

# State of Rhode Island

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Thirty-Ninth Day

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The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence on Tuesday, June 3, 2025, and is called to order at 4:15 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, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, 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, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, and Voas.

**ABSENT** – 7: Representatives Edwards, Finkelman, Fogarty, Lima, Quattrocchi, Roberts and Shallcross Smith.

### INVOCATION

The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi presents Representative Karen Alzate, 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 Thursday, May 29, 2025, is approved.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Representative Mary Ann Shallcross Smith is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, June 3, 2025.  
Representative Kathleen A. Fogarty is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, June 3, 2025.

**GUESTS**

Chairman Casey is honored to welcome several distinguished guests to the Rhode Island House Chamber, including Retired U.S. Army Brigadier General Jack Hammond, Brigadier General Andrew J. Chevalier, Director of the Rhode Island Office of Veterans Services Kasim Yarn, Secretary of Commerce Liz Tanner, Chairwoman of the Business Leaders Alliance Melissa Travis, and Captain Jonathan Griffith of the Rhode Island National Guard. Chairman Casey expresses his deep gratitude for their service and ongoing commitment to supporting veterans, military families, and our communities. He is especially proud to introduce Brigadier General Jack Hammond, founder of Home Base, a nonprofit organization created through a partnership between the Boston Red Sox and Massachusetts General Hospital. Home Base provides life-changing, no-cost care to veterans, active-duty service members, and their families, and is well known for its “Run to Home Base” event at Fenway Park, which raises critical support for this mission. Please join Chairman Casey in warmly welcoming these exceptional leaders to the House Chamber.

Speaker Shekarchi thanks the servicemen for their unwavering commitment, courage, and service to our country. He also recognizes and congratulates Rhode Island Secretary of Commerce Liz Tanner on her future position with Ocean State 2026. He thanks her for her exemplary service to the State of Rhode Island and wishes her continued success in her exciting new chapter.

Representative Fellela is proud to extend a warm welcome to Joe Hicks of Johnston, who is joined today by Al D’Angelo, Supervisor at XPL Logistics, and Chris Maxwell, President of the Rhode Island Trucking Association, Inc. of Warwick. They are here to recognize and celebrate Joe Hicks’s outstanding achievement in winning First Place in the 4-Axle Tractor Trailer Class at this year’s American Trucking Associations National Truck Driving Championship in Indianapolis. This prestigious event showcases the highest level of skill, safety, and professionalism in the trucking industry, and Joe’s victory is a testament to his dedication and expertise. Representative Fellela congratulates Joe on this remarkable accomplishment and thanks him, as well as all professional drivers, for their vital contributions to keeping Rhode Island and our nation moving forward.

**CALENDAR**

From the Calendar are taken:

**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.

Chairman Solomon moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Morales, Bennett, Boylan, McEntee, Carson, Tanzi and Deputy Majority Whip Ackerman.

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, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Read, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

From the Consent Calendar are taken:

**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 LIMITSCommittee 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.

Majority Leader Blazejewski moves passage of the Consent Calendar, seconded by Minority Leader  
Chippendale.The Consent Calendar prevails in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 64 members voting in the  
affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:YEAS - 64: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello,  
Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson,  
Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson,  
DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Fascia, Fellela, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian,  
Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier,  
Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, Paplauskas, Phillips, Place, Potter, Read, Sanchez, Santucci,  
Serpa, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

**CALENDAR**

From the Calendar are taken:

**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.

Chairman Solomon moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski,  
Representative Tanzi, Craven, McEntee, Cortvriend, Cotter and Donovan.

Chairman Solomon discusses the act.

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

**FLOOR AMENDMENT****TO**

2025 -- H 5247 SUBSTITUTE A

AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS --  
DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICES

Mr. Speaker:

I hereby move to amend 2025 -- H 5247 SUBSTITUTE A, entitled "AN ACT RELATING  
TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- DECEPTIVE TRADE  
PRACTICES", as follows:

1. On page 3, line 16, by deleting the language "upon passage" and inserting in place thereof  
the language "on January 1, 2026".

