

# State of Rhode Island

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# JOURNAL

-OF THE-

# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Wednesday, April 24, 2024

Twenty-ninth Day

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The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence on Wednesday, April 24, 2024, and is called to order at 4:07 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, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Donovan, Edwards, 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, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson and Voas.

**ABSENT** – 5: Representatives Alzate, Boylan, Casimiro, Diaz and Felix.

## INVOCATION

The Honorable Speaker presents Representative Kathleen A. Fogarty 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 23, 2024, is approved.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Representative Julie A. Casimiro is unable to attend session today, Wednesday, April 24, 2024.  
Representative Jennifer S. Boylan is unable to attend session today, Wednesday, April 24, 2024.  
Representative Karen Alzate is unable to attend session today, Wednesday, April 24, 2024.  
Representative Grace Diaz is unable to attend session today, Wednesday, April 24, 2024.

**COMMUNICATION FROM THE SENATE**

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

**Senate Bill No. 2007**

**BY** Murray, Valverde, Lauria, Tikoian, Euer, Miller, DiMario, Mack, Britto

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- CRUELTY TO ANIMALS (Prohibits the declawing of cats by any surgical procedure to amputate or modify a portion of a cat's paw in order to remove the cat's claws. Does not apply to any procedure performed for a therapeutic purpose.) {LC3497/1}

04/24/2024 Referred to House Judiciary

**Senate Bill No. 2153 SUB A**

**BY** Sosnowski, DiMario, Raptakis, Lombardi F, Felag, Gu, de la Cruz

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- FRESHWATER LAKE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (Establishes the Rhode Island lake management program and a restricted receipt account as a fund within the department of environmental management to aid with lake and pond management issues relating to the control of aquatic invasive plants.) {LC3645/A/1}

04/24/2024 Referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

**Senate Bill No. 2735**

**BY** Bell

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

(Exempts the property located at 94 Carpenter Street in Providence from the general law prohibiting liquor licenses within a certain proximity to schools or churches.) {LC5659/1}

04/24/2024 Referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

**Senate Bill No. 2839**

(Dept. of Administration)

**BY** Felag, Raptakis, Bissaillon, Morgan E, Acosta, Euer, Lauria, Ujifusa

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- PUBLIC

BUILDINGS (Allows the department of administration to temporarily loan the state battle flags and markers to approved federal or state agencies under the condition that such loan is insured by bond against damage or loss.) {LC4946/1}

04/24/2024 Referred to House State Government & Elections

**Senate Bill No. 2857 as amended****BY** Bissaillon, Zurier, Ruggerio**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Amends provisions relative to the levy and assessment of local taxes and would provide that the city of Providence may adopt a tax classification with unrestricted tax rates for certain classes of property.) {LC5712/1}

04/24/2024 Referred to House Municipal Government &amp; Housing

**NEW BUSINESS****House Bill No. 8190**

(Dept. of Education (RIDE))

**BY** McNamara, Ackerman, Donovan, Cotter, McGaw, Lombardi J, Voas, Stewart**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- ATTENDANCE FOR SUCCESS ACT (Established the "Attendance for Success Act" which focuses on student attendance in schools, with an emphasis on chronically absent students.) {LC5883/1}

04/24/2024 Introduced, referred to House Education

**House Bill No. 8191****BY** Rea, Costantino**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Removes the exemption from taxation granted to Bryant University located in Smithfield, RI subjecting the university to full taxation unless, the university and the town of Smithfield reach an agreement on payment in lieu of taxes on or before 6/30/24.) {LC5910/1}

04/24/2024 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government &amp; Housing

**House Bill No. 8192****BY** McEntee**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Michael Cerullo, Jr., to join Jillian Cerullo and Tyler Shemick in marriage on or about June 8, 2024, within the Town of North Kingstown, Rhode Island.) {LC5981/1}

04/24/2024 Introduced, referred to House Special Legislation

**House Bill No. 8193****BY** Serpa, Fellela, Brien, Messier, Biah, McNamara, Corvese, Lima, Costantino, Phillips**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- RETIREMENT SYSTEM--CONTRIBUTIONS AND BENEFITS (Provides a 3% pension increase and annual COLAs.) {LC5978/1}

