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Twenty Third-Day

The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence on Tuesday, April 1, 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 70 members present and 5 members absent as follows:

PRESENT – 70: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Place, Quattrocchi, Read, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, and Voas.

ABSENT – 5: Representatives Casey, Finkelman, Potter, Roberts and Shanley.

INVOCATION

The Honorable Speaker presents Representative Robert E. Craven, Sr., 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 27, 2025, is approved.

COMMUNICATIONS

Representative Alex Finkelman is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, April 1, 2025.
Representative Stephen M. Casey is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, April 1, 2025.

ADDRESS

Speaker Pro Tempore Kennedy invites Consul General Seiichiro Takahashi to address the members in honor of the 171st Anniversary of the United States-Japan Treaty of Peace and Amity.

GUESTS

Speaker Pro Tempore Kennedy is honored to welcome several distinguished guests to the House in celebration of the 171st Anniversary of the signing of the Japan-United States Treaty of Peace and Amity, known as Japan Day. This historic occasion serves as a testament to the enduring friendship, cultural exchange, and economic partnership between Japan and the United States; we recognize the vital contributions of Japanese-American relations in Rhode Island and beyond.

Speaker Pro Tempore Kennedy is pleased to welcome Seiichiro Takahashi, Consul General of Japan in Boston; Suguru Minoya, Deputy Consul General; Keisuke Kawamura, Consul; Chieko Yoshida, Consul; Steve Aveson, Honorary Consul in Bristol; Chihiro Tsukamoto, Political Affairs Assistant in Boston; Charles M. Holder, At-Large Councilor and Chair; Mayor Matthew C. Perry, Ph.D.; Robert S. Winneg, Deputy Dean of the Naval War College; Christopher Roy, CEO of Toray Plastics America; Hirushi Furuya, CTO and Senior VP; Maryanne Brandmeier, President of the Japanese-American Society of Rhode Island; Rob A.Y. Dahlin, President of the Japan-America Navy Friendship Association in Newport; Alexandria Evers and Sophia Caroline Maynard, Cherry Blossom Princesses of Rhode Island; Dr. Robert Billington, Blackstone Valley Tourism Council; and James Toomey, Blackstone Valley Tourism Council.

Speaker Pro Tempore Kennedy extends his sincere appreciation to the Japanese educators from the University of Rhode Island and Brown University, as well as the Japanese American community in Rhode Island, for their invaluable contributions to promoting cross-cultural understanding and strengthening the enduring friendship between our nations. Speaker Shekarchi welcomes them all to the House.

Chairwoman McEntee, an alumnus of the University of Rhode Island, is honored to welcome members of the University of Rhode Island Board of Trustees to the House in celebration of University of Rhode Island Day. This day serves as an opportunity to recognize URI's steadfast commitment to academic excellence, research, innovation, and public service, as well as the contributions that have a lasting impact on our state and its students. As Rhode Island's flagship public university, URI plays a vital role in shaping future leaders, driving economic growth, and fostering a strong, engaged community. She is pleased to welcome President Marc Parlange, Provost Barbara Wolfe, Chair Margo Cook, Vice-Chair Armand Sabitoni, and David Caprio. Their leadership and dedication ensure that URI continues to thrive as a premier institution of higher learning, strengthening both the University and the state of Rhode Island. We are grateful for their service and look forward to celebrating the University's ongoing success.

Chairwoman Fogarty is pleased to recognize and welcome members of the University of Rhode Island Board of Trustees to the House in celebration of University of Rhode Island Day. This occasion highlights the University's dedication to academic achievement, research, and service, which continue to strengthen our state and enrich the lives of its students. URI remains a cornerstone of higher education in Rhode Island, fostering innovation and preparing future generations for success. Chairwoman Fogarty is honored to welcome Kristine Bovy, Maria Ducharme, Monica Garnes, Revaa Goyal, Matthew Lenz, and Joseph Matthews. Their leadership and commitment help shape the University's future, ensuring it remains a pillar of excellence for years to come.

