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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Tuesday, April 29, 2025

Twenty-Ninth Day

The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence on Tuesday, April 29, 2025, and is called to order at 4:13 o'clock P.M. by the Honorable K. Joseph Shekarchi, Speaker.

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

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

ABSENT – 7: Representatives Diaz, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Kennedy, Perez and Santucci.

INVOCATION

The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi presents Representative Deborah A. Fellela, 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 Thursday, April 24, 2025, is approved.

RHODE ISLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY



House of Representatives

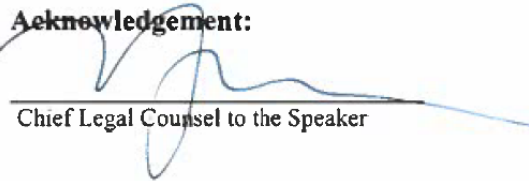
CO-SPONSORSHIP REMOVAL REQUEST
2025

Pursuant to House Rule 15(g)(ii), Representative Earl A. Read, III
hereby requests the removal of their co-sponsorship of Bill # H - 6058
entitled: Education -- Dual Enrollment Equal Opportunity Act

which is currently in the House Committee on Education

Signature:  (26)House District # 26Date: April 10, 2024

Acknowledgement:


Chief Legal Counsel to the Speaker

NOTE: This request must be submitted to the Clerk of the House, and House Recording Clerk who will retain the original and a copy to be placed in the committee's original bill file

COMMUNICATIONS

Representative Kathleen A. Fogarty is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, April 29, 2025.
Representative Grace Diaz is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, April 29, 2025.
Representative Joshua J. Giraldo is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, April 29, 2025.
Representative Ramon A. Perez is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, April 29, 2025.

CALENDAR

From the Calendar are taken:

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 29, 2025:**1. 2025-H 5043**

BY Azzinaro

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL
REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICES

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

Chairman Solomon moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Ackerman, Ajello, Azzinaro, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Dawson, DeSimone, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Hull, Kazarian, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, McEntee, McNamara, Morales, Noret, Phillips, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi.

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

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

2. 2025-H 5570 SUB A**BY** Serpa**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- CASUALTY INSURANCE RATING

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

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

Chairman Solomon and Representative Carson discuss the act.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, 69 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

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

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

3. 2025-H 5950**BY** Slater**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- GENERAL POWERS

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

Chairman Casey moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Ajello, Knight, Speakman, and Cruz.

Chairman Casey discusses the act.

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

**FLOOR AMENDMENT
TO
2025 -- H 5950**

AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- GENERAL POWERS

Mr. Speaker:

I hereby move to amend 2025 -- H 5950, entitled "AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- GENERAL POWERS", as follows:

1. On page 1, line 4, after the language "fire department," by inserting the language "fire district,".
2. On page 1, line 6, after the word "municipality", by inserting the language "or fire district".
3. On page 1, line 7, after the word "municipality", by inserting the language "or fire district".
4. On page 1, line 16, by deleting the word "agency", and inserting in place thereof the word "organization".
5. On page 1, line 16, after the word "municipality", by inserting the language "or fire district".
6. On page 2, line 9, after the language "resolutions," by inserting the language "charter provisions or bylaws,"

Respectfully submitted,

Representative Casey

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LC002047/3
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Chairman Casey discusses the amendment.

The motion to amend prevails on a roll call vote, 67 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 67: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Furtado, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

Representative Newberry and Chairman Casey discuss the act, as amended.

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

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

4. 2025-H 5649

BY Caldwell

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE--COURTS --
FAMILY COURT

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Chairman Craven moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Caldwell, Morales, Shallcross Smith, Edwards, Casey, Bennett and McEntee.

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

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

5. 2025-H 5960

BY Cortvriend

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS -- ABANDONMENT BY TOWNS

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

Chairman Casey moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives McNamara, Cortvriend, Ajello, Baginski and Deputy Majority Whip Ackerman.

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

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

6. 2025-H 5032

BY Finkelman

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

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

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

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

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

7. 2025-H 6111**BY** Edwards**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO VALIDATING AND RATIFYING
AMENDMENTS TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF TIVERTON

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

Chairman Casy moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Edwards and Bennett.

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

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

PROXY VOTES

Majority Leader Blazejewski announces, pursuant to Rule 33(e), authorizing Proxy Votes, he has received a request from Chairwoman Fogarty and Speaker Pro Tempore Kennedy to be recorded in the affirmative for items #1 through #7.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

GUESTS

Representative Noret, a proud alumnus and Community College of Rhode Island graduate, knows firsthand the life-changing opportunities CCRI provides. He is honored to welcome Interim President Costigan and Chief of Staff Kempe to the House to celebrate CCRI's 60th anniversary. CCRI has opened doors for thousands of students in communities across Rhode Island and New England for six decades. He expressed gratitude for the college's continued dedication to student success, workforce development, and academic excellence.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairwoman Baginski and Speaker Shekarchi offer their deepest condolences to Mark Capuano's family and loved ones. Mark will be remembered for the kindness, strength, and compassion he brought to those around him. His presence touched many lives, and his loss is felt deeply by all who knew him.

