

State of Rhode Island

JOURNAL -OF THE- HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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 22, 2025

Thirty-Sixth Day

The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence on Thursday, May 22, 2025, and is called to order at 4:13 o'clock P.M. by the Honorable K. Joseph Shekarchi, Speaker.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 65 members present and 10 members absent as follows:

PRESENT – 65: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kislak, Knight, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, and Voas.

ABSENT – 10: Representatives Baginski, Brien, Costantino, Felix, Kennedy, Lima, Lombardi, Perez, Serpa, Tanzi.

INVOCATION

The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi presents Representative Grace Diaz, 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 20, 2025, is approved.

RHODE ISLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY



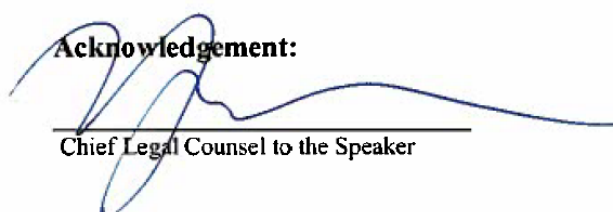
House of Representatives

CO-SPONSORSHIP REMOVAL REQUEST
2025Pursuant to House Rule 15(g)(ii), Representative Paplauskashereby requests the removal of their co-sponsorship of 2025 – H - 5726entitled: AN ACT RELATING TO LIBRARIES -- THE FREEDOM TOREAD ACTwhich is currently in the House Committee on State Government and ElectionsSignature: 

Representative

House District # 15Date: May 15, 2025

Acknowledgement:


Chief Legal Counsel to the Speaker

*NOTE: This request must be submitted to the House Recording Clerk who will retain the original.
A copy shall be delivered to Legislative Data, and a copy to be placed in the committee's original bill file.*

RHODE ISLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY



House of Representatives

CO-SPONSORSHIP REMOVAL REQUEST
2025

Pursuant to House Rule 15(g)(ii), Representative Ajello
hereby requests the removal of their co-sponsorship of 2025 – H - 6256
entitled: Relating To Taxation -- Property Subject To Taxation
which is currently in the House Committee on Finance

Signature: _____

Representative

House District # 1Date: May 6, 2025

Acknowledgement:

Chief Legal Counsel to the Speaker

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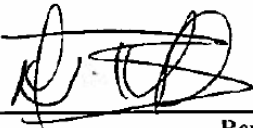
RHODE ISLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY



House of Representatives

CO-SPONSORSHIP REMOVAL REQUEST
2025

Pursuant to House Rule 15(g)(ii), Representative Biah
hereby requests the removal of their co-sponsorship of 2025 – H - 6256
entitled: Relating To Taxation -- Property Subject To Taxation
which is currently in the House Committee on Finance

Signature: 

Representative

House District # 3Date: May 6, 2025

Acknowledgement:


Chief Legal Counsel to the Speaker

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RHODE ISLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY



House of Representatives

CO-SPONSORSHIP REMOVAL REQUEST
2025Pursuant to House Rule 15(g)(ii), Representative Azzinarohereby requests the removal of their co-sponsorship of 2025 – H 6236entitled: Education Transportation of School Pupilswhich is currently in the House Committee on FinanceSignature: Samuel Azzinaro

Representative

House District # 37Date: May 23, 2025Acknowledgement: [Signature]

Chief Legal Counsel to the Speaker

*NOTE: This request must be submitted to the House Recording Clerk who will retain the original.
A copy shall be delivered to Legislative Data, and a copy to be placed in the committee's original bill file.*

COMMUNICATIONS

Representative Jon D. Brien is unable to attend session today, Thursday, May 22, 2025.
Representative John J. Lombardi is unable to attend session today, Thursday, May 22, 2025.
Representative Ramon A. Perez is unable to attend session today, Thursday, May 22, 2025.
Representative Leonela Felix is unable to attend session today, Thursday, May 22, 2025.
Representative Brian Patrick Kennedy is unable to attend session today, Thursday, May 22, 2025.
Representative Jacquelyn M. Baginski is unable to attend session today, Thursday, May 22, 2025.

