

# State of Rhode Island

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# JOURNAL

-OF THE-

# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Twenty-Sixth Day

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The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence on Tuesday, April 14, 2026, and is called to order at 4:04 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, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Bennett, Biah, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, 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, 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 Ackerman, Batista, Blazejewski, Casimiro, Lima, Quattrocchi.

## INVOCATION

The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi presents Representative Alex Finkelman, 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 9, 2026, is approved.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Representative José F. Batista is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, April 14, 2026.

**CALENDAR**

From the Calendar are taken:

**IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 2026:****1. 2026-H 7008 SUB A**

**BY** Corvese

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- PARKING FACILITIES AND PRIVILEGES

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

Chairman Shanley moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Whip Kazarian, Representatives Corvese, Donovan, Carson, McNamara, and Ajello.

Chairman Shanley discusses the act.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, 64 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 64: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Bennett, Biah, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Knight, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Read, Roberts, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

**2. 2026-H 7032**

**BY** Speakman

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- STUDENT COMPUTER DEVICE PRIVACY

Committee on Innovation, Internet, & Technology recommends passage.

Chairwoman Baginski moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Abney, Ajello, Biah, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Diaz, Donovan, Fellela,

Fogarty, Hull, Kazarian, Kislak, McGaw, McNamara, Paplauskas, Potter, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Speakman, Spears.

Chairwoman Baginski discusses the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 68 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 68: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Bennett, Biah, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, 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, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Place, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

**3. 2026-H 7342 SUB A**

**BY Carson**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SCHOOL WASTE RECYCLING AND REFUSE DISPOSAL**

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

Chairman McNamara moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Abney, Ajello, Baginski, Bennett, Boylan, Brien, Carson, Cortvriend, Cotter, Craven, DeSimone, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kislak, Lombardi, McEntee, McGaw, Morales, Phillips, Potter, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Tanzi.

Chairman McNamara, Minority Leader Chippendale, Representatives Carson, Boylan, and Minority Whip Place discuss the act.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, 60 members voting in the affirmative and 9 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 60: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Bennett, Biah, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Potter, Read, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 9: Representatives Chippendale, Fascia, Nardone, Newberry, Paplauskas, Perez, Place, Roberts, Santucci.

RECUSED - 0:

**4. 2026-H 7475**

**BY** Shanley

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC FINANCE -- RHODE ISLAND SECURE CHOICE RETIREMENT SAVINGS PROGRAM ACT

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

Chairman Solomon moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Whip Kazarian, Representatives Edwards, and Bennett.

Chairman Solomon and Representative Nardone discuss the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 70 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 70: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Bennett, Biah, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, 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, 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, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

**5. 2026-H 7873**

**BY** Handy

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RHODE ISLAND COORDINATE SYSTEM

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

Chairman Solomon moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Whip Kazarian.

Chairman Solomon discusses the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 70 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 70: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Bennett, Biah, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, 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, 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, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

**6. 2026-H 7640**

**BY** McEntee

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE--COURTS -- COURT ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

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

Chairwoman McEntee discusses the act.

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

YEAS - 69: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Bennett, Biah, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, 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, 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, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

**7. 2026-H 7748**

**BY** Craven

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE--COURTS -- DISTRICT COURT

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Chairwoman McEntee moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Whip Kazarian, Representatives Brien, Bennett, Edwards, and Kislak.

Chairwoman McEntee discusses the act.

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

YEAS - 69: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Bennett, Biah, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, 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, 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, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

**8. 2026-H 8050**

**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 Majority Whip Kazarian.

Chairwoman McEntee discusses the act.

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

YEAS - 69: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Bennett, Biah, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, 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, 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, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

**9. 2026-S 2470****BY** Lauria**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY --  
DOGS

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage in concurrence.

Chairman Casey moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Whip Kazarian and Representative Boylan.

Chairman Casey discusses the act.

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

YEAS - 69: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Bennett, Biah, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, 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, 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, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

**10. 2026-S 2472****BY** Lauria**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY --  
DOGS

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage in concurrence.

Chairman Casey moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Whip Kazarian, Representatives Boylan and Cars.

Chairman Casey discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 67 members voting in the affirmative and 2 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 67: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Bennett, Biah, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, 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, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Read, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 2: Representatives Nardone, Roberts.

