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Tuesday, May 6, 2025

Thirty-First Day

The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence on Tuesday, May 6, 2025, and is called to order at 4:15 o'clock P.M. by the Honorable K. Joseph Shekarchi, Speaker.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 71 members present and 4 members absent as follows:

PRESENT – 71: 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, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Fellela, Finkelman, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, and Tanzi.

ABSENT – 4: Representatives Felix, Fogarty, Kennedy and Voas.

INVOCATION

The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi presents Representative Susan R. Donovan, 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, May 1, 2025, is approved.

RHODE ISLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY



House of Representatives

CO-SPONSORSHIP REMOVAL REQUEST
2025

Pursuant to House Rule 15(g)(ii), Representative Kennedy
hereby requests the removal of their co-sponsorship of 2025 – H - 6236
entitled: Transportation of School Pupils Beyond City and Town Limits
which is currently in the House Committee on Finance

Signature: 
Representative

House District # 38

Date: May 6, 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.*

COMMUNICATIONS

Representative Brian Patrick Kennedy is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, May 6, 2025.
Representative Kathleen A. Fogarty is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, May 6, 2025.
Representative Leonela Felix is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, May 6, 2025.

CALENDAR

From the Calendar are taken:

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MAY 6, 2025:**1. 2025-H 5635**

BY Spears

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS --
LICENSING OF APPLIED BEHAVIOR ANALYSTS

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.

Chairwoman Donovan moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski,
Representatives Spears, Cotter and Casey.

Chairwoman Donovan discusses the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 71 members voting in the affirmative and 2 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 71: 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, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Fellela, Finkelman, 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, Potter, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi.

NAYS - 2: Representatives Quattrocchi, Santucci.

RECUSED - 0:

2. 2025-H 5852 SUB A

BY Solomon

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS --
COLLABORATIVE PHARMACY PRACTICE

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 Kislak, Corvese, Shallcross Smith, and Boylan.

Chairwoman Donovan and Minority Leader Chippendale discuss the act.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, 65 members voting in the affirmative and 8 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 65: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Read, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi.

NAYS - 8: Representatives Chippendale, Fascia, Nardone, Newberry, Paplauskas, Quattrocchi, Roberts, Santucci.

RECUSED - 0:

3. 2025-H 5801 SUB A

BY Speakman

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING

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

Chairman Casey moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Spears, Speakman, Cotter, Corvese, Kislak and Cortvriend.

Chairman Casey, Representatives Lima, Paplauskas, Santucci, and Morales discuss the act.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, 58 members voting in the affirmative and 14 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 58: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Potter, Read, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi.

NAYS - 14: Representatives Chippendale, Costantino, Edwards, Fascia, Hopkins, Lima, Nardone, Newberry, Paplauskas, Perez, Place, Quattrocchi, Roberts, Santucci.

RECUSED - 0:

4. 2025-H 5802 SUB A

BY Noret

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- RHODE ISLAND
COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING AND LAND USE ACT

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

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

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 5802 SUBSTITUTE A

AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- RHODE ISLAND COMPREHENSIVE
PLANNING AND LAND USE ACT

Mr. Speaker:

I hereby move to amend 2025 -- H 5802 SUBSTITUTE A, entitled "AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- RHODE ISLAND COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING AND LAND USE ACT", as follows:

1. On page 2, line 2, by restoring the stricken language "~~(g)~~".
2. On page 2, line 2, after the stricken language "~~(g)~~", by inserting the language "Programs and projects of state agencies excluding those residential projects to which the process in subsection (h)(1) of this section applies."
3. On page 2, line 2, by restoring the stricken language "~~Once a municipality's comprehensive plan is approved, programs and projects of state~~".
4. On page 2, lines 3 through 14 by restoring all stricken language.
5. On page 2, line 15, by deleting the language "~~(g)~~", and by inserting in place thereof the language "(h)".
6. On page 3, line 11, by deleting the language "~~(g)~~", and by inserting in place thereof the language "(h)".
7. On page 4, line 16, by deleting the language "~~(g)~~", and inserting in place thereof the language "(h)".

Respectfully submitted,

Representative Casey

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LC002162/2
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Chairman Casey discusses the amendment.

The motion to amend prevails on a roll call vote, 71 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 71: 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, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Fellela, Finkelman, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

Minority Leader Chippendale discusses 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, 62 members voting in the affirmative and 11 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 62: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Potter, Read, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi.