GUESTS

Chairman McNamara proudly welcomes John Howell, President of the Academic Decathlon and the editor of the Warwick Bacon, to the House Chamber. He extends heartfelt congratulations to all the winners of the 42nd Academic Decathlon Championship, who were recognized earlier today. Speaker Shekarchi acknowledges John and extends a warm welcome to the Academic Decathlon winners to the House.

Deputy Majority Whip Ackerman congratulates and is honored to welcome Rabbi Michael Fel, former Rabbi Wayne Franklin, Cantor Dr. Brian Mayer, and President Pam Kaitin-Miller to the House Chamber in recognition of Temple Emanu-El's 100th anniversary in Providence. Speaker Shekarchi also welcomes them to the House.

CALENDAR

From the Calendar are taken:

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.

Chairman Shanley moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Azzinaro, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Carson, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Craven, DeSimone, Edwards, Fascia, Fellela, Fogarty, Handy, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Shallcross Smith, Speakman, Spears.

Chairman Shanley, Representatives Spears and Paplauskas discuss 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 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 66: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

2. 2025-H 5611

BY Noret

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

Committee on State Government & Elections recommends passage.

Chairman Shanley moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Spears, Cotter, Corvese, McEntee, Edwards and Bennett.

Chairman Shanley discusses the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 66 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 66: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

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.

Chairman Solomon moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter,

Craven, Cruz, Donovan, Fellela, Fogarty, Furtado, Handy, Hull, Kazarian, Kislak, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Noret, O'Brien, Roberts, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Speakman, Spears.

Chairman Solomon, Representatives Newberry and Dawson discuss the act.

Representative Newberry requests to vote (2025 H-5563) in sections. **Page 2, Line 19 through line 21.**

The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi rules that it is divisible.

Page 2, line 19 through line 21, prevails on a roll call vote, 56 members voting in the affirmative and 9 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 56: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kislak, Knight, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Potter, Read, Santucci, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Voas.

NAYS - 9: Representatives Chippendale, Fascia, Nardone, Newberry, Paplauskas, Place, Quattrocchi, Roberts, Sanchez.

RECUSED - 0:

The remainder of the bill is read and passed, on a roll call vote, 66 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 66: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

The Act prevails.

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.

Chairman Solomon moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hull, Kazarian, Kislak, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Morales, O'Brien, Potter, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Speakman, Spears, Stewart.

Chairman Solomon 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 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 66: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

5. 2025-H 5841

BY Stewart

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

Committee on Education recommends passage.

Chairman McNamara moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Abney, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hull, Kazarian, Kislak, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Morales, O'Brien, Potter, Read, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Voas.

Chairman McNamara discusses the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 65 members voting in the affirmative and 1 member voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 65: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales,

Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Phillips, Place, Potter, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Voas.

NAYS - 1: Representative Quattrocchi.

RECUSED - 0:

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.

Chairman McNamara moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Cotter, Biah, Read, Phillips, Shallcross Smith, Fogarty, Bennett, Edwards, Casey, Voas, Casimiro, Roberts, Deputy Majority Whip Ackerman, Majority Whip Kazarian and Deputy Speaker Hull.

Chairman McNamara 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 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 66: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

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.

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

Chairman Craven discusses the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 65 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 65: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, Paplauskas, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

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.

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

Chairman Craven discusses the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 63 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 63: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Marszalkowski, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, Paplauskas, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

9. 2025-H 6306

BY McNamara

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Special Legislation recommends passage.

Chairwoman Alzate moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski.

Chairwoman Alzate discusses the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 65 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 65: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, Paplauskas, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

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.

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

Chairman Casey discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 65 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

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

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

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.

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

Chairman Casey discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 65 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

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

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

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.

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

Chairman Casey discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 65 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 65: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales,

Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

PROXY VOTES

Majority Leader Blazejewski announces, pursuant to Rule 33(e), authorizing Proxy Votes, he has received a request from Speaker Pro Tempore Kennedy to be recorded in the affirmative for items #1 through #12.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

GUESTS

Chairwoman Diaz is honored to welcome an inspiring young woman, Ambar Maria Oliveira. She embodies resilience, leadership, and a bright future for the community. Ambar is a registered nurse who works in the Intensive Care Unit. She is the first in her family to earn a bachelor's degree. Beyond her role in healthcare, she is the founder of Students and Stethoscopes. She proudly holds the title of Miss Broad Street and represents Rhode Island's Hispanic community in the Miss Rhode Island USA pageant. Joining her today are her mother, Rosemary Gomez, her boyfriend, Jiddu Guart, and Claudia Alvarez, who are here to celebrate her accomplishments. Speaker Shekarchi congratulates Ambar and welcomes them all to the House.