In honor of University of Rhode Island Day, Representative Tanzi is pleased to welcome members of the University of Rhode Island Board of Trustees to the House. This day serves as a tribute to the University's dedication to academic excellence, research, and public service, all of which contribute to the growth and success of the state of Rhode Island. URI remains a leader in higher education, shaping the future by equipping students with the skills and opportunities necessary to excel. Representative Tanzi is pleased to recognize Roby Luna, David Martirano, Cortney Nicolato, Yahaira "Jay" Placencia, Thomas Ryan, and Robert Weygand for their commitment to the University's mission and their efforts to enhance its impact on our state. Their leadership ensures that URI remains a cornerstone of education and innovation for generations to come.

Representative Spears, an alumnus of the University of Rhode Island, welcomes members of the University of Rhode Island Board of Trustees to the House in recognition of the University of Rhode Island's Day. This special occasion celebrates the University's enduring impact on education, research, and community engagement across Rhode Island. As a leading institution of higher learning, the University of Rhode Island (URI) continues to foster innovation, prepare future leaders, and contribute to the economic and social well-being of the state. Representative Spears is pleased to welcome Michael Fascitelli, Charles Fogarty, Joseph Formicola, Michael Grey, Neil Kerwin, and Vahid Ownjazayeri. Their dedication and leadership play a vital role in advancing the University's mission, and we appreciate their ongoing efforts to support and strengthen URI's legacy.

Representative Cotter as a University of Rhode Island alumnus and graduate of the Talent Development program proudly welcomes Edward P. Givens, Assistant Director for Campus Life and Talent Development and alumnus of the Class of 1988; Dr. Edward Steven Shear, Senior Academic Advisor; Alexa Muñoz, an ICU professional at Rhode Island Hospital and Talent Development alumna of the Class of 2016; and Jeffrey Muñoz, a member of the Rhode Island State Police and Talent Development alumnus of the Class of 2017. They are here today to celebrate the Talent Development Program's milestone of 5,000 graduates, an achievement that underscores the program's commitment to fostering professional growth and academic excellence. Speaker Shekarchi congratulates them for their efforts and welcomes them to the House.

Representative Casimiro warmly welcomes Cortney Nicolato, CEO and President of United Way Rhode Island, to the House. Also joining us are Nancy Wolanski, Director of the Alliance for Nonprofit Impact, and Robin Xiong, Coordinator of Member Engagement at the Alliance for Nonprofit Impact, an organization supported by United Way Rhode Island. Today, as we recognize United Way's 401 Gives Day, we honor their leadership and commitment to driving positive change and supporting the nonprofit community in Rhode Island. Speaker Shekarchi congratulates them for their efforts and welcomes them to the House.

Chairwoman Serpa warmly welcomes Haley Stewart, Senior Policy Manager at Humane World for Animals, to the House. Humane World for Animals hosted a Humane Lobby Day in the State Room to announce legislation sponsored by Chairwoman Serpa and Senator Victoria Gu. This further underscores Humane World for Animals commitment to animal welfare and advocacy. Chairwoman Serpa appreciates Ms. Stewart's expertise and dedication as they continue to collaborate on advancing policies that protect and improve the lives of animals.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

CALENDAR

From the Calendar are taken:

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.

Vice-Chairwoman Speakman moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Morales and Marszalkowski.

Vice-Chairwoman Speakman discusses the act.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, 60 members voting in the affirmative and 9 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 60: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Read, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 9: Representatives Chippendale, Costantino, Fascia, Hopkins, Lima, Nardone, Paplauskas, Quattrocchi, Santucci.

RECUSED - 0:

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

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

Vice-Chairwoman Speakman moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Craven, Morales, Cortvriend, Tanzi, Stewart, Alzate and Bennett.

Vice-Chairwoman Speakman and Minority Leader Chippendale discuss the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 61 members voting in the affirmative and 9 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 61: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Read, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 9: Representatives Chippendale, Costantino, Fascia, Nardone, Newberry, Paplauskas, Place, Quattrocchi, Santucci.

RECUSED - 0:

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

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

Chairman Solomon moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Carson, Caldwell, McEntee, Bennett, Edwards and Stewart.

