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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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.

Volume 152, No. 22

Thursday, March 27, 2025

Twenty Second-Day

The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence on Thursday, March 27, 2025, and is called to order at 4: o'clock P.M. by the Honorable K. Joseph Shekarchi, Speaker.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 69 members present and 6 members absent as follows:

PRESENT – 69: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Ackerman, Ajello, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Place, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, and Voas.

ABSENT – 6: Representatives Abney, Alzate, Casimiro, Hopkins, Potter and Shanley.

INVOCATION

The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi presents Representative Arthur J. Corvese, 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, March 25, 2025, is approved.

RHODE ISLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

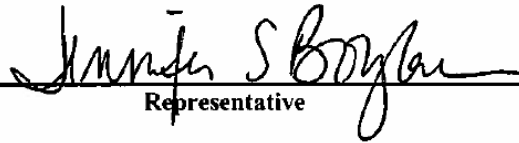


House of Representatives

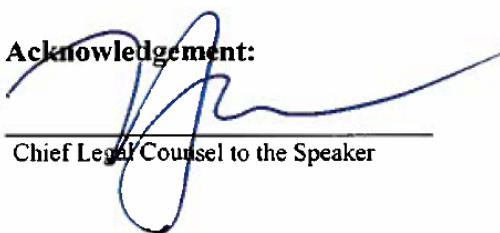
CO-SPONSORSHIP REMOVAL REQUEST
2025

Pursuant to House Rule 15(g)(ii), Representative Boylan
hereby requests the removal of their co-sponsorship of 2025 – H -5879
entitled: AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS --
FAIR EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES which is currently in the House Committee on

Signature: _____


RepresentativeHouse District # 66Date: March 12, 2025

Acknowledgement: _____


Chief Legal Counsel to the Speaker

*NOTE: This request must be submitted to the House Recording Clerk who will retain the original.
A copy shall be delivered to Legislative Data, and a copy to be placed in the committee's original bill file.*

RHODE ISLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY



House of Representatives

CO-SPONSORSHIP REMOVAL REQUEST
2025

Pursuant to House Rule 15(g)(ii), Representative Knight
hereby requests the removal of their co-sponsorship of 2025 – H - 5879
entitled: AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS --

FAIR EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES

which is currently in the House Committee on SGE

Signature: 

Representative

House District # 67Date: March 10, 2025

Acknowledgement:


Chief Legal Counsel to the Speaker

*NOTE: This request must be submitted to the House Recording Clerk who will retain the original.
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COMMUNICATIONS

Representative Marvin L. Abney is unable to attend session today, Thursday, March 27, 2025.
Representative Brandon C. Potter is unable to attend session today, Thursday, March 27, 2025.
Representative Julie A. Casimiro is unable to attend session today, Thursday, March 27, 2025.

GUESTS

On behalf of Speaker Shekarchi and Majority Whip Kazarian, they proudly welcome WPRI 12 Meteorologist T.J. Del Santo and his daughter, Summer, to the House. For the past 28 years, T.J. has been a trusted presence on weekday mornings, delivering accurate and engaging weather coverage to our community.

Today, as we celebrate this significant milestone of WPRI 12's 70th anniversary, Majority Whip Kazarian extends his warm congratulations to the network for its longstanding service and excellence in journalism. Speaker Shekarchi commended T.J. Del Santo for his professionalism and dedication, and in recognition of his outstanding contributions, presented him with a commemorative cake on behalf of the House of Representatives.

Representative Noret is proud to acknowledge Summer, daughter of T.J. Del Santos, for her outstanding performance as Sophia Sheridan in the West Warwick High School play production of "Mamma Mia!" over the past two weekends. Her exceptional portrayal of the lead role has garnered well-deserved recognition. Speaker Shekarchi has extended his congratulations to Summer and warmly welcomed her to the House.

CALENDAR

From the Calendar are taken:

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 27, 2025:

1. **2025-H 5513**
BY Phillips
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES --
OPERATORS' AND CHAUFFEURS' LICENSES

Committee on State Government & Elections recommends passage.

Vice-Chairwoman Messier moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski and Representative Ajello.

Vice-Chairwoman Messier and Representatives Sanchez and Philips discuss the act.

