

# 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 Seventh Day of January in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty-Five.

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Thursday, January 9, 2025

Second Day

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The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence on Thursday, January 9, 2025, and is called to order at 4:10 o'clock P.M. by the Honorable K. Joseph Shekarchi, Speaker.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 68 members present and 7 members absent as follows:

**PRESENT** – 68: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Phillips, Place, Potter, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, and Voas.

**ABSENT** – 7: Representatives Baginski, Costantino, Felix, Handy, Lima, Perez and Quattrocchi.

## INVOCATION

The Honorable Speaker presents Representative Samuel A. Azzinaro, who delivers the Invocation and leads the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

(For Invocation, see Appendix of this Journal.)

## APPROVAL OF RECORD

By unanimous consent, the House Journal of Tuesday, January 7, 2025, is approved.

**APPOINTMENTS**

January 9, 2025

**Speaker Shekarchi appoints the following members to the House Rules Committee for the 2025-2026 sessions:**

Representative Kathleen Fogarty, Chair

Representative William O'Brien, First Vice Chair

Representative Patricia Serpa, Second Vice Chair

Representative Samuel Azzinaro

Representative Arthur Corvese

Representative Grace Diaz

Representative Katherine Kazarian

Representative Brian Kennedy

Representative Alex Marszalkowski

Representative Joseph McNamara

Representative Brian Newberry

Representative Robert Phillips

Representative David Place

Representative Evan Shanley

Representative Scott Slater

**Read and placed on file.**

January 9, 2025

**Correspondence from Majority Leader Christopher Blazejewski:**

The House Democratic Caucus has elected the following leaders for the 2025-2026 sessions:

Christopher Blazejewski, Majority Leader

Katherine Kazarian, Majority Whip

Mia Ackerman, Deputy Majority Whip

Grace Diaz, Democratic Caucus Chair

January 9, 2025

**Correspondence from Minority Leader Michael Chippendale:**

The House Republican Caucus has elected the following Leadership Team for the 2025-2026 sessions:

Michael Chippendale, Minority Leader

David Place, Minority Whip

George Nardone, Senior Deputy Minority Leader

Robert Quattrocchi, Deputy Minority Whip

Sherry Roberts, Deputy Minority Leader

**Read and placed on file.**

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Representative Jacquelyn M. Baginski is unable to attend session today, Thursday, January 9, 2025.  
Representative Leonela Felix is unable to attend session today, Thursday, January 9, 2025.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

On behalf of the House of Representatives, Representative Slater and Speaker Shekarchi extend condolences to Alan Rudolph and his family on the passing of his mother-in-law, Saysomboun Phivilay.

**IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION**

**House Resolution No. 5000**

**BY** Shekarchi, Blazejewski, O'Brien, Dawson, Kennedy, Biah, Chippendale, Slater, Solomon, Tanzi  
**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING PROFOUND SYMPATHY ON THE  
PASSING OF PRESIDENT JIMMY CARTER {LC407/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative O'Brien, Representative Tanzi, and Speaker Shekarchi discuss the resolution. On behalf of the House of Representatives, Speaker Shekarchi expresses his condolences to President Jimmy Carter's family.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative O'Brien, seconded by Speaker Shekarchi, Majority Leader Blazejewski, and many others, by unanimous consent, on a rising vote.

**House Resolution No. 5001**

**BY** Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Hull, Chippendale, Noret, Fascia, Read, Lombardi, Tanzi, Felix  
**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION CELEBRATING "NATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT APPRECIATION DAY" ON JANUARY 9, 2025 {LC207/1}

With the agreement of the majority and the minority, Deputy Speaker Hull requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Deputy Speaker Hull discusses the resolution.

Read and passed, on a motion of Deputy Speaker Hull, seconded by many others, by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

**House Resolution No. 5002**

**BY** Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Edwards, McGaw, Cortvriend, Fogarty, Newberry, Tanzi, Shallcross Smith  
**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF MARY ANN EDWARDS {LC34/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Cortvriend and Speaker Shekarchi discuss the resolution. Speaker Shekarchi offers his condolences to Floor Manager Edwards and his family.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Cortvriend, seconded by the entire House of Representatives, by unanimous consent, on a rising vote.

