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Wednesday, January 15, 2025

Forth-Day

The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence on Wednesday, January 15, 2025, and is called to order at 4:11 o'clock P.M. by the Honorable K. Joseph Shekarchi, Speaker.

The roll is called, and a quorum is declared present with 65 members present and 10 members absent as follows:

PRESENT – 65: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Fellela, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Phillips, Place, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, and Voas.

ABSENT – 10: Representatives Baginski, Batista, Felix, Finkelman, Lima, Lombardi, Perez, Potter, Quattrocchi and Shallcross Smith.

INVOCATION

The Honorable Speaker presents Representative Cherie Cruz, 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, January 14, 2025, is approved.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE SPEAKER

January 15, 2025

Speaker K. Joseph Shekarchi makes the following appointment:

Minority Leader Michael W. Chippendale to the Rhode Island Commission on Prejudice and Bias.

Speaker K. Joseph Shekarchi has made the following nominations:

Representatives Julie Casimiro and Thomas Noret to the National Conference of State Legislators' Maternal and Child Health Fellows Program.

Representative Susan Donovan to the National Conference of State Legislators' Health Care Workforce Peer Learning Group.

Representative Raymond Hull and Representative Charlene Lima to the National Conference of State Legislators' Opioid Policy Fellows Program.

Read and placed on file.

COMMUNICATIONS

Representative Jacquelyn M. Baginski is unable to attend session today, Wednesday, January 15, 2025.
Representative Jose F. Batista is unable to attend session today, Wednesday, January 15, 2025.
Representative Alex Finkelman is unable to attend session today, Wednesday, January 15, 2025.
Representative Brandon C. Potter is unable to attend session today, Wednesday, January 15, 2025.
Representative John J. Lombardi is unable to attend session today, Wednesday, January 15, 2025.
Representative Mary Ann Shallcross Smith is unable to attend session today, Wednesday, January 15, 2025.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

NEW BUSINESS**House Bill No. 5042**

BY Alzate, Cruz, Newberry, Kazarian, Lombardi, Morales, Stewart, Batista, Giraldo, Diaz
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS -- LICENSED ACTIVITIES
(Repeals the provisions of the general laws allowing deferred deposit providers, also known as "payday lenders.") {LC398/1}
01/15/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5043

BY Azzinaro, Fellela, Serpa, Casimiro, Kennedy, Corvese
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICES (Provides protection from and prevent the

unethical, improper conduct and the collection of fees by, anyone advising or assisting a veteran filing a claim for disability benefits with the Department of Veterans Affairs except as authorized by federal law.) {LC40/1}

01/15/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5044

BY Azzinaro, Spears, Fellela, Serpa, Casimiro, Kennedy, Corvese

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

(Provides that parents and guardians of children with disabilities in private school have the same rights and remedies as parents/guardians of children in public school.) {LC65/1}

01/15/2025 Introduced, referred to House Education

House Resolution No. 5045

BY Casimiro, Noret

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REPORTING DATE OF THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF UTILIZING FEDERAL TITLE IV DOLLARS TO SUPPORT AND ENHANCE ENROLLMENT IN SOCIAL WORK EDUCATION AT RIC (Extends the reporting date of the Legislative Commission to Study the Feasibility of Utilizing Federal Title IV Dollars to Support and Enhance Enrollment in Social Work Education at RIC from February 11, 2025, to March 6, 2025.) {LC564/1}

01/15/2025 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 5046

BY Knight, Speakman, Kislak, Caldwell, Noret, Cortvriend, Kazarian, Casimiro, Alzate, Corvese

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- ELECTRONIC IMAGING

DEVICES (Criminalizes the unauthorized dissemination of sexually explicit images of another person that are created by digital devices or created without the consent of the person depicted.) {LC53/1}

01/15/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5047

BY Shanley, Craven, O'Brien, Dawson, Solomon, McEntee, Corvese, Fellela, Kennedy, Edwards

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- WAREHOUSE

WORKER PROTECTION ACT (Requires employers to provide each employee of a warehouse distribution center, upon hire, with written description of quotas applicable to the employee within defined time periods and adverse employment action for failure to meet the quota.) {LC463/1}

01/15/2025 Introduced, referred to House Labor

House Bill No. 5048

BY Azzinaro, Fellela, Serpa, Casimiro, Kennedy, Corvese

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF

VEHICLES (Creates special motor vehicle registration plates for vehicles based on the not-for-profit entity Rhode Island Fire Chiefs Honor Flight Hub.) {LC39/1}