04/24/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 8194****BY** Serpa, McNamara, Fellela, Brien, Messier, Biah, Corvese, Lima, Phillips, Costantino**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- RETIREMENT SYSTEM--CONTRIBUTIONS AND BENEFITS (Requires that present and former employees, active and retired members, and beneficiaries receiving any retirement, disability or death allowance receive a \$2,000 increase per year.) {LC5975/1}

04/24/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Resolution No. 8195****BY** Messier, Fellela, Alzate, Stewart, Cruz**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$150,000 TO THE RHODE ISLAND COMMERCE CORPORATION FOR THE BLACKSTONE VALLEY VISITORS CENTER (Authorizes the appropriation of the sum of \$150,000 to the Rhode Island Commerce Corporation for the Blackstone Valley Visitors Center.) {LC5982/1}

04/24/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Resolution No. 8196****BY** Messier, Fellela, Alzate, Stewart, Cruz**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$2,000,000 TO THE ELISHA PROJECT (This resolution would authorize the appropriation of the sum of \$2,000,000 to the Elisha Project.) {LC5983/1}

04/24/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**GUESTS**

Representative Carson welcomes Jason Dodier, co-founder of Grain Ecosystem and FountainHead RI, to the House Chamber. FountainHead RI will host its inaugural major in-person event of 2024, marking the commencement of the Rhode Island Climate Stocktake at the Waterfire Art Center, and all members are welcome to attend.

**CALENDAR**

From the Calendar are taken:

**IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 2024:****1. 2024-H 7849****BY** Carson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- MAIL BALLOTS

Committee on State Government &amp; Elections recommends passage.

Chairman Shanley moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Carson, Speakman, Ajello, Potter, Kislak, Fogarty, Cortvriend, Bennett, and Stewart.

Chairman Shanley discusses the act.

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

FLOOR AMENDMENT  
TO  
2024 -- H 7849

AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- MAIL BALLOTS

Mr. Speaker:

I hereby move to amend 2024 -- H 7849, entitled "AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- MAIL BALLOTS", as follows:

- 1. On page 1, line 10, by inserting the word "special", after the word "all".

Respectfully submitted,

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Representative Shanley

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LC005579/2  
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Chairman Shanley discusses the amendment.

The motion to amend prevails on a roll call vote 63 members voting in the affirmative and 5 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 63: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 5: Representatives Morgan, Nardone, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts.

RECUSED - 0:

Chairman Shanley, Representatives Lima and Morgan discuss the amended act.

Read and passed, as amended, on a roll call vote, 54 members voting in the affirmative and 16 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 54: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Carson, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Noret, O'Brien, Potter, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 16: Representatives Brien, Cardillo, Casey, Chippendale, Costantino, Fenton-Fung, Lima, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Perez, Phillips, Place, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts.

RECUSED - 0:

- 2. 2024-H 7435**  
**BY** Solomon  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- PET INSURANCE ACT

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

Chairman Solomon moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski and Representative O'Brien.

Chairman Solomon discusses the act.

Read and passed, 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, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Casey, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Donovan, Edwards, 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, Potter, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 2: Representatives Place, Quattrocchi.

RECUSED - 0:

- 3. 2024-H 7431 SUB A**  
**BY** Speakman  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- NET METERING

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

Chairman Solomon moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Speakman and Donovan.

Chairman Solomon, Representatives Morgan, Speakman, and Handy discuss the act.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, 61 members voting in the affirmative and 7 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 61: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Azzinaro, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Casey, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Potter, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 7: Representatives Chippendale, Morgan, Nardone, Place, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts.

RECUSED - 0:

- 4. 2024-H 8085**  
**BY** Casimiro  
**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 and Representative Fogarty.

Chairman Casey 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, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Casey, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Donovan, Edwards, 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, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

- 5. 2024-S 2092**  
**BY** Sosnowski  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage in concurrence.

Chairman Casey moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski and Representatives McEntee, Tanzi, Fogarty and Spears.

Chairman Casey discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, 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, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Casey, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, 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, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

**6. 2024-S 2539**

**BY** Tikoian

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY --  
DOGS

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage in concurrence.

