

# State of Rhode Island

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# JOURNAL

-OF THE-

# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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**JANUARY SESSION** of the General Assembly begun and held at the State House in the City of Providence on Tuesday, the Seventh Day of January in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty-Five.

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Thursday, May 8, 2025

Thirty-Second Day

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The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence on Thursday, May 8, 2025, and is called to order at 4:17 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, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, and Voas.

**ABSENT** – 7: Representatives Alzate, Carson, Dawson, Fogarty, Kennedy, Noret and Santucci.

## INVOCATION

The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi presents Representative Samuel A. Azzinaro, 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, May 6, 2025, is approved.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Representative Kathleen A. Fogarty is unable to attend session today, Thursday, May 8, 2025.

Representative Karen Alzate is unable to attend session today, Thursday, May 8, 2025.

Representative Lauren H. Carson is unable to attend session today, Thursday, May 8, 2025.

Representative Brian Patrick Kennedy is unable to attend session today, Thursday, May 8, 2025.

Representative Thomas E. Noret is unable to attend session today, Thursday, May 8, 2025.

Representative Matthew S. Dawson is unable to attend session today, Thursday, May 8, 2025.

**CALENDAR**

From the Calendar are taken:

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

**Majority Leader Blazejewski moves item #3 to be placed on Tuesday's Calendar. There is no objection.**

**3. 2025-H 5312**

**BY Carson**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- LOCAL CANVASSING  
AUTHORITIES**

Committee on State Government & Elections recommends passage.

Read, and by unanimous consent, placed on the Calendar for Tuesday, May 13, 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.

Chairman Shanley moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Deputy Majority Whip Ackerman, Representatives Corvese, McNamara, Voas, Edwards, Bennett and Biah.

Chairman Shanley discusses the act.

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

YEAS - 68: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, 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, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 1: Representative Stewart.

RECUSED - 0:

**2. 2025-H 5517**

**BY** Baginski

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTION -- VOTING DISTRICTS AND OFFICIALS

Committee on State Government & Elections recommends passage.

Chairman Shanley moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Phillips, Cortvriend, Brien, Biah and Corvese.

Chairman Shanley, Representatives Sanchez and Paplauskas discuss the act.

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

YEAS - 68: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, 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, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 1: Representative Sanchez.

RECUSED - 0:

**4. 2025-H 5709**

**BY** Serpa

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- MAIL BALLOTS

Committee on State Government & Elections recommends passage.

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

Chairman Shanley and Representative Sanchez discuss the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 61 members voting in the affirmative and 8 members voting in the negative as follows:

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

NAYS - 8: Representatives Chippendale, Fascia, Hopkins, Nardone, Newberry, Place, Quattrocchi, Roberts.

RECUSED - 0:



## State of Rhode Island

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST PURSUANT TO RIGL § 36-14-6

I, ARTHUR J. CORVESA, State Representative, District 55, hereby under oath depose and say:

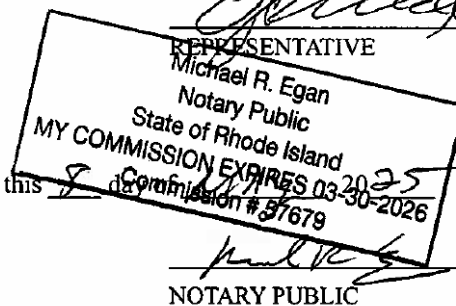
1. (Matter requiring action: i.e. Bill number) I expect to be called upon, in my capacity as State Representative to participate in the consideration of, and/or to vote upon: HB 5572, 5984
2. (Nature of the potential conflict) I have the following interest in the matter: MY SON-IN-LAW  
TESTIFIED IN FAVOR OF THE BILL, WORKS FOR META
3. (Please select one of the following):

- ☐ A. In compliance with Section 36-14-6(1) of the General Laws I hereby state that, despite the potential conflict stated above, I am able to vote and otherwise participate fairly, objectively and in the public interest regarding the matter described in paragraph 1 above for the following reason(s).
- ☒ B. In compliance with Section 36-14-6(1) & (2)A of the General Laws, I hereby request the Speaker of the House of Representatives to excuse me from voting on or participating in the consideration of the matter described in paragraph 1 above.

