

# 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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Tuesday, April 7, 2026

Twenty-Fourth Day

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The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence on Tuesday, April 7, 2026, and is called to order at 4:11 o'clock P.M. by the Honorable K. Joseph Shekarchi, Speaker.

The roll is called, and a quorum is declared present with 72 members present and 3 members absent as follows:

**PRESENT** – 72: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, 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, 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, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, and Voas.

**ABSENT** – 3: Representatives Ackerman, Baginski, and Batista.

## INVOCATION

The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi presents Representative Joseph J. Solomon, Jr., 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, April 2, 2026, is approved.

**COMMUNICATION FROM THE SPEAKER**

Tuesday, April 7, 2026

**Speaker K. Joseph Shekarchi announces, at the request of Minority Leader Michael Chippendale, the following appointment:**

Representative Robert Quattrocchi to the House Labor Committee, VICE Representative Marie Hopkins

**Speaker Shekarchi has made the following nominations to the National Conference of State Legislatures:**

Representatives Karen Alzate and Brandon Voas to a meeting on State Strategies for Paid Family and Medical Leave

Representative Carol McEntee to the Pretrial Policy Fellows Program

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Representative José F. Batista is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, April 7, 2026.

**CALENDAR**

From the Calendar are taken:

**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.

Chairwoman McEntee moves passage of the act, seconded by The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ajello, Alzate, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Cotter, Craven, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Fellela, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hull, Kazarian, Kislak, Knight, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, O'Brien, Phillips, Potter, Read, Roberts, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Tanzi, Voas.

Chairwoman McEntee, Representatives Newberry, Spears, Potter, Fogarty, Caldwell, Knight, and Tanzi discuss the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 68 members voting in the affirmative and 5 members voting in the negative as follows:

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

NAYS - 5: Representatives Chippendale, Newberry, Place, Quattrocchi, Santucci.

RECUSED - 0:

**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.

Chairwoman McEntee moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Abney, Ajello, Alzate, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Cotter, Craven, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hull, Kazarian, Kislak, Knight, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, O'Brien, Potter, Read, Roberts, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Tanzi.

Chairwoman McEntee 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 4 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 68: 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, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Potter, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

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

RECUSED - 0:

**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.

Chairwoman McEntee moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Abney, Ajello, Alzate, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Cotter, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fogarty, Furtado, Handy, Hull, Kazarian, Kislak, Knight, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, O'Brien, Potter, Read, Roberts, Shallcross Smith, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Tanzi.

Chairwoman McEntee discusses the act.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, 73 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 73: 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, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, 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, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

**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.

Chairwoman McEntee moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Boylan, Spears, Corvese, and Deputy Speaker Hull.

Chairwoman McEntee discusses the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 73 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 73: 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, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, 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, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

**5. 2026-H 8064**

**BY** Read

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- SEXUAL OFFENDER REGISTRATION AND COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Chairwoman McEntee moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Read, Cotter, Carson, Corvese, Casimiro, Fascia, Roberts, and Majority Whip Kazarian.

Chairwoman McEntee, Representatives Handy, Sanchez, Cotter, and Read discuss the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 72 members voting in the affirmative and 1 member voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 72: 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, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, 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, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 1: Representative Sanchez.

RECUSED - 0:

**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.

Chairwoman McEntee moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, and Representative Spears.

Chairwoman McEntee discusses the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 73 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 73: 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, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, 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, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

**7. 2026-H 8080**

**BY** Fogarty

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION ACT

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Chairwoman McEntee moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, and Representative Hopkins.

Chairwoman McEntee discusses the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 72 members voting in the affirmative and 1 member voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 72: 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, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, 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, Potter, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 1: Representative Place.

RECUSED - 0:

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

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Chairwoman McEntee moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, and Majority Whip Kazarian.

Chairwoman McEntee discusses the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 73 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 73: 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, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, 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, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

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

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

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

Chairwoman McEntee discusses the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 72 members voting in the affirmative and 1 member voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 72: 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, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, 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,

Potter, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 1: Representative Place.

RECUSED - 0:

**10. 2026-H 7653**

**BY Felix**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION ACT**

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Chairwoman McEntee moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Boylan and O'Brien.

Chairwoman McEntee discusses the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 72 members voting in the affirmative and 1 member voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 72: 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, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, 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, Potter, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 1: Representative Place.

RECUSED - 0:

**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.

Chairwoman McEntee moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, and Speaker Shekarchi.

Chairwoman McEntee discusses the act.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, 72 members voting in the affirmative and 1 member voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 72: 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, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, 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, Potter, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 1: Representative Place.

