

# State of Rhode Island

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## JOURNAL -OF THE- HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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**JANUARY SESSION** of the General Assembly begun and held at the State House in the City of Providence on Tuesday, the Seventh Day of January in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty-Six.

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Second Day

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The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence on Thursday, January 8, 2026, and is called to order at 4:13 o'clock P.M. by the Honorable K. Joseph Shekarchi, Speaker.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 69 members present and 6 members absent as follows:

**PRESENT** – 69: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Casimiro, Chippendale, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, and Voas.

**ABSENT** – 6: Representatives Carson, Casey, Cortvriend, Craven, Edwards, and Quattrocchi.

### INVOCATION

The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi presents Representative Kathleen A. Fogarty, 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, January 6, 2026, is approved.

**COMMUNICATION FROM THE SPEAKER**

January 8, 2026

Speaker K. Joseph Shekarchi makes the following appointments:

**Appointed to the House Committee on Small Business**

Representative Mary Ann Shallcross Smith, Chair

**Deputy Majority Leader**

Representative Brandon Voas

**Read and placed on file.**

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Representative Lauren H. Carson is unable to attend session today, Thursday, January 8, 2026.  
Representative Stephen M. Casey is unable to attend session today, Thursday, January 8, 2026.  
Representative Terri Cortvriend is unable to attend session today, Thursday, January 8, 2026.  
Representative John G. Edwards is unable to attend session today, Thursday, January 8, 2026.  
Representative Robert E. Craven, Sr. is unable to attend session today, Thursday, January 8, 2026.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chairwoman Shallcross Smith expresses her sincere gratitude to Speaker Shekarchi for appointing her Chairwoman of the House Committee on Small Business.

Representative Voas congratulates Chairwoman Shallcross Smith on being appointed Chairwoman of the House Committee on Small Business and looks forward to working together.

**GUESTS**

Chairwoman McEntee, in honor of the life and legacy of the late Honorable Judge Frank Caprio, extends a warm welcome to the House and to his son, former State Representative David Caprio. Judge Caprio was a remarkable judge who served as chief judge of the Municipal Court of Providence, Rhode Island, and as chairman of the Rhode Island Board of Governors for Higher Education. His judicial work was televised on the program Caught in Providence, where he became known as the nicest judge in the world for his rulings. Judge Caprio captured hearts worldwide with his compassion, kindness, and deep human connection, both in and out of the courtroom. Chairwoman McEntee extends her heartfelt condolences to the entire family of the Honorable Judge Frank Caprio.

Speaker Shekarchi offers his remarks and extends his heartfelt condolences to the entire family of the Honorable Judge Caprio.

Representative Sanchez proudly welcomes the Central High School football team to the House following their 27-0 victory over Cumberland High School in the 2025 Rhode Island Division I Consolation Super Bowl. He introduces players, including Richard Bridges, Keanu Novaton, Takari Lee, Andre Newsom, Carlos Vasquez, Jesus Rodriguez, Jacob Jimenez, and Waldemore Lopez, as well as head coach Michael Washington. He commends the team for their achievement and extends a warm welcome to the House. Speaker Shekarchi congratulates them on their victory and welcomes them to the House.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Tanzi offers her deepest and sincerest condolences to Judge Caprio's family.

Majority Leader Blazejewski announces that the next House session will be held Tuesday, January 13, at 5:00 p.m., one hour later than its usual start time. At 7:00 p.m., Governor McKee will deliver his annual State of the State Address to members of the House and Senate in the House Chamber.

### IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION

#### **House Resolution No. 7012**

**BY** Casimiro, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Paplauskas, Baginski, Casey, Voas, Solomon, Serpa

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING JANUARY OF 2026, TO BE "FIREFIGHTER CANCER AWARENESS MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC3482/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Casimiro discusses the resolution.

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

#### **House Resolution No. 7013**

**BY** Hull, Read, Noret, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Fascia, Lombardi, Chippendale, Paplauskas, Santucci  
**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION CELEBRATING "NATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT APPRECIATION DAY" ON JANUARY 9, 2026 {LC3474/1}

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

There is no objection.

Deputy Speaker Hull and Speaker Shekarchi discuss the resolution.

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

**House Resolution No. 7014**

**BY** Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Messier, Furtado, Kennedy, Ackerman, Fellela, Ajello, Diaz

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF THE HONORABLE JOSEPH A. CAPINERI {LC3118/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Messier discusses the resolution.