State of Rhode Island

County of: PROVIDENCE

Subscribed and sworn to under the penalties for perjury before me this 8 day of MAY, 2025



NOTARY PUBLIC

Representative CORVESA is excused from voting on or participating in the consideration of the matter described in paragraph 1 above.

SPEAKER

**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.

Chairman Shanley moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Spears, Potter, Brien, Casey, Azzinaro and Biah.

Chairman Shanley discusses the act.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, 66 members voting in the affirmative and 1 member voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 66: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, 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, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 1: Representative Stewart.

RECUSED - 1: Representative Corvese.

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

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Chairman Craven moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Cotter, Spears, Shallcross Smith, McEntee, Morales, Caldwell, Biah, Cortvriend, Edward, Corvese, Bennett, Casey and Deputy Majority Whip Ackerman.

Chairman Craven, Representatives Sanchez and Lima discuss 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, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw,

McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

**7. 2025-H 6063**

**BY J. Brien**

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

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Chairman Craven moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Phillips, Corvese, Casey, Solomon and Biah.

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

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

**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.

Vice-Chair Diaz moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Boylan, Speakman, Cotter, Handy, Cortvriend, Edwards and Donovan.

Vice-Chair Diaz discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, 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, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Perez, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, 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 #2 and #4 through #8.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

### GUESTS

Chairman Bennett warmly welcomes to the House a group of distinguished individuals in honor of National Nurses Week: Josi DeHaven, RN, Director of Quality at Kent Hospital; Ara Millette, MBA, DNP, RN, NE-BC, from Brown University Health, along with Stephanie Malott and Margaret Clifton. These exceptional professionals exemplify the dedication, compassion, and excellence that define the nursing profession. They are here today to celebrate nurses' vital role in our healthcare system and highlight the invaluable contributions nurses make to communities across Rhode Island and around the world.

Chairman Bennett extends heartfelt congratulations to Donna Policastro on her retirement, following more than 18 years of dedicated and impactful service as the Executive Director of the Rhode Island State Nurses Association. Her leadership and unwavering commitment to advancing the nursing profession have left a lasting legacy in the healthcare community. Chairman Bennett also welcomes her daughter, Bianca Policastro, to the House as they celebrate this well-deserved milestone.

In celebration of National Nurses Week, Representative Hopkins is proud to welcome several exceptional members of the nursing profession to the Rhode Island House of Representatives, Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Desire Heys, Dr. Anne Neuville, DNP, her daughter Madeline, an Emergency Room Nurse at Women & Infants Hospital, and her boyfriend Cameron Sharon, a Trauma-Certified Nurse also serving at Women & Infants. Their presence in the chamber today is a meaningful tribute to nurses' vital role in delivering compassionate, high-quality care in our healthcare system. These professionals exemplify the dedication, skill, and empathy that define the



nursing profession and uplift the well-being of our communities every single day. Speaker Shekarchi congratulates Representative Hopkins and her family for their service to the nursing profession and welcomes them all to the House.

In celebration of Arts Day at the State House, Representative Boylan warmly welcomes to the House chamber Todd Trebour, Executive Director of the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts; Council members Dominique Alfandre and Blake Johnson; Harold Steward, Executive Director of the New England Foundation for the Arts; and staff members Lisa Ramos and Molly Dickinson. These distinguished guests play a vital role in fostering creativity, supporting artists, and enriching the cultural life of Rhode Island and the broader New England region. Representative Boylan recognizes their leadership and dedication to the arts and joins Speaker Shekarchi in expressing sincere appreciation for their contributions and welcoming them to the House.