NAYS - 11: Representatives Chippendale, Edwards, Fascia, Hopkins, Nardone, Newberry, Paplauskas, Place, Quattrocchi, Roberts, Santucci.

RECUSED - 0:

5. 2025-H 5803 SUB A

BY Shekarchi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- STATE BUILDING CODE

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

Chairman Casey moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Speakman, Corvese, Phillips and Majority Whip Kazarian.

Chairman Casey discusses the act.

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

FLOOR AMENDMENT
TO
2025 -- H 5803 SUBSTITUTE A

AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- STATE BUILDING CODE

Mr. Speaker:

I hereby move to amend 2025 -- H 5803 SUBSTITUTE A, entitled "AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- STATE BUILDING CODE", as follows:

1. On page 8, line 30, by deleting the language "2025", and by inserting in place thereof the language "2026".
2. On page 9, line 18, by deleting the language "2025", and by inserting in place thereof the language "2026".
3. On page 10, line 6, by deleting the language "2025", and by inserting in place thereof the language "2026".

Respectfully submitted,

Representative Casey

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Chairman Casey discusses the amendment.

The motion to amend prevails on a roll call vote, 71 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 71: 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, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Fellela, Finkelman, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, as amended, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, 73 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 73: 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, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Fellela, Finkelman, 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, Potter, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi.

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 #5.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

GUESTS

In recognition of Composting Awareness Week, Representative Cortvriend warmly welcomes Isaac Bearg, Program Director of Food, Climate & Environment at the Rhode Island Food Policy Council; Ella Kilpatrick Kotner, Harvest Cycle Manager at Groundwork Rhode Island; and Tess Feigenbaum, Co-Founder of Epic Renewal, to the House.

In observance of the National Day of Reason, Representative Stewart warmly welcomes Brian Cardoza and Terry Souza from the Rhode Island Atheists to the House. Speaker Shekarchi also welcomes them to the House.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

In recognition of May as Mental Health Month, Representative Tanzi proudly acknowledges the importance of raising awareness and supporting mental health initiatives across Rhode Island. She also extends her heartfelt congratulations to Representative Bennett for being named Legislator of the Year by the Mental Health Association of Rhode Island, in honor of his longstanding advocacy and leadership on mental health issues. Speaker Shekarchi joins in congratulating Representative Bennett on this well-deserved recognition.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 Corvese announces that the Committee on Labor will meet today, at the rise of the House, in Room 135 of the State House.

Vice-Chair Speakman announces that the Committee on Municipal Government & Housing will meet today, at the rise of the House, in Room 101 of the State House.

GUESTS

Chairwoman Alzate expresses her gratitude for her remarkable intern, Tiziano Prado, a freshman at Brown University, who has been an invaluable partner during this legislative session; she warmly welcomes him to the House. Speaker Shekarchi also expresses his appreciation and joins in welcoming Tiziano to the House.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Majority Leader Blazejewski announces that the next House session will be held on Thursday, May 8, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. There will be no session tomorrow; however, the House Finance Committee will convene at 4:00 p.m.

Majority Leader Blazejewski wishes Chairwoman Carol Hagan McEntee a Happy Birthday!

IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION

House Resolution No. 6300

BY Cortvriend, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Boylan, Speakman, McGaw, Carson, Donovan, Bennett

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE FIRST FULL WEEK OF MAY, 2025, TO BE "COMPOSTING AWARENESS WEEK" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC2512/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Cortvriend discusses the resolution.

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

House Resolution No. 6301

BY Tanzi, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Cruz, Ajello, Boylan, Shallcross Smith, Cortvriend, Potter

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MAY OF 2025 AS "MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC2484/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Tanzi discusses the resolution.

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

House Resolution No. 6302

BY Carson, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Noret, Tanzi, Ajello, Boylan, Shallcross Smith, Solomon

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MAY OF 2025, TO BE "OLDER AMERICANS MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC2492/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Carson discusses the resolution.

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

House Resolution No. 6303

BY Azzinaro, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Kennedy, Chippendale, Costantino, Lima, Corvese, Finkelman, Bennett

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE SECOND WEEK IN MAY OF 2025 TO BE "LUNG CANCER ACTION WEEK" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC2702/1}

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

There is no objection.

Chairman Azzinaro discusses the resolution.