Chairman Solomon 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 Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips,

Place, Quattrocchi, Read, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

4. 2025-H 5300

BY Dawson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- THREATS AND EXTORTION

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Chairman Craven moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fogarty, Furtado, Handy, Hull, Kazarian, Lima, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Read, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Speakman, Spears, Voas.

Chairman Craven, Representatives Quattrocchi and Sanchez discuss the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 60 members voting in the affirmative and 10 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 60: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Phillips, Read, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 10: Representatives Batista, Cruz, Lombardi, Nardone, Perez, Place, Quattrocchi, Sanchez, Santucci, Stewart.

RECUSED - 0:

Majority Leader Blazejewski moves item #5 to the bottom of today's calendar. There is no objection.

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.

Read, and placed on the bottom of today's calendar.

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.

Vice-Chairwoman Speakman moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives McNamara, Donovan, Fogarty, Cortvriend, Boylan, Spears, Carson, Tanzi, and Bennett.

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

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

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.

Vice-Chairwoman Speakman moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Marszalkowski and Alzate.

Vice-Chairwoman Speakman discusses the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 70 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 70: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Place, Quattrocchi, Read, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

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.

Vice-Chairwoman Speakman moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Knight and Boylan.

Vice-Chairwoman Speakman discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 70 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 70: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Place, Quattrocchi, Read, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

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.

Chairwoman Donovan moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Ajello, McGaw, Sanchez, Cortvriend, Tanzi, McNamara, Kislak, Bennett, Edwards, Diaz, Fogarty, Biah, Speakman, Handy, Place, Morales Cruz, Stewart, Alzate and Majority Whip Kazarian.

Chairwoman Donovan discusses the act.

By unanimous consent, Representative Edwards, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski and Majority Whip Kzarian, offers a written motion to amend.

**FLOOR AMENDMENT
TO
2025 -- H 5171 SUBSTITUTE A**

**AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- HARM REDUCTION CENTER
ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND PILOT PROGRAM**

Mr. Speaker:

I hereby move to amend 2025 -- H 5171 SUBSTITUTE A, entitled "AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- HARM REDUCTION CENTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND PILOT PROGRAM", as follows:

1. On page 2, line 19, by striking the number "2026" and by inserting in place thereof the number "2028".

2. On page 2, line 24, following the language "senate," by inserting the following language: "a report which includes, at a minimum, the number of individuals served by each harm reduction center; the number of individuals who were connected to health services by each harm reduction center; and any data relating to the occurrence of and/or prevention of overdoses or deaths associated with each harm reduction center, as well as"

3. On page 2, line 24, after the word "chapter", by striking the language ", and unless" and by inserting in place thereof the language ". Unless"

Respectfully submitted,

Representative Edwards

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Representative Edwards and Chairman Corvese discuss the amendment.

The motion to amend prevails 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 Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier,

Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Place, Quattrocchi, Read, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 1: Representative Fascia.

RECUSED - 0:

Chairman Corvese, Representatives Edwards, Nardone, Read, Noret, Lima, Batista, Brien, Alzate, Paplauskas, Cotter, Carson, Minority Leader Chippendale, Representatives Fascia, Hopkins, Kislak, Minority Whip Place, Representatives Speakman, Tanzi, Serpa, Lombardi, Constantino, and Diaz discuss the act, as amended.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, as amended, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, 52 members voting in the affirmative and 17 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 52: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Cortvriend, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Newberry, Place, Sanchez, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 17: Representatives Brien, Casimiro, Chippendale, Corvese, Fascia, Hopkins, Lima, Nardone, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Quattrocchi, Read, Santucci, Serpa.

RECUSED - 0:

PROXY VOTES

Majority Leader Blazejewski announces, pursuant to Rule 33(e), authorizing Proxy Votes, that he has received Proxy Votes from Chairman Shanley to be recorded in the affirmative for items #1 through #8.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

GUESTS

Chairwoman Fogarty warmly welcomes Robert Zanni, Norman DiCataldo, and Debrah Prindle to the House Chamber in recognition of Limb Loss and Limb Difference Awareness Month. Speaker Shekarchi joins in extending his welcome and appreciation for their advocacy and contributions.