Chairman Casey moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski and Representative Costantino.

Chairman Casey discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 69 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 69: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Casey, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Donovan, Edwards, 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, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:



**7. 2024-S 2878****BY** Pearson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- GENERAL POWERS

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage in concurrence.

Chairman Casey moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Deputy Majority Whip Ackerman and Representative Voas.

Chairman Casey discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 69 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 69: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Casey, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Donovan, Edwards, 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, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

**8. 2024-S 2881****BY** Pearson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- DOGS

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage in concurrence.

Chairman Casey moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Voas, Lima and Deputy Majority Whip Ackerman.

Chairman Casey discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 69 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 69: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Casey, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Donovan, Edwards, 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, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

### **GUESTS**

Representative Slater extends heartfelt congratulations and a warm welcome to the Classical High School Boys' Basketball Team for their 2024 undefeated season and winning the 2024 Rhode Island Interscholastic League Boys Basketball State Championship. And recognizes the hard work and dedication of Head Coach John Kavanagh, Assistant Coaches Josh Cabrera, Kealen Ives, Albert Schiavone, Dan Grzych, and Christopher O'Connell, as well as players Jarell Johnson, Jordan Duke, Abdul Evans, Azzy Harrison, Jake Fitzpatrick, Devin Sone, Bam Adebayo, Michael Leblanc, Arnold Mukama, Emmanuel Greene, and Eliezer Delbrey. Speaker Shekarchi congratulates and welcomes them all to the House Chamber, recognizing their incredible talent and sportsmanship.

Majority Leader Blazejewski congratulates House Administrative Assistant Jennifer Amerantes, recognizing her as the longest-serving House Administrative Assistant, commemorating National Administrative Professionals Day. He extends a heartfelt welcome, acknowledging Jennifer's dedication and valuable contributions to the House of Representatives.

Speaker Shekarchi thanks all House administrative assistants, particularly his administrative assistant Lynn DiPetrillo, for her hard work and dedication.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chairman Abney announces that the Committee on Finance will meet today, at the rise of the House, in Room 35 of the State House.

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

### **NOW PRESIDING**

At 4:39 o'clock P.M., the Honorable Speaker Shekarchi yields the rostrum to the Honorable Speaker Pro Tempore Kennedy.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Representative Vella-Wilkinson warmly congratulates the remarkable milestone for US Coast Guard War Veteran Louis J. Dolce Sr. on his 100th birthday and extends a heartfelt thank you for his dedicated service and sacrifices for our country.

Minority Whip Place announces that the Zambarano Campus of Eleanor Slater Hospital has applied for a grant from our Rhode Island Federal Senate Delegation to increase their capacity by 100 beds. If the grant is approved, it will free up hospital beds for 50 to 20 patients from our current hospital system. Minority Whip Place is requesting all members to sign a letter of support that has been drafted.

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

Deputy Majority Whip Ackerman wishes all a Happy Passover and her father a Happy Birthday!

Majority Leader Blazejewski announces that the next House session will be held Next Tuesday, April 30, 2024, and Thursday, May 2, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. Also, the annual Financial Disclosure Statement must be submitted to the Ethics Commission by Friday, April 26, 2024.

Majority Leader Blazejewski and Speaker Pro Tempore Kennedy wish Minority Leader Chippendale and Representative Ajello a Happy Birthday.

### IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION

#### **House Resolution No. 8197**

**BY** Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Ackerman, Kazarian, McNamara, Craven, Corvese, Kennedy, Hull

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION CELEBRATING "ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS' DAY" ON APRIL 24, 2024, AND THANKING ALL THE DEDICATED STAFF WHO WORK TIRELESSLY IN SUPPORT OF THE RHODE ISLAND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES {LC5762/1}

With the agreement of the majority and the minority, on behalf of Chairwoman Diaz, Majority Leader Blazejewski requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Majority Leader Blazejewski and Speaker Shekarchi discuss the resolution.

