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Thirty-Eighth Day

The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence on Thursday, May 29, 2025, and is called to order at 4:10 o'clock P.M. by the Honorable K. Joseph Shekarchi, Speaker.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 68 members present and 7 members absent as follows:

PRESENT – 68: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, and Voas.

ABSENT – 7: Representatives Batista, Casey, Casimiro, Costantino, Lima, Quattrocchi, and Shallcross Smith.

INVOCATION

The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi presents Representative Sherry Roberts, 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 27, 2025, is approved.

COMMUNICATIONS

Representative Julie A. Casimiro is unable to attend session today, Thursday, May 29, 2025.
Representative Stephen M. Casey is unable to attend session today, Thursday, May 29, 2025.
Representative José F. Batista is unable to attend session today, Thursday, May 29, 2025.
Representative Mary Ann Shallcross Smith is unable to attend session today, Thursday, May 29, 2025.

GUESTS

With profound admiration, Chairwoman Diaz welcomes a distinguished guest and trailblazer in Rhode Island's journalism and cultural community, Marta Martínez, who is accompanied by her son, Jose Youngs, and his girlfriend, Julia Chuggerman, who are here to celebrate this outstanding achievement in the House Chamber.

The Rhode Island Press Association recently and rightfully inducted Marta into the Rhode Island Journalism Hall of Fame. This tremendous honor recognizes her lifelong visionary leadership, dedication to storytelling, and lasting contributions to our state that amplify voices and preserve the stories of Rhode Island's Latinx community.

A native of El Paso, Texas, and a proud Providence College and George Washington University graduate, Marta has spent decades in public service, journalism, and cultural preservation. Her work is rooted in community and history, serving as the first director of the Hispanic Social Services Association, which became the Center for Hispanic Policy and Advocacy under her leadership. In 1988, she founded the Hispanic Heritage Committee, which evolved into Rhode Island Latino Arts, a vital organization she continues to lead as Executive Director.

In 1991, she established Nuestras Raíces: The Latino Oral History Project of Rhode Island, capturing the untold stories of Latinx Rhode Islanders. That work culminated in the publication of her book, *Latino History in Rhode Island*, preserving these narratives for generations to come.

Marta has twice been named a "Person to Watch" by The Providence Journal, served as artist-in-residence at Trinity Repertory Company, and received an honorary degree from her alma mater, Providence College.

CALENDAR

From the Calendar are taken:

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.

Chairman Craven moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives McEntee, Corvese and Bennett.

Chairman Craven and Representative Cruz discuss the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 60 members voting in the affirmative and 7 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 60: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Edwards, Fascia, Fellela, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Voas.

NAYS - 7: Representatives Baginski, Cruz, Felix, Finkelman, Newberry, Noret, Tanzi.

RECUSED - 0:

2. 2025-H 5893

BY McEntee

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- SEXUAL ASSAULT

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Chairman Craven moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives McEntee, Morales, Cortvriend, Fogarty, Tanzi, Caldwell, Spears, Carson, Fascia, Roberts, Deputy Majority Whip Ackerman and Deputy Speaker Hull.

Chairman Craven and Deputy Speaker Hull discuss the act.

Read and passed, 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, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

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.

Chairman Corvese moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski and Representative Fellela.

Chairman Corvese and Representative Carson discuss the act.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, 67 members voting in the affirmative and 1 member voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 67: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 1: Representative Felix.

RECUSED - 0:

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

Committee on Labor recommends passage.

Chairman Corvese moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Giraldo, Speakman, McEntee, Donovan, Morales, Fogarty, Ajello, Alzate, Tanzi, Potter and Cruz.

Chairman Corvese discusses the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 67 members voting in the affirmative and 1 member voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 67: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan,

Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 1: Representative Nardone.

RECUSED - 0:

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.

Chairman Shanley moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Solomon, Cruz, Fellela, Biah, Ajello, Potter, and Deputy Majority Whip Ackerman. Chairman Shanley and Chairman Solomon discuss the act.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, 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, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

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.

Chairman McNamara moves passage of the resolution, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski.

Chairman McNamara discusses the resolution.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, 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, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

7. 2025-H 5603

BY O'Brien

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

Committee on Education recommends passage.