**House Resolution No. 5003**

**BY** Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Brien, Chippendale, Casey, Newberry, Dawson, Finkelman, Solomon, Edwards  
**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF TIMOTHY R. PHILLIPS {LC20/1}

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

There is no objection.

Chairman Casey and Speaker Shekarchi discuss the resolution. Speaker Shekarchi offers his condolences to Representative Phillips and his family.

Read and passed, on a motion of Chairman Casey, seconded by Speaker Shekarchi, and the entire House of Representatives, by unanimous consent, on a rising vote.

**House Resolution No. 5004**

**BY** Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Corvese, Shallcross Smith, Fogarty, Hull, Finkelman, Diaz, Bennett, Fellela

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF THE MOST REVEREND LOUIS E. GELINEAU, D.D., J.C.L., S.T.L., BISHOP EMERITUS OF PROVIDENCE {LC37/1}

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

There is no objection.

Chairman Corvese and Speaker Shekarchi discuss the resolution. Speaker Shekarchi offers his condolences to Bishop Gelineu's family.

Read and passed, on a motion of Chairman Corvese, seconded by Speaker Shekarchi, Majority Leader Blazejewski, and many others, by unanimous consent, on a rising vote.

**House Resolution No. 5005**

**BY** Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Lombardi, Chippendale, Newberry, Place, Paplauskas, Fellela, Tanzi, Brien

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF THE HONORABLE THOMAS R. DILUGLIO {LC316/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Lombardi and Speaker Shekarchi discuss the resolution. Speaker Shekarchi extends his condolences to the family.

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

**House Resolution No. 5006**

**BY** Noret, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Solomon, Hull, Donovan, Craven, Fellela, Cruz  
**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF  
THE HONORABLE JOSEPH M. LIMA {LC33/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Noret discusses the resolution.

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

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Representative Casey urges all members to keep the residents of the Los Angeles area affected by the wildfires, as well as the first responders and frontline workers, in their thoughts and prayers during this challenging time.

Majority Leader Blazejewski announces that the resolution adopting the Rules for the 2025 and 2026 legislative sessions was introduced today.

Members wishing to introduce legislation related to the Rules must submit their requests to Legislative Council for drafting by the close of business today. Any request submitted by the deadline will be available for pick-up in the Legislative Council office by 5:00 p.m. tomorrow.

The desk will remain open to accept the legislation.

The deadline for introducing Rules Amendments is this Monday, January 13, at 12:00 p.m. Members may deliver their resolutions to Nicole McCarty in the Speaker's Office.

Speaker Shekarchi has appointed the Rules Committee, which will hold its first hearing next Wednesday, January 15<sup>th</sup>.

Please note the change in the start time for the next House session on Tuesday, January 14. The session will begin at 5:00 p.m. to accommodate Governor McKee's State of the State address, which will take place in the House Chamber at 7:00 p.m.

Members are encouraged to arrive at 4:00 p.m. next Tuesday to participate in the annual Ethics Training in the House Lounge. Executive Director Jason Gramitt will conduct the training, which is especially important for all members, particularly newly elected members. Attorneys in attendance will receive one Ethics CLE credit.

The House will meet on Wednesday, January 15, at 4:00 p.m., and there will be no session the following day. Additionally, on Wednesday, January 15, a photo shoot will take place in the House Lounge from 3:00 p.m. until the start of the session and again immediately at the Rise. These photos will be used to update members' current photos on the website and for other official purposes.

Members are encouraged to participate in one of three Sexual Harassment Prevention Training sessions conducted by Attorney Caroline Thibeault. The first two sessions will be held on Wednesday, January 15, at 3:00 p.m. and again at the Rise, both in Room 135.

Majority Leader Blazejewski and Speaker Shekarchi wish Representative Dawson a Happy Birthday!

