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Thursday, April 2, 2026

Twenty-Third Day

The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence on Thursday, April 2, 2026, 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 66 members present and 9 members absent as follows:

PRESENT – 66: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Place, Quattrocchi, Read, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, and Voas.

ABSENT -9: Representatives Ackerman, Batista, Furtado, Handy, Kislak, Knight, Potter, Roberts, and Santucci.

INVOCATION

The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi presents Representative Deborah A. Fellela, 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, March 31, 2026, is approved.

COMMUNICATIONS

Representative Jason P. Knight is unable to attend session today, Thursday, April 2, 2026.
Representative Jenni A. Furtado is unable to attend session today, Thursday, April 2, 2026.
Representative José F. Batista is unable to attend session today, Thursday, April 2, 2026.
Representative Brandon C. Potter is unable to attend session today, Thursday, April 2, 2026.
Representative Arthur B. Handy is unable to attend session today, Thursday, April 2, 2026.

CONSENT CALENDAR

From the Consent Calendar are taken:

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 2026:**1. 2026-S 2037**

BY Lauria

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

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage in concurrence.

2. 2026-S 2040

BY Ujifusa

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage in concurrence.

3. 2026-S 2041

BY DiPalma

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing 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, 63 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 63: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Fogarty, Giraldo, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Nardone, Newberry,

Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Place, Quattrocchi, Read, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

CALENDAR

From the Calendar are taken:

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 2026:

1. 2026-H 7733

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, 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, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Place, Quattrocchi, Read, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

2. 2026-H 7738

BY Cortvriend

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- STATE BUILDING CODE

Committee on Environment and Natural Resources recommends passage.

Chairman Bennett moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Boylan, Carson, Spears, Donovan, McEntee, Ajello, Cortvriend, Fogarty, and Casey.

Chairman Bennett discusses the Act.

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

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

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

3. 2026-H 7483

BY Messier

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REPORTING AND EXPIRATION DATES OF THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY AND PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF AN ANTI-LITTERING EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS

Committee on Education recommends passage.

Chairman McNamara moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Bennett, Messier, Baginski, Edwards, Shallcross Smith, Ajello, McEntee, Shanley, and Fellela.

Chairman McNamara discusses the resolution.

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

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

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

GUESTS

Representative Spears warmly welcomes Charles P. Kelley, his wife Leslie Protomastro, and his son Andrew to the House Chamber and congratulates Charles on his retirement after 34 years of service as Executive Director of the RI Student Loan Authority. Speaker Shekarchi warmly thanks Charlie for all his dedicated work over the years and genuinely wishes him the very best in his retirement.

In celebration of Roger Williams Law & Justice Day, Representative Speakman warmly welcomes Greg Bowman, Dean of the RWU School of Law; Vaughn Crichlow, Dean of the RWU School of Justice Studies; Gena Bianco, Dean of the RWU Extension School; Laurie Barron, Clinical Professor of Law and Director of Clinical Externships at the RWU School of Law; Isiah DiPina; and Morgan Perri, students from the RWU School of Law, to the House. Speaker Shekarchi thanks

NOW PRESIDING

At 4:27 o'clock P.M., the Honorable Speaker Shekarchi yields the rostrum to the Honorable Deputy Speaker Hull.

GUESTS

Representative Edwards warmly welcomes Kerem Koyluoglu, a junior at Brown University, who will be his intern for this session, to the House.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Chairwoman Serpa wishes Deputy Majority Whip Ackerman a speedy recovery.

Vice-Chairman Noret announces that the Committee on Education will meet today, at the rise of the House, in Room 101 of the State House.

Chairwoman Fogarty invites all members to attend the Nowruz reception honoring Persian Culture in the State Room. This cultural event will mark the spring equinox and reflect on the 3,000-year-old history.

PROXY VOTES

Majority Leader Blazewski announces, pursuant to Rule 33(e), authorizing Proxy Votes, he has received a request from Majority Whip Ackerman to be recorded in the affirmative for items #1 through #3.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Majority Leader Blazewski announces that the House will meet twice next week, on Tuesday, April 7, 2026, and Thursday, April 9, 2026, both at 4:00 p.m. Three committees will meet on Wednesday, April 8, 2026: Finance, Judiciary, and Innovation & Technology.

IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION**House Resolution No. 8392**

BY Cruz, Shekarchi, Blazewski, Chippendale, Sanchez, Stewart, Brien, Giraldo, Felix, Kennedy
ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION DESIGNATING APRIL OF 2026, TO BE "SECOND CHANCE MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC4531/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Cruz discusses the resolution.