Representative Carson welcomes her intern, Amelia Katula, a senior at the University of Rhode Island, who will work with Representative Carson on her study commission throughout the summer.

Representative Sanches warmly welcomes Jennifer Santos, owner of Santos Resume Services, along with Denielle Mungal, owner of DDM Painting, Ruben Garcia, Angela Garcia, and Wendy Johnson. Each of them is a member of different entrepreneurship circles that contribute to their communities. Speaker Shekarchi congratulates them and welcomes them to the House.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman McNamara and Speaker Shekarchi extend their deepest condolences to Joy and her entire family on the passing of her beloved father, Paul J. Fox, Jr. Their thoughts are with the Fox family during this challenging time.

Chairman McNamara invites all members to the Gaspee Day Arts and Crafts Festival on Saturday, May 24, 2025, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Chairman Solomon announces that the Committee on Corporations will meet today, at the rise of the House, in Room 101 of the State House.

NOW PRESIDING

At 5:00 o'clock P.M., the Honorable Speaker Shekarchi yields the rostrum to the Honorable Deputy Speaker Hull.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Cotter invites all members to attend the Exter Memorial Day Parade this weekend.

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

Majority Leader Blazejewski announces that the next House session will be held on Tuesday, May 27, 2025, and Thursday, May 29, 2025. Members are asked to review the legislative website late tomorrow afternoon for next week's committee hearing schedule.

Majority Leader Blazejewski urges all members to reflect on the ultimate sacrifices made by military personnel as we commemorate Memorial Day on Monday.

IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION**House Resolution No. 6355**

BY Giraldo, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Voas, Stewart, Alzate, Potter, Cruz, Kislak
ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MAY 22, 2025, AS "RHODE ISLAND COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER DAY" {LC2509/1}

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. 6356

BY Giraldo, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Voas, Stewart, Alzate, Potter, Cruz, Kislak, Edwards
ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER AS SUBSTANCE USE RECOVERY AWARENESS MONTH IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND CALLING FOR THE END OF STIGMA AND EMPOWERING RECOVERY THROUGH LANGUAGE IN RHODE ISLAND {LC2623/1}

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. 6357

BY Ackerman, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Kislak, Knight, McNamara, Finkelman, Boylan, Corvese, Solomon

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF TEMPLE EMANU-EL {LC2794/1}

With the agreement of the majority and the minority, Deputy Majority Whip Ackerman requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Deputy Majority Whip Ackerman discusses the resolution.

Read and passed, on a motion of Deputy Majority Whip Ackerman, seconded by many others, by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

House Resolution No. 6358

BY Shekarchi, Blazejewski, McNamara, Chippendale, Paplauskas, Ackerman, Ajello, Fogarty, Fellela, Shallcross Smith

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND CONGRATULATING THE MEMBERS AND COACH OF THE WHEELER SCHOOL TEAM ON THEIR 1ST PLACE VICTORY AT THE 42ND RHODE ISLAND ACADEMIC DECATHLON {LC2929/1}

With the agreement of the majority and the minority, on behalf of Speaker Shekarch and the entire House of Representatives, Chairman McNamara requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Chairman McNamara discusses the resolution.

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

House Resolution No. 6359

BY Blazejewski, Chippendale

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES {LC2946/1}

Majority Leader Blazejewski requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Majority Leader Blazejewski, seconded by Minority Leader Chippendale, by unanimous consent, on a rising vote.