RECUSED - 0:

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

### GUESTS

Speaker Pro Tempore Kennedy warmly welcomes Sarah Alice Brown, the Rhode Island State Liaison for the National Conference of State Legislatures (NSCL), to the House Chamber. Speaker Shekarchi welcomes her to the House.

Chairwoman McEntee warmly welcomes her sister Ann Hagan Webb and Dr. Hub Brennan. They are here today to support House Bill 7200 Sub A, an Act Relating to Courts and Civil Procedure-Procedures Generally-Causes of Action, which was voted on today on the House floor. Speaker Shekarchi thanks them for their perseverance and for sharing their stories and also welcomes them to the House.

In recognition of National Community Development Month, Representative Speakman proudly celebrates the positive impact of Rhode Island's Community Development Corporations and nonprofit housing developers, who, through the Housing Network of Rhode Island, are committed to creating affordable homes and building stronger, more equitable communities across the state. Representative Speakman commends the leadership of Melina Lodge, Executive Director, Housing Network of Rhode Island; Frank Shea, Executive Director, Women's Development Corporation; Daynah Williams, Project Manager, NeighborWorks Blackstone River Valley; and Colin Penney, Executive Director, South County Habitat for Humanity, for their unwavering dedication to strengthening communities and improving lives throughout Rhode Island. Speaker Shekarchi also extends his welcome to them in the House Chamber.

### NOW PRESIDING

At 5:07 o'clock P.M., the Honorable Speaker Shekarchi yields the rostrum to the Honorable Speaker Pro Tempore Kennedy.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chairwoman Shallcross Smith offers heartfelt condolences to Speaker Shekarchi on the passing of his cousin, Beverly O. Hadfield.

**GUESTS**

Chairwoman Diaz proudly welcomes the Executive Director of Women in Government, Meredith Martino, to the House Chamber. Speaker Pro Tempore welcomes her to the House.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Representative Tanzi wishes her daughter, Delia Tanzi Buchbaum, a Happy 20th Birthday! Speaker Pro Tempore Kennedy also wishes her a Happy Birthday.

Chairman Casey announces that the Committee on Municipal Government & Housing will meet today, at the rise of the House, in Room 101 of the State House.

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

**GUESTS**

Representative Lima warmly welcomes Cranston Councilman Andy Andujar to the House.

**PROXY VOTES**

Majority Leader Blazejewski 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 #11.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Representative Cotter wishes her son, Joe, a Happy 18<sup>th</sup> Birthday!

Majority Leader Blazejewski announces the next House session will be held on Thursday, April 9, 2026, at 4:00 p.m. However, three committees are meeting tomorrow: the Finance Committee, Judiciary Committee, and Innovation & Technology Committee, all at 4:00 p.m.

Majority Leader wishes Representative Edwards and Representative Bennett a Happy Birthday!

**IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION****House Resolution No. 8409**

**BY** Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Slater, Chippendale, Solomon, Kennedy, Tanzi, Fogarty, Phillips, Ajello  
**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE  
PASSING OF LINDA ZANNI {LC6254/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Slater and Speaker Pro Tempore Kennedy discuss the resolution.

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

**House Resolution No. 8410**

**BY** Finkelman, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Paplauskas, Azzinaro, Phillips, Shanley, Noret, Cortvriend  
**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL OF 2026, TO BE THE "MONTH  
OF THE MILITARY CHILD" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC4535/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Finkelman discusses the resolution.

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

**House Resolution No. 8411**

**BY** Fogarty, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Handy, Kennedy, Tanzi, Ajello, Felix, Fellela  
**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL OF 2026, TO BE "LIMB LOSS  
AND LIMB DIFFERENCE AWARENESS MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
{LC4526/1}

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 Chairwoman Fogarty, seconded by many others, by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

**House Resolution No. 8412**

**BY** Speakman, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Kennedy, Tanzi, Fogarty, Phillips, Ajello, Felix, Fellela **ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF APRIL, 2026, TO BE "COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC4527/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Potter discusses the resolution.

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

**House Resolution No. 8413**

**BY** Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Potter, Giraldo, Kennedy, Tanzi, Fogarty, Phillips, Ajello **ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION CELEBRATING APRIL OF 2026, AS "ORGAN DONATION MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC4532/1}

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.