Representative Giraldo welcomes several distinguished guests to the House in recognition of Sustain Home Visiting Day. These individuals are here to raise awareness about the vital role of home visiting programs in promoting maternal and family well-being and supporting the healthy development of young children. She is pleased to welcome Danielle King, a Parent Educator from Parents as Teachers at Westerly Public Schools; Leann Torres, a bilingual supervisor with the Healthy Families America program at Family Service of Rhode Island; Elizabeth Garganese, a nurse with the First Connections program at Children's Friend; and Talya Pacheco, a parent currently receiving home visiting services through Parents as Teachers at Looking Upwards. Representative Giraldo sincerely appreciates their dedication to strengthening families and improving outcomes for children throughout Rhode Island.

Representative Cruz proudly recognizes Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for community college students, and the significant contributions of its Pi Omicron Chapter at the Community College of Rhode Island. Founded in 1967, the chapter has long served as a foundation for students and alums committed to academic excellence, leadership, and community service. She warmly welcomes to the House several distinguished guests from the Pi Omicron Chapter: Jasmin Cruz Gomes, President of the Chapter; Alicia Vallette, Phi Theta Kappa, New England Regional; and Laurie Sherman, Faculty Advisor. Their presence highlights the vital role of student leadership and academic achievement in strengthening our communities and shaping the future of Rhode Island.

Representative Morales is honored to welcome Victor Reynoso to the House Chamber. Victor is an inspiring athlete whose story is a testament to perseverance, dedication, and the power of community. Born in the Dominican Republic and raised in Providence's Olneyville neighborhood, Victor discovered his passion for boxing in the seventh grade at the former Nickerson Community Center. He rose as an amateur junior Olympian from those early days and has never looked back. At 31, Victor continues to chase his dream of becoming a world champion. Despite losing four critical years in the ring, two to the COVID-19 pandemic and two to non-boxing injuries, he remains focused and determined. His upcoming fight on May 10 at Foxwoods marks his continued climb in the professional boxing world, following his impressive 10th pro win in February. He now sets his sights on reaching an 11-0 record, with aspirations of becoming a 17-0 fighter within the next year, an achievement that would place him firmly on the national stage. Victor's journey has not been easy. He overcame the challenges of poverty, language barriers, and cultural transition while pursuing higher education and working full-time. He holds a college degree, is pursuing a master's, and maintains a rigorous training schedule.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Representative Fellela is delighted to extend warm birthday wishes to several beloved members of her family. Today, May 8, she celebrates the birthday of her son Matthew. This Saturday, May 10, her grandson Elvis will turn 4 years old. Her daughter Ally will celebrate her birthday on May 12, followed by Henry's birthday on May 15. Representative Fellela is filled with joy and gratitude for these special milestones, and Speaker Shekarchi joins her in sending heartfelt birthday wishes to Matthew, Elvis, Ally, and Henry.

Chairman Corvese and Speaker Shekarchi extend their heartfelt condolences to the family of Frank Anzeveno on the passing of Salvatore Del Prete. They offer their deepest sympathies during this difficult time and greatly respect Mr. Del Prete's memory.

Chairman Casey and Speaker Shekarchi, on behalf of the Woonsocket delegation, extend their heartfelt condolences to the family of Bennie "Sonny" Washington. They offer their deepest sympathies and join in honoring his memory and the lasting impact he made on the community.

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

Majority Leader Blazejewski announces that the next House session will be held Next Tuesday, May 13, 2025, and Thursday, May 15, 2025, at 4:00 p.m.

Majority Leader Blazejewski and Speaker Shekarchi proudly congratulate Representative Megan Cotter, who will be honored tomorrow morning by Clean Water Action as its Legislator of the Year. This recognition reflects Representative Cotter's commitment to environmental protection, public health, and clean water advocacy. The House leadership commends her dedication and applauds her for this outstanding achievement.

Majority Leader Blazejewski wishes Representative Michelle McGaw a Happy Birthday

**IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION****House Resolution No. 6309**

**BY** Bennett, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Hopkins, McNamara, Casey, Casimiro, McEntee, Donovan

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE WEEK OF MAY 6TH THROUGH MAY 12TH OF 2025, AS "NATIONAL NURSES WEEK" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC2491/1}

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

There is no objection.