House Resolution No. 6360

BY Blazejewski, Chippendale

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING CONGRATULATIONS {LC2947/1}

Majority Leader Blazejewski requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Majority Leader Blazejewski, seconded by Minority Leader Chippendale, by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

RULE 7D

The following bills were received pursuant to Rule 7D:

Representative Carson -A House Resolution relating to Strongly Reproving the United States Coast Guard's Plan to Remove 38 Buoys From Rhode Island Waters

Representative Casey -An Act relating to Consumer Protection

Representative Corvese -An Act relating to Taxation

Representative Cotter-An Act relating to Human Services and Medical Assistance
An Act relating to Taxation

Representative Donovan-An Act relating to State Affairs and Government- Office of the HealthCare Advocate

Representative Kislak -Act relating to Insurance Accident and Sickness Insurance Policies

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. 317

BY Ciccone

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- FEES (Increases the maximum fees payable to sheriffs, sergeants, and constables for the service of writs, citations, or subpoenas, from \$45.00 to \$70.00.) {LC1519/1}

05/23/2025 Referred to House Judiciary

Senate Bill No. 356

BY LaMountain, McKenney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FIDUCIARIES -- APPLICATION OF LAWS TO TRUSTS (Provides that a communication between an attorney and client acting as a trustee or other fiduciary, is privileged and protected from disclosure to the same extent as if the client was acting in his, her, or its individual capacity.) {LC1328/1}

05/23/2025 Referred to House Judiciary

Senate Bill No. 514 SUB A

BY Burke, Ciccone, Tikoian, McKenney, Pearson, Appollonio

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- RETIREMENT SYSTEM--ADMINISTRATION (Requires the state retirement board to publish online all archived video or audio recordings and all future recordings of meetings of the board.) {LC2097/A/1}

05/23/2025 Referred to House State Government & Elections

Senate Bill No. 532 SUB A

BY Felag, DiPalma, Lauria, Raptakis, Tikoian, Sosnowski, Euer

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- SIZE, WEIGHT, AND LOAD LIMITS (Allows boats and marine assets to utilize the overweight oversize annual blanket permit that was in effect until 2022, and for the resumption of the prior practice of permitting for boats and marine asset transportation.) {LC1639/A/1}

05/23/2025 Referred to House State Government & Elections

Senate Bill No. 568

BY Tikoian, LaMountain, Ciccone, Burke, Felag, Dimitri, Rogers, Thompson, Gu, Raptakis

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- SCHOOL BUS SAFETY ENFORCEMENT (Requires that all new school buses be equipped with live digital video school bus violation detection monitoring systems as of July 1, 2027. All buses, new and used, must have the monitoring systems installed by July 1, 2032.) {LC1744/1}

05/23/2025 Referred to House Education

Senate Bill No. 730

(General Treasurer)

BY LaMountain, Tikoian, Felag, Murray, Lawson**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.) {LC1699/1}

05/23/2025 Referred to House Judiciary

Senate Bill No. 731

(General Treasurer)

BY LaMountain, Tikoian, Felag, Murray, Lawson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (Prohibits the state from seeking reimbursement for expenditures made on behalf of disabled Rhode Islanders from an ABLE account after death of the designated beneficiary.) {LC1693/1}

05/23/2025 Referred to House Finance

Senate Bill No. 926**BY** LaMountain**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- THE GOOD SAMARITAN OVERDOSE PREVENTION ACT OF 2016 (Extends the immunity from alcohol- or drug-related offenses in cases of emergency overdose care to violations of bail conditions.) {LC2617/1}

05/23/2025 Referred to House Judiciary

Senate Bill No. 952

(Attorney General)

BY Tikoian, McKenney, Burke, Appollonio, Patalano, Dimitri, Urso, Quezada, Rogers, de la Cruz**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.) {LC2202/1}

05/23/2025 Referred to House Judiciary

NEW BUSINESS**House Bill No. 6361**

(by request)

BY Kislak**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- REGULATORY POWERS OF ADMINISTRATION (Requires a natural gas and electric utility company to read the meters of all ratepayers on a quarterly basis. The utility would be required to provide a formula, used to create estimated bills, to the PUC in order to send estimated bills.) {LC2951/1}

05/23/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 6362

(Little Compton Town Council)

BY McGaw**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Permits the town of Little Compton a one-year levy cap for fiscal year 2026 not to exceed twelve percent (12%).) {LC2970/1}

05/23/2025 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 6363

(Tiverton)

BY Edwards, McGaw**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Allows the town of Cumberland to apply different tax rates to all classes of property.) {LC2969/1}