01/15/2025 Introduced, referred to House Special Legislation

House Bill No. 5049**BY** Azzinaro, Fellela, Serpa, Casimiro, Kennedy, Corvese**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES (Removes the requirement that the applicant for a Bronze Star Medal license plate pay a registration fee or transfer charge.) {LC51/1}

01/15/2025 Introduced, referred to House Special Legislation

House Bill No. 5050**BY** Phillips, Casey, Brien, Cruz, Alzate, Stewart, Voas, Giraldo, Messier, Marszalkowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES (Creates a special license plate for the Blackstone Valley Tourism Council, Inc. that would support the Blackstone River Valley Environmental Clean-up and Education Fund.) {LC156/1}

01/15/2025 Introduced, referred to House Special Legislation

House Bill No. 5051**BY** Azzinaro, Edwards, Fellela, Casimiro, Corvese**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO RENAMING THE NEW SAKONNET BRIDGE, AQUIDNECK ISLAND (Names the new Sakonnet Bridge as the "Staff Sergeant Christopher Potts Sakonnet Bridge.") {LC445/1}

01/15/2025 Introduced, referred to House Special Legislation

House Bill No. 5052**BY** Azzinaro, Fellela, Serpa, Casimiro, Kennedy, Corvese**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- RHODE ISLAND VETERANS' HOME (Changes the service requirement for admissions to RI Veterans' Home from 90 days to 2 years, and gives priority to veterans defined as war veterans.) {LC44/1}

01/15/2025 Introduced, referred to House Veterans Affairs

House Bill No. 5053**BY** Azzinaro, Fellela, Serpa, Casimiro, Kennedy, Corvese**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- NATIONAL GUARD (Raises the amount of life insurance the state provides at no charge to Rhode Island National Guard members called up for federal duty to five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000).) {LC41/1}

01/15/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5054**BY** Corvese**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- MAINTENANCE OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS (Requires that the state and all municipalities that construct buildings after January 1, 2026, budget for maintenance on a yearly basis, at least five-tenths percent (0.5%) of the total construction cost.) {LC302/1}

01/15/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Resolution No. 5055**BY** Casimiro, Donovan, Morales, Stewart, Cruz, Kazarian**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$500,000 TO AMOS HOUSE (Would authorize the appropriation of the sum of \$500,000 to Amos House.) {LC581/1}

01/15/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

GUESTS

Representative Casimiro warmly welcomes to the House Mary Barden, widow of the late Joseph Gilmartin; National Education Association Rhode Island member Stephanie Mandeville; North Kingstown High School Football Head Coach David Giorgi; Assistant Coach Matt Degnan; and team members Chris Ciarniello and Connor Bellucci. She offers her sincere condolences as they join together in honoring the memory of the late Joseph Gilmartin.

Chairman Craven warmly welcomes to the House Rhode Island Family Court Justice Laureen A. D'Ambra, her son, James S. D'Ambra, Jr., Esq., and their close friend, Dr. Mary Archibald. He extends his sincere condolences as they join in honoring the memory of the late Senator James S. D'Ambra.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Biah, Chairman of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. State Holiday Commission, invites all members to attend the annual celebration honoring Dr. King on Monday, January 20, at 4:00 p.m. at Ebenezer Baptist Church.

Representative Stewart announces the passing of Ruth Ann Madsen, affectionately known as "Diamond," and recognizes her dedicated advocacy and service to the people of Rhode Island. She also acknowledges Kevin Simon, Director of Outreach and Communications at Matthewson Street United Methodist Church, for his continued contributions to the community.

Chairman Corvese invites all House members to attend the Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist Reception tonight at Ladder 133 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Chairman Fogarty announces that the Committee on Rules will meet today, at the rise of the House, in Room 101 of the State House.

Representative Giraldo wishes his daughter Valentina a Happy 6th Birthday! Speaker Shekarchi wishes Valentina a Happy Birthday!

POINT OF ORDER

Floor Manager Edwards rises on a point of order regarding Representative Sanchez's commentary, which was not a proper announcement and introduction.

The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi upholds Floor Manager Edwards's point of order.

Chairman Corvese rises on a point of order regarding Representative Sanchez's commentary, which was not a proper announcement and introduction.

The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi upholds Chairman Corvese's point of order.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Majority Leader Blazewski announces that members are encouraged to participate in a Sexual Harassment Prevention Training session today at the Rise in Room 135, conducted by Attorney Caroline Thibeault. For those unable to attend today, an additional session will be offered next Thursday, January 23, at 3:00 p.m. in the House Lounge.