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

#### **House Resolution No. 8198**

**BY** Slater, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Sanchez, Kislak, DeSimone, O'Brien, Batista, Perez  
**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE CLASSICAL HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM ON WINNING THE 2024 DIVISION I STATE CHAMPIONSHIP AND THE 2024 RHODE ISLAND INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE BOYS BASKETBALL STATE TOURNAMENT {LC6021/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Slater and Speaker Shekarchi discuss the resolution.

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

**House Resolution No. 8199**

**BY** Blazejewski, Chippendale

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES {LC6014/1}

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. 8200**

**BY** Blazejewski, Chippendale

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING CONGRATULATIONS {LC6012/1}

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 Chippendale An Act relating to Motor and Other Vehicles-Registration of Vehicles  
Representative Corvese-An Act relating to Business and Professions-Drug Cost Review Commission  
Representative Costantino-An Act relating to Casino Gambling  
Representative Cruz-An Act relating to Taxation-Tax Sales  
Representative Fogarty-An Act relating to Health and Safety-National Provider Identification  
Representative Handy-An Act relating to Businesses and Professions-Audiology and Speech-  
Language Pathology Interstate Compact  
Representative Messier-An Act relating to Taxation-Low-Income Housing Improvements Tax  
Credits  
Representative Serpa-An Act relating to Accident and Sickness-Insurance Policies  
An Act relating to Public Utilities and Carriers-Non-Emergency Medical  
Transportation  
Representative Vella-Wilkinson-An Act relating to Criminal Offenses-Threats and Extortion

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.

### NEW BUSINESS

#### House Bill No. 8201

**BY** Dawson

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- OPERATION OF RAILROADS GENERALLY (Provides that no train or light engine would be used in connection with the movement of freight could be operated unless it had a crew consisting of at least 2 persons, would also include the imposition of fines upon a company for violation of the act.) {LC5937/1}

04/25/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

#### House Bill No. 8202

**BY** Morales, Giraldo, Tanzi, Cotter, Speakman, Potter, Sanchez, Caldwell

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- OFFENSES PERTAINING TO SCHOOLS (Bans preferential treatment to a university applicant because of the student's familial relationship to a previous university attendee.) {LC5924/1}

04/25/2024 Introduced, referred to House Education

#### House Bill No. 8203

**BY** Donovan, Speakman, Place, Fogarty, McGaw, Kislak

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES (Authorizes emergency medical service agencies to transport individuals to alternative facilities for treatment and permits licensed providers for mental health disorders to treat patients within the community.) {LC5931/1}

04/25/2024 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

#### House Bill No. 8204

**BY** Dawson

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LICENSING OF HEALTH CARE FACILITIES (Includes immediate family members and related parties to be included in the definitions applicable to the chapter and require that information for nursing facility applicants for initial licensure or change of ownership.) {LC5936/1}

04/25/2024 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

**House Bill No. 8205****BY** Speakman, Knight**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- INDEBTEDNESS OF TOWNS AND CITIES (Adds the town of Warren to those towns and cities authorized to issue bonds to finance the uninsured portion of a settlement arising out of litigation against the town or city) {LC5997/1}

04/25/2024 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government &amp; Housing

**House Bill No. 8206****BY** Bennett, McNamara, Shekarchi, Solomon, Shanley, Vella-Wilkinson, Casimiro**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Exempts from taxation the real and tangible personal property of Rhode Island Coalition Against Domestic Violence, a Rhode Island domestic nonprofit corporation, located in Warwick, Rhode Island.) {LC6013/1}

04/25/2024 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government &amp; Housing

**House Bill No. 8207****BY** Lima, Cardillo, Costantino**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- FARMLAND PRESERVATION ACT (Prohibits any city, town, quasi-municipal corporation or public corporation from assessing any existing agricultural operation or agricultural land any water impact fee, excepting base useable charges.) {LC6004/1}

04/25/2024 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government &amp; Housing

**House Bill No. 8208****BY** Slater**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ORDINANCES (Allows town and city councils to impose penalties for the violation of ordinances and regulations not exceeding the amount of one thousand dollars (\$1,000).) {LC6010/1}

04/25/2024 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government &amp; Housing

