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Thursday, April 16, 2026

Twenty-Seventh Day

The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence on Thursday, April 16, 2026, and is called to order at 4:09 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, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hopkins, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Place, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Stewart, Tanzi, and Voas.

ABSENT – 9: Representatives Batista, Cruz, Hull, Marszalkowski, Newberry, Potter, Quattrocchi, Shallcross Smith, and Spears.

INVOCATION

The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi presents Representative Mia A. Ackerman, 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, April 14, 2026, is approved.

COMMUNICATIONS

Representative Cherie L. Cruz is unable to attend session today, Thursday, April 16, 2026.
Representative José F. Batista is unable to attend session today, Thursday, April 16, 2026.
Representative Mary Ann Shallcross Smith is unable to attend session today, Thursday, April 16, 2026.

GUESTS

Representative Kislak, in recognition of Holocaust and Genocide Awareness Month, warmly welcomes members of the Rhode Island Holocaust & Genocide Education Commission (RIHGEC), including Chair Pauline Getzoyan, Vice-Chair Dave Bartos, Secretary Rhonda Marro, and members Kannyka Pouk and Dr. David Weed. Also present are Geralyn Ducady from the Rhode Island Department of Education; Todd Grimes, Rhode Island Association of School Principals; Carly Reich, Rhode Island Association of School Committees; Scott Sutherland, Rhode Island School Superintendents Association; and Director Wendy Joering from the Sandra Bornstein Holocaust Education Center, to the House.

Representative Noret, a proud alumnus and Community College of Rhode Island graduate, knows firsthand the life-changing opportunities CCRI offers. He is honored to welcome President Dr. Rosemary Costigan and Chief of Staff Kempe to the House for CCRI's 61st anniversary celebration. CCRI has opened doors for thousands of students across Rhode Island and New England. He expressed gratitude for the college's continued dedication to student success, workforce development, and academic excellence.

Representative Felix, a proud alumnus, proudly welcomes and congratulates the Community College of Rhode Island (CCRI) Knights Women's Basketball Team on securing their fifth consecutive National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Women's Basketball Region XXI Championship.

CCRI Knights Women's Basketball Team:

Qiana Sumner	Meleeya Robbins
Genesis McNeill	Layla Perry
Emma Harding	Ella Johnson
Emily Moran	Parisa Monteiro
Charlize Romero	Natalyah Williams
Sydney Waitekus	

Their sustained excellence includes an extraordinary run of more than 60 consecutive wins against regional opponents and five straight appearances in the NJCAA Division III National Tournament. Also here today are Head Coach Doug Haynes and Assistant Coaches Derrick Campbell and Victoria Wilkerson. Coach Haynes was recently named NJCAA East District Coach of the Year for the fifth consecutive season, an unprecedented achievement that reflects both his leadership and the strength of the program he has built. Beyond their success on the court, these student-athletes represent the very best of CCRI and our state, demonstrating discipline, teamwork, and a commitment to academic and personal growth. Speaker Shekarchi congratulates them and welcomes them to the House.

CALENDAR

From the Calendar are taken:

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 & Human Services recommends passage.

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

Chairwoman Donovan discusses the act.

Read and passed, 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, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hopkins, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Place, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Stewart, Tanzi.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

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 & Human Services recommends passage.

Chairwoman Donovan moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Carson, McGaw, Shanley, Ajello, and Cortvriend.

Chairwoman Donovan, Minority Leader Chippendale, Representatives Solomon, Tanzi, Phillips, and Carson discuss the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 64 members voting in the affirmative and 1 member voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 64: 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, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hopkins, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Phillips, Place, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Stewart, Tanzi.

NAYS - 1: Representative Perez.

RECUSED - 0:

3. 2026-H 7424

BY Solomon

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS --
COLLABORATIVE PHARMACY PRACTICE

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.

Chairwoman Donovan moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Fogarty, Felix, Bennett, Sanchez, Corvese, Biah, and Majority Whip Kazarian.

Chairwoman Donovan 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, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hopkins, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Place, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

4. 2026-H 7218

BY Kislak

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS -- CROOK POINT BRIDGE
AUTHORITY ACT

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

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

Chairman Casey, Representatives Lima, Kislak, and Morales discuss the act.

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

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

NAYS - 2: Representatives Lima, Perez.

