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# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Thirty-Fourth Day

The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence on Thursday, May 15, 2025, and is called to order at 4:12 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, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Handy, Hopkins, Hull, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, , Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, and Voas.

**ABSENT** – 7: Representatives Ackerman, Casimiro, Cruz, Giraldo, Kazarian, Kennedy and O'Brien.

## **INVOCATION**

The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi presents Representative Mary Ann Shallcross Smith, 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 13, 2025, is approved.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS**

Representative Julie A. Casimiro is unable to attend session today, Thursday, May 15, 2025. Representative Joshua J. Giraldo is unable to attend session today, Thursday, May 15, 2025. Representative Brian Patrick Kennedy is unable to attend session today, Thursday, May 15, 2025.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENT**

Speaker Shekarchi welcomes Representative Fogarty back to the House.

## **GUESTS**

In celebration of the Town of Little Compton, Rhode Island's 350th Anniversary, Representative McGaw proudly welcomes committee members: Phil Warren, Vice Chairman; Caroline Wordel, Secretary; Melissa McCarthy; Roger (Skip) Roussell; Barbara Passmore; Beth Ryan; Bill Boudreau; Carolyn Montgomery; Catherine Snell; Cheryl Cady; Edi Marion; George Goulart; Heather Cook; Herb Case; Joyce Mason; and Mikel Folcarelli to the House Chamber. Speaker Shekarchi welcomes them to the House.

In commemorating Lao New Year, Representative Slater proudly welcomes Phanida Phivilay, Phouangphet Oupravanh, Khamfeung Thongsavath, Savanh Chantharangsy, and Abbot Wern Sipasouck to the House.

Chairwoman Serpa, in commemorating National Hospital Week, extends a warm welcome and is honored to have Melissa Frias, Director, Kent Hospital at Home, Daniel Parkinson, CEO, Encompass Health Rehabilitation Hospital of Johnston, Michael Souza, CEO, Carolyn Kyle, Director of Marketing, Business Development, Physician Relations and Practice Administration, Shannon Powell, Marketing and Business Development Coordinator of Landmark Medical Center, Carrie Kenyon, Vice President of Operations, Westerly Hospital, Ara Millette, Director of Talent Acquisition and Workforce Development, Brown University Health, of Rhode Island State Nurses Association/ Rhode Island Organization of Nurse Leaders and former Representative Lisa Tomasso, Senior Vice President of Hospital Association of Rhode Island to the House Chamber. Speaker Shekarchi welcomes them and commends all of them for their hard work and dedication.

In recognition of Health Care Advocacy Day, Representative Potter welcomes several healthcare organizations to the House: the Rhode Island Medical Society, the Rhode Island Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Rhode Island Chapter of the American Academy of Physician Assistants, the Rhode Island Orthopedic Society, and the Rhode Island Dermatology Society.

Representative Speakman, in celebration of Skin Cancer Awareness Month, warmly welcomes the distinguished guests from the Rhode Island Dermatology Society (RIDS) to the House Chamber: Dr. Reuben Reich, President; Dr. Kathleen Carney-Godley, Vice President; Dr. Chris DiMarco, Treasurer; and Dr. Valerie Tokarz, Secretary.

Representative Messier extends heartfelt congratulations to CEO James R. Hoyt Jr. on his retirement after 50 years of service to the Boys and Girls Club of Pawtucket, Rhode Island. He has been a

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dedicated leader within the Boys & Girls Club movement nationwide. She warmly welcomes him to the House Chamber.

Representative Edwards warmly welcomes distinguished guests Kenneth Mendez, President and CEO of the Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America, and Natalie Kopp, Director of Strategic Priorities at the Brown School of Public Health, to the House Chamber.

#### **CALENDAR**

From the Calendar are taken:

## 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.

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

Chairman Casey, Minority Leader Chippendale, Representative Santucci and Speakman discuss the act.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, 56 members voting in the affirmative and 13 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 56: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Handy, Hopkins, Hull, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Noret, Phillips, Potter, Read, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 13: Representatives Chippendale, Costantino, Edwards, Fascia, Lima, Nardone, Newberry, Paplauskas, Perez, Place, Quattrocchi, Roberts, Santucci.

**RECUSED - 0:** 

## 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.

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

Chairman Casey discusses the act.