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

YEAS - 68: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Ackerman, Ajello, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Place, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

2. 2025-H 5081

BY Boylan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES --
CERTIFICATES OF TITLE AND SECURITY INTERESTS -- VEHICLE
IDENTIFICATION CHECKS

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

Chairman Casey moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Boylan, Shallcross Smith, Cortvriend, Spears and McEntee.

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 Ackerman, Ajello, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

3. 2025-H 5052**BY** Azzinaro**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- RHODE ISLAND VETERANS' HOME

Committee on Veterans` Affairs recommends passage.

Chairman Azzinaro moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Fellela, Shallcross Smith, Phillips, Read, Corvese, Casey, Bennett, Cruz, Brien, Felix and Deputy Majority Whip Ackerman.

Chairman Azzinaro discusses the act.

Read and passed, 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 Ackerman, Ajello, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Place, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

4. 2025-H 5460**BY** Azzinaro**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO AERONAUTICS -- UNIFORM AERONAUTICAL REGULATORY ACT

Committee on Veterans` Affairs recommends passage.

Chairman Azzinaro moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Shallcross Smith, Noret, Phillips, Fellela, McNamara, Edwards and Deputy Majority Whip Ackerman.

Chairman Azzinaro discusses the act.

Read and passed, 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 Ackerman, Ajello, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hull, Kazarian,

Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Place, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

5. 2025-H 5034

BY Edwards

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- OPEN MEETINGS

Committee on State Government & Elections recommends passage.

Vice-Chairwoman Messier moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives McEntee and Cortvriend.

Vice-Chairwoman Messier discusses the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 66 members voting in the affirmative and 3 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 66: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Ackerman, Ajello, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Place, Read, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 3: Representatives Fascia, Quattrocchi, Roberts.

RECUSED - 0:

6. 2025-H 5306

BY DeSimone

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SPECIAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT COMMISSION -- CAPITAL CENTER COMMISSION

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

Chairman Casey moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Biah and Morales.

Chairman Casey discusses the act.

Read and passed, 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 Ackerman, Ajello, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Place, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

7. 2025-H 5307

BY DeSimone

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, Representatives Morales and Biah.

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 Ackerman, Ajello, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Place, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

8. 2025-S 242**BY** McKenney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- WARWICK PUBLIC SCHOOLS BUDGET COMMISSION

Committee on Education recommends passage in concurrence.

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

Chairman McNamara discusses the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 68 members voting in the affirmative and 1 member voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 68: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Ackerman, Ajello, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Handy, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Place, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 1: Representative Giraldo.

RECUSED - 0:

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

GUESTS

On behalf of Speaker Shekarchi, Chairman Bennett warmly welcomes the residents of Halcyon West Bay Assisted Living, who have come together to form a Resident Council, featuring Marellen Kine, Jacquelyn Larson, and Wayne R. Garland. Their hard work and dedication to fostering a sense of community spirit are commendable. Speaker Shekarchi extends a warm welcome and expresses sincere gratitude to Melissa Starck, the administrator, and Ashley Ferrera of Halcyon West Bay Assisted Living. Their leadership and commitment to quality care exemplify the values we cherish in our community.

Chairman Solomon extends a warm welcome and heartfelt congratulations to the students and instructors from William M. Davies, Jr. Career and Technical High School who competed in three hospitality career-building categories at the 13th Annual Rhode Island ProStart High School Competition. Their remarkable achievement is a testament to their dedication and excellence, earning them the opportunity to represent Rhode Island at the National ProStart Invitational in Baltimore.

We proudly recognize the winners:

First Place in Culinary Arts Category, Students Bobbi Calder, Abigail Grullon, and Aliyah Dantzler, led by Chef Santos Nieves.

First Place in Food Service Management Category, Students Kenadee Houle and Adrianny Jimenez, led by Chef Sara Lingwall.

Speaker Shekarchi congratulates all of the winners and warmly welcomes them to the House. We celebrate their success and look forward to the bright future they are forging in the hospitality industry.

In celebration of International Francophonie Day, Representative Brien proudly welcomes our esteemed guests, Stephanie Begin, Honorary Consul of France to Rhode Island, Roger Begin, Honorary Consul of France to Rhode Island and former Rhode Island Lieutenant Governor, Mustafa Soyfurt, Consul General of France in Boston, Rene Sylvestre, Delegate of Quebec in Boston. Speaker Shekarchi also takes this opportunity to recognize former Lieutenant Governor Roger Begin and extends a warm welcome to all our distinguished guests. We look forward to an inspiring celebration of Francophone culture and international collaboration.

