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Tuesday, May 13, 2025

Thirty-Third Day

The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence on Tuesday, May 13, 2025, and is called to order at 4:04 o'clock P.M. by the Honorable K. Joseph Shekarchi, Speaker.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 70 members present and 5 members absent as follows:

PRESENT – 70: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ajello, 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, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, 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, and Voas.

ABSENT – 5: Representatives Ackerman, Alzate, Fogarty, Hopkins and Kennedy.

INVOCATION

The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi presents Representative Robert D. Phillips, who delivers the Invocation and leads the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

(For Invocation, see Appendix, this Journal.)

COMMUNICATIONS

Representative Kathleen A. Fogarty is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, May 13, 2025.
Representative Brian Patrick Kennedy is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, May 13, 2025.
Representative Karen Alzate is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, May 13, 2025

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Representative Edwards introduces Doris Chuang to sing the National Anthem of the United States and Taiwan.

GUESTS

Representative Edwards welcomes representatives from the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Boston to the House Chamber: Director General Charles Liao, Deputy Director Chin Hsu, and Ms. Doris Chuang, who honored us with a rendition of the National Anthem to celebrate Taiwan Day. Representative Edwards thanks them for their presence and extends the House's warmest welcome as they celebrate the enduring friendship between Rhode Island and Taiwan.

ADDRESS

Director-General of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office, Charles Liao, addresses House members to celebrate Taiwan Day.

CALENDAR

From the Calendar are taken:

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 & Elections recommends passage.

Chairman Shanley moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Abney, McGaw, Speakman, Donovan, Carson and Cortvriend.

Chairman Shanley discusses the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 64 members voting in the affirmative and 8 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 64: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ajello, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Potter, Read, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

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

RECUSED - 0:

2. 2025-H 5714 SUB A

BY Kazarian

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- VITAL RECORDS

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 Representatives Abney, Ajello, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hull, Kazarian, Kislak, Knight, Lombardi, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Potter, Shallcross Smith, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

Chairman Shanley and Representative Lima discuss the act.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, 72 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 72: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ajello, 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, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

3. 2025-H 6039

BY Casimiro

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO DELINQUENT AND DEPENDENT CHILDREN -- PROCEEDINGS IN FAMILY COURT

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Chairman Craven moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives McEntee, Kislak, Shallcross Smith and Casimiro.

Chairman Craven discusses the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 72 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 72: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ajello, 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, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

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.

Chairman Craven moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Potter and Kislak.

Chairman Craven 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, 61 members voting in the affirmative and 10 members voting in the negative as follows:

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

NAYS - 10: Representatives Chippendale, Fascia, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, Paplauskas, Place, Quattrocchi, Roberts, Santucci.

RECUSED - 0:

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 & 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 Cortvriend, Boylan, Spears, Speakman, Edwards and Bennett.

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, 71 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 71: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ajello, 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, Felix, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

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.

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

Chairman Shanley discusses the resolution.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 72 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 72: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ajello, 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, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

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

Majority Leader Blazejewski moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Abney, Ajello, Azzinaro, Bennett, Biah, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Furtado, Handy, Hull, Kazarian, Kislak, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Phillips, Potter, Read, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

Majority Leader Blazejewski and Representative Lima discuss the resolution.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 72 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 72: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ajello, 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, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, ShallcrossSmith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

GUESTS

In celebration of Zambarano Day, Minority Whip Place welcomes Eleanor Slater Hospital CEO, Brett Johnson; Elizabeth Silvestre, Chief of Staff; Richard Leclerc, Director of RI Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities & Hospitals (BHDDH); Jennifer McCarthy, Administrator of the Zambarano Campus; Linda Reilly, Chief Community Relations Officer; Amma Pelletier, Assistant Chief Nursing Officer; Christine Kettelle, Supervisor of the Therapeutic Recreation Department; Kristin Raimond, Chief Implementation Aide; Jose Brandon and Amy Drake, patients of the Zambarano, along with their two aides. Minority Whip Place proudly upholds the tradition of honoring the dedicated professionals and patients of the Zambarano Unit, whose work and resilience embody the highest healthcare standards in Rhode Island. The care provided at Eleanor Slater Hospital, Zambarano, is essential and deeply impactful, serving those who rely on this institution for stability, recovery, and quality of life. Speaker Shekarchi welcomes them to the House.

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

In recognition of National Police Week, Representative Read, a retired Warwick Detective Lieutenant, proudly honors the dedicated service of Rhode Island's law enforcement community, and welcomes to the House Chamber three distinguished members of law enforcement: Captain Ryan DeSisto of the Coventry Police Department, Captain Tom DiGregorio of the Warwick Police Department, and Patrolman Brendan O'Brien of the Providence Police Department. Representative Read also acknowledges his colleagues who have served with distinction in law enforcement: Deputy Speaker Hull, an active Providence Police Sergeant; Representative Noret, a retired Coventry Police Officer; and Representative Fascia, a retired Providence Police Sergeant.