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

# FLOOR AMENDMENT TO

2025 -- H 5804 SUBSTITUTE A

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

Mr. Speaker:

I hereby move to amend 2025 -- H 5804 SUBSTITUTE A, entitled "AN ACT RELATING TO HEATH AND SAFETY -- STATE BUILDING CODE", as follows:

- 1. On page 1, in the title of the bill, by deleting the language "HEATH", and by inserting in place thereof the language "HEALTH".
  - 2. On page 3, line 10, by deleting the language "one".
  - 3. On page 3, line 10, after the stricken language "and", by inserting the language ": (1) One".
- 4. On page 3, line 11, by striking the language "; to", and by inserting in place thereof the language "and any amendments thereto adopted by the state building code standards committee; (2) To".
- 5. On page 3, line 12, after the language "motels", by inserting the language "and other commercial structures".
- 6. On page 3, line 13, after the language "<u>ICC</u>", by striking the language "; to", and by inserting in place thereof the language "<u>and any amendments thereto adopted by the state building code standards committee</u>; and (3) <u>To</u>".
  - 7. On page 7, line 16, by striking the language "under subsection (c)".
  - 8. On page 7, between lines 16 and 17, by inserting the following language:
- "(1) The regulatory analysis for any amendments to the state fire safety code, the state building code, and the state rehabilitation building and fire code for existing buildings and structures, including those amendments which incorporate and adopt by reference all or parts of a nationally recognized model code, shall be completed within one hundred eighty (180) days of the recommendation of the passage of such amendments by the state official, agency or board responsible for hearing and review of such amendments."
  - 9. On page 7, line 32, by striking the language "solely".
- 10. On page 7, line 32, after the language "rule", by inserting the language ", or due to the failure to meet the deadline set forth in subsection (a)(1) of this section, to the extent applicable".

- 11. On page 7, lines 33 and 34, by deleting all language therein.
- 12. On page 8, lines 1 through 4, by deleting all language therein.

Respectfully submitted,

Representative Casey

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Chairman Casey discusses the amendment.

The motion to amend prevails on a roll call vote, 68 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 68: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Handy, Hopkins, Hull, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, 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:** 

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

YEAS - 69: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Handy, Hopkins, Hull, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, 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 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.

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

Chairman Craven discusses the act.

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

YEAS - 69: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Handy, Hopkins, Hull, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, 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 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.

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

Chairman Craven discusses the act.

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

YEAS - 69: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards,

Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Handy, Hopkins, Hull, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, 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:

## 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.

Chairman Corvese moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Abney, Ajello, Alzate, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Carson, Casey, Cortvriend, Cotter, Craven, Dawson, DeSimone, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fogarty, Furtado, Handy, Hull, Kislak, Lima, Lombardi, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Noret, Phillips, Potter, Read, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

Chairman Corvese and Minority Whip Place discuss the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 62 members voting in the affirmative and 7 members voting in the negative as follows:

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

NAYS - 7: Representatives Chippendale, Fascia, Nardone, Paplauskas, Place, Quattrocchi, Roberts.

RECUSED - 0:

#### 6. 2025-H 5637

**BY** Ackerman

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- CREDIT CARD CRIME ACT

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Chairman Craven moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Phillips, Shallcross Smith, Biah, Bennett, Corvese, Lima and Azzinaro.

Chairman Craven discusses the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 69 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 69: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Handy, Hopkins, Hull, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, 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 5512

**BY** Batista

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

Chairman Casey moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Ajello, Speakman, Edwards, Kislak, Felix, Potter, Alzate and Stewart.

Chairman Casey discusses the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 69 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 69: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Handy, Hopkins, Hull, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone,

Newberry, Noret, 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:** 

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Representative Batista is pleased to announce and congratulate Representative Potter and his girlfriend, Kaiya, on their graduation from Roger Williams University School of Law this Friday. His achievement is remarkable, and he is now poised to take on new and exciting challenges as he enters the legal profession. Speaker Shekarchi and Leader Blazejewski extend their heartfelt congratulations to Representative Potter and welcome him to the field of Law.

Chairman Solomon and Speaker Shekarchi extend their deepest condolences to MaryAnn DelGiudice and her family on the passing of her husband, John A. DelGiudice. Their thoughts are with the DelGiudice family during this difficult time.