Chairman Bennett discusses the resolution.

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

**House Resolution No. 6310**

**BY** Bennett, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Edwards, Diaz, Azzinaro, Kazarian, Solomon, Finkelman

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION HONORING AND THANKING DONNA POLICASTRO ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT {LC2853/1}

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

There is no objection.

Chairman Bennett discusses the resolution.

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

**House Resolution No. 6311**

**BY** Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Boylan, Carson, Chippendale, Speakman, Ajello, Fellela, Serpa, Casey

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MAY 8, 2025, TO BE "ARTS DAY IN RHODE ISLAND" {LC2510/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Boylan discusses the resolution.

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

**House Resolution No. 6312**

**BY** Giraldo, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Cruz, Potter, Stewart, Alzate, Solomon, Casimiro

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING "RHODE ISLAND HOME VISITING DAY" ON MAY 8, 2025 {LC2847/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Giraldo discusses the resolution.

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

**House Resolution No. 6313**

**BY** Diaz, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Slater, McGaw, Kislak, Ajello, Fellela, Serpa  
**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MAY 10TH, 2025, TO BE "LUPUS DAY"  
IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC2508/1}

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

There is no objection.

Chairwoman Diaz discusses the resolution.

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

**House Resolution No. 6314**

**BY** Read, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Knight, Ajello, Corvese, Casey, Paplauskas, Voas  
**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION CELEBRATING MAY 4TH THROUGH MAY 10TH, 2025,  
AS "NATIONAL CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES WEEK" IN THE STATE OF  
RHODE ISLAND {LC2883/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Read discusses the resolution.

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

**RULE 7D**

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

Representative Voas -An Act relating to Corporations, Associations and Partnerships--The Rhode Island Limited Liability Company Act

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. 75 as amended**

**BY** Felag, Raptakis, Ciccone, Tikoian, Britto, Lauria

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- CERTIFICATES OF TITLE AND SECURITY INTERESTS -- VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION CHECKS (Waives the fees for vehicle identification number inspections for veterans, including active duty military personnel and members of the National Guard and military reserves.) {LC510/1}

05/09/2025 Referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

**Senate Bill No. 76 SUB A**

**BY** Gu, Felag

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES (Removes the requirement that applicants for a Bronze Star Medal license plate, pay a registration fee or transfer charge.) {LC196/A/1}

05/09/2025 Referred to House Special Legislation

**Senate Bill No. 83**

**BY** Raptakis, Thompson, Burke, McKenney, Felag, Sosnowski, Ciccone, Gu, LaMountain, Patalano

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS -- LENDERS AND LOAN BROKERS (Removes the licensing exemption for a lender that originates less than six (6) loans in twelve (12) consecutive months.) {LC482/1}

05/09/2025 Referred to House Corporations

**Senate Bill No. 169**

**BY** Bissaillon, Ruggerio, Lawson, Murray, Tikoian, LaMountain

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICES (Prohibits credit reporting, executions, attachments against a principal residence for judgments based on medical debt. Defines medical debt as an amount for the receipt of health care services, products, or devices.) {LC1054/1}

05/09/2025 Referred to House Judiciary

**Senate Bill No. 172**

**BY** Burke, Tikoian, LaMountain, Felag, McKenney, Raptakis, Appollonio, Lawson, Murray, Ruggerio

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- INTEREST AND USURY (Provides an interest rate cap on medical debt.) {LC878/1}

05/09/2025 Referred to House Corporations

**Senate Bill No. 381 SUB A**

**BY** Ciccone, Tikoian, Urso

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- BARBERS, HAIRDRESSERS, COSMETICIANS, MANICURISTS AND ESTHETICIANS (Allows providers of services under this section to visit the houses of individuals with special needs or sensory-related disorders or differences in order to provide haircuts or hairdressing services.) {LC1427/A/1}

05/09/2025 Referred to House Corporations

**Senate Bill No. 387**

**BY** Appollonio, Dimitri, Urso, Bissaillon, Tikoian, DiPalma, Pearson, Burke, Euer, McKenney

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- PUBLIC BUILDINGS (Requires the installation of universal changing stations in all newly constructed, reconstructed, or remodeled public buildings and places of public accommodation.) {LC1229/1}

