in place thereof the word "conforming".

Respectfully submitted,

\_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Craven

Chairman Craven discusses the amendment.

The motion to amend prevails, on a roll call, vote 66 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

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

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

By unanimous consent, Minority Leader Chippendale, seconded by Representative Roberts, offers a written motion to amend.

**FLOOR AMENDMENT  
TO  
2024 -- H 7949 SUBSTITUTE A**

**AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- SUBDIVISION OF LAND**

Mr. Speaker:

I hereby move to amend 2024 -- H 7949 SUBSTITUTE A, entitled "AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- SUBDIVISION OF LAND", as follows:

1. On page 2, line 34, by deleting the word "or".
2. On page 3, line 1, by restoring the stricken language "~~;~~".
3. On page 3, line 2, by restoring the stricken language "~~(vi) Development in a historic district.~~"

Respectfully submitted,

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Representative Chippendale

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Minority Leader Chippendale and Chairman Craven discuss the amendment.

The motion to amend fails, on a roll call, vote 6 members voting in the affirmative and 60 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 6: Representatives Chippendale, Fenton-Fung, Nardone, Newberry, Place, Roberts.

NAYS - 60: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Bennett, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Potter, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

RECUSED - 0:

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

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

NAYS - 2: Representatives Chippendale, Roberts.

RECUSED - 0:

**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.

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

Chairman Craven, Representatives Morales, Sanchez, and Minority Leader Chippendale discuss the act.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, 66 members voting in the affirmative, and 3 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 66: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Bennett, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Kazarian,

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

NAYS - 3: Representatives Henries, Morales, Sanchez.

RECUSED - 0:

**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.

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

Chairman Craven, Representative Morgan and Minority Leader Chippendale discuss the act.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, 66 members voting in the affirmative and 3 members voting in the negative as follows:

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

NAYS - 3: Representatives Chippendale, Nardone, Roberts.

RECUSED - 0:

**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.

Chairman McNamara moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Bennett, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Fogarty,

Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Potter, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

Chairman McNamara, Minority Leader Chippendale, Representatives Giraldo, Morgan and Solomon discuss the act.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote 70 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 70: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

**5. 2024-H 7613**

**BY** Donovan

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

Committee on Education recommends passage.

Chairman McNamara moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Biah, Abney, Donovan, Spears, Speakman, Carson, Shallcross Smith, McEntee, Vella-Wilkinson, Cortvriend, Diaz, Bennett, Floor Manager Edwards, Deputy Majority Whip Ackerman, Representative Lombardi, and Majority Whip Kazarian.

Chairman McNamara, Representatives Carson, Donovan, and Lombardi discuss the act.

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

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



NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

**6. 2024-H 7780**

**BY** Donovan

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

Committee on Education recommends passage.

Chairman McNamara moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Abney, Biah, Donovan, Corvese, Diaz, Bennett and Majority Whip Kazarian.

Chairman McNamara discusses the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 67 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

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

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

**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.

Chairman Bennett moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Biah, Blazejewski, Cardillo, Casey, Casimiro, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Handy, Kazarian, Kennedy, Lima, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McNamara, Messier, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Potter, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

Chairman Bennett discusses the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 66 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

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

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

**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.

Chairman Bennett moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Azzinaro, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Henries, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Lima, McEntee, McNamara, Messier, Morales, O'Brien, Phillips, Potter, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

Chairman Bennett discusses the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 67 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

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

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

**9. 2024-H 7755****BY McGaw****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION**

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

Chairman Casey moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representative McGaw and Floor Manager Edwards.

Chairman Casey discusses the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 66 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

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

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

**10. 2024-H 7203****BY O'Brien****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES**

Committee on Small Business recommends passage.

Chairwoman McEntee moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Slater, Costantino, Cortvriend and Spears.

Chairwoman McEntee discusses the act.

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

YEAS - 68: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier,

Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

### **GUESTS**

Representative Morales welcomes members of the Coalition for a Multilingual RI to the House Chamber in recognition of Bilingual and Multilingual Learners Day.

### **NOW PRESIDING**

At 5:08 o'clock P.M., the Honorable Speaker Shekarchi yields the rostrum to the Honorable Speaker Pro Tempore Kennedy.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chairwoman Vella-Wilkinson wishes her husband Kenneth a Happy Birthday!