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.

Representative Morales wishes to recognize the Butler Hospital Health Care Workers and express gratitude for their hard work and dedication.

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

Chairman Corvese would like to raise awareness about letters of support that have been sent to the Representatives' emails. He asks that members reply, as the letters may not align with their intended support.

## PROXY VOTES

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

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Majority Leader Blazejewski announces that the next House Session will be held on Tuesday, May 20, 2025, and Thursday, May 22, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. Members are advised to check the website for possible committee postings for Wednesday.

Majority Leader Blazejewski reminds all members that if they sponsor a city or town bill and seek passage this year, a resolution of support from the City Council or Town Council is required as soon as possible to be considered in this legislative session.

Majority Leader Blazejewski, on behalf of the House of Representatives, wishes Speaker Shekarchi a Happy Birthday!

## IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION

## **House Resolution No. 6335**

**BY** Solomon, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Casimiro, Kazarian, Casey, Finkelman, Paplauskas, Brien

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MAY OF 2025, TO BE "ALS AWARENESS MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC2496/1}

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

There is no objection.

Chairman Solomon discusses the resolution.

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

#### House Resolution No. 6336

**BY** Azzinaro, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Paplauskas, Hopkins, Casimiro, Solomon, Fellela, Ackerman

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION HONORING AND CELEBRATING "ARMED FORCES DAY" ON MAY 17TH, 2025, IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC2500/1}

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.

#### House Resolution No. 6337

**BY** McGaw, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Edwards, DeSimone, Craven, Ajello, Shallcross Smith, Fogarty

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE TOWN OF LITTLE COMPTON ON THE JOYOUS OCCASION OF ITS 350TH ANNIVERSARY DURING 2025 {LC2685/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative McGaw discusses the resolution.

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

#### House Resolution No. 6338

**BY** Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Serpa, Chippendale, Fellela, Costantino, Lima, Noret, Read, Shallcross Smith

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION CELEBRATING "NATIONAL HOSPITAL WEEK" ON MAY 11TH THROUGH MAY 17TH, 2025, IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC2498/1}

With the agreement of the majority and the minority, on behalf of Speaker Shekarchi, Chairwoman Serpa requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Chairwoman Serpa discusses the resolution.

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

#### House Resolution No. 6339

**BY** Speakman, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Boylan, Ajello, Shallcross Smith, Fogarty, Fellela, Tanzi

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING MAY OF 2025, AS "NATIONAL SKIN CANCER AWARENESS MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC2486/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Speakman discuss the resolution.

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

## **House Resolution No. 6340**

**BY** Slater, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Diaz, Edwards, Ajello, Shallcross Smith, Fogarty, Fellela

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING LAO NEW YEAR (PI MAI LAO): A CELEBRATION OF RENEWAL, CULTURE, AND RESILIENCE ON APRIL 14 – APRIL 16, 2025 {LC2865/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Slater discusses the resolution.

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

#### **House Resolution No. 6341**

**BY** Messier, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Felix, Furtado, Stewart, Kazarian, Cruz, Chippendale, Ajello **ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION HONORING AND THANKING JAMES R. HOYT ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AFTER FIFTY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE WITH THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF PAWTUCKET {LC2779/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Messier and Speaker Shekarchi discuss the resolution.

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

## **House Resolution No. 6342**

**BY** Edwards, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Bennett, Ackerman, Ajello, Shallcross Smith, Fogarty, Fellela

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF MAY TO BE "ASTHMA AND ALLERGY AWARENESS MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC2852/1}

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.

## **RULE 7D**

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

Representative Hopkins- An Act relating to Primary Care Support Contribution 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. 269

**BY** Murray, Bell, Euer, Lauria, LaMountain, McKenney, Bissaillon, Acosta, Burke **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- PREVENTION AND SUPPRESSION OF CONTAGIOUS DISEASES -- HIV/AIDS (Repeals the required HIV testing for an individual convicted under chapter 34.1 of title 11 and allows the option for HIV testing for any person convicted under this chapter.) {LC1002/1} 05/16/2025 Referred to House Judiciary