Chairman McNamara moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Biah, Donovan, Cortvriend, Marszalkowski, McEntee, DeSimone, Corvese, Fellela, , Kislak, Slater, Bennett, Potter, Cruz, Solomon, Giraldo, Diaz and Deputy Majority Whip Ackerman.

Chairman McNamara discusses the act.

Read and passed, 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, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

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.

Chairman Shanley moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Cortvriend, Ajello and Donovan.

Chairman Shanley discusses the act.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, 68 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 68: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

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.

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

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 2 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 66: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hopkins, Hull,

Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Potter, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 2: Representatives Newberry, Place.

RECUSED - 0:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Edwards and Speaker Shakarchi welcome Speaker Pro Tempore Brian Patrick Kennedy back to the House after his medical leave of absence.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

CALENDAR

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.

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

Chairman Solomon, Representatives McGaw, Paplauskas, Hopkins, Speaker Pro Tempore Kennedy and Representative Brien discuss the act.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, 40 members voting in the affirmative and 24 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 40: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Cortvriend, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Knight, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McNamara, Messier, O'Brien, Place, Potter, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Voas.

NAYS - 24: Representatives Ajello, Biah, Brien, Chippendale, Corvese, Cotter, Fascia, Felix, Hopkins, Lombardi, McGaw, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Tanzi.

RECUSED - 0:

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.

Chairman Solomon moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Ajello, Blazejewski, Boylan, Carson, Cortvriend, Cotter, Craven, Felix, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Hopkins, Kazarian, Kislak, McGaw, Morales, Potter, Speakman and Tanzi.

Chairman Solomon and Chairman Corvese discuss the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 53 members voting in the affirmative and 13 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 53: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Baginski, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Donovan, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kislak, Knight, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Place, Potter, Read, Sanchez, Serpa, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 13: Representatives Azzinaro, Brien, Corvese, Edwards, Fascia, Kennedy, Newberry, Noret, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Roberts, Santucci.

RECUSED - 0:

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.

Chairwoman Donovan moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski and Representative Cruz.

Chairwoman Donovan discusses the act.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, in concurrence, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, 51 members voting in the affirmative and 16 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 51: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Cortvriend, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fogarty, Furtado,

Giraldo, Handy, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Newberry, Place, Potter, Sanchez, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 16: Representatives Brien, Chippendale, Corvese, Fascia, Finkelman, Hopkins, Nardone, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Read, Roberts, Santucci, Serpa.

RECUSED - 0:

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.

Chairwoman Donovan moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Serpa, Fellela, Bennett, Azzinaro, Corvese and Deputy Majority Whip Ackerman. Chairwoman Donovan discusses the act.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, in concurrence 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, Baginski, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Handy, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

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.

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

Chairman Shanley discusses the act.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, in concurrence and the original bill indefinitely postponed, 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, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

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.

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

Chairman Shanley discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, 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, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 Brien wishes Representative Robert D. Phillips a Happy Birthday!

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

Vice-Chair Phillips announces that the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources will meet today, at the rise of the House, in Room 101 of the State House.

Representative O'Brien and Speaker Shekarchi wish his fiancée, Jacqueline Celeste, and Representative Scott Slater a Happy Birthday!

Majority Leader Blazejewski announces that the House of Representatives will convene on Tuesday, June 3, 2025, and Thursday, June 5, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. In addition, some committees are expected to meet on Wednesday, June 4th.

All members are asked to monitor Speaker Shekarchi's Newsletter, which will be distributed tomorrow, and the official committee postings for the most up-to-date information regarding committee schedules and any changes.

Majority Leader Blazejewski wishes Representative Robert D. Phillips a Happy Birthday!

Speaker Shekarchi reminds all members to look for the weekly newsletter, which will be delivered to their email inboxes tomorrow. The newsletter will include important information regarding the upcoming month, as well as details related to the conclusion of the legislative session. Members are encouraged to review it carefully and stay informed as we approach the final weeks of the session.

Speaker Shekarchi extends a heartfelt Happy Birthday to his Chief Legal Counsel, Nicole McCarty, and expresses his deepest gratitude for her dedication, integrity, and tireless work on behalf of the House of Representatives. Her contributions play a vital role in supporting the work of the House and serving the people of Rhode Island.

IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION**House Resolution No. 6374**

BY Shanley, Bennett, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Solomon, Chippendale, Hopkins, McNamara, Read

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE EAST GREENWICH/TOLL GATE CO-OP BOYS ICE HOCKEY TEAM ON WINNING THE 2024-2025 DIVISION II ICE HOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIP {LC2797/1}

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

There is no objection.