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

House Resolution No. 8393

BY Shekarchi, Blazewski, Chippendale, Casey, Brien, Baginski, Edwards, Bennett, Casimiro, Solomon
ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL OF 2026, TO BE "ALCOHOL AWARENESS MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC4529/1}

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. 8394

BY Fogarty, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Tanzi, McEntee, Chippendale, Kennedy, Ajello, Fellela, Shallcross Smith

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF JENNIFER GOULET {LC6282/1}

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

There is no objection.

Chairwoman Fogarty discusses the resolution.

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

House Resolution No. 8395

BY Shekarchi, Blazejewski, McNamara, Chippendale, Paplauskas, O'Brien, Kennedy, Ajello, Fellela, Shallcross Smith

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF ANTHONY PICCIRILLI, CPA {LC6267/1}

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.

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

House Resolution No. 8396

BY McGaw, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Spears, Paplauskas, DeSimone, Boylan, Kennedy, Ajello

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL OF 2026, AS "AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC4533/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative McGaw discusses the resolution.

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

House Resolution No. 8397

BY Morales, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Kennedy, Ajello, Fellela, Shallcross Smith, Serpa, Diaz

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL OF 2026 TO BE "BILINGUAL AND MULTILINGUAL LEARNER MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC4528/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Morales discusses the resolution.

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

House Resolution No. 8398

BY Speakman, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Donovan, Kennedy, Ajello, Fellela, Shallcross Smith, Serpa

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING ROGER WILLIAMS UNIVERSITY'S SCHOOL OF LAW, SCHOOL OF JUSTICE STUDIES, AND EXTENSION SCHOOL AND COMMEMORATING RWU LAW AND JUSTICE DAY ON APRIL 2, 2026 {LC6275/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Speakman discusses the resolution.

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

House Resolution No. 8399

BY Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Spears, Chippendale, Kennedy, Fogarty, Ajello, Fellela, Shallcross Smith, Serpa

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION HONORING AND THANKING CHARLES KELLEY FOR HIS DEDICATED SERVICE AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE RHODE ISLAND STUDENT LOAN AUTHORITY (RISLA) {LC4938/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Spears discusses the resolution.

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

RULE 7D

The following bills were received pursuant to Rule 7D:

Representative Bennett-An Act relating to Plastic Waste Reduction

Representative Felix-An Act relating to Labor and Labor Relations-Fair Employment Practices

Representative Serpa-An Act relating to Cities and Towns

An Act relating to Agriculture and Forestry-Hemp Growth Act, RI Hemp THC Beverage Act

Representative Slater-An Act relating to Food and Drug-Edward O. Hawkins and Thomas C. Slater Medical Marijuana Act.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

TRANSMITTAL

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

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

DESK HELD OPEN

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

COMMUNICATION FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Honorable Senate transmits with announcement of passage, of the following measures:

Senate Bill No. 2385

BY Bissaillon, Murray, LaMountain, DiMario

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE -- PRESCRIPTION DRUGS (Prohibits the Rhode Island medical assistance program from requiring prior authorization or a step therapy protocol for the coverage of a medication classified as an anticonvulsant or antipsychotic.) {LC4629/1}

04/03/2026 Referred to House Finance

Senate Bill No. 2462

BY Ujifusa, Tikoian, DiMario, Lauria, Valverde, Kallman, Mack, Murray, Acosta, Quezada
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (Requires the secretary of the executive office of health and human services to monitor and mandate changes to the price-setting practices of pharmacy benefit managers to prohibit the spread pricing payment model.) {LC3260/1}
04/03/2026 Referred to House Finance

**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. 7716

(Cannabis Control Commission)

BY Slater

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- THE RHODE ISLAND CANNABIS ACT (Updates the Rhode Island Cannabis Act to remove the current requirement to express cannabinoids as the dry-weight percentages.) {LC4932/1}
04/03/2026 Placed on House Calendar (04/09/2026)

House Bill No. 7717

(Cannabis Control Commission)

BY Slater

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- THE RHODE ISLAND CANNABIS ACT (Updates the Rhode Island Cannabis Act to eliminate the statutorily required subcommittees under the cannabis advisory board.) {LC4933/1}
04/03/2026 Placed on House Calendar (04/09/2026)

House Bill No. 7229

BY Fascia, Perez, Fellela, Furtado, Messier

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES (Creates a special license plate for the charity Real Access Motivates Progress, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit.) {LC3972/1}
03/17/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