2. On page 4, line 3, by deleting the language "upon passage" and inserting in place thereof  
the language "on January 1, 2026".

Respectfully submitted,

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Representative Solomon

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Chairman Solomon discusses the amendment.

The motion to amend prevails on a roll call vote, 67 members voting in the affirmative and 0  
members voting in the negative as follows:

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

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, as amended, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, 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, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lombardi, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Potter, Read, Sanchez, Santucci, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 1: Representative Place.

RECUSED - 0:

**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.

Chairman Solomon moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Carson, Shanley, Phillips, Corvese and Bennett.

Chairman Solomon discusses the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 67 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 67: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier,

Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Read, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

**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.

Chairman Solomon moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Donovan, Ajello, Cortvriend, Serpa, Fellela and Casey.

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

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

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

**5. 2025-H 5160**

**BY** Solomon

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- PRODUCER LICENSING ACT

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

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

Chairman Solomon discusses the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 67 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

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

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

**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.

Chairman McNamara moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Azzinaro, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, Diaz, Donovan, Felix, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Lombardi, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Potter, Read, Slater, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

Chairman McNamara and Minority Leader Chippendale discuss the act.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, 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, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Read, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:



**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.

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

YEAS - 69: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, 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, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

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

Committee on Education recommends passage.

Chairman McNamara moves passage of the act, seconded Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, Diaz, Donovan, Felix, Fellela, Furtado, Handy, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Lombardi, McGaw, McNamara, Morales, Potter, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

Chairman McNamara discusses the act.

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

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

DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, 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, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

**9. 2025-H 6057**

**BY** Cotter

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO THE EXETER - WEST GREENWICH SCHOOL DISTRICT

Committee on Education recommends passage.

Chairman McNamara moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Cotter and Casimiro.

Chairman McNamara discusses the act.

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

YEAS - 69: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, 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, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

**10. 2025-H 5222**

**BY** Craven

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

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Chairman Craven moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives O'Brien, Casimiro and McEntee.

Chairman Craven discusses the act.

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

YEAS - 69: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, 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, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

**11. 2025-H 5070**

**BY** Corvese

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE --  
PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- FEES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

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

Chairman Craven 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, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Read, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

**12. 2025-H 5229 SUB A**

**BY** Speakman

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE  
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING

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

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

Chairman Casey and Minority Whip Place discuss the act.

By unanimous consent, Minority Whip Place, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski and Representative Newberry, offers a written motion to amend.

**FLOOR AMENDMENT**  
**TO**  
2025 -- H 5229 SUBSTITUTE A

AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE DEPARTMENT OF  
HOUSING

Mr. Speaker:

I hereby move to amend 2025 -- H 5229 SUBSTITUTE A, entitled "AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING", as follows:

1. On page 2, line 4, by inserting the language "and/or electric infrastructure improvements" after the language "improvements".

Respectfully submitted,

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Representative Place

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Minority Whip Place and Representative Speakman discuss the amendment.

The motion to amend prevails on a roll call, 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, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Read, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 1: Representative O'Brien.

RECUSED - 0: Minority Leader Chippendale discusses the act, as amended.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, as amended, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, 61 members voting in the affirmative and 7 members voting in the negative as follows:

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

NAYS - 7: Representatives Chippendale, Fascia, Hopkins, Nardone, Newberry, Paplauskas, Santucci.

RECUSED - 0:

**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.

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

Chairman Casey and Minority Leader Chippendale discuss the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 59 members voting in the affirmative and 10 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 59: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Felix, Fellela, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Potter, Read, Sanchez, Serpa, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 10: Representatives Chippendale, Costantino, Fascia, Hopkins, Nardone, Newberry, Paplauskas, Perez, Place, Santucci.

RECUSED - 0:

**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.

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

Chairman Casey and Representative Santucci discuss the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 67 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

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

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

**15. 2025-H 5049 SUB A****BY** Azzinaro**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES

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

Chairwoman Alzate moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Corvese and Cruz.