Chairman Shanley discusses the resolution.

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

House Resolution No. 6375

BY Alzate, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Kennedy, Ajello, Diaz, Tanzi, Cortvriend, Fellela
ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MAY 30, 2025, AS "WORLD MS DAY"
IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC2987/1}

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

There is no objection.

Chairwoman Alzate discusses the resolution.

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

House Resolution No. 6376

BY Blazejewski, Chippendale

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING CONGRATULATIONS {LC2984/1}

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.

House Resolution No. 6377

BY Blazejewski, Chippendale

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES {LC2983/1}

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.

RULE 7D

The following bills were received pursuant to Rule 7D:

Representative Blazejewski -An Act relating to Statutes and Statutory Construction

Representative Dawson -An Act relating to Health and Safety- Department of Health

Representative DeSimone -Act relating to Alcoholic Beverages– Retail Licenses

Representative Fogarty -An Act relating to Taxation

Representative Furtado -An Act relating to Animals and Animal Husbandry– Animal Care

Representative Shanley -An Act relating to Motor and Other Vehicles– Registration of Vehicles

Representative Slater -An Act relating to State Affairs and Government– State Lottery

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 measure:

Senate Bill No. 979

BY Kallman, Urso, Acosta

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Amends Pawtucket property tax classification system.) {LC2737/1}

05/30/2025 Placed on House Calendar (06/03/2025)

**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. 5156 SUB A

BY Serpa, Corvese, Ackerman, Read, Phillips, Fellela

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- CONDOMINIUM LAW (Provides that the "meetings" requirements from § 34-36.1-3.08 be applicable to condominiums created before July 1, 1982, and would permit remote participation in condominium meetings.) {LC637/A/2}

05/30/2025 Placed on House Calendar (06/05/2025)

House Bill No. 5160

BY Solomon, Casey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- PRODUCER LICENSING ACT (Clarifies what a contract modification is, namely any change in producer compensation.) {LC787/1}

05/30/2025 Placed on House Calendar (06/03/2025)

House Bill No. 5235 SUB A

BY Shallcross Smith, Handy, Furtado, Read, Speakman, Noret, Casimiro, Finkelman, Baginski, Corvese

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- INTEREST AND USURY (Provides an interest rate cap on medical debt.) {LC986/A/1}

05/30/2025 Placed on House Calendar (06/03/2025)

House Bill No. 5247 SUB A

BY Potter, Ajello, Diaz, Furtado, Handy, Fogarty, Kislak, Giraldo, Voas, Kazarian

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICES (Provides that advertising goods that don't include a price referencing all mandatory fees and charges shall be a deceptive trade practice.) {LC1095/A/1}

05/30/2025 Placed on House Calendar (06/03/2025)

House Bill No. 5561

BY Corvese

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE AND DISCIPLINE (Prohibits healthcare providers and health plans from denying the payment of a medical bill, solely because the bill may have arisen from a third-party claim.) {LC1604/1}

05/30/2025 Placed on House Calendar (06/03/2025)

House Bill No. 5585

BY Voas, Casey, Casimiro, McEntee, Alzate, Solomon, Finkelman, O'Brien, Kazarian, Serpa
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- CONDOMINIUM LAW (Requires associations to provide unit owners within thirty (30) days notice of any increase in the deductible application to the association's policy.) {LC1471/1}
05/30/2025 Placed on House Calendar (06/05/2025)

House Bill No. 5586

BY Voas, Casey, Casimiro, McEntee, Alzate, Solomon, Finkelman, O'Brien, Kazarian, Serpa
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- CONDOMINIUM LAW (Creates process for condominium associations to give notice to and obtain approval from unit mortgage holders for certain association actions by mailing a written request for approval to the unit mortgagees via regular and certified mail.) {LC1473/1}
05/30/2025 Placed on House Calendar (06/05/2025)

House Bill No. 5587

BY Fellela, Messier
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- CONDOMINIUM LAW (References both the declaration and bylaws of a condominium association as possible sources of association insurance regulation for the condominiums and require additional insurance to protect unit owners, when necessary.) {LC1907/1}
05/30/2025 Placed on House Calendar (06/05/2025)