05/09/2025 Referred to House State Government & Elections

**Senate Bill No. 602**

(Commerce)

**BY** Zurier

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY ADVISORY COUNCIL (Eliminates one of two (2) conflicting versions of the science and technology advisory council authorizing statute, clarifying the structure of the council.) {LC2169/1}

05/09/2025 Referred to House State Government & Elections

**Senate Bill No. 624**

(Dept. of Revenue)

**BY** DiPalma, Ciccone, Tikoian

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- OPERATORS' AND CHAUFFEURS' LICENSES (Implements a thirty (30) day waiting period following the issuance of a learners permit and the waiting period must expire before the person is permitted to take the road test in order to obtain a full license.) {LC1320/1}

05/09/2025 Referred to House State Government & Elections

**Senate Bill No. 625**

(Veterans Services)

**BY** Felag, LaMountain, Raptakis, Lauria, Thompson, Ciccone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- RHODE ISLAND VETERANS' HOME (Adds “space force” to the branches of the military included in various sections of general law regarding the veterans home, veterans cemetery and the power of armed forces officers to take acknowledgements.) {LC1323/1}

05/09/2025 Referred to House State Government &amp; Elections

**Senate Bill No. 700**

(Dept. of BHDDH)

**BY** Murray**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- CONFIDENTIALITY OF HEALTH CARE COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION ACT (Amends provisions relative to confidentiality of health care communications and the process for requesting records and/or confidential health care information.) {LC1364/1}

05/09/2025 Referred to House Judiciary

**Senate Bill No. 711****BY** Bissaillon, Urso, Sosnowski, Mack, Gu**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE ISLAND HOUSING AND CONSERVATION TRUST FUND ACT (Restructures the Rhode Island Housing and Conservation Trust Fund, increases its membership to 15 members, 11 of whom are to be from the general public and reallocates the percentage of the funds for housing, conservation and other goals.) {LC615/1}

05/09/2025 Referred to House Municipal Government &amp; Housing

**Senate Bill No. 767****BY** Zurier, Valverde, Euer**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW--GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- GENETIC INFORMATION PRIVACY ACT (Establishes the Genetic Information Privacy Act, which would require a direct-to-consumer genetic testing company, as defined, to provide a consumer with certain information regarding the company’s policies and procedures regarding use of genetic data.) {LC556/1}

05/09/2025 Referred to House Judiciary

**Senate Bill No. 914 SUB A****BY** Felag, Ciccone, Euer, Thompson, Lauria, Appollonio, LaMountain, Murray**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES (Removes the fee for registration and plate transfer for a Distinguished Service Cross registration plate.) {LC2612/A/1}

05/09/2025 Referred to House Special Legislation

**Senate Bill No. 944****BY** Thompson, Murray**ENTITLED**, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AMENDMENTS TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF WOONSOCKET (Validates and ratifies the amendments to the Woonsocket Home Rule Charter which were approved by the electors of the city of Woonsocket on November 5, 2024.) {LC2661/1}

05/09/2025 Referred to House Municipal Government &amp; Housing

**Senate Bill No. 953**

(Secretary of State)

**BY** Dimitri, Appollonio, Patalano, Thompson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- MAIL BALLOTS (Exempts emergency mail ballots from the requirement to have certain wording regarding "mail voters" on the ballot.) {LC1331/1}

05/09/2025 Referred to House State Government &amp; Elections

**Senate Bill No. 979****BY** Kallman, Urso, Acosta**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Amends Pawtucket property tax classification system.) {LC2737/1}

05/09/2025 Referred to House Municipal Government &amp; Housing

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES  
COMMITTEE ON CORPORATIONS**

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

**House Bill No. 5248 SUB A****BY** Kislak, McGaw, Tanzi, Potter, Boylan, Cotter, Fogarty**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PHARMACIES (Restricts audits of pharmacists conducted by insurers and their intermediaries, limiting audits to one per year unless an identified problem exists or fraud or misrepresentation is suspected.) {LC622/A/3}