RECUSED - 0:

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

### NOW PRESIDING

At 4:28 o'clock P.M., the Honorable Speaker Shekarchi yields the rostrum to the Honorable Deputy Speaker Hull.

### GUESTS

Representative Kislak welcomes distinguished guests here today in recognition of School Library Month, including Tasha White, Peter Quesnel, and Alfred Lima. Crew members: Andy Tebalan Morales, Jahzeel Denunez, Jayden Hernandez, Keyshia Sophia Abad, and Narella Andrea Estrada Guillen. Also, Lima Library Stewards: Lisaili Rosario, Head Library Steward; Allison Ariana Urizar; Briana Noriega; and Jency Ramirez. Representative Kislak expresses her gratitude for their commitment to education and library services.

Representative Paplauskas, in recognition of National Library Week, is proud to celebrate the vital role that libraries, librarians, and library workers play in transforming lives and strengthening our communities. This annual celebration highlights the invaluable contributions of our local libraries as centers of learning, connection, and opportunity. He is pleased to welcome the Rhode Island Library Association, along with Ed Garcia, Director of the Cranston Public Library; Cheryl Space, Director of Community Libraries of Providence; and Benjamin Hanley, Head of Information Services at Barrington Public Library and President of the Rhode Island Library Association. Their commitment exemplifies the enduring impact of libraries that enrich the lives of Rhode Islanders every day.

Representative Carson proudly welcomes Julie Dorsey, Principal of LaPerche Elementary School in Smithfield and chair of the RI School Recycling Program, to the House. Also with her today are three students: Nika Pagios, Maxwell Polseno, and Jacelyn Bushee. They are here today in support of HB 7342 SUB A, an act relating to Education-School Waste Recycling and Refuse Disposal, which will be voted on in session today.

In recognition of Rhode Island Crime Victims Awareness Month, Representative Tanzi is honored to welcome and acknowledge the recipients of the 2026 Crime Victim Service Award: Richard Ferruccio, President of the RI Brotherhood of Correctional Officers Union; Kimberly Maciel, Victim Advocate (BVAC); Patricia Rivera; on behalf of Kathy McCormick, Kristi DiSenza from SOAR; Rachel Caruso, Executive Director, RI Resiliency Center; Correctional Officer Lisa Leveillee; and therapy dog Paisley, along with her husband, Michael, and granddaughter, Aria Leveillee. Chairwoman Diaz warmly welcomes Leanne Barrett of RI Kids Count to the House. She congratulates Leanne on her many years of dedication to Kids Count, focusing on early childhood

policy and advocacy, and wishes her all the best in her future endeavors. Joining her today is Paige Parks, Executive Director of RI Kids Count.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairwoman Diaz reminds all members that next Thursday is Administrative Professionals Day.

#### GUESTS

Representative Santucci sincerely expresses his heartfelt sympathies to Todd and his daughter-in-law, Kim George, on the loss of his father, Bernard "Bernie" George. Bernie dedicated many years to serving our country with distinction. He also served as the director of two Rhode Island State Laboratories, where he worked as a microbiologist. Bernie was a kind, humble person who touched the lives of many, and he will be truly missed by everyone who knew him.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Solomon announces that the Committee on Corporations will meet today, at the rise of the House, in Room 101 of the State House.

Chairman Solomon extends his heartfelt sympathies to the Choiniere family on the passing of Raymond Choiniere. Ray worked for many years in the House Policy Office before retiring in 2012. Ray was a wonderful man: smart, funny, loyal, and generous. He will be deeply missed by everyone who knew him.

#### GUESTS

Speaker Pro Tempore proudly welcomes members of The Council of State Governments Eastern Regional Conference, including Wendell Hannaford, Interim Director; Alison Braver, Program Manager; Joseph Shiovitz, Policy Analyst, Housing and Transportation; Shirley Girouard, Policy Consultant, Health; Debbie Paige, Education and Military Veterans Affairs, Policy Staff; Tara Sad, Policy Consultant, Agriculture and Rural Affairs; and Fran Boyd, Policy Consultant, and Washington Advisor to the House Chamber.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Representative Phillips reminds all Representatives that the Northern Rhode Island Chamber of Commerce annual Legislative Reception will be held today at the Rise in the Bell Area.

Chairman Azzinaro announces that the Committee on Veterans 'Affairs will meet today, at the rise of the House, in Room 135 of the State House.

Chairman Corvese announces that the Committee on Labor will meet at 4:00 p.m. in Room 101 of the State House.