House Bill No. 5833 SUB A

BY Shallcross Smith, Boylan, Alzate
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- BARBERS, HAIRDRESSERS, COSMETICIANS, MANICURISTS AND ESTHETICIANS (Allows providers of services under this section to visit the houses of individuals with special needs or sensory-related disorders or differences in order to provide haircuts or hairdressing services.) {LC2016/A/1}
05/30/2025 Placed on House Calendar (06/03/2025)

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

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

House Bill No. 5088 SUB A

BY McNamara, Donovan, Ackerman, Casimiro, Bennett, Casey, Noret, Read, Serpa, Corvese
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS (Mandates the use of a soft-shell helmet cover that adds a padded, soft-shell layer to the outside of a traditional football helmet, for students participating in Rhode Island interscholastic league football.) {LC467/A/1}
05/30/2025 Placed on House Calendar (06/03/2025)

House Bill No. 5595 SUB A

BY McGaw, Casimiro, Boylan, Speakman, Donovan, Kislak, DeSimone, Tanzi, Edwards, Fogarty
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- THE GOOD SAMARITAN OVERDOSE PREVENTION ACT OF 2016 (Requires that every institution of higher education

provide training in the administration of opioid antagonists to every staff member on the institution's campus.) {LC1850/A/1}

05/30/2025 Placed on House Calendar (06/03/2025)

House Bill No. 5838

BY Kislak, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Sanchez, Boylan, Furtado, Fogarty, Cortvriend, Alzate, Stewart
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES
(Would provide additional procedural safeguards for English as a second language learners and English language learners during the IEP process.) {LC1574/1}

05/30/2025 Placed on House Calendar (06/03/2025)

House Bill No. 6057

BY Cotter, Casimiro

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO THE EXETER - WEST GREENWICH SCHOOL DISTRICT (Amends chapter 80 of the public laws of 1965 with respect to the composition of the regional district school building committee, apportionment of construction and operating costs and amendments to the agreement.) {LC2395/1}

05/30/2025 Placed on House Calendar (06/03/2025)

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:

Senate Bill No. 241

BY Felag, Sosnowski, DiMario, Lauria, Valverde, Kallman

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- CONSUMER PFAS BAN
ACT OF 2024 (Prohibits a manufacturer from manufacturing, knowingly selling, offering for sale, distributing for sale or distributing for use in the state any firefighting personal protective equipment containing intentionally-added PFAS as of January 1, 2027.) {LC976/1}

05/30/2025 Placed on the House Consent Calendar (06/03/2025)

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

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

House Bill No. 5388

(Dept. of Human Services)

BY Marszalkowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --
DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION (Makes a technical amendment to correctly reference a section of general law that allows for a tax refund deduction for contributions to the Rhode Island organ transplant fund.) {LC1262/1}

05/30/2025 Placed on House Calendar (06/05/2025)

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

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

Senate Bill No. 354

BY Dimitri, Vargas, DiMario, Appollonio, Tikoian, Bissaillon

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.) {LC1187/1} 05/30/2025 Placed on the House Consent Calendar (06/03/2025)

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} 05/30/2025 Placed on the House Consent Calendar (06/03/2025)

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} 05/30/2025 Placed on the House Consent Calendar (06/03/2025)

House Bill No. 5070

BY Corvese, Azzinaro, Solomon, O'Brien, Noret, Finkelman, Read, Kennedy, Hull

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.) {LC301/1} 05/30/2025 Placed on House Calendar (06/03/2025)

House Bill No. 5182 SUB A

BY Shallcross Smith, Craven, Ackerman, Chippendale, Casimiro, Alzate, Diaz

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- MAINTENANCE OF PRIVATE EASEMENTS AND RIGHTS-OF-WAY (Provides that the cost of maintaining and repairing or restoring an easement or right-of-way shall be shared by each owner of a benefited property and their costs shall be determined by and commensurate with the municipal appraisal of each property.) {LC240/A/1} 05/30/2025 Placed on House Calendar (06/05/2025)

House Bill No. 5222

BY Craven, Caldwell, Dawson, Azzinaro, Casey, Casimiro

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO DELINQUENT AND DEPENDENT CHILDREN -- PROCEEDINGS IN FAMILY COURT (Establishes concurrent jurisdiction between the Rhode Island Family Court and the Federal Government for the purposes of adjudicating minors who have

allegedly committed a crime while residing on a military installation located in Rhode Island.)
{LC951/1}
05/30/2025 Placed on House Calendar (06/03/2025)