Chairman Casey warmly welcomes the distinguished guests gathered in the House Chamber to celebrate Francophone Day, President of the Alliance Française of Providence, Dominique Gregoire, Barry Bailly from the Alliance Française of Newport, Dr. C. Morgan Grefe, Executive Director of the Rhode Island Historical Society and Anne Conway, Director of the Museum of Work & Culture in Woonsocket. Their presence here today exemplifies the strong cultural ties and shared commitment to the heritage of the Francophone world. We look forward to an inspiring celebration of language, culture, and history.

Representative Cruz extends a warm welcome to the distinguished guests gathered in the House Chamber, Josie Crimini, Canada Senior Consular Officer, Marie-Josée Duquette, Communication & Cultural Affairs Attachee of the Quebec Delegation, Georgina Morat, Representative, French Embassy in Washington, D.C., Benedicte Brouder, Head of School, French American School of Providence to commemorate International Francophone Day, in celebration of the rich linguistic diversity that is intrinsic to our national identity and to recognize the profound impact of the French language.

Representative Felix proudly welcomes the Community College of Rhode Island Women's Basketball Team to the House and congratulates them on their remarkable achievement in winning the NJCAA Region XXI Division III Women's Basketball Championship for the fourth consecutive year. Their undefeated record in league play and an astounding 50-0 record against league opponents over the past four years is a testament to their dedication, teamwork, and excellence on and off the court. Here today are the outstanding student-athletes who contributed to this historic success: Guard Jay'Viona Smith Littlejohn, Providence, Guard Jayanah Rollins Johnston, Forward Kellylyn Kozlin West Warwick, Guard Kelsey Hatch, Providence, Guard, Sydney Waitekus, Norwood, MA, Center, Stephanie Walker, Providence, Guard, Angelisse Melendez, North Providence, Forward, Tatiana Pereira, Providence, Guard, Rihanna Tavaras, Warwick, and congratulations to Coach Doug Haynes for his leadership in guiding this team to continued success.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

In celebration of World Theater Day, Representative Morales announces that Rhode Island's first Spanish theater, Teatro Ecas, will be hosting a celebration tonight at 7:00 p.m. and invites all members to attend.

Vice-Chairwoman Fogarty announces that the Committee on Municipal Government and Housing will meet today, at the rise of the House, in Room 101 of the State House.

Chairwoman Fogarty is pleased to announce that on Tuesday, April 1st, 2025, the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network will host its annual Cancer Action Day at the State House Library at 3:00 p.m. All members are invited to join us in this important event as we work together to advance cancer action and support those affected by this disease.

Speaker Pro Tempore Kennedy announces that on Tuesday, April 1, 2025, Sarah Brown will be returning to Rhode Island as the liaison to the Rhode Island General Assembly on behalf of the National Conference of State Legislatures. She is looking forward to meeting with state legislators.

Additionally, the House will commemorate Japan Day with a celebration in the House Lounge at 3:00 p.m., where we will welcome Seiichiro Takahashi, the new Consul General of Japan in Boston. This celebration will feature traditional Japanese food and beverages.

Chairman Azzianro invites all members to attend the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Remembrance at the State House tomorrow, March 28, 2025. The event will commence at 10:30 a.m. in the House Chamber, where retired Rhode Island Supreme Court Justice Frank Flaherty, a decorated Vietnam War veteran, will serve as guest speaker. Following the remembrance, a luncheon will be held in the House Lounge at 11:30 a.m.

Chairman Azzinaro wishes his youngest grandchild, Colin Christopher Banks, a Happy 6th Birthday!

Speaker Shekarchi wishes Colin a Happy Birthday!

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

GUESTS

Representative Speakman in celebration of Good Food Policy warmly welcomes the members of the Rhode Island Food Policy Council to the House is honored to have with us Board President Diane Lynch, along with key representatives from their work groups, Rebecca Kelley, Food Access and Nutrition Security Work Group, Angel Mendez, Food Business and Economic Development Work Group, and Tyson Bottenus Food, Climate, and Environment Work Group. Their ongoing commitment to advancing a sustainable and equitable food system inspires all, and we are proud to celebrate their dedication today.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Majority Leader Blazejewski announces that the next House session will be held on Tuesday, April 1, 2025, and Thursday, April 3, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. Committees will be meeting on Wednesday, April 2, 2025, and members are encouraged to check the website over the weekend for updates.