Chairwoman Alzate 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, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara,

Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Read, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

**16. 2025-H 5731 SUB A**

**BY** Fogarty

**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.

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, 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, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, Paplauskas, Perez, Place, Potter, Read, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 1: Representative Phillips.

RECUSED - 0:

**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.

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

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

YEAS - 69: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, 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, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:





## State of Rhode Island

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

I, Christopher P. Piaszkas, State Representative, District 15, hereby under oath depose and say:

1. (Matter requiring action: i.e. Bill number) I expect to be called upon, in my capacity as State Representative to participate in the consideration of, and/or to vote upon: 5723 SUB A
2. (Nature of the potential conflict) I have the following interest in the matter: WORK AT A PRFT FACILITY
3. (Please select one of the following):

☐ A. In compliance with Section 36-14-6(1) of the General Laws I hereby state that, despite the potential conflict stated above, I am able to vote and otherwise participate fairly, objectively and in the public interest regarding the matter described in paragraph 1 above for the following reason(s).

☒ B. In compliance with Section 36-14-6(1) & (2)A of the General Laws, I hereby request the Speaker of the House of Representatives to excuse me from voting on or participating in the consideration of the matter described in paragraph 1 above.

[Signature]  
REPRESENTATIVE

State of Rhode Island  
County of: Providence

Subscribed and sworn to under the penalties for perjury before me this 3 day of June, 2025

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

Michael R. Egan  
Notary Public  
NOTARY PUBLIC  
State of Rhode Island  
COMMISSION EXPIRES 03-30-2026  
Commission # 57679  
[Signature]  
SPEAKER

**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.

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

Chairman Shanley and Minority Leader Chippendale discuss the act.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, 61 members voting in the affirmative and 6 members voting in the negative as follows:

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

NAYS - 6: Representatives Chippendale, Fascia, Nardone, Newberry, Place, Santucci.

RECUSED - 1: Representative Paplauskas.

**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.

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

Chairman Shanley discusses the act.

By unanimous consent, Chairman Shanley, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, offers a written motion to amend.

**FLOOR AMENDMENT  
TO  
2025 -- H 6235 SUBSTITUTE A/2**

**AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- COMMITTEES AND STAFF**

Mr. Speaker:

I hereby move to amend 2025 -- H 6235 SUBSTITUTE A, entitled "AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- COMMITTEES AND STAFF", as follows:

1. On page 1, line 8, by deleting the language "three (3)" and inserting in place thereof the language "five (5)".

Respectfully submitted,

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Representative Shanley

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LC002744/2  
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Chairman Shanley discusses the amendment.

The motion to amend prevails on a roll call vote, 67 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

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

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

Chairwoman Serpa and Representative Fascia discuss the amended act.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, as amended, 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, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara,

Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Phillips, Place, Potter, Read, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

**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.

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

Chairman Shanley 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, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Phillips, Place, Potter, Read, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

**21. 2025-H 6137**

**BY** Noret

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

Committee on Special Legislation recommends passage.

Chairwoman Alzate moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Read and Casey.

Chairwoman Alzate discusses the act.

Read and passed, as amended, on a roll call vote, 67 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

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

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

**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.

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

Chairman Casey discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 67 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

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

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED – 0

**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.

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

Chairman Casey discusses the act.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, 62 members voting in the affirmative and 4 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 62: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Felix, Fellela, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Potter, Read, Sanchez, Serpa, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 4: Representatives Fascia, Newberry, Place, Santucci.

RECUSED - 0:

**24. 2025-S 953**

**BY** Dimitri

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

Committee on State Government & Elections recommends passage in concurrence.

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

Chairman Shanley discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 63 members voting in the affirmative and 2 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 63: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, Paplauskas, Phillips, Place, Read, Sanchez, Serpa, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 2: Representatives Hopkins, Santucci.