House Bill No. 5263

BY Fellela, Caldwell, Shallcross Smith, Messier, Kazarian

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS (Amends the heading of § 11-47-60.1 to include the words "Dillon's Law.") {LC1077/1}
05/30/2025 Placed on House Calendar (06/05/2025)

House Bill No. 5436 SUB A

(Governor/Secretary of State/General Treasurer/Attorney General/Lieutenant Governor)

BY Knight, Caldwell, Boylan, Speakman, McEntee, Ajello, Kazarian, Craven, Dawson, Felix

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- RHODE ISLAND ASSAULT WEAPONS BAN ACT OF 2025 (Establishes the Rhode Island Assault Weapons Ban Act of 2025.)
{LC1181/A/2}
06/03/2025 Placed on House Calendar (06/05/2025)

COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL LEGISLATION

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

House Bill No. 5049 SUB A

BY Azzinaro, Fellela, Serpa, Casimiro, Kennedy, Corvese

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES (Removes the requirement that the applicant for a Bronze Star Medal license plate pay a registration fee or transfer charge.) {LC51/A/1}
05/30/2025 Placed on House Calendar (06/03/2025)

House Bill No. 6137

(by request)

BY Noret, Read, Serpa, Chippendale, Roberts, Nardone

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES (Creates a special registration plate for the private passenger motor vehicle for former fire chief of the Hopkins Hill Fire District, Frank M. Brown, Jr.) {LC2604/1}
05/30/2025 Placed on House Calendar (06/03/2025)

COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT AND HOUSING

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

Senate Bill No. 28 SUB A

BY Zurier

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Exempts from property taxation, the real and tangible personal property of the Providence Preservation Society.) {LC293/A/1}

05/30/2025 Placed on House Calendar (06/03/2025)

House Bill No. 5031

BY Diaz, Slater

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES

(Allows for the issuance of Class BV liquor licenses for the properties located at 94 Carpenter Street and 1023 Broad Street, both in the city of Providence.) {LC435/1}

05/30/2025 Placed on House Calendar (06/05/2025)

House Bill No. 5229 SUB A

BY Speakman, Boylan, Giraldo, Tanzi, Cortvriend, Ajello, Potter, McGaw

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING (Authorizes the establishment of a Rhode Island housing champion designation program and makes qualified municipalities eligible to receive preferential access to state resources, including discretionary state infrastructure funds, as available.) {LC300/A/1}

05/30/2025 Placed on House Calendar (06/03/2025)

House Bill No. 5310

BY Speakman, Boylan, Carson, Cotter, Spears, Giraldo, Tanzi, Cortvriend, Donovan, Morales

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE

ISLAND HOUSING AND CONSERVATION TRUST FUND ACT (Restructures the Rhode Island Housing and Conservation Trust Fund, increases its membership to 15 members, 11 of whom are to be from the general public and reallocates the percentage of the funds for housing, conservation and other goals.) {LC604/1}

05/30/2025 Placed on House Calendar (06/03/2025)

House Bill No. 5699

BY Hull, Diaz, DeSimone, Lombardi, Felix, Fogarty

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

(Exempts from taxation the real and tangible personal property of Codac, Inc., a Rhode Island nonprofit domestic corporation, located at 45 Royal Little Drive in Providence, Rhode Island.) {LC1978/1}

05/30/2025 Placed on House Calendar (06/05/2025)

House Bill No. 5947

(Auditor General)

BY Felix, Tanzi, McNamara, Ackerman

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS AND

INSTALLATION OF SYSTEMS (Amends the audit compliance requirements for municipalities' contributions to pension plans under the budget of accounts and installation of systems chapter.) {LC2053/1}

05/30/2025 Placed on House Calendar (06/03/2025)

House Bill No. 6230

BY Lombardi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES

(Allows for the issuance of a Class BV liquor license for the property located at 865 Westminster Street in the city of Providence.) {LC2746/1}

05/30/2025 Placed on House Calendar (06/05/2025)

House Bill No. 6231**BY** Corvese, O'Brien, Hull**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES

(Allows for the issuance of a Class B liquor license for the property located at 1441 Mineral Spring Avenue in the town of North Providence.) {LC2743/1}