Majority Leader Blazejewski and Speaker Shekarchi wish Deputy Majority Whip Ackerman a Happy Birthday!

IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION**House Resolution No. 6140**

BY Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Kazarian, Chippendale, Solomon, Casey, Kennedy, Edwards, Ajello, Shallcross Smith

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION JOYOUSLY CELEBRATING THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF WPRI-TV ON MARCH 27, 2025 {LC2627/1}

With the agreement of the majority and the minority, Majority Whip Kazarian requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Majority Whip Kazarian and Speaker Shekarch discuss the resolution.

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

House Resolution No. 6141

BY Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Solomon, Kennedy, Shallcross Smith, Costantino, Spears, Chippendale, Casey, Kazarian

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE WINNERS OF THE 13TH ANNUAL PROSTART® HIGH SCHOOL COMPETITION {LC2334/1}

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

There is no objection.

Chairman Solomon discusses the resolution.

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

House Resolution No. 6142

BY Phillips, Brien, Cruz, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Casey, Chippendale, Edwards, Kennedy, Ajello
ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION CELEBRATING LA FRANCOPHONIE FLAG RAISING CEREMONY AT THE RHODE ISLAND STATE HOUSE ON THURSDAY, MARCH 27, 2025 {LC2357/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Phillips discusses the resolution.

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

House Resolution No. 6143

BY Felix, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Paplauskas, Kennedy, Ajello, Shallcross Smith, Fogarty, Bennett
ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF RHODE ISLAND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM ON WINNING THE NATIONAL JUNIOR COLLEGE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION REGION XXI CONFERENCE FOR THE FOURTH YEAR IN A ROW AND EARNING A BERTH IN THE 2025 NJCAA DIVISION III NATIONAL TOURNAMENT {LC2641/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Felix discusses the resolution.

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

House Resolution No. 6144

BY Giraldo, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Cruz, Stewart, Voas, Solomon, Casey, Kennedy
ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION JOYOUSLY CELEBRATING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF LEONA P. MARCHAND ON MARCH 30, 2025 {LC2474/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Giraldo discusses the resolution.

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

House Resolution No. 6145

BY Speakman, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Boylan, Kennedy, Ajello, Shallcross Smith, Fogarty, Bennett

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION DECLARING MARCH 27, 2025, TO BE "GOOD FOOD POLICY DAY" IN RHODE ISLAND {LC2624/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Speakman discusses the resolution.

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

RULE 7D

The following bills were received pursuant to Rule 7D:

Representative Ackerman- An Act relating to Insurance–Accident and Sickness Insurance Policies

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

Representative Fogarty- Act relating to Fish and Wildlife–Commercial Fishing Licenses

Representative McNamara- An Act relating to Insurance–Unfair Claims Settlement Practices Act

Representative Morales- An Act relating to State Affairs and Government–Authority as Chief Law Enforcement Officer

Representative Paplauskas- An Act relating to State Affairs and Government–State Police

Representative Spears- An Act relating to State Affairs and Government–State Police “Purple Alert”

Representative Tanzi- An Act relating to Sexual Harassment

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.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES
COMMITTEE ON CORPORATIONS**

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

House Bill No. 5562

BY Caldwell

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- SOLICITATION BY CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS (Provides that charitable organizations with a gross income of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) or less can meet the required reporting and records requirements by providing either an IRS Form 900 or other approved financial statements.) {LC1409/1}
03/28/2025 Placed on House Calendar (04/01/2025)

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

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

House Bill No. 5438

(Dept. of Public Safety)

BY Hull, Fascia, Azzinaro, Abney, Roberts, Biah, Lima, Place, Slater, Diaz

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.) {LC1345/1}
03/28/2025 Placed on House Calendar (04/03/2025)

House Bill No. 5640

(Judiciary)

BY Hull, Slater, Fogarty, Fascia, Sanchez

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- PASSING, USE OF LANES, AND RULES OF THE ROAD (Adds a provision in the statute relating to one way highways, providing an increased penalty when a motorist travels the wrong way on an interstate highway or an entrance or exit ramp connected to an interstate highway.) {LC1498/1}
03/28/2025 Placed on House Calendar (04/03/2025)