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

**House Resolution No. 7015**

**BY** Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Donovan, Chippendale, Speakman, Kennedy, Ackerman, Fellela, Ajello, Diaz

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF THE HONORABLE LAWRENCE FERGUSON {LC3200/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Donovan discusses the resolution.

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

**House Resolution No. 7016**

**BY** Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, McNamara, Solomon, Kennedy, Ackerman, Fellela, Ajello, Diaz

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF THE HONORABLE EDWARD L. DAMBRUCH {LC3110/1}

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

There is no objection.

Chairman McNamara discusses the resolution. Speaker Shekarchi extends his deepest sympathies to Stephen and the entire Dambruch family.

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

**House Resolution No. 7017**

**BY** Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Ackerman, Chippendale, Paplauskas, McNamara, Fellela, Serpa, Corvese, Kennedy

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF ALAN GEOFFREY HASSENFELD {LC3113/1}

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

There is no objection.

Deputy Majority Whip Ackerman discusses the resolution. Speaker Shekarchi extends his deepest condolences to the entire Hassenfeld family.

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

**House Resolution No. 7018**

**BY** Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Newberry, Chippendale, Place, Fascia, Santucci, Paplauskas, Hopkins, Nardone

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF THE 70TH GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND, THE HONORABLE EDWARD D. DIPRETE {LC3114/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Newberry discusses the resolution.

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

**House Resolution No. 7019**

**BY** Shekarchi, Blazejewski, McEntee, Chippendale, Craven, Dawson, Shanley, Knight, Diaz, Kennedy

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING DEEPEST SYMPATHY ON THE PASSING OF THE VENERATED LEGAL LUMINARY, JUDGE FRANK CAPRIO {LC3170/1}

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

There is no objection.

Chairwoman McEntee discusses the resolution.

Read and passed, on a motion of Chairwoman McEntee, seconded by Speaker Shekarchi, Representative Tanzi, Chairwoman Fogarty, and many others, by unanimous consent, on a rising vote.

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. 7020

**BY** Brien, Solomon, Baginski, Serpa, Lima

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- VETERINARY PRACTICE (Authorizes veterinarians to establish a client-patient relationship through electronic means, subject to limitations and requirements such as Vet making a good faith effort to determine if care should be provided through telemedicine instead of in person.) {LC3494/1}

01/09/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

#### House Bill No. 7021

**BY** Azzinaro, Kennedy, Phillips, Corvese

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- RETAIL

ESTABLISHMENTS-VEHICLE SAFETY BARRIERS (Requires commercial property owners to install vehicle barriers at their retail establishments when new construction or renovations are being done and permits insurers to consider the installation to provide a discount on the owner's insurance policy.) {LC3431/1}

01/09/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 7022****BY** Fellela, Shallcross Smith, Messier, Costantino**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- UNFAIR SALES PRACTICES (Requires businesses to notify customers whenever a surcharge or fee for payment made by credit card is imposed.) {LC3875/1}

01/09/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 7023****BY** Lombardi, Hull, Tanzi, Ajello, Sanchez, Felix**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- COOPERATIVE SERVICE AMONG SCHOOL DISTRICTS (Amends the composition of the Urban Collaborative and provides that the collaborative be governed by a board of trustees.) {LC3750/1}

01/09/2026 Introduced, referred to House Education

**House Bill No. 7024****BY** Lombardi, Hull, Ajello, Sanchez, Alzate, Felix**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- COOPERATIVE SERVICE AMONG SCHOOL DISTRICTS (Amends the composition of the Urban Collaborative and provide that the collaborative be governed by a board of trustees.) {LC3836/1}

01/09/2026 Introduced, referred to House Education

**House Bill No. 7025****BY** Lombardi, Hull, Ajello, Sanchez, Cruz, Stewart, Alzate, Felix**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SCHOOL COMMITTEES AND SUPERINTENDENTS (Requires school committees to provide transportation for any students who resides two (2) or more miles from school.) {LC3758/1}

01/09/2026 Introduced, referred to House Education

**House Bill No. 7026****BY** Read, Noret, Phillips, Donovan, Spears, Cotter, Paplauskas, Boylan, McNamara, Casimiro**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE NATHAN BRUNO AND JASON FLATT ACT (Directs middle and high schools which issue student identification cards to include on those cards contact crisis telephone numbers for suicide prevention and substance use disorder prevention.) {LC3427/1}