Senate Bill No. 2757

BY Sosnowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF ROBERTS AND ROCHA, INC. {LC5495/1}
04/03/2026 Placed on House Calendar (04/09/2026)

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

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

House Bill No. 7003

BY McNamara, Shekarchi, Ackerman, Casey, Solomon, Morales, Paplauskas, Hopkins, Fascia, Boylan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS (Directs the state department of education to establish an anti-hazing policy in student athletics.) {LC3202/1}

04/03/2026 Placed on House Calendar (04/09/2026)

House Bill No. 7026 SUB A

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/A/1}

04/03/2026 Placed on House Calendar (04/09/2026)

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}

04/03/2026 Placed on House Calendar (04/09/2026)

House Bill No. 7909

BY O'Brien, Shallcross Smith, Solomon, Alzate, Baginski, Furtado, Voas, Serpa, Biah, Dawson
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- RHODE ISLAND LITERACY AND DROPOUT PREVENTION ACT (Redefines dyslexia to mean a specific learning disability characterized by difficulties in word reading and/or spelling that involve accuracy, speed, or both and vary depending on the orthography.) {LC5577/1}

04/03/2026 Placed on House Calendar (04/09/2026)

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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

House Bill No. 7029 SUB A

BY Boylan, McGaw, Potter, Donovan, Fogarty, Speakman, Azzinaro, Kislak, Bennett, Hopkins
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- NURSES (Permits nurse who has appropriate knowledge/credentials/clinical competency to provide home services foot care, including routine foot and nail care, hygiene and the shortening of toe and finger nails.) {LC3130/A/2}

04/03/2026 Placed on House Calendar (04/09/2026)

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

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

House Bill No. 7133 SUB A

BY Lombardi, Hull, Sanchez, Cruz, Stewart

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS -- DOMESTIC ABUSE PREVENTION (Permits the family court to award custody of household pets to the plaintiff in a domestic abuse complaint, including the enforcement remedy of a restraining order or other injunctive relief.) {LC3773/A/1}

04/03/2026 Placed on House Calendar (04/07/2026)

House Bill No. 7200

BY McEntee, Shekarchi, Caldwell, Casimiro, Spears, Felix, Cortvriend, Serpa, Fellela, Knight

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- CAUSES OF ACTION (Makes all causes of action based on sexual abuse or exploitation of a child not subject to any statute of limitations whether the claim has lapsed or was previously time-barred.) {LC3370/1}

04/03/2026 Placed on House Calendar (04/07/2026)

House Bill No. 7547

(General Treasurer)

BY Furtado, Stewart, McGaw, Dawson, Cotter, Potter, Donovan, Alzate, Messier, Kislak

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- CRIMINAL INJURIES COMPENSATION (Permits victims of stalking to recover for expenses related to relocation or home modification under the crime victim compensation program.) {LC4643/1}

04/03/2026 Placed on House Calendar (04/07/2026)

House Bill No. 7648

(Judiciary)

BY McEntee, Caldwell, Knight, Dawson, O'Brien, Spears, Bennett

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- SEXUAL ASSAULT (Requires the electronic filing of domestic violence/sexual assault forms by law enforcement agencies, and enhances the information to be included on the reporting forms.) {LC5099/1}

04/03/2026 Placed on House Calendar (04/07/2026)

House Bill No. 7649

BY Dawson, McEntee, Boylan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- UNIFORM ACT ON PREVENTION OF AND REMEDIES FOR HUMAN TRAFFICKING (Requires that all monies received from the payment of fines under the Uniform Act on Prevention of and Remedies for Human Trafficking be deposited into the into the violent crimes indemnity account within the general fund.) {LC5007/1}

04/03/2026 Placed on House Calendar (04/07/2026)

House Bill No. 7653

(Judiciary)

BY Felix, Alzate, Kazarian, Tanzi, Sanchez, Furtado**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION ACT (Allows for the electronic filing of domestic violence/sexual assault reporting forms by law enforcement agencies, enhances the information to be included on the reporting forms, and clarifies that the reporting forms should be submitted monthly.) {LC5098/1}

04/03/2026 Placed on House Calendar (04/07/2026)

House Bill No. 7656

(General Treasurer)

BY McEntee, Caldwell, Read, Spears, McNamara, Bennett, O'Brien, Dawson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PENSION REVOCATION AND REDUCTION ACT (Authorizes the state retirement board to revoke or reduce an individual's pension benefit if that individual is convicted or pleads guilty or no contest to a felony sex crime related to their public office or public employment.) {LC4646/1}