**House Bill No. 8209****BY** Noret, Serpa, Dawson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES (Requires persons convicted of driving under influence or refusal to submit to chemical test, have an ignition interlock system installed in vehicle as part of sentence and to pay an assessment to pay for the systems for indigent defendants.) {LC5933/1}

04/25/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 8210****BY** Fellela, Serpa, Messier, Ackerman, Costantino**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LICENSING OF HEALTHCARE FACILITIES (Amends Article 9 of the state budget and various provisions relative to hospital licensing fees, would redefine base year for purposes of calculating disproportionate share payments for fiscal years.) {LC6015/1}

04/25/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**COMMUNICATION FROM THE SENATE**

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

**Senate Bill No. 2973**

**BY** Valverde, DiMario

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows the Honorable Gregory A. Mancini, Esq., to join Abigail Elizabeth Moretti and Jake Scott Owen in marriage on or about October 12, 2024, within the City of Warwick, Rhode Island.) {LC5850/1}  
04/26/2024 Referred to House Special Legislation

**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. 7712**

(Rhode Island Airport Corporation)

**BY** Kennedy, Azzinaro, Ackerman, McNamara

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO AERONAUTICS -- AIRPORTS AND LANDING FIELDS (Designates the appropriate authority on air space issues as the president and CEO of the Rhode Island airport corporation and aligns certain job titles with their proper responsibilities relative to aeronautics.) {LC5336/1}  
04/26/2024 Placed on House Calendar (05/02/2024)

**House Bill No. 7713 SUB A**

(Dept. of Environmental Management)

**BY** Boylan, Tanzi, Carson, Kislak, Kazarian, Cortvriend, Stewart, Fogarty, Finkelman, Handy

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- ELECTRIC BICYCLES (Defines 3 classes of electric bicycles, authorizes the DEM to determine allowable uses of electric bicycles at properties under the department's jurisdiction, allows Class 1 electric bicycles to legally access state bicycle trails or paths.) {LC5576/A/1}  
04/26/2024 Placed on House Calendar (05/02/2024)

**House Bill No. 8042**

**BY** Newberry

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF NEW ENGLAND RACING FUEL, INC. {LC5653/1}  
04/26/2024 Placed on House Calendar (04/30/2024)

**House Bill No. 8055**

(Secretary of State)

**BY** Voas, Giraldo, Stewart, Solomon, Casimiro, Kazarian

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CORPORATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS, AND PARTNERSHIPS -- RHODE ISLAND BUSINESS CORPORATION ACT (Allows the sharing of certain information between the division of taxation and the secretary of state's office regarding an

entity's tax status as compliant or non-compliant.) {LC5639/1}  
04/26/2024 Placed on House Calendar (04/30/2024)

### COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Chairman McNamara, for the Committee on Education, reports back the following measure, with recommendation of passage:

**House Bill No. 8094 SUB A**

**BY** Caldwell, Hull, Craven

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS (Waives, for one year, the Rhode Island whole grain requirement for meals served in Rhode Island public schools.) {LC5630/A/1}

04/26/2024 Placed on House Calendar (05/02/2024)

### COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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

**House Bill No. 7040 SUB A**

**BY** Azzinaro, Kennedy, Corvese, Fenton-Fung, Spears, Serpa

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- OPERATORS' AND CHAUFFEURS' LICENSES (Requires the DMV to create a blue envelope program for drivers with autism.) {LC3325/A/1}

04/26/2024 Placed on House Calendar (05/02/2024)

### COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

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

**House Bill No. 7271**

**BY** Craven, Dawson, Shanley

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- COURTS -- FAMILY COURT (Provides that a magistrate of the family court has the power and authority to hear contested divorce matters.) {LC4266/1}

04/26/2024 Placed on House Calendar (04/30/2024)

**House Bill No. 7302**

(Dept. of Public Safety)

**BY** Hull, Solomon, Cardillo, Azzinaro, Biah, Phillips

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- SEARCH WARRANTS (Dictates the length a search warrant involving a tracking device would be valid and provide a process to extend the time frame of the tracking device for good cause.) {LC4333/1}

04/26/2024 Placed on House Calendar (05/02/2024)