01/09/2026 Introduced, referred to House Education

**House Bill No. 7027****BY** Noret, Read, McNamara, O'Brien, Biah, Finkelman, Serpa, Donovan, Messier, Phillips**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS (Expands the requirement that all high schools and middle schools, whether they are publicly or privately run to maintain on site a functional AED while establishing and implementing a cardiac emergency response plan in these schools.) {LC3169/1}

01/09/2026 Introduced, referred to House Education

**House Resolution No. 7028****BY** Read, Noret, Cotter, Paplauskas**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REPORTING AND EXPIRATION DATES, AND AMENDING THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE SPECIAL HOUSE COMMISSION TO

STUDY AND PROVIDE FINDINGS AND POTENTIAL SOLUTIONS TO ADDRESS THE FLOODING OF THE PAWTUXET RIVER (Amends and increase the membership of the commission to address flooding of the Pawtuxet River from eleven (11) to thirteen (13), and would extend the reporting date from March 2, 2026, to March 5, 2027, and expire on June 2, 2027.)

{LC3877/1}

01/09/2026 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

**House Bill No. 7029**

**BY** Boylan, McGaw, Potter, Donovan, Fogarty, Speakman, Azzinaro, Kislak, Bennett, Hopkins  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- NURSES (Permits a certified foot care nurse or a certified foot care specialist, to provide certain at-home foot care, including routine foot and nail care including nail clipping. DOH determines fair and reasonable license and renewal fees nurses providing svcs.) {LC3130/1}

01/09/2026 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

**House Bill No. 7030**

**BY** Shanley, Craven, Caldwell, Bennett, Casimiro, Corvese, Morales, Paplauskas, Hopkins  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- HEALTHCARE WORKER PLATFORM ACT (Creates the healthcare worker platform act that requires platforms offering healthcare shifts to register with the Rhode Island department of health while exempting them from being classified as nursing service agencies.) {LC3152/1}

01/09/2026 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

**House Resolution No. 7031**

**BY** Fellela, Messier, Hull, Hopkins, Serpa

**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY SAFE STAFFING RATIOS IN HOSPITALS (Creates a 15-member joint commission to study and provide recommendations regarding safe staffing ratios in hospitals, and who would report back to the General Assembly by September 1, 2027, and expire on January 30, 2028.) {LC3364/1}

01/09/2026 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

**House Bill No. 7032**

**BY** Speakman, Ajello, Kislak, Donovan, Cotter, Casimiro, Felix, Batista, McGaw, Potter  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- STUDENT COMPUTER DEVICE PRIVACY (Prohibits an educational institution or school district from accessing or using location data for tracking a student's institutional device or personal device, except in limited circumstances.) {LC3565/1}

01/09/2026 Introduced, referred to House Innovation, Internet, & Technology

**House Bill No. 7033**

**BY** Finkelman

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- JUDGMENTS, ORDERS, AND DECREES (Amends calculations of interest in civil actions a rate determined by average accepted auction price for last auction of 52 week U.S. treasury bills.) {LC3901/1}

01/09/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary



**House Bill No. 7034****BY** Lombardi, Hull, Ajello, Sanchez, Cruz, Potter, Stewart, Alzate, Felix**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RHODE ISLAND FAIR HOUSING PRACTICES ACT (Prohibits landlords from inquiring about an applicant's prior incarceration and from discriminating against those who have been released from prison.) {LC3763/1}

01/09/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 7035****BY** Boylan, Caldwell, Tanzi, Ajello, Knight, Batista, Dawson, Kazarian, Felix, McEntee**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS (Prohibits purchases of more than one firearm in any thirty (30) day period.) {LC3615/1}

01/09/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 7036****BY** Casimiro, Donovan, Spears, Shallcross Smith, Read, Kislak, Speakman, Roberts, Hopkins, Alzate**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO DELINQUENT AND DEPENDENT CHILDREN -- PROCEEDINGS IN FAMILY COURT (Requires every school district to render assistance and cooperation within its jurisdictional power to further the objects of this chapter, to wit, providing the courts with any information concerning a child as the court may require.) {LC3167/1}

01/09/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 7037****BY** Casimiro, Donovan, Spears, Knight, Shallcross Smith, Kislak, Speakman, Roberts, Hopkins, Alzate**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO DELINQUENT AND DEPENDENT CHILDREN -- PROCEEDINGS IN FAMILY COURT (Prohibits handcuffing children twelve (12) or under at initial police contact unless needed for public safety or if the child is using or threatening physical force against an officer.) {LC3268/1}