05/23/2025 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 6364**BY** Shanley, Caldwell**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- COLLECTION OF TAXES GENERALLY (Permit the town of East Greenwich to deny issuance or renewal of licenses or permits for properties on which the taxes and/or assessments are in arrears.) {LC2943/1}

05/23/2025 Introduced, 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. 5565 SUB A**BY** Kennedy, Edwards, Diaz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- THE RHODE ISLAND KRATOM ACT (Authorizes and regulates the distribution of the product known as "kratom.") {LC1746/A/1}

05/23/2025 Placed on House Calendar (05/27/2025)

House Bill No. 5110**BY** McGaw, Ajello, Shallcross Smith, Kislak, McNamara, Tanzi, Speakman, Boylan, Stewart, Cotter**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- FUNERAL DIRECTOR/EMBALMER AND FUNERAL SERVICE ESTABLISHMENTS (Provides for the operation and duties of natural organic reduction for the contained, accelerated conversion of human remains to soil. Disposition facilities would be used for either cremation or natural organic reduction.) {LC420/1}

05/23/2025 Placed on House Calendar (05/29/2025)

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}

05/23/2025 Placed on House Calendar (05/27/2025)

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

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

House Bill No. 5603**BY** O'Brien**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CERTIFICATION OF TEACHERS

(Allows emergency preliminary certificates for teaching to be issued for up to a total of five (5) school years.) {LC2107/1}

05/23/2025 Placed on House Calendar (05/29/2025)

House Bill No. 5961 SUB A**BY** Serpa, McNamara, Shallcross Smith, Hull, Azzinaro, Donovan, Corvese, Baginski, Lima, Costantino**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- HEALTH AND EDUCATIONAL BUILDING CORPORATION (Updates the statutory terminology by replacing the phrase

"institutions of higher learning" with that of "educational institutions", and would redefine child daycare centers as educational institutions.) {LC1314/A/1}

05/23/2025 Placed on House Calendar (05/29/2025)

House Resolution No. 6156 SUB A**BY** Casimiro, Noret**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY EDUCATIONAL OUTCOMES FOR CHILDREN IN STATE CARE {LC2596/A/2}

05/23/2025 Placed on House Calendar (05/29/2025)

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Chairman Abney, for the Committee on Finance, reports back the following measures, with recommendation of passage:

House Bill No. 6077**BY** Giraldo, Voas, Alzate, Stewart**ENTITLED**, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF CENTRAL FALLS TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, IMPROVEMENT, ALTERATION, REPAIR, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL FACILITIES IN THE CITY BY THE

ISSUANCE OF NOT MORE THAN \$15,000,000 BONDS, NOTES AND/OR OTHER

EVIDENCES OF INDEBTEDNESS THEREFOR (Authorizes the City of Central Falls to issue bonds and notes in an amount not exceeding \$15,000,000 to finance the construction, renovation,

improvement, alteration, repair furnishing and equipping of schools and school facilities in the city.) {LC2245/1}

05/23/2025 Placed on House Calendar (05/27/2025)

House Bill No. 6099

BY Spears

ENTITLED, AN ACT IN ACCORDANCE WITH RHODE ISLAND GENERAL LAWS SECTION 16-7-44 APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF \$10,400,000 BONDS BY THE TOWN OF NEW SHOREHAM TO FINANCE ADDITIONS, RENOVATIONS, IMPROVEMENTS, ALTERATIONS AND REPAIRS TO SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL FACILITIES IN THE TOWN INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, BONDS AND NOTES ISSUED PURSUANT TO FINANCING AGREEMENTS WITH THE RHODE ISLAND HEALTH AND EDUCATIONAL BUILDING CORPORATION (Serves as the enabling act required by Rhode Island General Laws§ 16-7-44 in order for the principal and interest on bonds issued in support of school housing projects to be eligible for state housing aid reimbursement.) {LC2445/1}

05/23/2025 Placed on House Calendar (05/27/2025)