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

RULE 7D

The following bills were received pursuant to Rule 7D:

Representative Caldwell -An Act relating to Motor and Other Vehicles--School Bus Safety Enforcement

Representative Cortvriend -An Act relating to Education-Paul W. Crowley Rhode Island Student Investment Initiative

Representative Corvese -An Act relating to Labor and Labor Relations–Workers’ Compensation Benefits–Omnibus Bill

Representative Diaz -An Act relating to Taxation–Property Tax Relief

Representative Finkelman -An Act relating to Insurance–Investments by Domestic Insurance Companies

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. 911

BY Euer

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Nunzio Pontillo to join Andrew Peter Carson and Christos Nelson Anastasopoulos in marriage on or about May 10, 2025, within the City of Newport, Rhode Island.) {LC2597/1}

05/06/2025 Placed on House Calendar (05/08/2025)

Senate Bill No. 21

BY Acosta, Gallo, Mack, Valverde, Zurier, Murray

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CERTIFICATION OF TEACHERS

(Extends teacher certifications without fee or penalty for three (3) or five (5) years for teachers who hold certifications as of July 1, 2025.) {LC214/1}

05/07/2025 Referred to House Finance

Senate Bill No. 74 SUB A

BY Acosta, Urso, Britto, Kallman, Pearson, Murray, Thompson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES (Creates a special license plate for the Blackstone Valley Tourism Council, Inc. that would support the Blackstone River Valley Environmental Clean-up and Education Fund.) {LC533/A/1}

05/07/2025 Referred to House Special Legislation

Senate Bill No. 165 SUB A**BY** Urso, Murray, Lawson, Tikoian, DiPalma, LaMountain, Ujifusa, Ruggerio**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- PHARMACY FREEDOM OF CHOICE -- FAIR COMPETITION AND PRACTICES (Prohibits pharmacy benefit managers from conducting or participate in spread pricing within the state.) {LC1208/A/1}

05/07/2025 Referred to House Health & Human Services

Senate Bill No. 166 SUB A**BY** Britto, Lawson, Murray, Tikoian, Urso, Dimitri, LaMountain, Ciccone, Ruggerio**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PHARMACIES (Amends the definition of the practice of pharmacy to include the administration of all forms of influenza immunizations including COVID-19 to individuals over the age of 3 years pursuant to a valid prescription or prescriber approved protocol.) {LC1055/A/1}

05/07/2025 Referred to House Health & Human Services

Senate Bill No. 168 SUB A**BY** Murray, Felag, Sosnowski, Vargas, Bissaillon, Ruggerio, Lawson, Tikoian**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- BENEFIT DETERMINATION AND UTILIZATION REVIEW ACT (Prohibits an insurer from imposing a requirement of prior authorization for any admission, item, service, treatment, test, exam, study, procedure or any generic or brand name prescription drug ordered by a primary care provider) {LC1207/A/1}

05/07/2025 Referred to House Health & Human Services

Senate Bill No. 170 SUB A**BY** Appollonio, Patalano, Lawson, Murray, Tikoian, Burke, Ruggerio**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (Grants the director of the department of health the authority to approve or deny any applications for professional licensure pending before certain boards of licensure that have been unable to establish a quorum for 30 business days.) {LC1056/A/1}

05/07/2025 Referred to House Health & Human Services

Senate Bill No. 173**BY** Ujifusa, Ruggerio, Lawson, Tikoian**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (Requires the secretary of the executive office of health and human services to monitor and mandate changes to the price-setting practices of pharmacy benefit managers to prohibit the spread pricing payment model.) {LC1279/1}

05/07/2025 Referred to House Health & Human Services

Senate Bill No. 220 SUB A**BY** DiMario, DiPalma, Sosnowski, Gallo, Lawson, Bissaillon, Mack, Thompson, Murray, Acosta**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE HEALTHCARE SERVICES FUNDING PLAN ACT (Amends Rhode Island's existing healthcare services funding plan act by adding an account relating to a new psychiatry resource network to fund Rhode Island's present PediPRN and MomsPRN.) {LC977/A/1}

05/07/2025 Referred to House Finance

Senate Bill No. 321**BY** Felag, LaMountain, Britto, Urso, Dimitri**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- ATHLETIC TRAINERS (Requires certified athletic trainers to be trained in the administration of epinephrine auto-injectors (epi-pens) and would require such professionals to be equipped with the medication while performing professional activities.) {LC1564/1}