01/09/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 7038****BY** Corvese, O'Brien, Noret, Shanley, Azzinaro, Kennedy, Solomon, Bennett, Read, Brien**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE--PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- FEES (Establishes a set rate of seventy dollars (\$70.00) for certain writs, citations or subpoenas.) {LC3555/1}

01/09/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 7039****BY** Corvese, O'Brien, Noret, Shanley, Azzinaro, Kennedy, Solomon, Bennett, Read, Brien**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- PEACE OFFICER MAXIMUM WORKDAY AND OVERTIME COMPENSATION (Establishes a maximum hourly workday for all peace officers as defined in § 12-7-21 and a violation rate of pay of double time and a half.) {LC3556/1}

01/09/2026 Introduced, referred to House Labor

**House Bill No. 7040**

**BY** Bennett, Noret, Read, Hull, Shanley, Corvese, Dawson, Voas, McNamara, Kazarian  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- MUNICIPAL POLICE ARBITRATION (Extends provisions of an existing collective bargaining agreement for municipal police arbitration purposes until a successor agreement is reached or an interest arbitration award is rendered.) {LC3175/1}  
01/09/2026 Introduced, referred to House Labor

**House Bill No. 7041**

**BY** Bennett, Noret, Read, Hull, Shanley, Corvese, Dawson, Potter, Voas, McNamara  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- FIREFIGHTERS' ARBITRATION (Provides that all contractual provisions in a firefighters collective bargaining agreement continue until a successor agreement has been reached or an interest arbitration award has been rendered.) {LC3174/1}  
01/09/2026 Introduced, referred to House Labor

**House Bill No. 7042**

**BY** Bennett, Speakman, Donovan, McNamara, Serpa, Casimiro, Fogarty, Handy, Fellela, Messier  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- LABOR RELATIONS ACT (Provides for the right to strike for public sector workers in Rhode Island, including teachers, with exceptions for police officers, firefighters, 911 employees, and correctional officers.) {LC3882/1}  
01/09/2026 Introduced, referred to House Labor

**House Bill No. 7043**

**BY** Azzinaro, Kennedy, Phillips, Corvese  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES (Liquor licenses in Westerly required to have liability insurance.) {LC3381/1}  
01/09/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

**House Bill No. 7044**

**BY** Lombardi, Hull, Tanzi, Ajello, Sanchez, Cruz, Potter, Stewart, Alzate, Felix  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- HOMELESS BILL OF RIGHTS (Creates a commission to establish homeless shelter standards through regulations.) {LC3764/1}  
01/09/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

**House Bill No. 7045**

**BY** Donovan, Speakman  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Authorizes the town of Bristol to apply the owner-occupied tax rate for mixed-used properties where the residential portion is owner-occupied.) {LC3159/1}  
01/09/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

**House Bill No. 7046****BY** Donovan, Speakman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Exempts from taxation the real and tangible personal property of Blithewold, Inc., located at 101 Ferry Road, Bristol, Rhode Island.) {LC3146/1}

01/09/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government &amp; Housing

**House Bill No. 7047****BY** McGaw, Shallcross Smith**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Authorizes the town council of Little Compton to establish a homestead exemption for residential dwellings.) {LC3550/1}

01/09/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government &amp; Housing

**House Bill No. 7048****BY** Azzinaro, O'Brien, Phillips, Corvese**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES (Raises the gross weight of a vehicle eligible for reserve forces plates from 8,500 lbs. to 12,000 lbs. with US flag on the plates. Proof of honorable discharge to be provided to DMV.) {LC3131/1}

01/09/2026 Introduced, referred to House Special Legislation

**House Bill No. 7049****BY** Baginski, Paplauskas, Brien**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- PRIMARY ELECTIONS (Requires that the primary election date, statutorily the eighth Tuesday preceding the biennial state elections, shall be held on the Wednesday when Labor Day is the day before said Tuesday. No other filing deadlines would be affected.) {LC3210/1}

01/09/2026 Introduced, referred to House State Government &amp; Elections

**House Bill No. 7050****BY** Shanley, Noret, Spears, Read, Bennett, Casimiro, Morales, Chippendale, Hopkins**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- PARKING FACILITIES AND PRIVILEGES (Updates disability parking space signage and enables municipalities to participate in the parking mobility app program where individuals submit photos on the app of vehicles parked in spaces designated for individuals with disabilities.) {LC3160/1}

01/09/2026 Introduced, referred to House State Government &amp; Elections

**House Bill No. 7051**

(General Treasurer)