RECUSED - 0:

**PROXY VOTES**

Majority Leader Blazejewski announces, pursuant to Rule 33(e), authorizing Proxy Votes, he has received a request from Chairwoman Fogarty to be recorded in the affirmative for items #1 through #24.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

### **GUESTS**

Representative Cruz is pleased to warmly welcome her intern, Derrick Oliver, to the Rhode Island House of Representatives. Derrick comes through the Garden Times Program and will work alongside her throughout the legislative session and into the summer. His work will focus on supporting policies that improve access to housing and employment opportunities for individuals returning home from incarceration.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Representative Caldwell and Speaker Shekarchi extend their condolences to Steven Hayes and his entire family on the passing of his father, Dr. Jack Hayes.

Representative Felix extends her sincere gratitude to everyone who participated in the Soak Challenge, a community-driven effort to raise awareness and critical funds for the ALS Association. She expresses that members' enthusiasm, generosity, and willingness to take on the challenge have made a meaningful impact in the fight against ALS and in supporting individuals and families affected by this devastating disease. Representative Felix thanks you for your solidarity with the ALS community and for helping advance research, care, and advocacy efforts through your participation.

Chairman Corvese announces that the Committee on Labor will meet today, at the rise of the House, in Room 135 of the State House.

Chairman Casey announces that the Committee on Municipal Government & Housing will meet tomorrow at 4:00 p.m. in Room 101 of the State House.

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

Chairwoman Donovan announces that the Committee on Health & Human Services will meet today, at the rise of the House, in Room 101 of the State House.

Majority Leader Blazejewski announces that the House of Representatives will next convene in session on Thursday, June 5th, at 4 p.m. There will be no House session scheduled for tomorrow. However, both the House Finance Committee and the House Municipal Government and Housing Committee are scheduled to meet tomorrow at 4 p.m. Majority Leader Blazejewski thanks all members for their attention to the schedule and continued dedication to the work of the General Assembly.

Majority Leader Blazejewski announces that the House has reached a key point in the legislative session where bills will be added to committee and floor calendars with increased frequency. All members are encouraged to regularly check the legislative website postings to stay current on scheduling and legislative activity. Majority Leader Blazejewski respectfully requests members' flexibility and cooperation, as calendars, committee hearings, and floor sessions will become longer

and may occur more frequently as we enter the final weeks of session. He thanks members for their continued commitment.

Speaker Shekarchi reminds all members that as we enter the final and busiest weeks of the session, guests will only be permitted on the House floor with his prior written approval moving forward. In light of this, the Speaker has determined that it is necessary to limit floor access to ensure the orderly and efficient conduct of business. House Calendars will be extended to accommodate an increased volume of legislation. Members wishing to invite guests to the floor are asked to submit explicit requests for approval in advance. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

### **IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION**

#### **House Resolution No. 6379**

**BY** Casey, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Paplauskas, Craven, Solomon, Phillips, Kennedy, Ajello

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING GRATITUDE TO UNITED STATES ARMY BRIGADIER GENERAL JACK HAMMOND (RETIRED) FOR FOUNDING HOME BASE NATIONAL CENTER OF EXCELLENCE FOR MENTAL HEALTH AND BRAIN INJURIES, WHICH PROVIDES MUCH-NEEDED SERVICES TO VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES AT NO COST {LC3010/1}

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

There is no objection.

Chairman Casey discusses the resolution.

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

#### **House Resolution No. 6380**

**BY** Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Fellela, Fascia, Chippendale, Kennedy, Solomon, Ajello, Boylan, Cortvriend

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING JOSEPH HICKS ON WINNING THE 2024 ATA (AMERICAN TRUCKING ASSOCIATION) NATIONAL TRUCK DRIVING CHAMPIONSHIP (TDC) 4-AXLE TRACTOR TRAILER CLASS CHAMPIONSHIP {LC2986/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Fellela discusses the resolution.