#### Senate Bill No. 313 SUB A

**BY** LaMountain, Lawson, Tikoian, Gallo, Felag, DiPalma, Dimitri, McKenney, Patalano **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- PUBLIC BUILDINGS (Authorizes and funds the painting of a portrait of the president of the senate and former presidents of the senate who may be living to be hung in the state house.) {LC418/A/1} 05/16/2025 Referred to House Finance

#### Senate Bill No. 364

BY Bell, Felag, Bissaillon, Murray, Urso, Ujifusa, Lawson, Quezada

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES (Provides that exemptions to the prohibition of liquor licenses within two hundred feet (200') of schools or places of worship do not eliminate neighboring property owners' remonstrance rights to object to the license.) {LC279/1}

05/16/2025 Referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

## Senate Bill No. 468 as amended

BY DiPalma, Ujifusa, Murray

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- PRESCRIPTION DRUG COST PROTECTION (Prohibits the state, participating ERISA, or any health plan from purchasing referenced drugs for a cost higher than the referenced rate.) {LC1215/1} 05/16/2025 Referred to House Health & Human Services

## Senate Bill No. 495 SUB A

BY Gu, Burke, Kallman, Bissaillon, Tikoian

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING (Authorizes the establishment of a RI housing champion designation program. This program would make qualified municipalities eligible to receive preferential access to state resources, including discretionary state infrastructure funds, as available.) {LC1644/A/1} 05/16/2025 Referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

## Senate Bill No. 828

BY Ciccone, Raptakis, LaMountain

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- RELIEF OF INJURED AND DECEASED FIRE FIGHTERS AND POLICE OFFICERS (Includes police officers to fire fighters who are unable to perform duties as a result of heart disease, stroke or hypertension to be presumed to have suffered an in-the-line-of-duty disability, unless contrary evidence is presented.) {LC1742/1} 05/16/2025 Referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

## Senate Bill No. 959 SUB A

BY Ciccone, Burke

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- WORKPLACE PSYCHOLOGICAL SAFETY ACT (Protects bullying/psychological abuse in workplace inflicted upon employees by employers/co-employees/provides civil remedies to affected employees/fines against employers/imprisonment/fines against co-employees.) {LC2724/A/1} 05/16/2025 Referred to House Labor

## Senate Bill No. 989

BY Euer

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES (Allows for the issuance of a Class T liquor license by the town of Jamestown.) {LC2750/1} 05/16/2025 Referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

# REPORTS OF COMMITTEES COMMITTEE ON CORPORATIONS

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

## House Bill No. 5250 SUB A

**BY** Biah, DeSimone, Hull, Abney, Sanchez, Cruz, Morales, Giraldo, Kislak **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- HOLIDAY BUSINESS (Adds Juneteenth National Freedom Day to the definition of "holidays" to the chapter governing retail business.) {LC886/A/1}

05/16/2025 Placed on House Calendar (05/22/2025)

#### House Bill No. 5484 SUB A

(Division of Public Utilities & Carriers)

**BY** Carson

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- DUTIES OF UTILITIES AND CARRIERS (Increases the penalties for public utilities for violations of the general law governing the duties of utilities and carriers.) {LC1350/A/1} 05/16/2025 Placed on House Calendar (05/20/2025)

## House Bill No. 5547

(Division of Public Utilities & Carriers)

BY Solomon, Kennedy

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION (Increases the public utilities reserve fund cap and the cap on expenses relating to the public utilities commission and the division of public utilities and carriers representing the state before federal agencies.) {LC1348/1} 05/16/2025 Placed on House Calendar (05/20/2025)

## House Bill No. 5563

BY Dawson, McEntee, Furtado, Kazarian, Boylan

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- THE HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION NOTICE ACT (Requires hotel employees and short-term rental property operators to annually receive human trafficking awareness training.) {LC1986/1} 05/16/2025 Placed on House Calendar (05/22/2025)

## House Bill No. 5575 SUB A

**BY** Solomon, O'Brien, Lima, Kennedy, Santucci, Casey, Noret, Read **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- LONG TERM CONTRACTING STANDARDS FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY (Allows for the procurement of nuclear power.) {LC1143/A/1} 05/16/2025 Placed on House Calendar (05/20/2025)