04/03/2026 Placed on House Calendar (04/07/2026)

House Bill No. 8064

(Attorney General)

BY Read, Noret, Corvese, Fascia, Serpa, Casey, Spears, Solomon, Hopkins, Santucci**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- SEXUAL OFFENDER REGISTRATION AND COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION (Provides that violations of § 11-37.1-10 relating to failing to register as a sex offender are subject to the duration and frequency of registrations pursuant to § 11-37.1-4.) {LC5629/1}

04/03/2026 Placed on House Calendar (04/07/2026)

House Bill No. 8080

(Attorney General)

BY Fogarty, Alzate, Diaz, Casimiro, Carson, Donovan, Kislak, Shallcross Smith, Stewart, Cortvriend**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION ACT (Provides that a defendant's third and subsequent violation of domestic violence offenses, including both prior felony and misdemeanor convictions, would be punishable as a felony.) {LC5632/1}

04/03/2026 Placed on House Calendar (04/07/2026)

House Bill No. 8086 SUB A

(Attorney General)

BY McEntee, Caldwell, Knight, Bennett, McNamara, Dawson, Spears, O'Brien, Read, Casey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- INDICTMENTS, INFORMATIONS AND COMPLAINTS (Provides that the statute of limitations for second-degree sexual assault shall be 10 years from the date of the offense, or, in the case of a victim who is under the age of 18, ten years from the victim's eighteenth birthday, whichever is later.) {LC5630/A/1}

04/03/2026 Placed on House Calendar (04/07/2026)

House Bill No. 8093 SUB A

(Attorney General)

BY McEntee, Caldwell, Knight, Bennett, Dawson, Spears, O'Brien, Potter, Casey, Read
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- ABUSED AND NEGLECTED CHILDREN (Expands the definition of "educational program" for purposes of the abused and neglected children general law to include charter schools, parochial schools, after school programs, camps and various other programs involving children.) {LC5628/A/1}
04/03/2026 Placed on House Calendar (04/07/2026)

NEW BUSINESS**House Bill No. 8400**

BY Casimiro, Craven, McEntee, Caldwell, Finkelman, Solomon, Kazarian
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- QUONSET DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (Prohibits the operation of any thermal waste conversion facility such as pyrolysis within the Quonset Point/Davisville Industrial Park.) {LC6214/1}
04/03/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 8401

BY Spears, Cotter, Boylan, Fogarty, Donovan, Speakman, McEntee
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- UNAUTHORIZED INSURANCE BUSINESS -- MEDICAL MALPRACTICE INSURANCE (Provides for greater oversight and regulation by the department of business regulation on medical-malpractice insurance among self-insured entities.) {LC6268/1}
04/03/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 8402

BY Carson
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- PERMANENT JOINT STUDY COMMISSION ON AGING AND MULTI-SECTOR PLAN ON AGING (Establishes the Permanent Joint Study Commission on Aging and Multi-Sector Plan on Aging.) {LC4397/1}
04/03/2026 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 8403

BY Finkelman
ENTITLED, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF JAMESTOWN TO FUND AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECTS AND TO ISSUE NOT MORE THAN \$3,000,000 BONDS AND NOTES THEREFOR (Proposes a bond measure to authorize the Town of Jamestown to issue up to three million dollars (\$3,000,000) in general obligation bonds, subject to voter approval, to support affordable housing projects in Jamestown.) {LC6260/1}
04/03/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 8404

BY Dawson, Read, Noret, Serpa, Fellela, Messier, Kazarian, Bennett, Spears, Caldwell
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- CHILDREN'S MEDICAID TRANSFORMATION INFRASTRUCTURE FUND ACT (Establishes a fund to support children's

community-based providers' infrastructure changes necessary and related to the state's Medicaid transformation initiative.) {LC6274/1}

04/03/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 8405

BY DeSimone, Biah, Kazarian

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE -- LONG-TERM CARE SERVICE AND FINANCE REFORM -- ASSISTED LIVING COMMUNITY MEDICAID RATES (Requires the executive office of health and human services (EOHHS) to apply an automatic cost-of-living adjustment ("COLA") to the Medicaid reimbursement rates paid for assisted living services provided pursuant to this chapter.) {LC6262/1}