Speaker Pro Tempore Kennedy welcomes Sarah Brown, Group Director of Criminal Justice at the National Conference of State Legislatures, to the House Chamber. Her work supports state

legislatures in developing effective criminal justice policies across the nation. Speaker Shekarchi joins in welcoming her and recognizing her contributions.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Chairwoman Donovan announces that the Committee on Health & Human Services will meet today, at the rise of the House, in Room 135 of the State House.

Majority Leader Blazejewski announces that the next House session will be held on Thursday, April 3, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. Committees will meet on Wednesday, April 2, 2025.

IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION

House Resolution No. 6150

BY Kennedy, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Edwards, Kazarian, Azzinaro, Abney, Carson, Phillips

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION CELEBRATING THE 171ST ANNIVERSARY OF THE U.S. -- JAPAN TREATY OF PEACE AND AMITY {LC2341/1}

With the agreement of the majority and the minority, Speaker Pro Tempore Kennedy requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Speaker Pro Tempore Kennedy discusses the resolution.

Read and passed, on a motion of Speaker Pro Tempore Kennedy, seconded by many others, by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

House Resolution No. 6151

BY McEntee, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Fogarty, Craven, Caldwell, McGaw, Read, DeSimone

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION JOYOUSLY CELEBRATING "URI DAY" AT THE RHODE ISLAND STATE HOUSE ON APRIL 1, 2025 {LC2460/1}

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

There is no objection.

Chairwoman McEntee discusses the resolution.

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

House Resolution No. 6152

BY Cotter, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Morales, Stewart, Giraldo, Kennedy, Tanzi, Ajello
ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE TALENT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM AT THE UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND ON THE JOYOUS OCCASION OF REACHING THE MILESTONE OF 5,000 GRADUATES IN 2025 {LC2475/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Cotter and Speaker Shekarchi discuss the resolution.

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

House Resolution No. 6153

BY Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Casimiro, Ackerman, Kennedy, Tanzi, Ajello, Cotter, Boylan, McEntee
ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING APRIL 1, 2025, AS "401GIVES DAY" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC2455/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Casimiro discusses 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. 6154

BY Fogarty, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Kazarian, Handy, Shallcross Smith, Knight, Cortvriend, Hull
ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL OF 2025, TO BE "LIMB LOSS AND LIMB DIFFERENCE AWARENESS MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC2505/1}

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.

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

There is no objection.

RULE 7D

The following bills were received pursuant to Rule 7D:

Representative Ajello-An Act relating to Taxation–Non-Owner-Occupied Property Tax-“Taylor Swift Tax”

Representative Boylan-An Act relating to Businesses and Professions-Protections for Healthcare Providers Act

Representative Craven-An Act relating to Criminal Law-Criminal Procedure

Representative Morales-An Act relating to Equity Impact Statement

Representative O’Brien-An Act relating to State Affairs and Government–State Lottery

Representative Serpa-An Act relating to Commercial Law-Bid Rigging Act

Representative Speakman-An Act relating to Towns and Cities–Zoning Ordinance

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.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE SENATE

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

(Senate Bill No. 280

BY Rogers, Dimitri, Tikoian, LaMountain, de la Cruz, Appollonio, Morgan, Paolino

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS (Replaces state marshals with capitol police as to those law enforcement officers being exempt from certain firearm restrictions.) {LC388/1}

04/02/2025 Referred to House Judiciary

Senate Bill No. 296

BY Murray, Bell, McKenney, Euer, Lauria, LaMountain, Bissaillon, Acosta, Burke

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT (Repeals provisions that assess costs for women in the community corrections program for women offenders.) {LC995/1}

04/02/2025 Referred to House Judiciary

Senate Bill No. 303

BY Zurier, Euer, LaMountain, McKenney, Dimitri

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- FEES (Increases fees paid to jurors to fifty dollars (\$50.00) per day.) {LC1431/1}

04/02/2025 Referred to House Finance

Senate Bill No. 354

BY Dimitri, Vargas, DiMario, Appollonio, Tikoian, Bissaillon

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- COURTS -- COURT SECRETARIES, COURT REPORTERS, AND ELECTRONIC COURT REPORTERS (Increases the per page transcription fees for court reporters in court proceedings.) {LC1187/1}