House Bill No. 6129

BY Noret, Serpa, Read

ENTITLED, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF WEST WARWICK TO ISSUE NOT TO EXCEED \$71,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND NOTES TO FINANCE THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, IMPROVEMENT, RENOVATION, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL FACILITIES THROUGHOUT THE TOWN AND ALL ATTENDANT EXPENSES INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, DEMOLITION, ENGINEERING, ARCHITECTURAL AND LANDSCAPING COSTS (Authorizes the town of West Warwick to issue not more than \$71,000,000 bonds and notes to finance the acquisition, construction, improvement, renovation, furnishing and equipping of schools and school facilities.) {LC2581/1}

05/23/2025 Placed on House Calendar (05/27/2025)

House Bill No. 6299

BY McNamara, Shekarchi, Bennett, Shanley, Read, Hopkins

ENTITLED, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF WARWICK TO ISSUE NOT TO EXCEED \$50,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, NOTES AND OTHER EVIDENCES OF INDEBTEDNESS TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, IMPROVEMENT, ALTERATION, REPAIR, LANDSCAPING, DEMOLITION, ARCHITECTURAL COSTS, ENGINEERING, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF (I) TWO NEW HIGH SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL FACILITIES TO REPLACE PILGRIM HIGH SCHOOL AND TOLLGATE HIGH SCHOOL AND ON-SITE ATHLETIC FIELDS, AND (II) RECREATION AND ATHLETIC FACILITIES THROUGHOUT THE CITY (Authorizes the city of Warwick to issue not more than \$50,000,000 general obligation bonds, notes and other evidences of indebtedness to finance two new high schools and school facilities.) {LC2810/1}

05/23/2025 Placed on House Calendar (05/27/2025)

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Chairwoman Donovan, for the Committee on Health, and Human Services, reports back the following measures, with recommendation of passage:

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}
05/23/2025 Placed on House Calendar (05/29/2025)

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}
05/23/2025 Placed on House Calendar (05/29/2025)

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

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

House Bill No. 5365

BY Craven, Caldwell, McEntee
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FIDUCIARIES -- APPLICATION OF LAWS TO TRUSTS (Provides that a communication between an attorney and client acting as a trustee or other fiduciary, is privileged and protected from disclosure to the same extent as if the client was acting in his, her, or its individual capacity.) {LC1312/1}
05/23/2025 Placed on House Calendar (05/27/2025)

House Bill No. 5893

(Judiciary)
BY McEntee, Caldwell, Dawson, Fogarty, Ajello, Bennett, Alzate
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- SEXUAL ASSAULT (Requires the electronic filing of domestic violence/sexual assault forms by law enforcement agencies, and enhances the information to be included on the reporting forms.) {LC1482/1}
05/23/2025 Placed on House Calendar (05/29/2025)

House Bill No. 6286

BY Knight, Boylan, McGaw, Read
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- COURTS -- DOMESTIC ASSAULT (Provides that law enforcement officers who appears before the court for prosecution of a violation of a protective order shall self-certify that the officer has successfully

completed a specialized domestic violence prosecution training course.) {LC2809/1}
05/23/2025 Placed on House Calendar (05/29/2025)

COMMITTEE ON LABOR

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

House Bill No. 5684

BY Giraldo, Alzate, Potter, Morales, Diaz, Biah, Felix, Tanzi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (Requires the department of administration to provide a list of certified minority and women-owned business enterprises to each prospective contractor of a construction project.) {LC1248/1}

05/23/2025 Placed on House Calendar (05/29/2025)

House Bill No. 5946 SUB A

BY Casey, Corvese, Casimiro, Finkelman, Read, Messier, O'Brien, Solomon, Potter, Edwards

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- STATE BUILDING CODE (Prohibits the restriction of access in and out of a construction site by using locked gates or fences while work is ongoing.) {LC1898/A/1}

05/23/2025 Placed on House Calendar (05/29/2025)

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. 6162

(Providence)

BY Kislak, Slater, Ajello, Biah

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Permit the City of Providence a one-year levy cap for fiscal year 2026 not to exceed eight percent (8%).) {LC2647/1}

05/23/2025 Placed on House Calendar (05/27/2025)

House Bill No. 6232

BY Messier, Serpa, Furtado, Cruz, Fellela

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Amends Pawtucket property tax classification system.) {LC2719/1}

05/23/2025 Placed on House Calendar (05/27/2025)