04/03/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 8406

BY DeSimone, Biah, Kazarian

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE -- LONG-TERM CARE SERVICE AND FINANCE REFORM -- ASSISTED LIVING SERVICES (Provides that licensed assisted living community is not required to hold a residential unit for a Medicare-eligible resident absent from the facility for a period exceeding 10 days unless EOHHS provides payment to the facility to hold the bed.) {LC6263/1}

04/03/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 8407

BY McEntee, Fogarty, O'Brien, Caldwell, Cotter, Spears, Donovan, Speakman, McGaw, Morales

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- RETIREMENT SYSTEM -- CONTRIBUTION AND BENEFITS (Limits retired, part-time or adjunct instructors, hired by any state college, university, or state school, to teaching no more than two classes per semester.) {LC6278/1}

04/03/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 8408

BY Speakman, Carson, Ajello, Handy, Edwards, Slater, Giraldo, Casey, Alzate, Kazarian

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- HISTORIC PRESERVATION TAX CREDITS 2013 (Increases historic tax credit to 30%, and up to 35%, depending on the amount of rental area available for multi-family housing, affordable rental units and units sold as affordable housing.) {LC6258/1}

04/03/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

ADJOURNMENT

At 4:43 o'clock P.M., on motion of Representative Fogarty, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Jennifer Goulet; on motion of Representative McNamara, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of the Hon. Anthony Piccirelli; seconded by Leaders Blazejewski and Chippendale, the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

Diane M. DePina
Recording Clerk

APPENDIX

INVOCATION

REPRESENTATIVE DEBORAH A. FELLELA

Dear God, we ask for your blessing as we gather here today. We pray for your guidance through all our deliberations. Help us always keep in mind that we carry the hopes of those we serve. Amen

APPENDIX

TRANSMITTED TO GOVERNOR

Senate Bill No. 2037

BY Lauria

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Authorizes the town of Barrington to provide a tax dollar credit reduction for legally blind persons by ordinance.) {LC3418/1}

04/02/2026 Transmitted to Governor

Senate Bill No. 2040

BY Ujifusa, Felag, Lauria

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.) {LC3488/1}

04/02/2026 Transmitted to Governor

Senate Bill No. 2041

BY DiPalma

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.) {LC3740/1}

04/02/2026 Transmitted to Governor

APPENDIX**CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2026:****1. 2026-H 7200****BY McEntee****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE --
PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- CAUSES OF ACTION**

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

2. 2026-H 8086 SUB A**BY McEntee****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- INDICTMENTS,
INFORMATIONS AND COMPLAINTS**

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

3. 2026-H 8093 SUB A**BY McEntee****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- ABUSED AND
NEGLECTED CHILDREN**

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

4. 2026-H 7656**BY McEntee****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES --
RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PENSION REVOCATION AND REDUCTION
ACT**

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

5. 2026-H 8064**BY Read****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- SEXUAL OFFENDER
REGISTRATION AND COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION**

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

6. **2026-H 7649**
BY Dawson
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- UNIFORM ACT ON PREVENTION OF AND REMEDIES FOR HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

7. **2026-H 8080**
BY Fogarty
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION ACT

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

8. **2026-H 7547**
BY Furtado
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- CRIMINAL INJURIES COMPENSATION

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

9. **2026-H 7648**
BY McEntee
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- SEXUAL ASSAULT

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

10. **2026-H 7653**
BY Felix
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION ACT

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

11. **2026-H 7133 SUB A**
BY J. Lombardi
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS -- DOMESTIC ABUSE PREVENTION

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

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 2026:**1. 2026-H 7003****BY** McNamara**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS

Committee on Education recommends passage.

2. 2026-H 7026 SUB A**BY** Read**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE NATHAN BRUNO AND JASON FLATT ACT

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

3. 2026-H 7027**BY** Noret**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS

Committee on Education recommends passage.

4. 2026-H 7909**BY** O'Brien**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- RHODE ISLAND LITERACY AND DROPOUT PREVENTION ACT

Committee on Education recommends passage.

5. 2026-H 7029 SUB A**BY** Boylan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- NURSES

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

6. 2026-H 7716**BY** Slater**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- THE RHODE ISLAND CANNABIS ACT

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

7. **2026-H 7717**
BY Slater
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- THE RHODE ISLAND CANNABIS ACT

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

8. **2026-H 8229**
BY Kislak
ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF THE DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR., PARENT-TEACHER ORGANIZATION

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

9. **2026-S 2757**
BY Sosnowski
ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF ROBERTS AND ROCHA, INC.

Committee on Corporations recommends passage in concurrence.

Francis McCabe
Clerk of the House

Friday, April 3, 2026