GUESTS

Majority Leader Blazewski welcomes and acknowledges Attorney Caroline R. Thibeault, Partner at Whelan, Corrente & Flanders, who is providing the sexual harassment training classes today.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Majority Leader Blazewski announces a photoshoot in the House Lounge at the Rise. The photos taken will be used to update members' current photos on the website and for other official purposes.

Majority Leader Blazewski announces that there will be no session tomorrow. The next two sessions are scheduled for Tuesday, January 21, and Thursday, January 23, at 4:00 p.m.

All members should have received a form from the Secretary of State's Office for the Rhode Island Owner's Manual. This online manual serves as an excellent resource for the public to learn about their elected officials. Members are asked to complete and sign these forms and return them to the Secretary of State's Office by the deadline of next Thursday, January 23.

Majority Leader Blazewski wishes Representative Terri Cortvriend a Happy Birthday!

IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION**House Resolution No. 5056**

BY Azzinaro, Spears, Costantino, Serpa, Fellela, Chippendale, Blazewski, Kennedy
ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REPORTING AND EXPIRATION DATES OF THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO MAKE A COMPREHENSIVE STUDY AND PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REMEDIES TO THE EROSION OF RHODE ISLAND BEACHES (This resolution would extend the reporting and expiration dates of the Legislative Commission to Study remedies for the Erosion of Rhode Island's beaches from January 5, 2025 to April 23, 2025, and said commission would expire on April 30, 2025.) {LC630/1}

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

There is no objection.

Chairman Azzinaro discusses the resolution.

Read and passed, on a motion of Chairman Azzinaro, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski and many others, by unanimous consent, on a roll call vote, 61 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 61: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Fellela, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Phillips, Place, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

House Resolution No. 5057

BY Casimiro, Craven, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Kennedy, Ajello, Edwards, Cortvriend, Ackerman

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF JOSEPH A. GILMARTIN {LC32/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Casimiro and Speaker Shekarchi discuss the resolution.

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

House Resolution No. 5058

BY Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Craven, Chippendale, O'Brien, Dawson, Lombardi, Batista, Shanley, McEntee

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF THE HONORABLE SENATOR JAMES S. D'AMBRA {LC27/1}

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

There is no objection.

Chairman Craven, Representatives Nardone and Read discuss the resolution. Speaker Shekarchi offers his condolences to the family of the Honorable Judge Lauren D'Ambra.

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

House Resolution No. 5059

BY Biah, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Hull, Chippendale, Morales, Sanchez, Batista, Diaz, DeSimone
ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE CELEBRATION OF THE BIRTH OF THE REVEREND DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., ON JANUARY 15, 2025 {LC206/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Biah discusses the resolution.

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

House Resolution No. 5060

BY Roberts, Chippendale, Quattrocchi, Santucci, Newberry, Place, Paplauskas, Nardone, Read, Blazejewski
ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING JANUARY OF 2025, AS "RHODE ISLAND SLAVERY AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC201/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Roberts discusses the resolution.

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

House Resolution No. 5061

BY Stewart, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Morales, Cruz, Alzate, Kislak, Sanchez, Tanzi
ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION HONORING RUTH ANN MADSEN FOR HER SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF RHODE ISLAND ON THE OCCASION OF HER PASSING {LC516/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Stewart discusses the resolution. Speaker Shekarchi offers his condolences to Ruth Ann Madsen's family.

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

House Resolution No. 5062

BY Donovan, Speakman, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Kennedy, Ajello, Edwards, Cortvriend, Fogarty

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF THE HONORABLE JOHN E. FARIA {LC160/1}

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

There is no objection.

Chairwoman Donovan and Speaker Shekarchi discuss the resolution.

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

House Resolution No. 5063

BY Fogarty, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Newberry, Azzinaro, Chippendale, Spears, McEntee, Ajello, Serpa

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF RUFINA DELIZO RICE {LC632/1}

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

There is no objection.

Chairwoman Fogarty discusses the resolution. Speaker Shekarchi offers his condolences to Michael Rice and his family.

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

House Resolution No. 5064

BY Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Corvese, Chippendale, Speakman, Serpa, Donovan, Spears, Ajello, Fellela

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF THE HONORABLE JOSEPH MICHAEL DOWNEY {LC15/1}

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

There is no objection.

Chairman Corvese discusses the resolution.

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

House Resolution No. 5065

BY Diaz, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Kennedy, Azzinaro, Perez, Kislak, Hull, Handy
ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE
PASSING OF SISTER JOAN ROKICKI, RSM {LC527/1}

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

There is no objection.

Chairwoman Diaz discusses the resolution.

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

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 Shekarchi announces that the desk will be held open.