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



**House Resolution No. 6381**

**BY** McEntee, Spears, Chippendale, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Tanzi, Kennedy, Solomon, Ajello, Boylan

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND CONGRATULATING THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH KINGSTOWN HIGH SCHOOL'S REBEL THEATER GROUP FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE AT THE 3RD ANNUAL OCEAN STATE STAR AWARDS {LC2932/1}

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

There is no objection.

Chairwoman McEntee and Speaker Shekarchi discuss the resolution.

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

**House Resolution No. 6382**

**BY** McGaw, Shekarchi, Chippendale, DeSimone, Craven, Donovan, Kennedy, Solomon, Ajello, Boylan

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION DECLARING JUNE 3RD OF 2025, AS "PHARMACY ADVOCACY DAY" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC3012/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative McGaw and Speaker Shekarchi discuss the resolution.

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

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

Representative Handy-An Act relating to Agriculture and Forestry- Protection of Trees and Plants Generally

Representative Morales-An Act relating to Health and Safety- Nursing Homes

Representative Slater-An Act relating to Food and Drug- Rhode Island Cannabis Act

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

**TRANSMITTAL**

By unanimous consent, all matters on the clerk's desk are ordered to be transmitted to His Excellency, the Governor, to the Honorable Senate and the Honorable Secretary of State forthwith.

(For Transmittals to Governor, see Appendix of this Journal.)

**DESK HELD OPEN**

The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi announces that the desk will be held open.

**NEW BUSINESS****House Bill No. 6383**

**BY** Furtado, Alzate, Dawson, Boylan, Messier, Kazarian, Fascia, Cruz, Potter

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- ANIMAL CARE (Amends the definition of "hobby breeder" to limit the sale or offering for sale to no more than two (2) litters of dogs or cats, or a combination thereof, in a three hundred and sixty-five (365) day period.) {LC2993/1}

06/04/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 6384**

**BY** Dawson

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (Grants the director of the department of health the authority to approve or deny any applications for professional licensure pending before certain boards of licensure that have been unable to establish a quorum for 30 business days.) {LC2992/1}

06/04/2025 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

**House Bill No. 6385**

**BY** Blazejewski

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATUTES AND STATUTORY CONSTRUCTION (Makes technical amendments to the general laws, prepared at the recommendation of the law revision office.) {LC2933/1}

06/04/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 6386**

**BY** Casey, Brien, Phillips

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Authorizes the city of Woonsocket to levy a tax for its fiscal year at a rate of five and one-half percent (5.5%) in excess of the amount levied and certified by the city for the prior year.) {LC3028/1}

06/04/2025 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

**House Bill No. 6387****BY** Felix, Cortvriend, Diaz, Kislak, Corvese, Handy, Morales, Alzate, Stewart, Hull**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- RIDESHARE OR TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANY VEHICLE SURCHARGE (Imposes a seventy-five cent (0.75) surcharge on fares charged by rideshare companies as well as an account to benefit RIPTA from the payment of sales taxes collected from rideshares.) {LC2998/1}

06/04/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 6388****BY** Slater**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- VIDEO LOTTERY GAMES, TABLE GAMES AND SPORTS WAGERING (Allows the two (2) gaming facilities in the state to livestream images of gaming-related activities to one or more external jurisdictions for the purpose of facilitating external game play activities in external jurisdictions where gaming is permitted.) {LC3011/1}

06/04/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 5:34 o'clock P.M. on motion of Representative Caldwell, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Dr. John Hayes, seconded by Leaders Blazejewski and Chippendale the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

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

**APPENDIX**

**INVOCATION**

**REPRESENTATIVE KAREN ALZATE**

Gracious Lord, as we continue with this session, fill us with great hope and a sense of purpose while always mindful that we carry the hopes of those we serve. Amen

**APPENDIX****TRANSMITTED TO GOVERNOR****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}

06/03/2025 Transmitted to Governor

**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}

06/03/2025 Transmitted to Governor

**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}

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**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}

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**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}

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**APPENDIX****CALENDAR****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.

**Francis McCabe**  
Clerk of the House

**Friday, May 30, 2025**