House Bill No. 5644

(Dept. of Revenue)

BY Dawson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES --

NONTRANSPARENT WINDSHIELD AND WINDOWS (Provides penalties for second and subsequent violations of installing and possessing a vehicle with sun screening materials in violation of this section.) {LC1768/1}

03/28/2025 Placed on House Calendar (04/03/2025)

House Bill No. 5898

(Judiciary)

BY Read, Shallcross Smith, Casimiro, Furtado, Santucci, McNamara, Noret**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- RIGHT-OF-WAY

(Amends the general law relative to right-of-way of pedestrians to reference the schedule of violations for the adjudication of traffic offenses contained in § 31-41.1-4.) {LC1484/1}

03/28/2025 Placed on House Calendar (04/03/2025)

House Bill No. 5929

(Dept. of Revenue)

BY Voas, Casimiro, Alzate**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- REGULATION OF

SALES (Prohibits the holding of multiple drivers licenses or identification cards and would change the term "re-constructed salvage" to "rebuilt salvage" for purposes of the Rhode Island salvage law.) {LC1265/1}

03/28/2025 Placed on House Calendar (04/03/2025)

House Bill No. 5300

(Secretary of State)

BY Dawson, Shanley, Kazarian, Furtado, Boylan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- THREATS AND EXTORTION

(Considers election officials and poll workers "public officials" for purposes of the prohibition on making threats to public officials.) {LC1107/1}

03/28/2025 Placed on House Calendar (04/01/2025)

House Bill No. 5900

(Judiciary)

BY Noret, Hull, Read, Casimiro, Paplauskas, Casey, Dawson, Costantino**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOTOR VEHICLE

OFFENSES (Distinguishes, in two separate subsections, a first offense for reckless driving, which is a misdemeanor, and a second or subsequent offense for reckless driving, which is a felony.)

{LC1485/1}

03/28/2025 Placed on House Calendar (04/03/2025)

House Bill No. 5901 SUB A

(Judiciary)

BY Noret, Read, Corvese, Hull, Casey, Phillips, DeSimone, Kazarian, Speakman, Lima**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MISCELLANEOUS

RULES (Provides additional exception to prohibition on usage of wireless communication device

while driving and clarifies that use for purpose of navigation must be while the device is mounted or otherwise affixed to vehicle and not held in the motorist's hand.) {LC1490/A/2}
03/28/2025 Placed on House Calendar (04/03/2025)

COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT AND HOUSING

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

House Bill No. 5686

(CRMC)

BY Fogarty, Carson, Hull, Cortvriend, Corvese, Diaz, Bennett, McGaw, Speakman, Caldwell

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL (Requires municipalities to maintain and update a list of CRMC designated rights-of-way to tidal areas in their municipality.) {LC1771/1}

03/28/2025 Placed on House Calendar (04/01/2025)

House Bill No. 5797 SUB A

BY McEntee, Caldwell, Phillips, DeSimone, Fogarty, Shallcross Smith, Spears, O'Brien, Morales, Bennett

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES (Adds a definition for "co-living housing" to the zoning ordinance provisions of the general laws and would include such housing as a special provision to be included in a zoning ordinance.) {LC2157/A/1}

03/28/2025 Placed on House Calendar (04/01/2025)

House Bill No. 5800

BY Craven, Speakman, Spears, Noret, Bennett, McEntee, Solomon, Casimiro, Casey, Tanzi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES (Adds "providing for residential development in all or some of the areas encompassing commercial districts" as a purpose a zoning ordinance must address.) {LC2160/1}

03/28/2025 Placed on House Calendar (04/01/2025)

House Resolution No. 6027

BY Giraldo, Stewart, Voas

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REPORTING AND EXPIRATION DATES, AND REQUIRING REAPPOINTMENT OF THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY THE ENTIRE AREA OF LAND USE, PRESERVATION, DEVELOPMENT, HOUSING, ENVIRONMENT, AND REGULATION

(Extends the reporting and expiration dates, and requires letter of continued interest, to the commission studying land use, preservation, development, housing, environment, and regulation, from June 8, 2025, to June 8, 2026, and expires on June 30, 2026.) {LC2343/1}