#### House Bill No. 5822

**BY** Phillips, Morales, Dawson, Casey, Lima, Brien, Finkelman, Shanley, Read, Batista **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- SOLAR SITING ADVISORY TASKFORCE (Creates a taskforce to provide recommendations, advice and guidance to help expedite and provide technical assistance with regard to the development of solar energy

systems on property owned by the state.) {LC2057/1} 05/16/2025 Placed on House Calendar (05/20/2025)

## House Bill No. 6033 SUB A

**BY** Hull, Fellela, Azzinaro, DeSimone, Shallcross Smith, Sanchez, Bennett, Casey, Messier, Cotter **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- DUTIES OF UTILITIES AND CARRIERS (Requires all public utilities to maintain a customer service facility within the state to perform services such as addressing customer inquiries and accepting bill payments.) {LC2306/A/1}

05/16/2025 Placed on House Calendar (05/20/2025)

## **COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**

Chairman McNamara, for the Committee on Education, reports back the following measures, with recommendation of passage:

## House Bill No. 5251 SUB A

**BY** Read, Noret, Paplauskas, Baginski, Fascia, Hopkins, Brien, Chippendale, Casimiro, Casey **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- RIGHTS AND DUTIES TEACHERS GENERALLY -- SEPTEMBER 11 CLASSROOM MOMENT OF SILENCE (Allows the school building administration or teachers in all grades to provide the opportunity for students to observe a brief moment of silence on every September 11.) {LC1035/A/1} 05/16/2025 Placed on House Calendar (05/22/2025)

## House Bill No. 5841

**BY** Stewart, Cruz, Lombardi, Alzate, Shallcross Smith, Kislak, Potter, Felix, Kazarian, Casimiro **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- OFFENSES PERTAINING TO SCHOOLS (Prohibits discrimination on the basis of race by expanding the definition of race to include traits historically associated with race, including, but not limited to, hair texture and protected hairstyles.) {LC1904/1}

05/16/2025 Placed on House Calendar (05/22/2025)

#### COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Chairman Bennett, for the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources, reports back the following measure, with recommendation of passage:

# House Resolution No. 5847 SUB A

**BY** Read, Noret, Nardone, Quattrocchi, Baginski, Serpa, Roberts, Bennett, Chippendale, Santucci **ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY AND PROVIDE FINDINGS AND POTENTIAL SOLUTIONS TO ADDRESS THE FLOODING OF THE PAWTUXET RIVER (Creates an 11-member commission to study and provide recommendations and potential solutions to address the flooding of the Pawtuxet River, and who would report back by March 2, 2026, and would expire on June 2, 2026.) {LC1820/A/1} 05/16/2025 Placed on House Calendar (05/20/2025)

## COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

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

## House Bill No. 5645

(General Treasurer)

BY Dawson

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- LEVY AND SALE ON EXECUTION (Exempts qualified tuition savings programs of any state authorized under 26 U.S.C. § 529 from judicial attachment.) {LC1698/1} 05/16/2025 Placed on House Calendar (05/22/2025)

## House Bill No. 6159

BY Craven, Noret, Knight, McEntee

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- COURTS -- COURT SECRETARIES, COURT REPORTERS, AND ELECTRONIC COURT REPORTERS (Increases the per page transcription fees for court reporters in court proceedings.) {LC2438/1} 05/16/2025 Placed on House Calendar (05/22/2025)

## 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:

## Senate Bill No. 201

BY Felag, DiPalma

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AMENDMENTS TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF TIVERTON (Validates and ratifies the amendments to the Tiverton Home Rule Charter which were approved by the electors of the town of Tiverton on November 5, 2024.) {LC1045/1} 05/16/2025 Placed on House Calendar (05/22/2025)

## Senate Bill No. 720

BY Ciccone, Bissaillon, Felag, Mack, Quezada, Vargas

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Authorizes the Providence city council to set the veterans tax exemption limit to an amount determined by the city council via ordinance or resolution.) {LC1618/1} 05/16/2025 Placed on House Calendar (05/22/2025)

#### Senate Bill No. 844

**BY** DiPalma

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Exempts from taxation the real and tangible personal property of the Friends of Little Compton Wellness Center, Inc.) {LC2476/1}

05/16/2025 Placed on House Calendar (05/22/2025)

#### COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT AND ELECTIONS

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

## House Bill No. 5611

**BY** Noret, Chippendale, Azzinaro, Finkelman, Casey, Casimiro, Kazarian, Hopkins, Morales, Dawson

**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.) {LC1793/1} 05/16/2025 Placed on House Calendar (05/22/2025)

## House Bill No. 6165 SUB A

**BY** Spears, Noret, McEntee, Read, Cotter, Craven, Fogarty, Hull, Tanzi, Felix **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- STATE POLICE (Creates the PURPLE alert state system to aid in the search for a missing adult with a serious physical, behavioral health, neurological disabilities or medical condition.) {LC2589/A/1} 05/16/2025 Placed on House Calendar (05/22/2025)

## COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL LEGISLATION

Chairwoman Alzate, for the Committee on Special Legislation, reports back the following measures, with recommendation of passage:

## House Bill No. 5050

**BY** Phillips, Casey, Brien, Cruz, Alzate, Stewart, Voas, Giraldo, Messier, Marszalkowski **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.) {LC156/1}

05/16/2025 Placed on House Calendar (05/20/2025)

## House Bill No. 5376

BY Donovan, Speakman, Carson, Boylan, Spears

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES (Allows for a special RI license plate to raise awareness for colon cancer. The plate would be designed by the partnership to reduce cancer in RI. The fees for the plate would be divided equally between the general fund and the partnership not-for-profit.) {LC1174/1} 05/16/2025 Placed on House Calendar (05/20/2025)

## House Bill No. 6148

**BY** McNamara

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES (Empowers the division of motor vehicles to make available special motor vehicle registration plates for the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association.) {LC2396/1} 05/16/2025 Placed on House Calendar (05/20/2025)

#### House Bill No. 6306

BY McNamara

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Daniel Vaca to join Kaley Erin O'Connor and James John Pawelski in marriage on or about October 12, 2025, within the City of Newport, Rhode Island) {LC2861/1} 05/16/2025 Placed on House Calendar (05/22/2025)

# **NEW BUSINESS**

#### House Bill No. 6343

BY Noret, Serpa, Read

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Allows the town council of Coventry to make exemptions from taxation on real and personal property that has undergone environmental remediation. This act is subject to conditions as provided in this section.) {LC2936/1}

05/15/2025 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

## House Bill No. 6344

BY Voas, Chippendale

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CORPORATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS AND PARTNERSHIPS -- THE RHODE ISLAND LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY ACT (Replaces the existing limited liability company act with a newer and updated model act.) {LC2870/1} 05/16/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

## House Bill No. 6345

BY Potter, Kislak, Lima, Serpa, Craven

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- FORCE-FED POULTRY PRODUCTS (Prohibits force-feeding to create a force-fed poultry product or the hiring of another to engage in force-feeding of a poultry product. Violations would be subject to a civil penalty of \$500 per violation.) {LC2938/1}

05/16/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

## House Bill No. 6346

BY Carson

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- IDENTITY THEFT PROTECTION ACT OF 2015 (Amends the Identity Theft Protection Act by eliminating current definitions and establishing new definitions. This act also raises the penalty provisions for violations.) {LC2927/1}

05/16/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

#### House Bill No. 6347

BY Tanzi, McEntee

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES-GENERAL POWERS -- NARRAGANSETT LANDING FEES (Increases the landing fee for the town of Narragansett from fifty cents (\$.50) to one dollar (\$1.00).) {LC2937/1}

05/16/2025 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

#### House Bill No. 6348

**BY** Felix, Shallcross Smith, Furtado, Kazarian, Stewart, Messier, Cruz, Kislak, Alzate **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Exempts from taxation the real and tangible personal property of Blackstone Valley Advocacy Center located in the city of Pawtucket.) {LC2897/1}

05/16/2025 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

## **House Resolution No. 6349**

BY Stewart, Morales, Donovan, Cruz

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE RECOGNITION OF THE POKANOKET TRIBE AS THE ANCIENT AND ONGOING STEWARDS OF THEIR ANCESTRAL HOMELAND, AND ACKNOWLEDGING THEIR CENTRAL ROLE IN SHAPING THE REGION'S PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE {LC2864/1}

05/16/2025 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

## House Bill No. 6350

**BY** Cortvriend, Finkelman, Slater, Diaz, Carson, Hull, Lombardi, Tanzi, Morales **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES -- LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Allows communities to increase their local share of hotel tax collection by an additional two percent (2%).) {LC2842/1} 05/16/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