05/09/2025 Placed on House Calendar (05/15/2025)

**House Bill No. 5557 SUB A****BY** Shallcross Smith, Ackerman, Fellela, Perez, Baginski, Casimiro, Alzate, Fogarty**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PROFESSIONAL LICENSING AND REGULATION OF SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS AND AUDIOLOGISTS (Establishes prevailing standards and procedures for licensing speech-language pathologists and audiologists in Rhode Island.) {LC1844/A/1}

05/09/2025 Placed on House Calendar (05/15/2025)



**COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY**

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

**House Bill No. 5447 SUB A**

**BY** Serpa, Edwards, O'Brien, Baginski, Solomon, Kazarian, Lima

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- TRADE IN FARMED ANIMAL FUR PRODUCTS (Prohibits a person to sell, offer for sale, display for sale or otherwise distribute a farmed animal fur product within the state and provides graduated civil penalties for violations.) {LC706/A/3}

05/09/2025 Placed on House Calendar (05/13/2025)

**House Bill No. 5637**

(Attorney General)

**BY** Ackerman, Kennedy, Fellela, Fogarty, Serpa, Speakman, Kazarian, Edwards, Corvese, McNamara

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- CREDIT CARD CRIME ACT (Adds "debit cards" to the section of law relating to fraudulent use of credit cards.) {LC2190/1}

05/09/2025 Placed on House Calendar (05/15/2025)

**House Bill No. 6039**

**BY** Casimiro, Noret, Cotter, Shanley, Fellela, Serpa, Read, Alzate, Casey

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO DELINQUENT AND DEPENDENT CHILDREN -- PROCEEDINGS IN FAMILY COURT (Requires every school district to render assistance and cooperation within its jurisdictional power to further the objects of this chapter, to wit, providing the courts with any information concerning a child as the court may require.) {LC2340/1}

05/09/2025 Placed on House Calendar (05/13/2025)

**COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT AND HOUSING**

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

**House Bill No. 5512**

**BY** Batista

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Exempts from taxation the real and tangible personal property of PROJECT Weber/RENEW, a Rhode Island domestic nonprofit corporation.) {LC1626/1}

05/09/2025 Placed on House Calendar (05/15/2025)

**House Bill No. 5804 SUB A**

**BY** Shekarchi, Casey, Tanzi, Blazejewski, Speakman, Cotter, Dawson, Stewart, Finkelman, Hull

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEATH AND SAFETY -- STATE BUILDING CODE (Amends the composition of the building code standards committee and would make several technical amendments relative to the building code office and would establish a state building code office within the office of state fire marshal.) {LC2164/A/1}

05/09/2025 Placed on House Calendar (05/15/2025)

**COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT AND ELECTIONS**

Chairman Shanley, for the Committee on State Government and Elections, reports back the following measure, with recommendation of passage:

**House Bill No. 5714 SUB A**

**BY** Kazarian, Dawson, Voas, Alzate, Stewart, Furtado, Giraldo, Cruz, Boylan, Felix

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- VITAL RECORDS (Provides that a person eighteen (18) years or older could request that his or her race be modified or amended on their birth certificate.) {LC2117/A/2}

05/09/2025 Placed on House Calendar (05/13/2025)

**House Bill No. 5730 SUB A**

**BY** Speakman, Boylan, Cortvriend, Edwards, Casey

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- SIZE, WEIGHT, AND LOAD LIMITS (Includes boats and marine-related assets in the blanket permit available for overweight or over-dimensional vehicles.) {LC1552/A/1}

05/09/2025 Placed on House Calendar (05/13/2025)

**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 (Extends the reporting and expiration dates of the Commission to review the cost and status of State owned, vacant, and abandoned properties and makes recommendations to mitigate expenses to May 24, 2026, and expires December 15, 2026.) {LC2819/1}

05/09/2025 Placed on House Calendar (05/13/2025)