House Bill No. 6272

BY Casimiro, Diaz, Slater, Batista, Lombardi, Costantino, Hull, Casey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Exempts from taxation the real and tangible personal property of Amos House, provided it remains a qualified tax-exempt corporation pursuant to §501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.) {LC2777/1}

05/23/2025 Placed on House Calendar (05/27/2025)

House Bill No. 6298**BY** McNamara, Shekarchi, Shanley, Read, Hopkins**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO AUTHORIZING THE AMENDMENT OF THE WARWICK CITY CHARTER TO ALLOW FOR ELECTRONIC NOTICE OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETINGS, RAISING THE SMALL PROCUREMENT DOLLAR THRESHOLD BY ORDINANCE, AND ESTABLISHING MINORITY REPRESENTATION APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS VIA ORDINANCE (Proposes amendments to the Warwick City Charter.) {LC2803/1}

05/23/2025 Placed on House Calendar (05/27/2025)

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}

05/23/2025 Placed on House Calendar (05/27/2025)

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}

05/23/2025 Placed on House Calendar (05/27/2025)

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:

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}

05/20/2025 Committee recommends passage of Sub A in concurrence

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}

05/23/2025 Placed on House Calendar (05/29/2025)

House Bill No. 5715 SUB A**BY** Serpa, Fellela**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- RETIREMENT SYSTEM--ADMINISTRATION (Requires the state retirement board to publish online all archived video or audio recordings and all future recordings of meetings of the board.) {LC2096/A/1}

05/23/2025 Placed on House Calendar (05/29/2025)

House Bill No. 5882 SUB A**BY** Cortvriend, Solomon, Donovan, McGaw, Knight, Corvese, Spears, Fogarty, Finkelman, Morales**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- OPERATORS' AND CHAUFFEURS' LICENSES (Reduces the course time required to become a school bus driver for applicants who have a valid commercial driver's license.) {LC922/A/1}

05/23/2025 Placed on House Calendar (05/29/2025)

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:08 o'clock P.M. on motion of Representative McNamara, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Paul J.Fox Jr.; on motion of Representative Finkelman, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Yaron Lischinsky and Sarah Lynn Milgrim; seconded by Leaders Blazejewski and Chippendale the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

Diane M. DePina
Recording Clerk

APPENDIX**INVOCATION GRACE DIAZ****REPRESENTATIVE**

Holy God: We ask that you give us the insight and patience to best solve the challenges we face as a state and a nation. Let us always respect and appreciate the differing points of view that our colleagues may have. Amen.

APPENDIX

TRANSMITTED TO GOVERNOR

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}

05/22/2025 Transmitted to Governor

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}

05/22/2025 Transmitted to Governor

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}

05/22/2025 Transmitted to Governor

APPENDIX**CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MAY 27, 2025:****1. 2025-H 6315****BY** Finkelman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- INVESTMENTS BY DOMESTIC INSURANCE COMPANIES

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

2. 2025-H 6162**BY** Kislak**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

3. 2025-H 5365**BY** Craven**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FIDUCIARIES -- APPLICATION OF LAWS TO TRUSTS

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

4. 2025-H 6077**BY** Giraldo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF CENTRAL FALLS TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, IMPROVEMENT, ALTERATION, REPAIR, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL FACILITIES IN THE CITY BY THE ISSUANCE OF NOT MORE THAN \$15,000,000 BONDS, NOTES AND/OR OTHER EVIDENCES OF INDEBTEDNESS THEREFOR

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

5. 2025-H 6099**BY** Spears

ENTITLED, AN ACT IN ACCORDANCE WITH RHODE ISLAND GENERAL LAWS SECTION 16-7-44 APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF \$10,400,000 BONDS BY THE TOWN OF NEW SHOREHAM TO FINANCE ADDITIONS, RENOVATIONS, IMPROVEMENTS, ALTERATIONS AND REPAIRS TO SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL FACILITIES IN THE TOWN INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, BONDS AND NOTES ISSUED PURSUANT TO FINANCING AGREEMENTS WITH THE RHODE ISLAND HEALTH AND EDUCATIONAL BUILDING CORPORATION