Representative Sanchez rises to comment on the ongoing discussions regarding Rhode Island T.F. Green International Airport's consideration of privatizing its security services.

POINT OF ORDER

Majority Leader Chippendale rises on a point of order regarding Representative Sanchez's comments, stating that they were not an appropriate announcement or introduction.

The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi upholds the point of order.

GUESTS

Representative Sanchez welcomes Dr. Ivelisse Sabater, President and Co-founder of Sabater Laboratory for Psychological Innovations, Inc., and her husband, Dr. Julio E. Sabater, Vice President and Co-founder of the SabaterLAB Foundation. Together, they support youth across Rhode Island through internship programs focused on mental health care and professional development.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deputy Majority Whip Ackerman and Speaker Shekarchi extend their heartfelt condolences to Kenneth Swiech's family and loved ones.

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

Chairman Azzinaro extends his sincere gratitude to all members of the House who supported and helped pass meaningful legislation to protect veterans from exploitation by companies that charge fees to assist with VA claims processing.

Chairman Shanley announces that the Committee on State Government & Elections will meet today, at the rise of the House, in Room 101 of the State House.

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

Majority Leader Christopher Blazejewski announces that the next House session will be held on Thursday, May 1, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. Members are also reminded that the deadline to submit the Campaign Finance Report to the Board of Elections is tomorrow, Wednesday, April 30, 2025. The first quarter report must cover January 1, 2025, to March 31, 2025.

Majority Leader Blazejewski wishes Representative John Lombardi a Happy Birthday!

Speaker Shekarchi is pleased to announce that Speaker Pro Tempore Brian Kennedy is now home and recovering well following recent surgery. Speaker Pro Tempore Kennedy deeply appreciates the kind messages and well wishes he has received from colleagues and friends. He is in good spirits and looks forward to returning to the State House before the end of the legislative session.

IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION

House Resolution No. 6278

BY Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Noret, DeSimone, Bennett, Cruz, Cortvriend, Roberts, Sanchez

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL 29TH OF 2025, TO BE "COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF RHODE ISLAND DAY" AND HONORING THE COLLEGE'S 60TH ANNIVERSARY {LC2463/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representatives Noret and Cruz discuss the resolution.

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

House Resolution No. 6279

BY Alzate, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Cruz, Felix, Shallcross Smith, Messier, Furtado, Kazarian

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF THE HONORABLE ROBERT G. SALISBURY {LC2780/1}

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

There is no objection.

Chairwoman Alzate discusses the resolution. Speaker Shekarchi offers condolences to the family of Robert G. Salisbury.

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

House Resolution No. 6280

BY Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Ajello, Chippendale, Shallcross Smith, Read, Solomon, Fellela, Boylan
ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF
GRETCHEN DOW SIMPSON, A HIGHLY ACCLAIMED ARTIST WHOSE PAINTINGS
GRACED MYRIAD NEW YORKER COVERS {LC2795/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Ajello discusses the resolution. Speaker Shekarchi offers his condolences to the family of Gretchen Dow Simpson.

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

House Resolution No. 6281

BY McEntee, Azzinaro, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Paplauskas, Lombardi, Hull, Abney, Craven

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF
THE END OF THE VIETNAM WAR ON APRIL 30TH, 2025 {LC2826/1}

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.

RULE 7D**The following bills were received pursuant to Rule 7D:**

Representative Ackerman- An Act relating to Insurance–Benefit Determination and Utilization Review Act

Representative Donovan- Act relating to Taxation–Property Subject to Taxation

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. 6282**

BY Cotter, Carson, Donovan, Potter, Morales, Serpa, Ajello

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- GROCERY STORES (Requires grocery stores to specifically limit the number of self-service checkout units to six (6) units per location. The consumer protection unit of the department of attorney general would have authority to enforce these restrictions.) {LC2816/1}

04/30/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 6283

BY Place, Newberry

ENTITLED, AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE BURRILLVILLE LAND TRUST (Changes the name of the Burrillville Land Trust to the Burrillville Land Conservancy and make other stylistic changes.) {LC2817/1}