### **GUESTS**

Representative Boylan welcomes Kendal McCloskey, who will be her intern for this session, to the House Chamber. Speaker Pro Tempore Kennedy welcomes Kendal to the House.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chairwoman Alzate announces that the Committee on Special Legislation will meet today, at the rise, in Room 101 of the State House.

Speaker Pro Tempore Kennedy announces that all members are invited to celebrate Taiwan Day on Thursday, April 11, 2024. The celebration will be held in the House Lounge of the State House from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. It will provide a valuable opportunity to recognize and celebrate the cultural and community contributions of the Taiwan community. Members are also encouraged to visit the Bell Area of the State House on the same day, April 11, 2024, to celebrate Rhode Island Credit Union Day.

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

Majority Leader Blazewski announces that the next House session will be held this Thursday, April 11, 2024, at 4:00 p.m.

Majority Leader Blazewski wishes Representative Megan Cotter a Happy Birthday!

### IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION

#### **House Resolution No. 8150**

**BY** Shekarchi, Blazewski, Tanzi, Chippendale, Lombardi J, McEntee, Diaz, Kennedy, Fellela, Shallcross Smith

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF RICHARD P. BACCARI {LC5911/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Tanzi discusses the resolution. Speaker Shekarchi extends his condolences to the Baccari family.

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

#### **House Resolution No. 8151**

**BY** Finkelman, Shekarchi, Blazewski, Chippendale, Noret, Brien, Cortvriend, O'Brien, Fellela, Shallcross Smith

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL OF 2024, TO BE THE "MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC5769/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Finkelman discusses the resolution.

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

**House Resolution No. 8152**

**BY** Morales, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, McEntee, Chippendale, Alzate, Stewart, Giraldo, Kennedy, Shallcross Smith

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL OF 2024 TO BE "BILINGUAL AND MULTILINGUAL LEARNER MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC5925/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Morales discusses the resolution.

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

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

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

Representative Azzinaro-An Act relating to Motor and Other Vehicles-Registration of Vehicles

Representative Baginski-An Act relating to Movie Tax Credits

Representative Carson-An Act relating to Hotel Taxes

Representative Dawson-An Act relating to Education

An Act relating to Education

An Act relating to Insurance

Representative Lombardi-An Act relating to Property-Residential Landlord and Tenant Act

Representative Shallcross Smith-An Act relating to Relating to Businesses and Professions-Amends

Application for a Person Registering for a Contractor License

Representative Speakman-An Act relating to Labor and Labor Relations–Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action

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.

**COMMUNICATION FROM THE SENATE**

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

**Senate Bill No. 2082**

**BY** Murray, Lauria, Valverde, DiMario, Euer, Bell, Miller, Bissaillon

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS

INSURANCE POLICIES (Caps amount payable for 30 day supply of equipment/supplies for insulin administration/glucose monitoring at \$25 or equipment designed to last more than 30 days with no deductible commencing January 1, 2025.) {LC3494/1}

04/10/2024 Referred to House Health & Human Services

**Senate Bill No. 2151 SUB A as amended**

**BY** DiMario

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

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

{LC4281/A/1}

04/10/2024 Referred to House Corporations

**Senate Bill No. 2319**

**BY** Ciccone, Lombardi F, Britto, Felag

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

TOWN OF JOHNSTON (Authorizes the town of Johnston to grant a tax credit to any person over the age of sixty-five (65) years.) {LC4727/1}

04/10/2024 Referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

**Senate Bill No. 2328**

**BY** Euer

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

TAX EXEMPTIONS -- JAMESTOWN (Grants the town of Jamestown the legal authority to grant a tax dollar reduction to gold star parents and to visually impaired persons.) {LC4831/1}

04/10/2024 Referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

**Senate Bill No. 2598**

**BY** Ujifusa

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

(Allows the town council of Portsmouth, by ordinance or resolution, to exempt Quaker Manor from valuation for taxation or to enter into tax abatement or payment in lieu of taxes agreements.)