**COMMITTEE ON LABOR**

Chairman Corvese, for the Committee on Labor, reports back the following measures, with recommendation of passage:

**House Bill No. 5505**

**BY** Corvese, Azzinaro, Serpa, DeSimone, Alzate

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- LABOR AND PAYMENT OF DEBTS BY CONTRACTORS (Prohibits payments in lieu of pension benefits to person employed more than ninety (90) days.) {LC1459/1}

05/09/2025 Placed on House Calendar (05/15/2025)

## NEW BUSINESS

**House Bill No. 6315**

(Governor)

**BY** Finkelman, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Kazarian, Solomon, Fellela, Costantino, Fascia, Perez, Place  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- INVESTMENTS BY DOMESTIC INSURANCE COMPANIES (Repeals § 27-11.1-3 to eliminate the ten percent (10%) limitation on Schedule BA assets.) {LC2854/1}

05/09/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 6316****BY** Chippendale, Paplauskas, Newberry, Place

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION-NATURAL GAS SUPPLIERS (Requires Rhode Island Energy to enter into at least one long-term contract, for at least a four (4) year period, to procure natural gas pipeline capacity with an interstate pipeline operator.) {LC2550/1}

05/09/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 6317**

(Attorney General)

**BY** Ackerman, Potter, McNamara, Edwards, Donovan, Shallcross Smith

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- BENEFIT DETERMINATION AND UTILIZATION 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.) {LC2773/1}

05/09/2025 Introduced, referred to House Health &amp; Human Services

**House Bill No. 6318**

**BY** Caldwell, Craven, Morales, McEntee, Casimiro, Read, O'Brien, Kazarian, Shanley, Shallcross Smith

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- SCHOOL BUS SAFETY ENFORCEMENT (Requires every school bus, including buses used exclusively for to transport students receiving special education, to be equipped with a live digital video school bus violation detection monitoring system and retractable stop sign.) {LC2871/1}

05/09/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 6319****BY** Corvese, Brien, Noret, Azzinaro, Hull, Lombardi, Read, Serpa, Fellela

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- WORKERS' COMPENSATION -- GENERAL PROVISIONS (Clarifies several workers' compensation court authority for injuries to sworn employees (police/fire).) {LC2857/1}

05/09/2025 Introduced, referred to House Labor

**House Bill No. 6320****BY** McNamara, Shekarchi, Hopkins, Bennett, Shanley

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Provides that the tax rate for Class 1 and Class 2 property be uniform and set to the same percentage.) {LC2895/1}

05/09/2025 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government &amp; Housing

**House Bill No. 6321****BY** Kennedy, Cotter**ENTITLED**, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AMENDMENTS TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF HOPKINTON (Validates and ratifies amendments to the Home Rule Charter of the town of Hopkinton, which amendments were adopted and approved by the electors of the town of Hopkinton.) {LC2872/1}

05/09/2025 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government &amp; Housing

**House Resolution No. 6322****BY** Speakman, Giraldo**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-one (21), 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.) {LC2900/1}

05/09/2025 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government &amp; Housing

**House Bill No. 6323****BY** Knight, Speakman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- PERMANENT JOINT COMMITTEE ON NAMING ALL NEW BUILDINGS, BRIDGES, EDIFICES AND OTHER STATE CONSTRUCTIONS (Renames the East Bay Bike Path Bridge, located in the Town of Warren, the Cpl. Richard C. Brule Bridge.) {LC2898/1}

05/09/2025 Introduced, referred to House Special Legislation

**House Resolution No. 6324****BY** Stewart, Giraldo, Potter, Morales, Alzate, Cruz, Donovan, Kazarian, Kislak, McNamara**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MAY 6, 2025, AS A "NATIONAL DAY OF REASON" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND AFFIRMING THE CENTRAL IMPORTANCE OF REASON IN THE BETTERMENT OF HUMANITY {LC2849/1}