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

Chairman Casey announces that the Committee on Municipal Government & Housing will meet tomorrow at 4:00 p.m., in Room 135 of the State House.

### 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 #10.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Majority Whip Kazarian announces that the next House session will be held on Thursday, 16, 2026, the last session before spring break. However, the Finance, Labor, and Municipal Government & Housing Committees will meet tomorrow at 4:00 p.m.

### IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION

#### **House Resolution No. 8439**

**BY** Shekarchi, Blazewski, Craven, Chippendale, McEntee, Kennedy, Edwards, Fogarty, Fellela, Ajello

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF SYLVIA A. DELUCA {LC6302/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Craven discusses the resolution.

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

#### **House Resolution No. 8440**

**BY** Shekarchi, Kazarian, Solomon, Chippendale, Casey, McNamara, Slater, Kennedy, Edwards, Fogarty

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF RAYMOND A. CHOINIERE {LC6341/1}

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

There is no objection.

Chairman Solomon discusses the resolution.

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

**House Resolution No. 8441**

**BY** Shekarchi, Kazarian, Dawson, Chippendale, Furtado, Boylan, Speakman, Craven, Slater, Finkelman

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF BASEBALL ICON DAVEY LOPES AND EXPRESSING SYMPATHY ON HIS PASSING {LC6324/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representatives Dawson and Slater discuss the resolution.

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

**House Resolution No. 8442**

**BY** Santucci, Chippendale, Nardone, Roberts, Read, Noret, Serpa, Newberry, Paplauskas, Place

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF BERNARD W. GEORGE {LC6325/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Santucci and Minority Leader Chippendale discuss the resolution.

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

**House Resolution No. 8443**

**BY** Shallcross Smith, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Alzate, Solomon, Baginski, Furtado, Place, Read

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL 19-25 OF 2026 TO BE "MEDICAL LABORATORY PROFESSIONALS WEEK" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC4537/1}

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

There is no objection.

Chairwoman Shallcross Smith discusses the resolution.

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

**House Resolution No. 8444**

**BY** Diaz, Shekarchi, Kazarian, Chippendale, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Kislak, Alzate, Messier, Edwards

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION HONORING LEANNE BARRETT FOR HER EXTRAORDINARY SERVICE TO RHODE ISLAND'S CHILDREN AND FAMILIES AND WISHING HER CONTINUED SUCCESS IN HER NEW ROLE AT THE RHODE ISLAND ASSOCIATION FOR INFANT MENTAL HEALTH {LC6347/1}

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

There is no objection.

Chairwoman Diaz discusses the resolution.

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

**House Resolution No. 8445**

**BY** Paplauskas, Chippendale, Blazejewski, Morales, Read, Fascia, Baginski, Solomon, Santucci, Noret

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL 19-25, 2026, TO BE "NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC4090/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Paplauskas discusses the resolution.

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

**House Resolution No. 8446**

**BY** Kislak, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Read, Cortvriend, McNamara, Slater, Edwards, Kennedy

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL 2026, AS "SCHOOL LIBRARY MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC6169/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Kislak discusses the resolution.

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

**House Resolution No. 8447**

**BY** Newberry, Serpa, Chippendale, Hopkins, Kennedy, Edwards, Fogarty, Fellela, Ajello, Solomon  
**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL OF 2026, TO BE "PARKINSON'S AWARENESS MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC6342/1}

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 voice vote.

**House Resolution No. 8448**

**BY** Blazejewski, Chippendale  
**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONGRATULATIONS {LC6293/1}

Majority Leader Blazejewski requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Majority Leader Blazejewski, seconded by Minority Leader Chippendale, by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

**House Resolution No. 8449**

**BY** Blazejewski, Chippendale  
**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING CONDOLENCES {LC6294/1}

Majority Leader Blazejewski requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Majority Leader Blazejewski, seconded by Minority Leader Chippendale, by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

**RULE 7D**

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

Representative Bennett-An Act relating to Behavioral Healthcare-Developmental Disabilities

Representative Cortvriend-An Act relating to Education-Children with Disabilities

Representative Marszalkowski-An Act relating to Highways

Representative Read-An Act relating to Criminal Arrest-Procedures

Representative Shanley-An Act relating to Public Property and Works  
-An Act relating to Lead Hazard Mitigation

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. 2985**

(Judiciary)