NEW BUSINESS

House Bill No. 5066

BY Corvese, Azzinaro, Solomon, O'Brien, Slater, Noret, Kennedy, Hull, Phillips
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- BOARD OF
MEDICAL LICENSURE AND DISCIPLINE -- PROMPT PROCESSING OF INSURANCE
CLAIMS (Prohibits certain claim practices of health insurers and medical providers. The act would
further require fulfillment of medical record requests within fourteen (14) days.) {LC307/1}
01/16/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5067

BY McNamara, Donovan, Solomon, Ackerman, Noret, Serpa, Read, Morales
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- DIETITIAN
LICENSURE COMPACT (Allows for the enactment of the dietitian licensure compact permitting a
licensed dietitian from another state to become licensed within the state, and also permitting a dietitian
licensed by the state to become licensed in another compact state.) {LC297/1}
01/16/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5068**BY** Cruz, Lombardi, Slater, Morales, Stewart, Giraldo, Potter, Biah, Diaz, DeSimone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- TERMINATION OF SERVICE TO PERSONS WHO ARE DISABLED, SERIOUSLY ILL, OR IN ARREARS OF PAYMENT (Extends the forbearance of utility terminations for customers with serious illness certifications and would amend various provisions related to the termination of utility services for persons who are disabled, seriously ill, or in arrears.) {LC522/1}

01/16/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5069**BY** Corvese, Azzinaro, Solomon, O'Brien, Slater, Noret, Read, Kennedy, Hull, Phillips**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS (Prohibits any city or town from requiring an applicant for license to carry concealed firearm to provide a reason for their request other than those outlined in § 11-47-1.) {LC303/1}

01/16/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5070**BY** Corvese, Azzinaro, Solomon, O'Brien, Noret, Finkelman, Read, Kennedy, Hull**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- FEES (Increases the maximum fees payable to sheriffs, sergeants, and constables for the service of writs, citations, or subpoenas, from \$45.00 to \$70.00.) {LC301/1}

01/16/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5071**BY** Read, Carson, Corvese, Hull, Noret, Santucci, Serpa, McNamara, Shanley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- THREATS AND EXTORTION {LC584/1}

01/16/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5072**BY** Knight, Speakman, Dawson, Craven, McEntee, Cortvriend**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- EXPUNGEMENT OF CRIMINAL RECORDS (Permits those persons with felony convictions to have up to six misdemeanor offenses expunged from their criminal record.) {LC52/1}

01/16/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5073**BY** Corvese, Azzinaro, O'Brien, Solomon, Slater, Noret, Finkelman, Read, Kennedy, Hull**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- PEACE OFFICER MAXIMUM WORKDAY AND OVERTIME COMPENSATION (Establishes a maximum hourly workday for all peace officers as defined in § 12-7-21 and a violation rate of pay of double time and a half.) {LC313/1}

01/16/2025 Introduced, referred to House Labor

House Resolution No. 5074**BY** Carson, Kazarian, Cortvriend, McGaw, Speakman, Spears, Fogarty, Handy, Boylan**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE RHODE ISLAND RESOURCE RECOVERY CORPORATION (RIRRC) TO CONDUCT A RECYCLING/WASTE AUDIT ON THE RHODE ISLAND STATE HOUSE AND PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR A WASTE REDUCTION STRATEGY {LC282/1}

01/16/2025 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

House Bill No. 5075

(Governor)

BY Abney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MAKING REVISED APPROPRIATIONS IN SUPPORT OF FY 2025 {LC671/1}

01/16/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5076

(Governor)

BY Abney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE STATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2026 {LC670/1}

01/16/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5077**BY** Casimiro, Noret, Chippendale, Roberts, Serpa, Tanzi, Cruz, Morales, Place, Read**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --

DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES (Requires DCYF to establish segregated savings account for foster care child receiving SS, SSI, veterans benefits or railroad retirement benefits to manage the accounts and keep child eligible for future benefits.) {LC588/1}

01/16/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5078**BY** Corvese, Azzinaro, Solomon, O'Brien, Slater, Kislak, Noret, Read, Kennedy, Hull**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE (Provides that licensed independent clinical social workers be able to enroll and bill Medicaid directly for covered services provided to adults with Medicaid fee-for-service coverage.) {LC309/1}

01/16/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5079**BY** Spears, Cotter, Donovan, Corvese, McGaw, Speakman, Carson, Ajello, Hull, Azzinaro**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PARKS AND RECREATIONAL AREAS -- GENERAL

PROVISIONS (Adds to those persons exempt from payment of parking fees at any recreational facility owned and operated by the state those individuals determined by the executive office of HHS, or its designee, to be disabled for purposes of Medicaid eligibility.) {LC590/1}