RECUSED - 0:

5. 2026-H 7777

BY McNamara

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- GENERAL POWERS--
WARWICK MUNICIPAL COURT

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

Chairman Casey moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Shanley, McNamara, Bennett, and Hopkins.

Chairman Casey, Representatives Sanchez, and McNamara discuss 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, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hopkins, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Place, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

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.

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

Chairman Casey and Representative Sanchez discuss 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, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hopkins, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

GUESTS

Chairman Casey is pleased to welcome distinguished members of the Rhode Island Manufacturers Association Board of Directors and Executive Leadership and their partners at Polaris, including Craig Pickell, Chair of the Board of Directors; Chris Goodwin, Vice Chair of the Board of Directors; Bob Nangle, Immediate Past Chair; Ellis Waldman, Member of the Board of Directors; Joe Mattiello, Member of the Board of Directors; Melissa Travis, President & Chief Executive Officer, Christian Cowan, URI Research Foundation/401 Tech Bridge and Matt Watson, Director, of Polaris MEP. He also welcomes and congratulates the 2026 Rhode Island Manufacturers Association Award Winners to the House.

Rhode Island Manufacturers Association Award Recipients and Guests

<u>Guests</u>	<u>Company</u>	<u>Award</u>
Louis Campisani Karen Campisani, wife	West Warwick Welding	Henry D. Sharpe Award
Steve Ilmrud Lisa Ilmrud, wife	Hexagon Manufacturing Intelligence	Al Lubrano MVP Award
Ronald A. Fasano Kaitlin Armstrong, wife Ronald Fasano, father Mary Fasano, mother	Fasano Corporation, Inc.	Next-Gen Leadership Award

Nicholas Jones Award Hamilton Davison, CEO of ChemArt	ChemArt	Manufacturing Innovation
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David Spencer	Atlantic Paper & Supply	Partner of the Year Award
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David A. Brown Susan Brown, wife	Whittet-Higgins Company	Chairman's Award
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Benjamin White*	Taco	President's Award
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Chairwoman Donovan warmly welcomes to the House distinguished guests Dr. Katharina de Klerk, Dr. Christopher Klaus, Dr. Ashley Le-Pham, Dr. Ayesha Gurnani, Dr. Christine Nevins-Herbert, Dr. Meghan Gould, Dr. Sara Watson, Dr. Petronea Smith, Dr. Max Cohen, Dr. Diana Wohler, Dr. Jordan White, Dr. Jennifer Buckley, Dr. Nicole Siegert, and Dr. Charles Hackett to commemorate Family Medicine Advocacy Day in Rhode Island.

In recognition of National Table Tennis Day, Representative Hopkins warmly welcomes four representatives of the Rhode Island Table Tennis Association: Liam Cannon, Murali Mani, John Shunney, and Steve Vongsiri to the House.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

CALENDAR

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.

Chairman Bennett moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Boylan, Carson, Casimiro, Fogarty, Cortvriend, Serpa, Shanley, Noret, McEntee, Donovan, and Edwards.

Chairman Bennett discusses the resolution.

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

FLOOR AMENDMENT TO 2026 -- H 7532 SUBSTITUTE A

JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO
STUDY SLUDGE MANAGEMENT IN RHODE ISLAND

Mr. Speaker:

I hereby move to amend 2026 -- H 7532 SUBSTITUTE A, entitled "JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY SLUDGE MANAGEMENT IN RHODE ISLAND", as follows:

1. On page 1, line 10, by deleting the language "nineteen (19)" and by inserting in place thereof the language "twenty (20)".

2. On page 1, line 19, after the language "designee;" by inserting the language "one of whom shall be the Rhode Island State Director of Clean Water Action, or designee;"

Respectfully submitted,

Representative Bennett

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LC004425/2
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Representative Cortvriend discusses the amendment.

The motion to amend prevails 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, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hopkins, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Noret, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Place, Read, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

Representatives Brien, Casimiro, and Cortvriend discuss the amended resolution.

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

Nardone, Noret, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Place, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

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

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

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

Chairman Casey discusses the act.

Read and passed, 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, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hopkins, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Noret, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Place, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

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.

Chairman Shanley moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Phillips, Serpa, Corvese, Casey, Edwards, Ajello, Lima, and Biah.