### 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 Shekarchi announces that the desk will be held open.

### NEW BUSINESS

#### **House Resolution No. 5007**

**BY** Fogarty, Diaz, Corvese, Hull, Marszalkowski, Kazarian, O'Brien, Kennedy, Chippendale, Azzinaro

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE YEARS 2025 AND 2026 {LC397/1}

01/10/2025 Introduced, referred to House Rules Committee

#### **House Resolution No. 5008**

**BY** Boylan, Cortvriend, Fogarty, Spears, Carson, Corvese, Ackerman, Dawson, Knight, Craven

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION AMENDING THE RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE YEARS 2023 AND 2024 (Provides that members be limited to the introduction of 18 bills or resolutions during any legislative session with some exclusions.) {LC472/1}

01/10/2025 Introduced, referred to House Rules Committee

#### **House Resolution No. 5009**

**BY** McGaw, Boylan, Spears, Carson, Fogarty, Kislak, Cotter, Cortvriend, Ajello, Speakman

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION AMENDING THE RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE YEARS 2023 AND 2024 (House Resolution providing certain plastic and single-use plastic cutlery and beverage containers would not be permitted on the House floor.) {LC458/1}

01/10/2025 Introduced, referred to House Rules Committee

**House Resolution No. 5010****BY** Morales, Stewart, Alzate, Batista, Potter, Giraldo, Cotter, Speakman, Sanchez**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION AMENDING THE RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE YEARS 2023 AND 2024 (Authorizes the Speaker and the Rhode Island Black, Latino, Indigenous, Asian American and Pacific Islander (RIBLIA) Caucus to request equity impact statements on up to five (5) proposed bills.) {LC505/1}

01/10/2025 Introduced, referred to House Rules Committee

**House Resolution No. 5011****BY** Chippendale, Brien, Edwards, Hull, Casimiro, Paplauskas, Santucci, Newberry, Hopkins, Fascia**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION AMENDING THE RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE YEARS 2023 AND 2024 (Prohibits flags or banners of any size from being displayed on any member's desk within the House chamber.) {LC506/1}

01/10/2025 Introduced, referred to House Rules Committee

**House Resolution No. 5012****BY** Brien, Chippendale, Phillips, Craven, Noret, Finkelman, Read, Corvese**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION AMENDING THE RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE YEARS 2023 AND 2024 (Provides that any person admitted to the House floor dress in an appropriate manner and would further require male members to wear a coat and tie and require dignified dress for female members.) {LC528/1}

01/10/2025 Introduced, referred to House Rules Committee

**House Resolution No. 5013****BY** Place**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION AMENDING THE RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE YEARS 2023 AND 2024 (Requires the presiding officer to publish and provide to the House, a compilation of House procedures not addressed in the House rules or in Mason's manual of Legislative Procedures.) {LC525/1}

01/10/2025 Introduced, referred to House Rules Committee

**House Resolution No. 5014****BY** Place**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION AMENDING THE RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE YEARS 2023 AND 2024 (Requires that members receive five (5) days advance notice when their bill is being heard before a committee.) {LC526/1}

01/10/2025 Introduced, referred to House Rules Committee

**House Resolution No. 5015****BY** Newberry**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION AMENDING THE RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE YEARS 2023 AND 2024 (Requires that the bill sponsor or another member of the House be present in order to formally present a bill to a committee before any testimony is taken on the bill.) {LC531/1}

01/10/2025 Introduced, referred to House Rules Committee



**House Resolution No. 5016****BY** Newberry

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION AMENDING THE RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE YEARS 2023-2024 (Requires that all legislative grants allocated to the senate be distributed in accordance with the rules of the Senate and that all legislative grants allocated to the House of Representatives be divided equally among the 75 legislative districts.) {LC532/1}

01/10/2025 Introduced, referred to House Rules Committee

**House Bill No. 5017****BY** Diaz, Kislak, Bennett, Edwards, Giraldo, Shallcross Smith, Ajello, Fogarty

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- CONSUMER ENFORCEMENT OF ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY DEVICE WARRANTIES (Requires manufacturers of assisting technology devices to make available to independent repair providers/the owner of the device, any documentation/parts, software/other items intended for use with the equipment/parts, including updates to software.) {LC432/1}