04/02/2025 Referred to House Judiciary

NEW BUSINESS**House Bill No. 6155**

BY McNamara

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- UNFAIR CLAIMS SETTLEMENT PRACTICES ACT (Prohibits dental insurers from refusing to honor directions to pay from insured, modifying benefits to be paid. Requires providers to accept payment by virtual credit card as unfair claims practices.) {LC2601/1}

04/02/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Resolution No. 6156**BY** Casimiro, Noret**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY EDUCATIONAL OUTCOMES FOR CHILDREN IN STATE CARE {LC2596/1}

04/02/2025 Introduced, referred to House Education

House Bill No. 6157**BY** Fogarty, Handy, Edwards, Knight, Shallcross Smith, Ajello**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE -- COMMERCIAL FISHING LICENSES (Creates a new commercial fishing license for invasive green crabs for Rhode Island residents for twenty-five dollars (\$25) annually.) {LC2170/1}

04/02/2025 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

House Bill No. 6158**BY** Ackerman, McNamara, Serpa, Fellela, McEntee, Diaz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES (Mandates insurance coverage for scalp cooling treatments for breast cancer patients undergoing chemotherapy to prevent hair loss during chemotherapy treatments.) {LC2437/1}

04/02/2025 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 6159**BY** Craven, Noret, Knight, McEntee**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- COURTS -- COURT SECRETARIES, COURT REPORTERS, AND ELECTRONIC COURT REPORTERS (Increases the per page transcription fees for court reporters in court proceedings.) {LC2438/1}

04/02/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 6160**BY** Craven, Caldwell, McEntee, Spears**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT (Grants tenants that are the victim of various forms of abuse, including, but not limited to, sexual and domestic abuse and stalking, the right to terminate a lease agreement early without penalty or liability for rent.) {LC2594/1}

04/02/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 6161**BY** Alzate, Boylan, Speakman, Spears, Carson, Donovan, Kazarian, Stewart, Cruz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- FAIR EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES (Updates and expands the current law to include menopause and menopause related conditions in the law on fair employment practices pertaining to pregnancy and pregnancy related conditions.) {LC2611/1}

04/02/2025 Introduced, referred to House Labor

House Bill No. 6162

(Providence)

BY Kislak, Slater, Ajello, Biah**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Permit the City of Providence a one-year levy cap for fiscal year 2026 not to exceed eight percent (8%).) {LC2647/1}

04/02/2025 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 6163

(Tiverton)

BY Edwards, Bennett**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE ISLAND HOUSING RESOURCES ACT OF 1998 (Includes manufactured homes on leased land under a long-term lease in excess of thirty (30) years at the time of enrollment within the classification of affordable housing.) {LC2676/1}

04/02/2025 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 6164

(Attorney General)

BY Morales, Ackerman, Kennedy, Azzinaro, McNamara, Bennett, Lima, Corvese, Giraldo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF ATTORNEY GENERAL (Establishes a bureau of public protection within the department of attorney general.) {LC2520/1}

04/02/2025 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 6165**BY** Spears, Noret, McEntee, Read, Cotter, Craven, Fogarty, Hull, Tanzi, Felix**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- STATE POLICE (Creates the PURPLE alert state system to aid in the search for a missing adult with a serious physical, behavioral health, neurological disabilities or medical condition.) {LC2589/1}

04/02/2025 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 6166**BY** Tanzi, Ajello**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- CODE OF ETHICS (Creates a new law to address the issue of "sexual harassment" involving those individuals that are actively involved in legislative business.) {LC2649/1}

04/02/2025 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:33 o'clock P.M. on motion of Majority Leader Blazejewski seconded by Minority Leader Chippendale the House adjourns, on a unanimous voice vote.

Diane M. DePina
Recording Clerk

APPENDIX**INVOCATION****REPRESENTATIVE ROBERT E. CRAVEN, SR.**

Holy God, we ask that you give us the wisdom to overcome the challenges we face as a state and a nation. Remind us to always respect and appreciate the differing perspectives that our colleagues may hold. Amen.

APPENDIX**CALENDAR****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