05/30/2025 Placed on House Calendar (06/05/2025)

House Bill No. 6321**BY** Kennedy, Cotter**ENTITLED**, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AMENDMENTS TO THE HOME

RULE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF HOPKINTON (Validates and ratifies amendments to the

Home Rule Charter of the town of Hopkinton, which amendments were adopted and approved by the electors of the town of Hopkinton.) {LC2872/1}

05/30/2025 Placed on House Calendar (06/05/2025)

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. 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}

05/30/2025 Placed on the House Consent Calendar (06/03/2025)

Senate Bill No. 953

(Secretary of State)

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

{LC1331/1}

05/30/2025 Placed on House Calendar (06/03/2025)

House Bill No. 5522 SUB A**BY** Corvese, Solomon, Azzinaro, Serpa, DeSimone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES (Requires the rule adopting agency to send a copy of the certified rule to all members of the general assembly, within twenty (20) days of filing a final rule.)

{LC1599/A/1}

05/30/2025 Placed on House Calendar (06/03/2025)

House Bill No. 5723 SUB A**BY** Fogarty, McEntee, Tanzi, Corvese, Shallcross Smith, Cortvriend, Carson, Hull, Handy, Diaz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- STATE-

OWNED AND OPERATED PRINTING FACILITIES PREFERENCE ACT (Requires any state agency that prints more than fifty (50) copies of a contract, publication, brochure, notice, or promotional material to use state-owned or operated print shop capable of processing the material.) {LC2102/A/1}

05/30/2025 Placed on House Calendar (06/03/2025)

House Bill No. 5731 SUB A

BY Fogarty, Carson, Hull, Cortvriend, Diaz, Bennett, Speakman, Caldwell, Alzate, Kazarian
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- OPERATORS' AND CHAUFFEURS' LICENSES (Authorizes driver education schools to offer the driver training curriculum in a classroom setting or an instructor-led virtual format.) {LC1741/A/2}

05/30/2025 Placed on House Calendar (06/03/2025)

House Bill No. 6187

(by request)

BY O'Brien, Dawson, Craven, Noret, Edwards, Slater, Corvese, Solomon, Baginski, Diaz
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- STATE LOTTERY (Reduces the number of times the director of the lottery has to confer with the permanent joint committee on state lottery from nine (9) times per year to four (4) times per year or at the call of the chair and vice chair of the committee.) {LC2665/1}

05/30/2025 Placed on House Calendar (06/03/2025)

House Bill No. 6235 SUB A

BY Serpa

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- COMMITTEES AND STAFF (Requires nonprofit, as a condition for requesting state funds from the general assembly, to submit & post on their website, a list of 10 of their highest paid director, officer & employee salaries & any forms of compensation provided to those individuals.) {LC2744/A/2}

05/30/2025 Placed on House Calendar (06/03/2025)

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:06 o'clock P.M. on motion of Representative Tanzi, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Dolores Dupre'; on motion of Representative Serpa, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Stanley Jendzejec seconded by Leaders Blazejewski and Chippendale the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

Diane M. DePina
Recording Clerk

APPENDIX**INVOCATION****REPRESENTATIVE SHERRY ROBERTS**

Dear God, we come to you this hour asking for your blessing as we gather here today. We pray for guidance in our deliberations. Help us to always be mindful that it is a privilege to serve in this House of Representatives. Amen.

APPENDIX**CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, JUNE 3, 2025:****1. 2025-H 5235 SUB A****BY** Shallcross Smith**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- INTEREST AND USURY

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

2. 2025-H 5247 SUB A**BY** Potter**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICES

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

3. 2025-H 5561**BY** Corvese**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE AND DISCIPLINE

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

4. 2025-H 5833 SUB A**BY** Shallcross Smith**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- BARBERS, HAIRDRESSERS, COSMETICIANS, MANICURISTS AND ESTHETICIANS

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

5. **2025-H 5160**
 BY Solomon
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- PRODUCER LICENSING ACT

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

6. **2025-H 5595 SUB A**
 BY McGaw
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- THE GOOD SAMARITAN
 OVERDOSE PREVENTION ACT OF 2016

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

7. **2025-H 5088 SUB A**
 BY McNamara
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF
 PUPILS

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

8. **2025-H 5838**
 BY Kislak
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CHILDREN WITH
 DISABILITIES

Committee on Education recommends passage.