**House Bill No. 7371****BY** Caldwell, Craven, Batista, Dawson, Speakman, Edwards**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE--COURTS -- FAMILY COURT (Gives statewide juvenile hearing boards the authority to refer a juvenile offender to a rehabilitative driving course, as part of a disposition of an offense before the board. The order may be enforced by the traffic tribunal.) {LC4013/1}

04/26/2024 Placed on House Calendar (05/02/2024)

**House Bill No. 7629**

(Attorney General)

**BY** McEntee, Caldwell, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Fogarty, Morales, O'Brien**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- INDICTMENTS, INFORMATIONS AND COMPLAINTS (Includes the offense of second-degree sexual assault among the offenses to which there shall be no statute of limitations and provides for a ten (10) year statute of limitations for third-degree sexual assault.) {LC5083/1}

04/26/2024 Placed on House Calendar (05/02/2024)

**House Bill No. 7739 SUB A**

(Judiciary)

**BY** Dawson, Shanley, O'Brien**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE--PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- DISTRICT COURT PRACTICE (Amends the filing fees and time frame for certain claims of appeal to superior court.) {LC5475/A/1}

04/26/2024 Placed on House Calendar (04/30/2024)

**House Bill No. 7742 SUB A**

(Judiciary)

**BY** Donovan, Caldwell, Shanley, Speakman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE IN PARTICULAR ACTIONS -- SMALL CLAIMS AND CONSUMER CLAIMS (Amends procedures and fees relative to claims of appeal in small claims actions.) {LC5476/A/1}

04/26/2024 Placed on House Calendar (04/30/2024)

**House Bill No. 7834****BY** Brien, Solomon, Chippendale, Noret, Baginski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- PERSONAL WATERCRAFT SAFETY (Amends the penalty for violating the provisions of the personal watercraft safety act from a misdemeanor to a violation and reduce the fine from five hundred dollars (\$500) to a fine of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250).) {LC3362/1}

04/26/2024 Placed on House Calendar (05/02/2024)

**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}

04/26/2024 Placed on House Calendar (04/30/2024)

**House Bill No. 8095**

**BY** O'Brien, Craven, Finkelman, Solomon, McEntee, Serpa, Lima, Costantino, Voas, Slater  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- DOGS  
(Increases the penalty for violations of the care of dogs statute to a minimum fine of one hundred dollars (\$100) and a maximum fine of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) per violation.) {LC5745/1}  
04/26/2024 Placed on House Calendar (05/02/2024)

**COMMITTEE ON LABOR**

Chairman Corvese, for the Committee on Labor, reports back the following measure, with recommendation of passage:

**House Bill No. 7795 SUB A**

**BY** Casimiro, Alzate, Noret, Baginski, Kazarian  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- LABOR AND PAYMENT OF DEBTS BY CONTRACTORS (Prohibits contractors and subcontractors from paying employees the cash equivalent of any applicable healthcare benefit in lieu of actually purchasing the healthcare benefit. Violations would be subject to civil fines.) {LC4898/A/1}  
04/26/2024 Placed on House Calendar (04/30/2024)

**COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT AND HOUSING**

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

**House Bill No. 7324 SUB A**

**BY** Baginski, Finkelman, Edwards  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES  
(Removes basement area from the calculation of floor area ratios in relation to the provisions that a zoning ordinance may address.) {LC4421/A/1}  
04/26/2024 Placed on House Calendar (04/30/2024)

**House Bill No. 7889**

**BY** Serpa  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION  
(Increases the real property exemptions of veterans and the elderly residing in the Town of West Warwick.) {LC5355/1}  
04/26/2024 Placed on House Calendar (05/02/2024)

**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}  
04/26/2024 Placed on House Calendar (04/30/2024)

**House Bill No. 7983 SUB A****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/A/1}

04/26/2024 Placed on House Calendar (04/30/2024)

**House Bill No. 7984 SUB A****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/A/1}

04/26/2024 Placed on House Calendar (04/30/2024)

**House Bill No. 7986 SUB A****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/A/1}

04/26/2024 Placed on House Calendar (04/30/2024)

**Senate Bill No. 2313****BY** Ciccone, Burke, Britto, Bissaillon, Lombardi F**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Allows a modification up to \$50,000 of taxable pension and/or annuity income includible in federal adjusted gross income for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2025.) {LC4503/1}

03/12/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

**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}

04/26/2024 Placed on the House Consent Calendar (05/02/2024)

**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}

04/26/2024 Placed on the House Consent Calendar (05/02/2024)

**COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS**

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

**House Bill No. 7537**

(Lieutenant Governor)

**BY** Voas, Hull, Slater

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- SMALL BUSINESS ADVOCACY (Amends the composition of the small business advisory council.)