{LC5331/1}

04/10/2024 Referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

**Senate Bill No. 2732 SUB A****BY** LaMountain, DiMario, Miller**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE -- HUNTING AND HUNTING SAFETY -- CAPTIVE HUNTING PROHIBITED (Prohibits captive hunting for domestic or wild animals and does not prohibit the release of domestic game birds for hunting on licensed shooting preserves.) {LC5634/A/1}

04/10/2024 Referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

**NEW BUSINESS****House Bill No. 8153****BY** Donovan, Carson, Speakman, Cotter, Henries, Spears, Fenton-Fung**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENCE LICENSING ACT (Establishes, encourages and supports the establishment of family councils in managed residential communities providing assisted living services.) {LC5898/1}

04/10/2024 Introduced, referred to House Health &amp; Human Services

**House Bill No. 8154****BY** Knight, Caldwell, Boylan, Cortvriend, Donovan, Tanzi, Speakman, Kazarian, McEntee, Craven**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- FAMILY COURT (Permits the family court to disclose criminal records of juvenile offenders to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System for the purposes of background check conducted when an individual attempts to purchase a firearm.) {LC5837/1}

04/10/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 8155****BY** Craven, Caldwell, McEntee**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROBATE PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE -- PRACTICE IN PROBATE COURTS (Outlines the process for a person petitioning to change their name in the probate court in the town or city where they reside. It also makes the statute regarding name change gender neutral.) {LC5876/1}

04/10/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 8156****BY** Noret, Chippendale, Corvese, Shallcross Smith, Cardillo, Casey, Costantino, Lima, Brien, Craven**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- BAIL AND RECOGNIZANCE (Provides any person charged with an offense for which bail may be denied that there is a presumption of dangerousness to the community and a risk of flight unless that presumption is rebutted by the defendant.) {LC5624/1}

04/10/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary



**House Bill No. 8157**

**BY** Spears, Carson, Speakman, McGaw, Shanley, Azzinaro, McEntee, Donovan, Cotter, Kennedy  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGULATION OF RENTAL OF MOTORIZED BICYCLES, MOTOR SCOOTERS AND MOTORIZED TRICYCLES IN NEW SHOREHAM (Expands the authority of the town council to enact ordinances establishing procedures and standards related to the rental of motorized bicycles, motor scooters and motorized tricycles in New Shoreham.) {LC5880/1}

04/10/2024 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

**House Bill No. 8158**

**BY** Phillips, Casey, Brien

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- GENERAL POWERS -- WOONSOCKET -- TAX STABILIZATION AGREEMENTS (Grants the city of Woonsocket the authority to extend tax stabilization agreements within the city, for properties currently occupied by CVS at 1 CVS Drive, 100 Highland Industrial Park Drive, and other properties in the city.) {LC5900/1}

{LC5900/1}

04/10/2024 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

**House Bill No. 8159**

**BY** Solomon, Finkelman, O'Brien, Corvese, Casey, DeSimone, Cardillo, Slater, Casimiro

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- PUBLIC BUILDINGS (Authorizes and funds the painting of a portrait of the president of the senate and former presidents of the senate who may be living to be hung in the state house.) {LC5907/1}

04/10/2024 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

**House Bill No. 8160**

**BY** Craven, Caldwell

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- BEHAVIORAL HEALTH EDUCATION, TRAINING, AND COORDINATION FUND (Establishes the behavioral health education, training, and coordination fund to receive the checkoff contributions from Rhode Island personal income tax returns for tax years ending on or after December 31, 2024.) {LC5888/1}

04/10/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 8161**

**BY** Biah, Henries, Baginski, Messier, Fenton-Fung, Potter, Edwards, Spears, Craven

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION (Allows the executive office of health and human services to use appropriated funds to support graduate medical education programs and research.) {LC5896/1}

04/10/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 5:15 o'clock P.M. on behalf of Speaker Shekarchi, on motion of Representative Tanzi, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Richard Baccari; seconded by Leaders Blazejewski and Chippendale the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

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

**APPENDIX**

**INVOCATION**

**REPRESENTATIVE TERRI CORTVRIEND**

Gracious God: You have given us the gift of another day to serve your people. May each of us find fulfillment in the tasks before us. Grant us a sense of purpose and dedication in all as we serve all our constituents. Amen

**APPENDIX****CALENDAR****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