Chairman Shanley discusses the act.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, in concurrence, 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, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hopkins, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Noret, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Place, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

NOW PRESIDING

At 5:12 o'clock P.M., the Honorable Speaker Shekarchi yields the rostrum to the Honorable Speaker Pro Tempore Kennedy.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Speaker Shekarchi asks that members be on the lookout for the weekly Newsletter, which will provide information and updates for the remainder of the upcoming session.

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.

Majority Leader Blazejewski announces that there will be no sessions or committee meetings next week as we mark the annual Spring Recess. Our next session will be on Tuesday, April 28, 2026. Before the session begins, please report to the Rotunda steps for our biennial House group photo at 4:00 p.m., followed by our session. Please be prompt for the photo at 4:00 p.m.!

All members should have received the Legislative Priorities Form via email, and it must be returned by next Friday, April 24, 2026. See Larry Berman on the floor today if you would like a blank copy. Democrats should return the form to Jennifer Amerantes in my office, and Republicans should return it to Sue Stenhouse in the Minority Office.

All members' Financial Disclosure Statements are due next Friday, April 24, 2026. If anyone needs an extension, you must request one from the Ethics Commission before the deadline.

IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION**House Resolution No. 8453**

BY McNamara, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Kennedy, Ajello, Tanzi, Santucci, Cortvriend, Boylan

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING "NATIONAL INFERTILITY AWARENESS WEEK" ON APRIL 19-25, 2026, IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC4541/1}

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

House Resolution No. 8454

BY McGaw, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, DeSimone, Carson, Speakman, Donovan, Potter, Boylan

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION CELEBRATING THE 56TH ANNIVERSARY OF "EARTH DAY" ON APRIL 22, 2026, IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC4540/1}

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. 8455

BY Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Diaz, Chippendale, Slater, Noret, Hopkins, Kazarian, Casimiro, Edwards

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION CELEBRATING "ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS' DAY" ON APRIL 22, 2026, AND THANKING ALL THE DEDICATED STAFF WHO WORK TIRELESSLY IN SUPPORT OF THE RHODE ISLAND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES {LC4539/1}

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

There is no objection.

Chairwoman Diaz discusses the resolution.

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

House Resolution No. 8456

BY Edwards, Finkelman, Corvese, Kennedy, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, McNamara, Chippendale, Paplauskas, Newberry

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE 78TH ANNIVERSARY OF ISRAEL'S DAY OF INDEPENDENCE ON APRIL 21ST THROUGH APRIL 22ND, 2026, AND REAFFIRMING THE BONDS OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION BETWEEN RHODE ISLAND, THE UNITED STATES, AND THE STATE OF ISRAEL {LC4543/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Edwards discusses the resolution.

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

House Resolution No. 8457

BY Kislak, Kazarian, Knight, Boylan, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Biah, Finkelman, Ackerman

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL TO BE "HOLOCAUST & GENOCIDE AWARENESS MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC4544/1}

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. 8458

BY Felix, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Hopkins, Noret, Diaz, Sanchez, Bennett, Voas

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND HONORING THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF RHODE ISLAND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING SUCCESS DURING THE 2025-2026 SEASON {LC6190/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Felix discusses the resolution.

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

House Resolution No. 8459

BY Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Noret, Chippendale, Paplauskas, Cortvriend, Diaz, Bennett, Felix, Voas
ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL 16, 2026, TO BE "COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF RHODE ISLAND DAY" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC4549/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Noret discusses the resolution.

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

House Resolution No. 8460

BY Donovan, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Kennedy, Ajello, Tanzi, Santucci, Cortvriend, Boylan
ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION HONORING FAMILY MEDICINE PHYSICIANS FOR THEIR SERVICE AND ADVOCACY {LC6300/1}

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

There is no objection.

Chairwoman Donovan discusses the resolution.

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

House Resolution No. 8461

BY Hopkins, Chippendale, Blazejewski, Nardone, Roberts, Fascia, Place, Paplauskas, Santucci, Brien
ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL 23, 2026, TO BE "WORLD TABLE TENNIS DAY" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC6170/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Hopkins discusses the resolution.