05/09/2025 Introduced, referred to House Special Legislation

**House Bill No. 6325****BY** Cortvriend, Finkelman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE PAUL W. CROWLEY RHODE ISLAND STUDENT INVESTMENT INITIATIVE (Establishes a new high-cost special education fund to pool resources and generate income to support excess costs associated with providing service to special education students.) {LC2825/1}

05/09/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Resolution No. 6326****BY** Solomon, Casey, Bennett

**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$2,300,000 TO THE RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT (DEM) TO TRANSPLANT QUAHOGS INTO NARRAGNSETT BAY AND ESTABLISH A SHELLFISH HATCHERY PROGRAM (Authorizes the appropriation of the sum of \$2,300,000 to the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management for the transplantation of quahogs and the establishment of a shellfish hatchery program.) {LC2888/1}

05/09/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Resolution No. 6327**

**BY** Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Ackerman, Chippendale, Kazarian, Hull, Place, Brien, Corvese, Abney  
**ENTITLED**, JOINT AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REJECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION'S PROPOSED SALARY INCREASES FOR ELIGIBLE UNCLASSIFIED SERVICE DIRECTORS OF STATE EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS {LC2840/1}

05/09/2025 Recommended for Immediate Consideration

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 5:09 o'clock P.M. on motion of Representative Corvese, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Salvatore Del Prete; on behalf of the Woonsocket Delegation, on motion of Representative Casey, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Bennie "Sonny" Washington Jr. seconded by Leaders Blazejewski and Chippendale the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

**Diane M. DePina**  
**Recording Clerk**

**APPENDIX****INVOCATION****REPRESENTATIVE SAMUEL A. AZZINARO**

Eighty years ago, the Allied armies officially recognized May 8, 1945, as VE Day, bringing an end to the horrific conflict in Europe. Let us remember all those who suffered and all those who were lost. We honor the courage, strength and perseverance of all who fought against the tyranny and darkness engulfing Europe. We best honor their sacrifices by renewing our commitment to both peace and democracy. Amen.

**APPENDIX**

**TRANSMITTED TO GOVERNOR**

**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}  
05/08/2025 Transmitted to Governor

**APPENDIX****CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MAY 13, 2025:****1. 2025-H 5312****BY Carson****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- LOCAL CANVASSING  
AUTHORITIES**

Committee on State Government &amp; Elections recommends passage.

**2. 2025-H 5714 SUB A****BY Kazarian****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- VITAL RECORDS**

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

**3. 2025-H 6039****BY Casimiro****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO DELINQUENT AND DEPENDENT CHILDREN --  
PROCEEDINGS IN FAMILY COURT**

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

**4. 2025-H 5447 SUB A****BY Serpa****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL  
REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- TRADE IN FARMED ANIMAL FUR PRODUCTS**

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

**5. 2025-H 5730 SUB A****BY Speakman****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- SIZE,  
WEIGHT, AND LOAD LIMITS**

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

**6. 2025-H 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

Committee on State Government & Elections recommends passage.

**7. 2025-H 6327**

**BY** Shekarchi

**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION REJECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION'S PROPOSED SALARY INCREASES FOR ELIGIBLE UNCLASSIFIED SERVICE DIRECTORS OF STATE EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS

Ordered on the Calendar

**IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MAY 15, 2025:**

**1. 2025-H 5799 SUB A**

**BY** Cruz

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- SUBDIVISION OF LAND

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

**2. 2025-H 5804 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.

**3. 2025-H 5557 SUB A**

**BY** Shallcross Smith

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PROFESSIONAL LICENSING AND REGULATION OF SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS AND AUDIOLOGISTS

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

**4. 2025-H 5248 SUB A****BY** Kislak**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS --  
PHARMACIES

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

**5. 2025-H 5505****BY** Corvese**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- LABOR  
AND PAYMENT OF DEBTS BY CONTRACTORS

Committee on Labor recommends passage.

**6. 2025-H 5637****BY** Ackerman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- CREDIT CARD CRIME  
ACT

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

**7. 2025-H 5512****BY** Batista**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO  
TAXATION

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

**Francis McCabe**  
Clerk of the House

**Friday, May 9, 2025**