01/16/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5080

BY Spears, Cotter, Donovan, Corvese, McGaw, Speakman, Carson, Ajello, Hull, Azzinaro
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES -- LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Exempts from the sales tax scalp hair prosthesis or wigs that are necessary due to hair loss from a medical condition.) {LC591/1}
01/16/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5081

BY Boylan, Donovan, Fellela, Serpa, Azzinaro, Giraldo, Casimiro, Abney, Ackerman, Hull
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- CERTIFICATES OF TITLE AND SECURITY INTERESTS -- VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION CHECKS (Waives the fees for vehicle identification number inspections for veterans, including active duty military personnel and members of the National Guard and military reserves.) {LC67/1}
01/16/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5082

BY Bennett, Solomon, Edwards, Casimiro, Diaz, Ackerman, Slater, Serpa, Donovan, McGaw
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES -- PHYSICAL THERAPY COPAY (Limits copays, coinsurance or office deductibles for services of a physical therapist to the amount authorized for the services of a primary care physician or osteopath on or after January 1, 2026.) {LC572/1}
01/16/2025 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 5083

BY Fellela, Serpa, Messier, Corvese, Ackerman, Caldwell
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS REQUIRED AT PUBLIC PLACES AND HEALTHCARE FACILITIES (Requires public or private golf courses to have an automated external defibrillator on the premises.) {LC120/1}
01/16/2025 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 5084

BY Ackerman, Fellela, Serpa, Newberry, Paplauskas, Donovan, McNamara
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- CONDUCT OF ELECTION AND VOTING EQUIPMENT, AND SUPPLIES (Adds early voting to the fifty (50) feet buffer prohibitions against politicking on election day voting.) {LC636/1}
01/16/2025 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 5085

BY Corvese, Azzinaro, Solomon, O'Brien, Noret, Finkelman, Kennedy, Phillips
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES (Requires that all agencies' final rules, promulgated pursuant to the administrative procedures act, be approved by general assembly action, but in no case later than December 31 of the year it is promulgated before it can become effective.) {LC311/1}
01/16/2025 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Resolution No. 5086

BY Bennett, Voas, Solomon, Edwards, Chippendale, Kislak, Giraldo, Phillips, Stewart, Alzate
ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE, PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE -- FOUR YEAR TERMS FOR REPRESENTATIVES AND SENATORS (Proposes an amendment to the State Constitution, Article IV, Section 1, that would allow four (4) year terms for general assembly members, commencing with the 2028 election.) {LC90/1}

01/16/2025 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 5087

BY Carson, Donovan, Cotter, Kazarian, Ackerman, Cortvriend, Fogarty, Diaz, Boylan, Speakman
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION – THE CHILDREN’S CARDIAC SAFETY ACT (Establishes "The Children's Cardiac Safety Act", and provide for childhood cardiac screening based on modules that incorporate current best practices.) {LC451/1}

01/16/2025 Introduced, referred to House Education

House Bill No. 5088

BY McNamara, Donovan, Ackerman, Casimiro, Bennett, Casey, Noret, Read, Serpa, Corvese
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS (Mandates the use of a soft-shell helmet cover that adds a padded, soft-shell layer to the outside of a traditional football helmet, for students participating in Rhode Island interscholastic league football.) {LC467/1}

01/16/2025 Introduced, referred to House Education

House Bill No. 5089

BY Carson, Craven, Casimiro, Cortvriend
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- HARBORS AND HARBOR LINES (Amends the definition of a "houseboat" to include motorized or non-motorized vessels.) {LC580/1}

01/16/2025 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

ADJOURNMENT

At 4:56 o'clock P.M. on motion of Representative Casimiro, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Joseph Gilmartin; on motion of Representative Craven, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of the Hon. James D'Ambra; on motion of Representative Stewart, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Ruth Ann Madsen; on motion of Representative Fogarty, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Rufina Delizo Rice; on motion of Representatives Donovan and Speakman, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of the Hon. John Faria; on motion of Representative Diaz, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Sister Joan Rokicki; on motion of Representative Corvese, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of J. Michael Downey and Roderick DaSilva seconded by Leaders Blazejewski and Chippendale the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

Diane M. DePina
Recording Clerk

APPENDIX**INVOCATION****REPRESENTATIVE CHERIE CRUZ**

Dear Lord: In honor of Martin Luther King Day, let us remember that his movement sparked a rising tide of freedom not only in America but around the world. Let us pause to remember that his often quoted "free at last, free at last" was addressed not just to African Americans, but to people everywhere struggling to be free. Amen