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

RULE 7D

The following bills were received pursuant to Rule 7D:

Representative Ackerman-An Act relating to the Boys and Girls Club of Rhode Island

Representative Azzinaro-An Act relating to Taxation

Representative Blazejewski-An Act relating to Naming Buildings, Bridges, Edifices, and Other State Constructions

Representative Carson-An Act relating to Funding Newport Birthing Center

Representative Corvese-An Act relating to Adjudication of Motor Vehicle Offenses

Representative Handy-An Act relating to State Affairs and Government-Open Meetings

Representative Santucci-An Act relating to Motor Vehicle Offenses

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. 2925

BY Burke, Ciccone, DiPalma, Famiglietti, Thompson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- FIREFIGHTERS' ARBITRATION (Provides that all contractual provisions in a firefighters collective bargaining agreement continue until a successor agreement has been reached or an interest arbitration award has been rendered.) {LC5951/1}

04/17/2026 Referred to House Labor

Senate Bill No. 3119

BY Tikoian, Ciccone, Patalano, LaMountain, McKenney, Thompson, Famiglietti, Vargas, Appollonio, Burke

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- MUNICIPAL POLICE ARBITRATION (Extends provisions of an existing collective bargaining agreement for municipal police arbitration purposes until a successor agreement is reached or an interest arbitration award is rendered.) {LC4994/1}

04/17/2026 Referred to House Labor

Senate Bill No. 2409

BY Thompson, Famiglietti, Burke, Patalano, Dimitri, Quezada, Pearson, Vargas, Tikoian

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' ARBITRATION (Recognizes that municipal employees have the opportunity to utilize binding arbitration and establishes new factors for the arbitrators to consider. These factors include comparisons of wages/hourly conditions of employment in similarly skilled jobs.)

{LC4253/1}

04/17/2026 Referred to House Labor

Senate Bill No. 3176

(by request)

BY Zurier

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS -- CROOK POINT BRIDGE AUTHORITY ACT (Creates the Crook Point Bridge Authority for the purpose of maintain the Crook Point Bascule Bridge and any property related thereto.) {LC4023/1}

04/17/2026 Referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

Senate Bill No. 2750

BY Sosnowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- PERMANENT JOINT COMMITTEE ON NAMING ALL NEW BUILDINGS, BRIDGES, EDIFICES AND OTHER STATE CONSTRUCTIONS (Renames the University of Rhode Island football practice field, located at 5E West Alumni Avenue, Kingston, RI 02881, to the "Mark S. Cruise '81 '84 Football Practice Field.") {LC5886/1}

04/17/2026 Referred to House Special Legislation

NEW BUSINESS

House Bill No. 8462**BY** Cortvriend, McNamara, Knight, Handy**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

(Requires transition planning for high school students with disabilities, who have a "504" plan, like the transition planning required for high school students with disabilities, who have an individualized education program (IEP).) {LC6332/1}

04/17/2026 Introduced, referred to House Education

House Bill No. 8463**BY** Read, Noret, Brien, Chippendale, Casey, Corvese, O'Brien, Fascia, Santucci, Cotter**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- ARREST (Makes it unlawful for a person in the custody of the department of corrections to use any force or weapon to resist a lawful request or directive.) {LC6330/1}

04/17/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 8464**BY** Marszalkowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS -- CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF STATE ROADS (Requires any contractor performing construction or maintenance for RIDOT, RITBA or any other construction on any state roads have in place an attenuator truck/crash truck with an operational camera.) {LC6328/1}

04/17/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 8465**BY** Shanley, Edwards, Bennett, Solomon, O'Brien, Biah**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- STATE

PURCHASES (Spells out what a public works project includes and the requirements of this section shall apply to all such public works projects.) {LC6346/1}

04/17/2026 Introduced, referred to House Labor

House Bill No. 8466**BY** Corvese, O'Brien**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES

(Allows for the issuance of a Class BV license for the property located at 1706 Mineral Spring Avenue in the town of North Providence.) {LC6361/1}

04/17/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 8467**BY** Shanley, Edwards, Bennett, Solomon, O'Brien, Biah**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- LEAD

HAZARD MITIGATION (Requires renovation projects of pre-1978 buildings to comply with provisions of chapter 24.6 of title 23 and chapter 21 of title 28, and requires presence of lead inspector and supervisor and requires lead training. DLT ensures compliance.) {LC6345/1}