In 2024, 148 law enforcement officers nationwide lost their lives in the line of duty. Representative Read expresses his deepest gratitude for the service, leadership, and unwavering commitment to public safety demonstrated by these brave individuals and all who wear the badge. He thanks them for their sacrifice and honors their continued contributions to our communities.

Representative Carson warmly welcomes two very special guests to the House today: her beloved mother, Jean Stach, and her devoted husband, John Yablonski. She is honored to share this moment with them and grateful for their unwavering love and support. Speaker Shekarchi congratulates them on their grandson's wedding and extends his welcome to the House.

Representative Sanchez warmly welcomes to the House Chamber two dedicated community leaders making a meaningful impact across Rhode Island: Sharlyn Martinez, CEO of Sin-cere Multiservice Inc., and her daughters, Skyler and Ellianna Caraballo, who serve as Office Manager and Program

Coordinator. Representative Sanchez proudly recognizes their ongoing commitment to service, advocacy, and empowerment, uplifting youth and supporting individuals reentering society through vital education in financial literacy. Speaker Shekarchi also joins in welcoming them to the House and commending their efforts to strengthen and uplift communities throughout the state.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Corvese congratulates Head Page Victoria Laflamme on her upcoming graduation from the Community College of Rhode Island, where she has earned an Associate's Degree in General Studies with a focus in Business. Victoria will continue her academic journey at Rhode Island College this fall. Chairman Corvese also extends his warmest wishes as she celebrates her 20th birthday next Thursday. Speaker Shekarchi joins in thanking Victoria for her dedication, professionalism, and hard work in serving the Rhode Island House of Representatives.

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

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

Representatives DeSimone, O'Brien, Phillips, and Speaker Shekarchi warmly wish Representative Michelle McGaw a very Happy Birthday and hope she enjoys a wonderful day of celebration!

Vice-Chair Phillips announces that the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources 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 on Thursday, May 15, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. There will be no session tomorrow; however, the House Finance Committee will convene at 4:00 p.m. in Room 35, where the House Fiscal Staff will provide a budget status update.

Majority Leader Blazejewski is pleased to announce that tomorrow at 3:00 p.m., all members are invited to the House Lounge for a special gathering to honor Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Slater and Casimiro for their outstanding efforts in support of the Roger Williams Park Zoo. This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate their advocacy and dedication to one of Rhode Island's most cherished institutions.

IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION

House Resolution No. 6328

BY Kennedy, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Kazarian, Edwards, Diaz, McNamara, Ackerman, Abney

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION REAFFIRMING THE FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND TAIWAN WHILE SUPPORTING ENHANCED BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH TAIWAN AND TAIWAN'S PARTICIPATION IN THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY {LC2479/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Edwards discusses the resolution.

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

House Resolution No. 6329

BY Place, Newberry, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Ajello, Diaz, Tanzi, Serpa, Fellela, Shallcross Smith
ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE ELEANOR SLATER
HOSPITAL--ZAMBARANO CAMPUS ON THE RECOGNITION OF "ZAMBARANO DAY" ON
MAY 13, 2025 {LC2928/1}

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

There is no objection.

Minority Whip Place discusses the resolution.

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

House Resolution No. 6330

BY Read, Hull, Fascia, Noret, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Paplauskas, Corvese, Craven
ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING MAY 11 THROUGH MAY 17, 2025,
TO BE "NATIONAL POLICE WEEK" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND, IN
REMEMBRANCE OF ALL THE POLICE AND LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS WHO HAVE
LOST THEIR LIVES IN THE LINE OF DUTY {LC2494/1}

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.

House Resolution No. 6331

BY Hull, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Corvese, Santucci, Azzinaro, Costantino, Perez, Phillips

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING WARM WISHES IN FAITH AND THE BLESSINGS OF HOPE AND PEACE TO HIS HOLINESS, POPE LEO XIV {LC2901/1}

With the agreement of the majority and the minority, Deputy Speaker Hull requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Deputy Speaker Hull and Speaker Shekarchi discuss the resolution.

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

House Resolution No. 6332

BY Bennett, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Solomon, McNamara, Ackerman, Tanzi, Corvese, Diaz

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING MAY 11-17, 2025, AS "QUAHOG WEEK 2025" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC2495/1}

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.

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

Representative Carson -An Act relating to Criminal Offenses–Identity Theft Protection Act of 2015

Representative Cortvriend -An Act relating to Taxation–Sales and Use Taxes–Liability and Computation

Representative Felix -An Act relating to Taxation–Property Subject to Taxation

Representative Fellela -An Act relating to Rhode Island Resource Recovery Corporation

Representative Potter -An Act relating to Food and Drug–Force–Fed Poultry Products

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. 84 SUB A as amended

BY Raptakis, Thompson, Burke, Patalano, Zurier, Urso, Paolino, Tikoian, Sosnowski, Gu
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- CASUALTY INSURANCE RATING
(Prohibits casualty insurers from assessing any premium surcharge or penalty against an insured solely for inquiring about the terms of the insured's policy.) {LC493/A/1}
05/14/2025 Referred to House Corporations