03/28/2025 Placed on House Calendar (04/01/2025)

Senate Bill No. 199**BY** Lauria

ENTITLED, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AMENDMENTS TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF BARRINGTON (Validates and ratifies the amendments to the Barrington Home Rule Charter which were approved by the electors of the town of Barrington on November 5, 2024.) {LC1103/1}

03/28/2025 Placed on House Calendar (04/01/2025)

NEW BUSINESS**House Bill No. 6146****BY** Brien, Chippendale, Noret, Corvese, Baginski, Place, Paplauskas

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- BURGLARY AND BREAKING AND ENTERING (Provides a rebuttable defense if a person dies or sustains a personal injury while committing any violent criminal offense of a person.) {LC2618/1}

03/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 6147**BY** Brien, Chippendale, Noret, Corvese, Baginski, Place, Paplauskas

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- BURGLARY AND BREAKING AND ENTERING (Adds a rebuttable defense if any person shall die or sustain a personal injury while committing robbery of the owner, lessor, or occupant of a motor vehicle and that the owner or occupant of the vehicle acted in self-defense.) {LC2619/1}

03/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 6148**BY** McNamara

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES (Empowers the division of motor vehicles to make available special motor vehicle registration plates for the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association.) {LC2396/1}

03/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Special Legislation

House Bill No. 6149**BY** Nardone, Carson, Edwards, Newberry, Noret, Marszalkowski, Hull, Chippendale, Place, Quattrocchi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- RHODE ISLAND MEALS ON WHEELS INC. FUND (Provides for a tax refund deduction for contributions to the Meals on Wheels Inc. Fund commencing with tax year 2025.) {LC2638/1}

03/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:01 o'clock P.M. on motion of Representative Quattrocchi seconded by Leaders Blazejewski and Chippendale the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

Diane M. DePina
Recording Clerk

APPENDIX**INVOCATION****REPRESENTATIVE ARTHUR J. CORVESE**

Dear Lord, we ask that you help prepare us for the work ahead. Please provide us with the strength to stand strong in the face of challenges, to be steadfast in our search for truth, and to always have the courage to do what's best for our communities and our country. Amen

APPENDIX

TRANSMITTED TO GOVERNOR

Senate Bill No. 242

BY McKenney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- WARWICK PUBLIC SCHOOLS BUDGET COMMISSION (Creates the Warwick public schools budget commission consisting of 5 members to oversee the operations of Warwick public schools and to present a preliminary analysis of the school district's financial situation.) {LC955/1}

03/27/2025 Transmitted to Governor

APPENDIX**CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 1, 2025:****1. 2025-H 5797 SUB A****BY** McEntee**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.

2. 2025-H 5800**BY** Craven**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

3. 2025-H 5562**BY** Caldwell**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- SOLICITATION BY CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

4. 2025-H 5300**BY** Dawson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- THREATS AND EXTORTION

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

5. 2025-H 5171 SUB A**BY** Edwards**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- HARM REDUCTION CENTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND PILOT PROGRAM

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

6. 2025-H 5686**BY** Fogarty**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

7. 2025-H 6027**BY** Giraldo**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REPORTING AND EXPIRATION DATES, AND REQUIRING REAPPOINTMENT OF THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY THE ENTIRE AREA OF LAND USE, PRESERVATION, DEVELOPMENT, HOUSING, ENVIRONMENT, AND REGULATION

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

8. 2025-S 199**BY** Lauria**ENTITLED**, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AMENDMENTS TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF BARRINGTON

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage in concurrence.

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 3, 2025:**1. 2025-H 5640****BY** Hull**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- PASSING, USE OF LANES, AND RULES OF THE ROAD

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

2. 2025-H 5898**BY** Read**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- RIGHT-OF-WAY

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

3. 2025-H 5644**BY** Dawson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- NONTRANSPARENT WINDSHIELD AND WINDOWS

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

4. 2025-H 5901 SUB A**BY Noret****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MISCELLANEOUS RULES**

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

5. 2025-H 5900**BY Noret****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES**

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

6. 2025-H 5438**BY Hull****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- SEARCH WARRANTS**

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

7. 2025-H 5929**BY Voas****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- REGULATION OF SALES**

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Francis McCabe
Clerk of the House

Friday, March 28, 2025