**BY** Quezada, Pearson, Mack, Euer, DiMario

**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.) {LC5275/1}

04/15/2026 Referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

**Senate Bill No. 2994****BY** Valverde**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES

(Allows for the issuance of a Class B or Class B-H liquor license for the property located at 349 Main Street in the town of South Kingstown.) {LC5552/1}

04/15/2026 Referred to House Municipal Government &amp; Housing

**Senate Bill No. 2955**

(Judiciary)

**BY** McKenney, Euer**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.) {LC5276/1}

04/15/2026 Referred to House Judiciary

**Senate Bill No. 2749****BY** Bell**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES

(Allows for the issuance of a Class BV liquor license for the property located at 819 Westminster Street in the city of Providence.) {LC5439/1}

04/15/2026 Referred to House Education

**NEW BUSINESS****House Bill No. 8450****BY** Newberry, Shekarchi, Finkelman, Chippendale, Marszalkowski, Slater, Phillips, Brien, Santucci, Solomon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CORPORATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS AND

PARTNERSHIPS -- RHODE ISLAND BUSINESS CORPORATION ACT -- THE RHODE

ISLAND BUSINESS CLIMATE REFORM ACT (Adopts several concepts from other jurisdictions with the goal of promoting a stronger climate for business growth in Rhode Island, including a "Franchise Fee" in lieu of the corporation tax.) {LC6320/1}

04/15/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 8451****BY** Spears**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE -- DEER HUNTING (Creates

mechanism for New Shoreham to seek a time limited exemption from certain statewide deer hunting prohibitions.) {LC6339/1}

04/15/2026 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

**House Bill No. 8452****BY** Serpa**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --

CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT (Prohibits defendants who are serving probation for driving under the influence death resulting from earning good time off their probationary period.) {LC6321/1}

04/15/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 5:13 o'clock P.M. on motion of Representative Solomon, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Raymond A. Choiniere; on motion of Representative Donovan, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Robert A. Clark; on motion of Representative Santucci and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Bernard W. "Bernie" George; on motion of Representative Craven, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Sylvia A. De Luca; on motion of Representative Dawson, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of David "Davey" Earl Lopes, seconded by Majority Whip Kazarian and Minority Leader Chippendale the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

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

**APPENDIX**

**INVOCATION**

**REPRESENTATIVE ALEX FINKELMAN**

Eternal God, we come before you this day to remember the six million Jews who were killed in the Holocaust and the millions of other victims of nazi persecution and terror. We remember and lament all those whose lives have been lost. Help us to work for a better future, free of Ignorance, hate, and prejudice, so such a holocaust never happens again. Amen.

**APPENDIX**

**TRANSMITTED TO GOVERNOR**

**Senate Bill No. 2470**

**BY** Lauria

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- DOGS  
(Permits the town of Barrington to assess an annual dog licensing fee of seven dollars (\$7.00).)

{LC4837/1}

04/14/2026 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 2472**

**BY** Lauria

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- DOGS  
(Increases the fines for dog ordinance violations in the town of Barrington.) {LC4838/1}

04/14/2026 Transmitted to Governor

**APPENDIX****CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 2026:****1. 2026-H 7922****BY Handy****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY**

Committee on Health &amp; Human Services recommends passage.

**2. 2026-H 7538****BY Tanzi****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- USE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE BY HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS NOTIFICATION ACT**

Committee on Health &amp; Human Services recommends passage.

**3. 2026-H 7424****BY Solomon****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- COLLABORATIVE PHARMACY PRACTICE**

Committee on Health &amp; Human Services recommends passage.

**4. 2026-H 7218****BY Kislak****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS -- CROOK POINT BRIDGE AUTHORITY ACT**

Committee on Municipal Government &amp; Housing recommends passage.

**5. 2026-H 7777****BY McNamara****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- GENERAL POWERS-- WARWICK MUNICIPAL COURT**

Committee on Municipal Government &amp; Housing recommends passage.

**6. 2026-H 7083 SUB A****BY Lima****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- GENERAL POWERS**

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

**7. 2026-H 7532 SUB A****BY Cortvriend****ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY SLUDGE MANAGEMENT IN RHODE ISLAND**

Committee on Environment and Natural Resources recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

**8. 2026-H 8230****BY J. Lombardi****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES**

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

**9. 2026-S 2147 SUB A****BY Burke****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- PRIMARY ELECTIONS**

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

**Francis McCabe**  
Clerk of the House

**Friday, April 10, 2026**