05/07/2025 Referred to House Corporations

Senate Bill No. 323 SUB A**BY** McKenney, Bissaillon, Urso, Gu, Burke**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CURRICULUM (Provides that the commissioner of elementary and secondary education directs all local education agencies to select one of the identified high-quality curricula and materials for science and technology no later than June 30, 2026.) {LC699/A/1}

05/07/2025 Referred to House Education

Senate Bill No. 397 SUB A as amended**BY** Ujifusa, Zurier, de la Cruz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- OPERATORS' AND CHAUFFEURS' LICENSES (Reduces the course time required to become a school bus driver for applicants who have a valid commercial driver's license.) {LC1825/A/1}

05/07/2025 Referred to House State Government & Elections

Senate Bill No. 477**BY** Britto, Zurier, DiPalma, Tikoian, Urso, Lawson, Gallo, Euer, McKenney, DiMario**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFITS (Includes any costs paid by an enrollee or on behalf of the enrollee by a third party when calculating an enrollee's overall contribution to any out-of-pocket maximum or cost sharing requirement under a health plan as of January 1, 2026.) {LC1403/1}

05/07/2025 Referred to House Health & Human Services

Senate Bill No. 592 SUB A**BY** Dimitri, Tikoian, Ciccone, McKenney, Appollonio**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES (Creates a special license plate for the charity Real Access Motivates Progress, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit.) {LC1872/A/1}

05/07/2025 Referred to House Special Legislation

Senate Bill No. 636

(Dept. of Education)

BY Ujifusa, Murray, de la Cruz, DiPalma, Mack, McKenney, Gallo, Zurier, LaMountain, DiMario**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- PUPIL TRANSPORTATION VEHICLES (Amends the definitions of a "pupil transportation vehicle" to a vehicle contrasted to seat not more than ten (10) passengers plus the operator, rather than the existing limit of eight (8) passengers.) {LC1325/1}

05/07/2025 Referred to House Education

Senate Bill No. 640 SUB A as amended**BY** Burke, Appollonio, LaMountain**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- HEALTH AND EDUCATIONAL BUILDING CORPORATION (Updates the statutory terminology by replacing the phrase "institutions of higher learning" with that of "educational institutions" and redefines child daycare centers as educational institutions.) {LC2292/A/1}

05/07/2025 Referred to House Education

Senate Bill No. 754**BY** Tikoian, Patalano, Gallo, Felag, LaMountain, Britto, Dimitri, Appollonio, Burke, Thompson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- MUNICIPAL POLICE ARBITRATION (Extends provisions of an existing collective bargaining agreement for municipal police arbitration purposes until a successor agreement is reached or an interest arbitration award is rendered.) {LC1745/1}

05/07/2025 Referred to House Labor

Senate Bill No. 756**BY** Bell, Mack**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES (Allows for the issuance of a Class BV liquor license for the property located at 865 Westminster Street in the city of Providence.) {LC1113/1}

05/07/2025 Referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

Senate Bill No. 774**BY** DiMario, Lawson, Gallo, Murray, Bissaillon, Valverde, McKenney, DiPalma, Zurier, Quezada**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING EDUCATION -- COUNCIL ON ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION (Expands council on elementary and secondary education and board of education and makes teacher of year and student advisory chair voting members on each.) {LC2013/1}

05/07/2025 Referred to House Education

Senate Bill No. 830**BY** Tikoian, Lawson, Felag, LaMountain, Morgan, Raptakis, Appollonio, Urso, Britto**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES (DMV to provide credit for portions of unused voluntarily cancelled vehicle registrations.) {LC2447/1}

05/07/2025 Referred to House Finance

Senate Bill No. 833**BY** Tikoian, Lawson, Felag, LaMountain, Morgan, Raptakis, Appollonio, Urso, Britto**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION FEES (Provides that when a registrant voluntarily cancels the registrant's motor vehicle registration, that person receives a credit for the time remaining on the original registration to be applied to a future registration.) {LC2448/1}

05/07/2025 Referred to House Finance

Senate Bill No. 856**BY** Ciccone, Patalano, DiPalma, Tikoian, Burke**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- FIREFIGHTERS' ARBITRATION (Provides that all contractual provisions in a firefighters collective bargaining agreement continue until a successor agreement has been reached or an interest arbitration award has been rendered.) {LC2477/1}