9. **2025-H 6057**
 BY Cotter
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO THE EXETER - WEST GREENWICH SCHOOL
 DISTRICT

Committee on Education recommends passage.

10. **2025-H 5222**
 BY Craven
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO DELINQUENT AND DEPENDENT CHILDREN --
 PROCEEDINGS IN FAMILY COURT

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

11. 2025-H 5070**BY** Corvese**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE --
PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- FEES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

12. 2025-H 5229 SUB A**BY** Speakman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSINGCommittee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends indefinite postponement of
the original bill and passage of Substitute A.**13. 2025-H 5310****BY** Speakman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --
RHODE ISLAND HOUSING AND CONSERVATION TRUST FUND ACT

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

14. 2025-H 5947**BY** Felix**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS
AND INSTALLATION OF SYSTEMS

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

15. 2025-H 5049 SUB A**BY** Azzinaro**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES --
REGISTRATION OF VEHICLESCommittee on Special Legislation recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill
and passage of Substitute A.**16. 2025-H 5731 SUB A****BY** Fogarty**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES --
OPERATORS' AND CHAUFFEURS' LICENSESCommittee on State Government & Elections recommends indefinite postponement of the
original bill and passage of Substitute A.

17. 2025-H 5522 SUB A**BY** Corvese**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --
ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

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

18. 2025-H 5723 SUB A**BY** Fogarty**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --
STATE-OWNED AND OPERATED PRINTING FACILITIES PREFERENCE ACT

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

19. 2025-H 6235 SUB A**BY** Serpa**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- COMMITTEES AND
STAFF

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

20. 2025-H 6187**BY** O'Brien**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --
STATE LOTTERY

Committee on State Government & Elections recommends passage.

21. 2025-H 6137**BY** Noret**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES --
REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES

Committee on Special Legislation recommends passage.

22. 2025-S 979**BY** Kallman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF
LOCAL TAXES

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

23. 2025-S 28 SUB A**BY** Zurier**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION

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

24. 2025-S 953**BY** Dimitri**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- MAIL BALLOTS

Committee on State Government & Elections recommends passage in concurrence.

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 5, 2025:**1. 2025-H 5182 SUB A****BY** Shallcross Smith**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- MAINTENANCE OF PRIVATE EASEMENTS AND RIGHTS-OF-WAY

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

2. 2025-H 5585**BY** Voas**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- CONDOMINIUM LAW

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

3. 2025-H 5586**BY** Voas**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- CONDOMINIUM LAW

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

4. 2025-H 5156 SUB A**BY** Serpa**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- CONDOMINIUM LAW

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

5. **2025-H 5587**
 BY Fellela
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- CONDOMINIUM LAW
- Committee on Corporations recommends passage.
6. **2025-H 5388**
 BY Marszalkowski
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --
 DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION
- Committee on Finance recommends passage.
7. **2025-H 6321**
 BY Kennedy
 ENTITLED, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AMENDMENTS TO THE
 HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF HOPKINTON
- Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.
8. **2025-H 5699**
 BY Hull
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO
 TAXATION
- Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.
9. **2025-H 6231**
 BY Corvese
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL
 LICENSES
- Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.
10. **2025-H 5031**
 BY Diaz
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL
 LICENSES
- Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.
11. **2025-H 6230**
 BY J. Lombardi
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL
 LICENSES
- Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

12. 2025-H 5263**BY Fellela****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS**

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

13. 2025-H 5436 SUB A**BY Knight****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- RHODE ISLAND
ASSAULT WEAPONS BAN ACT OF 2025**

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

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APPENDIX**CONSENT CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, JUNE 3, 2025:****1. 2025-S 241****BY** Felag**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- CONSUMER PFAS BAN ACT OF 2024

Committee on Environment and Natural Resources recommends passage in concurrence.

2. 2025-S 354**BY** Dimitri**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- COURTS - COURT SECRETARIES, COURT REPORTERS, AND ELECTRONIC COURT REPORTERS

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage in concurrence.

3. 2025-S 532 SUB A**BY** Felag**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- SIZE, WEIGHT, AND LOAD LIMITS

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

4. 2025-S 730**BY** LaMountain**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- LEVY AND SALE ON EXECUTION

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage in concurrence.

5. 2025-S 952**BY** Tikoian**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- CREDIT CARD CRIME ACT

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage in concurrence.

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