**RULE 7D**

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

Representative Casey-An Act relating to Registration for Motor Vehicles

Representative Cortvriend-An Act relating to the Establishment of Regional School Districts

Representative Corvese-An Act relating to Courts and Civil Procedure

Representative Dawson-An Act relating to Criminal Laws-Assaults  
An Act relating to Personal Income Tax

Representative Finkelman-An Act relating to Health and Safety-Refuse Disposal

Representative Hull-An Act relating to Public Utilities and Carriers

Representative O'Brien-An Act relating to Criminal Procedure

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. 2116 SUB A**

**BY** Urso, McKenney, Ciccone, Murray, Valverde, Bell, Vargas, Lawson, de la Cruz

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- NURSES (Permits a certified foot care nurse 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 for nurses providing services.) {LC3721/A/1}

04/08/2026 Referred to House Health & Human Services

#### **Senate Bill No. 2270**

**BY** Sosnowski

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SITUS AND OWNERSHIP OF TAXABLE PROPERTY (Clarifies that buildings on leased land in the town of South Kingstown shall be taxed as real estate whether or not the leases are in writing or recorded.) {LC3981/1}

04/08/2026 Referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

#### **Senate Bill No. 2292**

**BY** DiPalma, LaMountain, Burke, Tikoian, McKenney, Paolino, Raptakis, Euer

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- DISARMING A PEACE OFFICER (Makes it a felony for any person to remove or attempt to remove any firearm or other weapon or any communication device from any peace officer or investigator of the department of attorney general.) {LC4203/1}

04/08/2026 Referred to House Judiciary

**Senate Bill No. 2725****BY** Bissaillon, Burke, Acosta, Mack, Dimitri, LaMountain**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- FEES (Increases the fees charged for filings and writs of execution in the district court, superior court and family court.) {LC5187/1}

04/08/2026 Referred to House Judiciary

**Senate Bill No. 3099****BY** Tikoian, Ciccone, LaMountain, Bissaillon, McKenney, Burke, Raptakis, Quezada, Dimitri**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- COURTS -- SUPERIOR COURT (Changes the term of drug court to recovery court.) {LC6102/1}

04/08/2026 Referred to House Judiciary

**Senate Bill No. 3155****BY** Thompson, Pearson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Exempts from taxation the property of the non-profit Mount St. Rita Health Centre located in Cumberland, RI. The exemption would be effective as of December 31, 2025.) {LC6234/1}

04/08/2026 Referred to House Municipal Government &amp; Housing

**Senate Bill No. 3204****BY** Pearson, Thompson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF THE CUMBERLAND LODGE #14, FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE {LC6253/1}

04/08/2026 Referred to House Corporations

**NEW BUSINESS****House Bill No. 8414**

(by request)

**BY** Serpa**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY -- HEMP GROWTH ACT -- RHODE ISLAND HEMP THC BEVERAGE ACT (Provides a licensed liquor retailer/cannabis retailer/or hemp consumable retailer that received an infused-beverage endorsement from the cannabis control commission the authorization to sell at retail THC infused beverages in accordance with this chapter.) {LC6281/1}

04/08/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 8415****BY** Bennett, Hopkins, Edwards, McEntee, Speakman, Handy, Carson, Kislak, Santucci, Boylan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- PLASTIC WASTE REDUCTION ACT (Prohibits the use of black plastic takeout containers for use to take prepared foods and drinks from restaurants, stores, and other retail sales establishments.) {LC6277/1}

04/08/2026 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

**House Bill No. 8416**

**BY** Serpa

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- SUBDIVISION OF LAND (Requires that in the town of Coventry, local regulations shall require approval of the permitting authority for both private and public improvements prior to final plan approval.) {LC6283/1} 04/08/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

**House Resolution No. 8417**

**BY** Bennett, Edwards, Shallcross Smith, Fogarty, Hull, Lombardi, Donovan

**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$500,000 TO THRIVE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, INC. TO SUPPORT THE HILLSGROVE CLUBHOUSE PROGRAM (Authorizes the appropriation of the sum of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) to Thrive Behavioral Health, Inc. to support the Hillsgrove Clubhouse Program.) {LC6299/1} 04/08/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 5:23 o'clock P.M. on motion of Representative Shallcross Smith, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Kathleen J. Palagi; on motion of Representative Shallcross Smith and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Beverly O. Hadfield, on motion of Representative Slater, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Linda Marie Zanni; seconded by Leaders Blazejewski and Chippendale the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

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

**APPENDIX**

**INVOCATION**

**REPRESENTATIVE JOSEPH J. SOLOMON, JR.**

Almighty God, we thank You for this day. Bless and guide our leaders during these challenging times, and give them the wisdom and patience to serve the state and its people well. Amen.

APPENDIX

## CALENDAR

## 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**