## House Bill No. 6351

BY Fellela, Costantino, Fascia, Perez

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- RHODE ISLAND RESOURCE RECOVERY CORPORATION (Requires payments by the corporation increase from a \$3.00 tipping fee per vehicle to a \$6.00 tipping fee per vehicle, unless exempt. This act would also require fees be paid to Johnston on an annual rather than a biannual basis.) {LC2934/1} 05/16/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

## House Resolution No. 6352

**BY** Morales

**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$850,000 FOR NEW BRIDGES FOR HAITIAN SUCCESS (Authorizes the appropriation of \$850,000 for New Bridges for Haitian Success for the purpose of residential property acquisition for transitional housing to support immigrants with temporary protected status (TPS) and asylum status.) {LC2866/1} 05/16/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

## **ADJOURNMENT**

At 5:10 o'clock P.M. on motion of Representative Hull, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Elizabeth A. Pelleccione; on motion of Representative Solomon, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of John A. DelGiudice seconded by Leaders Blazejewski and Chippendale the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

# **APPENDIX**

# **INVOCATION**

# REPRESENTATIVE MARY ANN SHALLCROSS SMITH

Almighty God: We give You thanks for the gift of this day. Bless and guide our leaders through these difficult times and grant them the wisdom and patience to best serve the state and all its people. Amen

## **APPENDIX**

## **CALENDAR**

## IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MAY 20, 2025:

## 1. 2025-H 5484 SUB A

BY Carson

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- DUTIES OF UTILITIES AND CARRIERS

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

## 2. 2025-H 5547

**BY** Solomon

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

## 3. 2025-H 5575 SUB A

**BY** Solomon

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- LONG TERM CONTRACTING STANDARDS FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY

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

## 4. 2025-H 6033 SUB A

BY Hull

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- DUTIES OF UTILITIES AND CARRIERS

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

## 5. 2025-H 5822

**BY** Phillips

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- SOLAR SITING ADVISORY TASKFORCE

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

## 6. 2025-H 5847 SUB A

BY Read

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY AND PROVIDE FINDINGS AND POTENTIAL SOLUTIONS TO ADDRESS THE FLOODING OF THE PAWTUXET RIVER

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

## 7. 2025-H 5050

**BY** Phillips

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES

Committee on Special Legislation recommends passage.

## 8. 2025-H 5376

BY Donovan

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES

Committee on Special Legislation recommends passage.

## 9. 2025-H 6148

BY McNamara

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES

Committee on Special Legislation recommends passage.

**Francis McCabe** Clerk of the House

Friday, May 16, 2025

## IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MAY 22, 2025:

## 1. 2025-H 6165 SUB A

**BY** Spears

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

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

## 2. 2025-H 5611

BY Noret

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- PUBLIC BUILDINGS

Committee on State Government & Elections recommends passage.

## 3. 2025-H 5563

**BY** Dawson

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- THE HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION NOTICE ACT

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

## 4. 2025-H 5250 SUB A

BY Biah

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- HOLIDAY BUSINESS

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

## 5. 2025-H 5841

**BY** Stewart

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- OFFENSES PERTAINING TO SCHOOLS

Committee on Education recommends passage.

## 6. 2025-H 5251 SUB A

BY Read

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- RIGHTS AND DUTIES TEACHERS GENERALLY -- SEPTEMBER 11 CLASSROOM MOMENT OF SILENCE

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

## 7. 2025-H 5645

**BY** Dawson

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- LEVY AND SALE ON EXECUTION

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

## 8. 2025-H 6159

**BY** Craven

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- COURTS -- COURT SECRETARIES, COURT REPORTERS, AND ELECTRONIC COURT REPORTERS

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

## 9. 2025-H 6306

BY McNamara

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Special Legislation recommends passage.

## 10. 2025-S 201

**BY** Felag

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AMENDMENTS TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF TIVERTON

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage in concurrence.

## 11. 2025-S 720

**BY** Ciccone

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage in concurrence.

## 12. 2025-S 844

BY DiPalma

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage in concurrence.

**Francis McCabe**Clerk of the House

Friday, May 16, 2025