04/17/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 8468**BY** Nardone, Roberts, Chippendale, Read, Noret, Serpa**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE ISLAND HOUSING RESOURCES ACT OF 1998 (Allows the town of Coventry to receive a one-half (1/2) credit for affordable housing units for manufactured homes in age restricted communities in conformance with all zoning laws and/or ordinances of the town.) {LC6314/1}

04/17/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 8469**BY** Nardone, Roberts, Chippendale, Read, Noret, Serpa**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- COVENTRY'S NEW CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS ACT (Sets timelines for Coventry's new construction, including one year for final approval, two (2) years for building permits, and temporary inclusion of units in the town's count until completion or three (3) years, whichever comes first.) {LC6316/1}

04/17/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 8470**BY** Nardone, Roberts, Chippendale, Noret, Serpa, Read**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING (Requires the Rhode Island housing authority to verify and document the count of affordable housing stock in the town of Coventry two (2) times per year.) {LC6312/1}

04/17/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 8471**BY** Nardone, Roberts, Chippendale, Read, Noret, Serpa**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING--PARKING SPACES (Permits Coventry to require two parking space for each studio, one-bedroom, or two-bedroom low- or moderate-income housing units upon the determination that limited or no local public transportation or off-street parking availability near these units.) {LC6313/1}

04/17/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 8472**BY** Nardone, Roberts, Chippendale, Noret, Serpa, Read**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- RHODE ISLAND COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING AND LAND USE ACT--COMPREHENSIVE PERMITS PROHIBITED IN WATERSHED OVERLAY PROTECTION (Prohibits applications for a comprehensive permit under the Rhode Island comprehensive planning and land use regulation act in any watershed overlay protection district located in the town of Coventry.) {LC6315/1}

04/17/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 8473**BY** Chippendale**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Permits the city of Cranston a one-year levy cap exemption for fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, not to exceed seven and forty-five hundredths percent (7.45%).) {LC6356/1}

04/17/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 8474

BY Blazejewski, Shekarchi, Kazarian, Biah, DeSimone, Slater, Kislak, Ajello, Diaz, Hull
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- PERMANENT JOINT COMMITTEE ON NAMING ALL NEW BUILDINGS, BRIDGES, EDIFICES AND OTHER STATE CONSTRUCTIONS (Makes the bridge over Smith Street and Route 95, the George Nee Bridge.) {LC6318/1}

04/17/2026 Introduced, referred to House Special Legislation

House Bill No. 8475

BY Bennett, Donovan, Edwards, Hopkins, Kazarian, Noret, Diaz, Shanley, McNamara, Potter
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND HOSPITALS -- DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND HOSPITALS (Expands the deinstitutionalization subsidy aid program in the department of behavioral healthcare, developmental disabilities and hospitals to include adoptive parent(s) or siblings(s).) {LC6336/1}

04/17/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Resolution No. 8476

BY Cotter

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF STATE EDUCATION AID TO THE TOWN OF RICHMOND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$331,064 (Authorizes the appropriation of the sum of \$331,064 to the Town of Richmond, for education aid.) {LC6354/1}

04/17/2026 Introduced, 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. 7173

BY Kennedy, Cotter, Fellela, Serpa, Diaz, Ackerman, Edwards, Solomon, Azzinaro, O'Brien
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- FACILITATING BUSINESS RAPID RESPONSE TO STATE DECLARED DISASTER ACT OF 2024 (Incorporates broadband, internet, and wireless means into the crime of injuring electric and communication lines and authorizes municipalities to grant zoning relief for the protection of critical infrastructure.) {LC4181/1}

04/24/2026 Placed on House Calendar (04/28/2026)

House Resolution No. 8008 SUB A**BY** Speakman, Boylan

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY CURRENT CONDOMINIUM LAW AND PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO TRANSPARENCY, ACCOUNTABILITY AND ONGOING AFFORDABILITY OF CONDOMINIUMS IN RHODE ISLAND (Creates a 16-member commission to study current condominium law and provide recommendations for improvements, and who would report back to the General Assembly by December 31, 2027, and would expire on March 15, 2028.) {LC5529/A/1}

04/24/2026 Placed on House Calendar (04/30/2026)

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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

House Bill No. 7926

(Dept. of Health)

BY Speakman, Boylan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- ASBESTOS ABATEMENT (Removes obsolete language and clarifies asbestos abatement and radon control requirements.)