{LC4400/1}

04/26/2024 Placed on House Calendar (04/30/2024)

**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. 7387 SUB A**

(Secretary of State)

**BY** Baginski, Brien, Corvese, Solomon

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- DECEPTIVE AND FRAUDULENT SYNTHETIC MEDIA IN ELECTION COMMUNICATIONS (Prohibits synthetic media within ninety (90) days of an election.) {LC4624/A/1}

04/26/2024 Placed on House Calendar (05/02/2024)

**House Bill No. 7565**

(Lieutenant Governor)

**BY** Messier, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Kazarian, Casimiro

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LONG-TERM CARE COORDINATING COUNCIL (Provides for remote participation in open public meetings of the long-term care coordinating council and would provide that a quorum of the council consists of 12 members.) {LC4401/1}

04/26/2024 Placed on House Calendar (05/02/2024)

**House Bill No. 7663**

(Secretary of State)

**BY** Cortvriend, Fogarty, Handy, McGaw, Finkelman, Dawson, Nardone

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- VITAL RECORDS (Requires the division of vital records to ensure that the records are accessible to the local registrars and grant local registrars the authority to issue certified copies of certificates and records.) {LC4671/1}

04/26/2024 Placed on House Calendar (05/02/2024)

**House Bill No. 7759 SUB A**

**BY** Kazarian, Dawson, Boylan, Knight, Speakman, Donovan, Cortvriend, McGaw  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (Directs the department of transportation to prepare a  
monthly snapshot report on the progress of repairs and other actions pertaining to the Washington  
Bridge.) {LC5544/1}  
04/30/2024 Placed on House Calendar (05/02/2024)

**Senate Bill No. 2839**

(Dept. of Administration)

**BY** Felag, Raptakis, Bissaillon, Morgan E, Acosta, Euer, Lauria, Ujifusa  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- PUBLIC  
BUILDINGS (Allows the department of administration to temporarily loan the state battle flags and  
markers to approved federal or state agencies under the condition that such loan is insured by bond  
against damage or loss.) {LC4946/1}  
04/30/2024 Placed on House Calendar (05/02/2024)

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 4:50 o'clock P.M. on motion of Representative Shallcross Smith, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Barbara A. Barr seconded by Leaders Blazejewski and Chippendale the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

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

**APPENDIX**

**INVOCATION**

**REPRESENTATIVE KATHLEEN A. FOGARTY**

Holy God we pray today, and every day, for all the members of this House of Representatives. Grant them wisdom, patience, and understanding, along with the determination to make good laws that honor both the Rhode Island and United States Constitutions.

**APPENDIX****TRANSMITTED TO GOVERNOR****Senate Bill No. 2092****BY** Sosnowski, Valverde, Gu**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION

(Exempts from taxation the real and tangible personal property of the Johnnycake Center Realty Corporation, a domestic nonprofit corporation, located in South Kingstown.) {LC3834/1}

04/24/2024 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 2539****BY** Tikoian**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- DOGS

(Permits Smithfield to enact ordinances that would allow the animal control officer to issue citations which could be paid my mail and to prescribe penalties for violations of the town's ordinances regulating dogs.) {LC5014/1}

04/24/2024 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 2878****BY** Pearson, Picard**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- GENERAL POWERS

(Authorizes the town of Cumberland to require the registration of certain business entities not registered with the secretary of state that are situated in Cumberland.) {LC5689/1}

04/25/2024 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 2881****BY** Pearson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- DOGS

(Increases the fines for dog ordinance violations in the town of Cumberland.) {LC5688/1}