01/10/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 5018****BY** Cotter, Morales, Stewart, Cruz, Tanzi, Kazarian, Fogarty, Carson, Kislak, Hull

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION (Provides that effective July 1, 2025, the profit margin of any electric distribution company gas distribution company, would not exceed four percent (4%), in any given calendar year.) {LC57/1}

01/10/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 5019****BY** Speakman, Casey, Knight, Noret, Read, Kislak, Cortvriend, Bennett, Boylan, McGaw

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- CONSUMER PFAS BAN ACT OF 2024 (Prohibits a manufacturer from manufacturing, knowingly selling, offering for sale, distributing for sale or distributing for use in the state any firefighting personal protective equipment containing intentionally-added PFAS as of January 1, 2027.) {LC119/1}

01/10/2025 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

**House Bill No. 5020****BY** Edwards, Donovan, Cortvriend, McEntee, Potter, Bennett, Kazarian, Casimiro, Kennedy, Chippendale

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- ORGAN-DONATION LEAVE ACT (Provides for paid leave for a state employee who donates an organ. The duration of the leave is dependent on the type of donation and notice should be provided to the employer at least thirty (30) days prior to the leave.) {LC323/1}

01/10/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5021****BY** Diaz, Slater**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- RETIREMENT SYSTEM -- CONTRIBUTIONS AND BENEFITS (Adds administrator of community confinement and the home confinement coordinator to the state retirement system.) {LC434/1}

01/10/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5022****BY** Edwards, Abney, Cortvriend, Azzinaro, Alzate, Newberry**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- AWARD OF MUNICIPAL CONTRACTS (Increases the maximum state and municipal small purchase limits from \$10,000 to \$25,000 for construction projects and from \$5,000 to \$10,000 for all other state and municipal purchases.) {LC317/1}

01/10/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5023****BY** Kennedy, Spears, Diaz, Donovan, Cotter, Carson, Azzinaro, Kazarian, Edwards, Serpa**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- RARE DISEASE ADVISORY COUNCIL (Establishes a rare disease advisory council within the department of health and provides guidance and recommendations to educate health care providers and the citizens of the state.) {LC507/1}

01/10/2025 Introduced, referred to House Health &amp; Human Services

**House Bill No. 5024****BY** Edwards, Kislak, Bennett, Kennedy, Potter, Cruz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- BENEFIT DETERMINATION AND UTILIZATION REVIEW ACT (Prohibits health benefit plans reviewing prescriptions for opioid addiction treatment.) {LC318/1}

01/10/2025 Introduced, referred to House Health &amp; Human Services

**House Bill No. 5025****BY** Edwards, Bennett, Spears, O'Brien, Hull, Newberry, Chippendale**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- CRUELTY TO ANIMALS (Provides that the trapping and subsequent release of any unowned feral or free roaming cat for the purpose of spaying or neutering of the cat would not be considered abandonment.) {LC319/1}

01/10/2025 Introduced, referred to House Health &amp; Human Services

**House Bill No. 5026****BY** Kennedy, Diaz, Azzinaro, Donovan, Kazarian, Edwards, Serpa, O'Brien, Morales, Ackerman**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, 2026.) {LC511/1}

01/10/2025 Introduced, referred to House Health &amp; Human Services

**House Bill No. 5027**

**BY** Diaz, Tanzi, McNamara, Azzinaro, Batista, Phillips, Edwards, Giraldo, Shallcross Smith, Ajello  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- PUBLIC HEALTH AND  
WORKPLACE SAFETY ACT (Provides that any law or regulation which prohibits or protects a  
person from exposure to second-hand smoke would include second-hand marijuana smoke or vapor.)  
{LC433/1}

01/10/2025 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

**House Bill No. 5028**

**BY** Edwards, Kislak, Bennett, Fellela, Serpa, Messier, Kazarian, Potter, Casey, Knight  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- LABOR AND  
PAYMENT OF DEBTS BY CONTRACTORS (Amends the definition of public works so that it  
would include any public works projects performed for any city or town or quasi-municipal entity  
and the state and any quasi-state entity.) {LC320/1}