Senate Bill No. 85 SUB A

BY Lawson, LaMountain, Bissaillon
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.) {LC406/A/1}
05/14/2025 Referred to House Corporations

Senate Bill No. 114

BY Valverde, DiMario, Ujifusa, Pearson, Murray, Bell, Euer, Lauria
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- DEFENDING AFFORDABLE PRESCRIPTION DRUG COSTS ACT (Prohibits any health insurer, pharmacy benefit manager, or other third-party payor from discriminating against any 340B entity participating in a drug discount program.) {LC843/1}
05/14/2025 Referred to House Health & Human Services

Senate Bill No. 238 SUB A

BY McKenney, Bissaillon, Gallo, Lauria, Gu, Lawson, Britto, Mack, Euer, DiMario
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LIBRARIES -- THE FREEDOM TO READ ACT (Promotes free expression and access of information by prohibiting the censorship of library materials.) {LC1099/A/2}
05/14/2025 Referred to House State Government & Elections

Senate Bill No. 263**BY** DiMario, Lauria, Urso, Appollonio, Valverde, Bissaillon, Lawson, Murray, Britto, Ujifusa**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS

INSURANCE POLICIES (Requires coverage for acute mental health crisis mobile response and stabilization services to eligible individuals enrolled as plan beneficiaries.) {LC1160/1}

05/14/2025 Referred to House Health & Human Services

Senate Bill No. 271 SUB A**BY** Urso, DiMario, Lauria, Tikoian, Quezada, Rogers, Appollonio, Mack**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- BENEFIT DETERMINATION AND

UTILIZATION REVIEW ACT (Prohibits health benefit plans reviewing prescriptions for opioid addiction treatment.) {LC1161/A/1}

05/14/2025 Referred to House Health & Human Services

Senate Bill No. 343 SUB A**BY** Tikoian, Urso, Bissaillon, Britto, Dimitri, Murray, LaMountain, Gallo, Felag**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- THE GOOD SAMARITAN

OVERDOSE PREVENTION ACT OF 2016 (Requires all lifeguards, and park rangers, to be trained in administering opioid antagonists, and would require all public beaches to keep available a minimum of four doses of opioid antagonist.) {LC1195/A/1}

05/14/2025 Referred to House State Government & Elections

Senate Bill No. 462 SUB A**BY** Murray, Lauria, Lawson, McKenney, Bissaillon, Kallman, DiMario, Felag, Mack, Urso**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- HARM REDUCTION

CENTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND PILOT PROGRAM (Removes the sunset provision of the four (4) year pilot program to prevent drug overdoses through the establishment of harm reduction centers and creates a permanent program for harm reduction centers.) {LC1372/A/1}

05/14/2025 Referred to House Health & Human Services

Senate Bill No. 475 SUB A**BY** Dimitri, Ciccone, Thompson, Britto, LaMountain, Raptakis, Appollonio, Patalano, Burke, McKenney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS REQUIRED AT PUBLIC PLACES AND HEALTHCARE FACILITIES --

DAVID CASEY ACT (Requires public or private golf courses to have an automated external defibrillator on the premises.) {LC1384/A/1}

05/14/2025 Referred to House Health & Human Services

Senate Bill No. 688

(Dept. of Human Services)

BY Murray**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION (Makes a technical amendment to correctly reference a section of general law that allows for a tax refund deduction for contributions to the Rhode Island organ transplant fund.) {LC1324/1}

05/14/2025 Referred to House Finance

Senate Bill No. 771 SUB A**BY** Murray, Thompson, DiPalma, Acosta, Urso**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS

(Requires every public school to have a policy regarding the use of personal electronic devices on school grounds.) {LC1681/A/1}

05/14/2025 Referred to House Education

NEW BUSINESS**House Bill No. 6333****BY** Quattrocchi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- LICENSES GENERALLY

(Authorizes the town of Scituate to issue a total of three (3) Class A liquor licenses.) {LC2913/1}

05/14/2025 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 6334

(Providence City Council)

BY Kislak, Morales, Potter, Diaz, Slater, Ajello, Speakman, Hull, Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES--LIABILITY

AND COMPUTATION (Authorizes municipalities to impose a ticket tax on ticket sales for venues large enough to hold at least eight hundred (800) patrons, seated, of two dollars (\$2) per ticket. The tax shall be redistributed to the locality where the venue is located.) {LC2914/1}

05/14/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

ADJOURNMENT

At 4:44 o'clock P.M. on motion of Majority Leader Blazejewski, seconded by Minority Leader Chippendale, the House adjourns, on a unanimous voice vote.

Diane M. DePina
Recording Clerk

APPENDIX**INVOCATION****REPRESENTATIVE ROBERT D. PHILLIPS**

We pray today, and every day, for all those who are less fortunate. Guide us to always remember to put their needs ahead of our own. Give a special blessing to all caregivers who have dedicated their lives to serving others. Amen.

APPENDIX**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 HEATH 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

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