04/30/2025 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 6284

BY Nardone, Roberts, Chippendale, Noret, Serpa, Read

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT (Requires 10% of all rental fees collected by the water resources board pursuant to a lease with the Coventry Pines Golf Club be paid to the town of Coventry and 10% to the Central Coventry Fire District.) {LC2828/1}

04/30/2025 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Resolution No. 6285

BY Speakman

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION AMENDING THE MEMBERSHIP AND EXTENDING THE REPORTING AND EXPIRATION DATES OF THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY HOUSING AFFORDABILITY (Increases the membership from eighteen (18) to twenty (20), and extend the reporting and expiration dates of the Commission to Study Housing Affordability from June 7, 2025, to June 5, 2027, and would expire on June 26, 2027.) {LC2820/1}

04/30/2025 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 6286**BY** Knight, Boylan, McGaw, Read**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- COURTS -- DOMESTIC ASSAULT (Provides that law enforcement officers who appears before the court for prosecution of a violation of a protective order shall self-certify that the officer has successfully completed a specialized domestic violence prosecution training course.) {LC2809/1}

04/30/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 6287**BY** Morales, Felix, Batista**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- THE EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT AND BUDGET EQUITY IMPACT ACT (Requires statements as to whether a bill is likely to increase equity, decrease equity or have no impact on equity to be included on up to 20 pieces of legislation.) {LC2657/1}

04/30/2025 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Resolution No. 6288**BY** Noret**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REPORTING AND EXPIRATION DATES OF THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY AND REVIEW THE COST AND STATUS OF THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND OWNED, VACANT, AND ABANDONED PROPERTIES AND PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR METHODS TO MITIGATE THE ASSOCIATED EXPENSES {LC2819/1}

04/30/2025 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 6289

(by request)

BY Kazarian**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE -- LONG-TERM CARE SERVICE AND FINANCE REFORM (Raises the per diem rate by thirteen percent (13%) for Medicaid reimbursement for Tier C services provide by assisted living residence beginning January 1, 2026.) {LC2727/1}

04/30/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 6290**BY** Potter, Cotter, Cruz, Giraldo, Stewart, Tanzi, Kislak, Ajello**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- WEALTH TAX (Imposes a wealth tax on Rhode Island individuals and entities at a rate of one percent (1%) of worldwide wealth.) {LC2812/1}

04/30/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 6291**BY** Donovan, Speakman, Boylan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Adds the property of the Pokanoket Management Group, Trustee of the Pokanoket Tribe Land Trust, to the list of property designated for appropriations in lieu of municipal property tax, would concurrently exempt such property from municipal property tax.) {LC2824/1}

04/30/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

ADJOURNMENT

At 4:53 o'clock P.M. on behalf of Speaker Shekarchi, on motion of Representative Baginski, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Mark Capuano; on motion of Representative Alzate, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Hon. Robert Salisbury; on motion of Representative Ajello, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Gretchen Dow Simpson; on motion of Representative Ackerman, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Kenneth Swiech seconded by Leaders Blazejewski and Chippendale the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

Diane M. DePina
Recording Clerk

APPENDIX**INVOCATION****REPRESENTATIVE DEBORAH A. FELLELA**

Holy God, creator of all things, we ask that you bless this chamber. Grant to them your humble spirit and compassionate heart. Continue to help them dedicate their services so all our people can live in peace, prosperity, and charity. Amen

APPENDIX**CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MAY 1, 2025:****1. 2025-H 5602****BY O'Brien****ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CERTIFICATION OF TEACHERS

Committee on Education recommends passage.

2. 2025-H 5593**BY Biah****ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- COOPERATIVE SERVICE AMONG SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Committee on Education recommends passage.

3. 2025-H 5605**BY Messier****ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION REINSTATING AND EXTENDING THE LIFE AND EXPIRATION DATES OF THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY AND PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF AN ANTI-LITTERING EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS

Committee on Education recommends passage.

4. 2025-H 5844 SUB A**BY Cortvriend****ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- WATER POLLUTION

Committee on Environment and Natural Resources recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

5. 2025-H 6125**BY Kislak****ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE LGBTQIA+ COMMUNITY

Committee on State Government & Elections recommends passage.

6. 2025-H 5793 SUB A**BY** Corvese**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES

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

7. 2025-H 5794 SUB A**BY** Craven**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- LOCAL PLANNING BOARD OR COMMISSION

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

8. 2025-H 5795**BY** Spears**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

9. 2025-H 6269**BY** Azzinaro**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REPORTING AND EXPIRATION DATES OF THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR A PLAN AND THE DESIGN OF A VIETNAM MEMORIAL TO BE LOCATED IN THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

Committee on Veterans Affairs recommends passage.

Francis McCabe
Clerk of the House

Friday, April 25, 2025**Updated: Tuesday, April 29, 2025**