**BY** Casimiro, Donovan, Spears, Shallcross Smith, Kislak, Speakman, Roberts, Hopkins, Alzate, Solomon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES (Requires DCYF to establish segregated savings account for foster care child receiving SS, SSI, veterans benefits or railroad retirement benefits to manage the accounts and keep child eligible for future benefits.) {LC3137/1}

01/09/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 7052****BY** Azzinaro, Kennedy, Phillips, Corvese**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- RHODE ISLAND PROMISE

SCHOLARSHIP (Makes students in workforce-ready certificate programs at the community college of Rhode Island eligible to receive the Rhode Island Promise Scholarship.) {LC3380/1}

01/09/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 7053****BY** Donovan, Fellela, McNamara, Speakman, Serpa, Messier, Phillips, Cotter, Boylan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- TEACHERS' RETIREMENT {LC3573/1}

01/09/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 7054****BY** McNamara, Cotter, Solomon, Potter, Voas, Ackerman, Cruz, Giraldo, Lombardi, Hull**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE RHODE ISLAND

PREKINDERGARTEN EDUCATION ACT (Establishes guidelines for continued implementation and expansion of public, high-quality kindergarten education programs.) {LC3588/1}

01/09/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 7055****BY** Corvese, O'Brien, Noret, Shanley, Azzinaro, Kennedy, Solomon, Bennett, Read, Brien**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- COUNCIL ON POSTSECONDARY

EDUCATION (Beginning on July 1, 2026, allows state union employees to negotiate longevity payments in their collective bargaining agreements.) {LC3560/1}

01/09/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 7056****BY** Spears, Cotter, McGaw, Dawson, Boylan, Kazarian, Shanley, Caldwell, Read, DeSimone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PARKS AND RECREATIONAL AREAS -- GENERAL

PROVISIONS (Adds to those persons exempt from payment of parking fees at any recreational facility owned and operated by the state those individuals determined by the executive office of HHS, or its designee, to be disabled for purposes of Medicaid eligibility.) {LC3891/1}

01/09/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 7057****BY** Ackerman, Serpa, Kennedy, Donovan, Shallcross Smith, Newberry, Bennett, McNamara, Speakman, Fellela**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Gradually

phases in modifications to federal adjusted gross income over a five (5) year period for social security income, from twenty percent (20%) up to one hundred percent (100%), beginning on or after January 1, 2027.) {LC3213/1}

01/09/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 7058**

**BY** Spears, Cotter, McGaw, Dawson, Boylan, Kazarian, Shanley, Caldwell, Read, DeSimone  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES -- LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Exempts from the sales tax scalp hair prosthesis or wigs that are necessary due to hair loss from a medical condition.) {LC3889/1}  
01/09/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Resolution No. 7059**

**BY** Slater, Diaz  
**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$100,000 TO THE RHODE ISLAND OFFICE OF HEALTHY AGING FOR THE ALLIANCE FOR BETTER LONG-TERM CARE OMBUDSMAN PROGRAM (Authorizes the appropriation of the sum of \$100,000 to the Rhode Island Office Of Healthy Aging for the RI Long-Term Care Ombudsman program.) {LC3479/1}  
01/09/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 4:54 o'clock P.M. on motion of Representatives Batista and Solomon , and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Kyron Lopes; on motion of Representative Fellela, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Ali Jobe, George Riley, and Dr. Peter and his wife, Marilyn Quesenberry; on motion of Representative McNamara and as a further mark of respect to the memory of the Hon. Edward L. Dambruch; on motion of Representative McEntee, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of the Hon. Judge Frank Caprio; on motion of Representative Newberry, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of the Hon. Governor Edward D. DiPrete; on motion of Representative Messier, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of the Hon. Joseph A. Capineri; on motion of Representative Donovan, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of the Hon. Larry J. Ferguson; on motion of Representative Ackerman, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Alan G Hassenfeld, on motion of Representative Diaz and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Dansis Maria Teresa Acevedo-Aleman, on motion of Representative Fogarty, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Josephine Finnegan, seconded by Leaders Blazejewski and Chippendale the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

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

**APPENDIX****INVOCATION****REPRESENTATIVE KATHLEEN A. FOGARTY**

Dear Lord, guide us to be compassionate as we try to help those who are struggling in their daily lives. When this responsibility seems overwhelming, give us your support so we can make the necessary decisions, no matter how difficult, to help those in need. Amen