05/07/2025 Referred to House Labor

Senate Bill No. 932**BY** Felag, Ciccone, Euer, Thompson, Lauria, Appollonio, LaMountain, Murray**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES (Repeals a provision of the minimum prepaid special motor vehicle registration plate orders law that was set to expire on December 31, 2025.) {LC2613/1}

05/07/2025 Referred to House Special Legislation

Senate Bill No. 957**BY** Ciccone, DiPalma, Bissaillon, Dimitri, LaMountain, McKenney, Burke**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- COURTS -- COURT CLERKS' INCENTIVE PAY (Extends the incentive pay plan to all full-time court clerks, including the traffic tribunal, who meet the eligibility requirements. It would also repeal § 8-4.1-6 regarding additional credit for a master's degree.) {LC2648/1}

05/07/2025 Referred to House Judiciary

Senate Bill No. 1019**BY** DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF LITTLE COMPTON SCOUT ASSOCIATION, INC. {LC2776/1}

05/07/2025 Referred to House Corporations

NEW BUSINESS**House Bill No. 6304****BY** O'Brien, Dawson, Finkelman, Brien, McEntee, Casimiro, Slater, Corvese, McNamara, Azzinaro**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LEAD POISONING PREVENTION ACT (Ensures public access to lead service lines to determine the existence of lead within the water connection. This act also ensures mitigation measures and replacement lines are consistent with the current version of 40 C.C.R. 141 Subpart I.) {LC2823/1}

05/07/2025 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 6305**BY** Phillips, Corvese, Bennett, Casey, Solomon, Casimiro, McGaw, O'Brien**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LEAD POISONING PREVENTION ACT (Allows a clinical laboratory, that is incorporated in the State of Rhode Island, to analyze blood samples, from children under the age of six (6) years, for blood lead levels.) {LC2821/1}

05/07/2025 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 6306**BY** McNamara**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES {LC2861/1}

05/07/2025 Introduced, referred to House Special Legislation

House Bill No. 6307**BY** Fascia, Chippendale, Corvese, Bennett, Furtado, Solomon, Hull, Lombardi, Roberts, Nardone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES (Creates a special license plate for the charity Real Access Motivates Progress, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit.) {LC2848/1}

05/07/2025 Introduced, referred to House Special Legislation

House Bill No. 6308**BY** Tanzi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE --

EARLY AND PERIODIC SCREENING, DIAGNOSTIC AND TREATMENT (Requires the executive office of health and human services to apply to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for a state plan amendment for reimbursement for health services in a school.) {LC2862/1}

05/07/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:05 o'clock P.M. on motion of Representative Fellela, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Richard P. Civetti and Robert "Bobby" Pilkington, seconded by Leaders Blazejewski and Chippendale, the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

Diane M. DePina
Recording Clerk

APPENDIX**INVOCATION****REPRESENTATIVE SUSAN R. DONOVAN**

Dear God, we come before you today with humility in our hearts. Give us the patience and understanding to face life's challenges with grace and courage. Always mindful that we are here to do what is right and just for all our constituents. Amen

APPENDIX**CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MAY 8, 2025:**

1. **2025-H 5084**
 BY Ackerman
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- CONDUCT OF ELECTION AND VOTING EQUIPMENT, AND SUPPLIES

Committee on State Government & Elections recommends passage.

2. **2025-H 5517**
 BY Baginski
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTION -- VOTING DISTRICTS AND OFFICIALS

Committee on State Government & Elections recommends passage.

3. **2025-H 5312**
 BY Carson
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- LOCAL CANVASSING AUTHORITIES

Committee on State Government & Elections recommends passage.

4. **2025-H 5709**
 BY Serpa
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- MAIL BALLOTS

Committee on State Government & Elections recommends passage.

5. **2025-H 5872 SUB A**
 BY Baginski
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- DECEPTIVE AND FRAUDULENT SYNTHETIC MEDIA IN ELECTION COMMUNICATIONS

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

6. **2025-H 5639**
 BY Caldwell
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- KIDNAPPING

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

7. 2025-H 6063

BY J. Brien

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- PERSONAL
WATERCRAFT SAFETY ACT

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

8. 2025-S 911

BY Euer

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

Francis McCabe
Clerk of the House

Friday, May 2, 2025

Updated: Tuesday, May 6, 2025