01/10/2025 Introduced, referred to House Labor

**House Bill No. 5029**

**BY** Bennett, Potter, Diaz, Edwards, Slater, Corvese, Solomon, Craven, Kazarian, Casimiro  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- MINIMUM  
WAGES (Sets the minimum wage for 2026 at \$16 per hour, 2027 at \$17 per hour, 2028 at \$18 per  
hour, 2029 at \$19 per hour and for 2030 at \$20 per hour.) {LC117/1}

01/10/2025 Introduced, referred to House Labor

**House Bill No. 5030**

**BY** McEntee, Tanzi, Spears, Fogarty  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL  
TAXES (Grants the town council of the town of South Kingstown the authority to enact a homestead  
exemption ordinance.) {LC448/1}

01/10/2025 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

**House Bill No. 5031**

**BY** Diaz, Slater  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES  
(Allows for the issuance of Class BV liquor licenses for the properties located at 94 Carpenter Street  
and 1023 Broad Street, both in the city of Providence.) {LC435/1}

01/10/2025 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

**House Bill No. 5032**

**BY** Finkelman  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES  
(Allows for the issuance of a Class T liquor license by the town of Jamestown.) {LC45/1}

01/10/2025 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

**House Bill No. 5033**

**BY** Kennedy, Diaz, Fellela, Cotter, Azzinaro, Serpa, Corvese, Edwards, O'Brien, Ackerman  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE ISLAND COMMERCE CORPORATION (Removes nuclear plant projects from seeking the approval from the general assembly for the construction of said nuclear plant.) {LC508/1}  
01/10/2025 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

**House Bill No. 5034**

**BY** Edwards, Cortvriend, Knight, Speakman, Shanley, Craven, Caldwell, Chippendale, Newberry  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- OPEN MEETINGS (Allows school committees to add item(s) not appearing in published notice to their agendas for purposes of discussion only if the revised agenda is filed with the secretary of state and posted on district website at least 48 hrs in advance of the meeting.) {LC321/1}  
01/10/2025 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

**House Bill No. 5035**

**BY** Kazarian  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Ryan Kenny and Brenna Sorkin to join Simran Bhajan Nebhnani and Louis Charles Miyara in marriage on April 26, 2025, within the City of Newport, Rhode Island.) {LC38/1}  
01/10/2025 Introduced, referred to House Special Legislation

**House Resolution No. 5036**

**BY** Tanzi, Cruz  
**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION AMENDING THE RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE YEARS 2023 AND 2024 (Amends the House Rules to enable any member to have up to 3 bills that are held for further study either substituted in committee or allowed to have a committee vote for placement on the floor calendar exclusively at the discretion of the Speaker.) {LC534/1}  
01/13/2025 Introduced, referred to House Rules Committee

### **REPORTS OF COMMITTEE TRANSFER OF BILL**

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

**House Bill No. 5025**

**BY** Edwards, Bennett, Spears, O'Brien, Hull, Newberry, Chippendale  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- CRUELTY TO ANIMALS (Provides that the trapping and subsequent release of any unowned feral or free roaming cat for the purpose of spaying or neutering of the cat would not be considered abandonment.) {LC319/1}  
01/13/2025 Committee transferred to House Judiciary

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 4:51 o'clock P.M. on motion of Representative O'Brien, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of the Hon. 39<sup>th</sup> President James Earl Carter; on motion of Representative Cortvriend, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of the Hon. Mary Ann Edwards; on motion of Representative Casey, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Timothy Phillips; on motion of Representative Corvese, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of former Providence Bishop Louis Edward Gelineau; on motion of Representative Lombardi, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of the Hon. Thomas DiLuglio; on motion of Representative Noret, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of the Hon. Joseph Lima; on motion of Representative Slater, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Saysomboun Phivilay seconded by Leaders Blazejewski and Chippendale the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

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

**APPENDIX**

**INVOCATION**

**REPRESENTATIVE**

**Dear God, As we begin the 2025 session, we pray you will guide our decisions and help us all work together, respecting our differences but always working to better the lives of those we serve. Amen.**