04/25/2024 Transmitted to Governor

**APPENDIX****CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 30, 2024:****1. 2024-H 7983 SUB A****BY Cruz****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- STATE BUILDING CODE**

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

**2. 2024-H 7982****BY Cortvriend****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES**

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

**3. 2024-H 7986 SUB A****BY Batista****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- ABANDONED PROPERTY**

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

**4. 2024-H 7984 SUB A****BY McEntee****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE ISLAND HOUSING RESOURCES ACT OF 1998**

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

**5. 2024-H 7324 SUB A****BY Baginski****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES**

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



**6. 2024-H 7952****BY** Craven**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE --  
PROCEDURE IN PARTICULAR ACTIONS -- ARBITRATION

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

**7. 2024-H 7271****BY** Craven**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- COURTS -  
- FAMILY COURT

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

**8. 2024-H 7739 SUB A****BY** Dawson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE--  
PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- DISTRICT COURT PRACTICE

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

**9. 2024-H 7742 SUB A****BY** Donovan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE --  
PROCEDURE IN PARTICULAR ACTIONS -- SMALL CLAIMS AND CONSUMER  
CLAIMS

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

**10. 2024-H 7795 SUB A****BY** Casimiro**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- LABOR  
AND PAYMENT OF DEBTS BY CONTRACTORS

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

**11. 2024-H 7537****BY** Voas**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --  
SMALL BUSINESS ADVOCACY

Committee on Small Business recommends passage.

12. **2024-H 8055**  
**BY** Voas  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CORPORATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS, AND PARTNERSHIPS -- RHODE ISLAND BUSINESS CORPORATION ACT

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

13. **2024-H 8042**  
**BY** Newberry  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF NEW ENGLAND RACING FUEL, INC.

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

**IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2024:**

1. **2024-H 7040 SUB A**  
**BY** Azzinaro  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- OPERATORS' AND CHAUFFEURS' LICENSES

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

2. **2024-H 7713 SUB A**  
**BY** Boylan  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- ELECTRIC BICYCLES

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

3. **2024-H 7712**  
**BY** Kennedy  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO AERONAUTICS -- AIRPORTS AND LANDING FIELDS

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

4. **2024-H 8094 SUB A**  
**BY** Caldwell  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS

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

**5. 2024-H 7834****BY J. Brien****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- PERSONAL WATERCRAFT SAFETY**

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

**6. 2024-H 8095****BY O'Brien****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- DOGS**

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

**7. 2024-H 7629****BY McEntee****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- INDICTMENTS, INFORMATIONS AND COMPLAINTS**

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

**8. 2024-H 7371****BY Caldwell****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE--COURTS -- FAMILY COURT**

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

**9. 2024-H 7302****BY Hull****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- SEARCH WARRANTS**

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

**10. 2024-H 7387 SUB A****BY Baginski****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- DECEPTIVE AND FRAUDULENT SYNTHETIC MEDIA IN ELECTION COMMUNICATIONS**

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

**11. 2024-H 7663****BY Cortvriend****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- VITAL RECORDS**

Committee on State Government &amp; Elections recommends passage.

- 12. 2024-H 7565**  
**BY** Messier  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LONG-TERM CARE COORDINATING COUNCIL

Committee on State Government & Elections recommends passage.

- 13. 2024-H 7889**  
**BY** Serpa  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

- 14. 2024-H 7759 SUB A**  
**BY** Kazarian  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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

- 15. 2024-S 2839**  
**BY** Felag  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- PUBLIC BUILDINGS

Committee on State Government & Elections recommends passage in concurrence.

**Francis McCabe**  
Clerk of the House

**Friday, April 26, 2024**  
**Updated: Tuesday, April 30, 2024**

**APPENDIX**

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2024:**

**1. 2024-S 2319**

**BY** Ciccone

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION -- TOWN OF JOHNSTON

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage in concurrence.

**2. 2024-S 2328**

**BY** Euer

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION -- TAX EXEMPTIONS -- JAMESTOWN

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage in concurrence.

**3. 2024-S 2598**

**BY** Ujifusa

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

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage in concurrence.

**Francis McCabe**  
Clerk of the House

**Friday, April 26, 2024**