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

6. 2025-H 6129**BY** Noret

ENTITLED, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF WEST WARWICK TO ISSUE NOT TO EXCEED \$71,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND NOTES TO FINANCE THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, IMPROVEMENT, RENOVATION, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL FACILITIES THROUGHOUT THE TOWN AND ALL ATTENDANT EXPENSES INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, DEMOLITION, ENGINEERING, ARCHITECTURAL AND LANDSCAPING COSTS

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

7. 2025-H 6299**BY** McNamara

ENTITLED, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF WARWICK TO ISSUE NOT TO EXCEED \$50,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, NOTES AND OTHER EVIDENCES OF INDEBTEDNESS TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, IMPROVEMENT, ALTERATION, REPAIR, LANDSCAPING, DEMOLITION, ARCHITECTURAL COSTS, ENGINEERING, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF (I) TWO NEW HIGH SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL FACILITIES TO REPLACE PILGRIM HIGH SCHOOL AND TOLLGATE HIGH SCHOOL AND ON-SITE ATHLETIC FIELDS, AND (II) RECREATION AND ATHLETIC FACILITIES THROUGHOUT THE CITY

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

8. 2025-H 6298**BY** McNamara

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO AUTHORIZING THE AMENDMENT OF THE WARWICK CITY CHARTER TO ALLOW FOR ELECTRONIC NOTICE OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETINGS, RAISING THE SMALL PROCUREMENT DOLLAR THRESHOLD BY ORDINANCE, AND ESTABLISHING MINORITY REPRESENTATION APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS VIA ORDINANCE

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

9. **2025-H 6320**
 BY McNamara
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF
 LOCAL TAXES

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

10. **2025-H 6232**
 BY Messier
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF
 LOCAL TAXES

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

11. **2025-H 6322**
 BY Speakman
 ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION AMENDING THE MEMBERSHIP AND
 EXTENDING THE REPORTING AND EXPIRATION DATES OF THE SPECIAL
 LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY HOUSING AFFORDABILITY

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

12. **2025-H 6272**
 BY Casimiro
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO
 TAXATION

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MAY 29, 2025:

1. **2025-H 6286**
 BY Knight
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- COURTS -
 - DOMESTIC ASSAULT

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

2. **2025-H 5893**
 BY McEntee
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- SEXUAL ASSAULT

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

3. 2025-H 5946 SUB A**BY Casey****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- STATE BUILDING CODE**

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

4. 2025-H 5684**BY Giraldo****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE**

Committee on Labor recommends passage.

5. 2025-H 5715 SUB A**BY Serpa****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- RETIREMENT SYSTEM--ADMINISTRATION**

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

6. 2025-H 6156 SUB A**BY Casimiro****ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY EDUCATIONAL OUTCOMES FOR CHILDREN IN STATE CARE**

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

7. 2025-H 5603**BY O'Brien****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CERTIFICATION OF TEACHERS**

Committee on Education recommends passage.

8. 2025-H 5882 SUB A**BY Cortvriend****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- OPERATORS' AND CHAUFFEURS' LICENSES**

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

9. 2025-H 5961 SUB A**BY** Serpa**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- HEALTH AND EDUCATIONAL BUILDING CORPORATION

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

10. 2025-H 5565 SUB A**BY** Kennedy**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- THE RHODE ISLAND KRATOM ACT

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

11. 2025-H 5110**BY** McGaw**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- FUNERAL DIRECTOR/EMBALMER AND FUNERAL SERVICE ESTABLISHMENTS

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

12. 2025-S 462 SUB A**BY** Murray**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- HARM REDUCTION CENTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND PILOT PROGRAM

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A in concurrence.

13. 2025-S 475 SUB A**BY** Dimitri**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS REQUIRED AT PUBLIC PLACES AND HEALTHCARE FACILITIES -- DAVID CASEY ACT

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A in concurrence.

14. 2025-S 343 SUB A**BY** Tikoian**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- THE GOOD SAMARITAN OVERDOSE PREVENTION ACT OF 2016

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

15. 2025-S 624

BY DiPalma

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES --
OPERATORS' AND CHAUFFEURS' LICENSES**

Committee on State Government & Elections recommends passage in concurrence.

Francis McCabe

Clerk of the House

Friday, May 23, 2025