{LC5259/1}

04/24/2026 Placed on House Calendar (04/28/2026)

House Bill No. 7030 SUB A**BY** Shanley, Craven, Caldwell, Bennett, Casimiro, Corvese, Morales, Paplauskas, Hopkins

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

04/24/2026 Placed on House Calendar (04/28/2026)

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 nurse who has the appropriate knowledge, credentials and clinical competency, to provide home services foot care, which includes routine foot and nail care, as well as implementing a plan of care that includes hygiene and fingernails.) {LC3721/A/1}

04/24/2026 Placed on the House Consent Calendar (04/28/2026)

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

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

House Bill No. 7639

BY Ajello, Cortvriend, Corvese, Place, Cruz, Kislak, Handy, Boylan, Donovan, Cotter
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW--GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- GENETIC INFORMATION PRIVACY ACT (Requires a direct-to-consumer genetic testing company, as defined, to provide a consumer with certain information regarding the company's policies and procedures regarding use of genetic data.) {LC5027/1}

04/24/2026 Placed on House Calendar (04/28/2026)

House Bill No. 7145

BY Fellela, Messier, Caldwell, Craven, Kazarian
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS (Amends the heading of § 11-47-60.1 to include the words "Dillon's Law.") {LC3365/1}

04/24/2026 Placed on House Calendar (04/28/2026)

House Bill No. 7642

(Judiciary)

BY Donovan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- DISTRICT COURT PRACTICE (Provides amendments to the assessment of filing fees required to appeal from certain matters adjudicated by the district court.) {LC5100/1}

04/24/2026 Placed on House Calendar (04/28/2026)

House Bill No. 7643

(Judiciary)

BY Donovan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE-- PROCEDURE IN PARTICULAR ACTION -- SMALL CLAIMS AND CONSUMER CLAIMS (Simplifies the assessment of filing fees required to appeal from small claims and consumer matters adjudicated by the district court.) {LC5101/1}

04/24/2026 Placed on House Calendar (04/28/2026)

House Bill No. 7644

BY Felix, Batista, Knight, McEntee, Dawson, Ajello, Noret, Cruz, Place, Kazarian

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.) {LC5055/1}

04/24/2026 Placed on House Calendar (04/28/2026)

House Bill No. 7654

BY Dawson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE AND SALE (Allows for sending of the notice under power of sale and rights of active military servicemembers by USPS First Class Mail and/or an overnight delivery service, instead of by USPS

certified mail return receipt requested.) {LC5019/1}
04/24/2026 Placed on House Calendar (04/28/2026)

House Bill No. 7747

(Dept. of Revenue)

BY Voas

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- REGULATION OF SALES (Prohibits the holding of multiple drivers licenses or identification cards and would change the term "re-constructed salvage" to "rebuilt salvage" for purposes of the Rhode Island salvage law.) {LC5194/1}

04/24/2026 Placed on House Calendar (04/28/2026)

House Bill No. 8087

(Dept. of Public Safety)

BY Hull, Noret, Fascia, Bennett, Biah, Corvese, Azzinaro

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- SEARCH WARRANTS (Dictates the length a search warrant involving a tracking device would be valid and provide a process to extend the time frame of the tracking device for good cause.) {LC5041/1}

04/24/2026 Placed on House Calendar (04/28/2026)

House Bill No. 8103

BY Dawson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE AND SALE (Increases the time that mortgage foreclosure notices are required to be provided to active military service members, from nine (9) months to one year, after completion of their active duty.) {LC5799/1}

04/24/2026 Placed on House Calendar (04/28/2026)

COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT AND HOUSING

Chairman Casey, for the Committee on Municipal Government and Housing, reports back the following measure, with recommendation of passage:

House Bill No. 8295

BY Cotter

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION -- VETERANS' EXEMPTIONS -- TOWN OF EXETER (Creates an exemption from property taxes in the amount of \$5,000 for any veteran of the military or naval service of the United States who is to be totally disabled through a service-connected disability in the town of Exeter.) {LC6106/1}

04/24/2026 Placed on House Calendar (04/28/2026)

House Bill No. 8348 SUB A

BY Marszalkowski, Ackerman, Voas

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.) {LC6129/A/1}

04/24/2026 Placed on House Calendar (04/28/2026)

House Bill No. 8003 SUB A**BY** Noret, Read**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- RHODE ISLAND COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING AND LAND USE ACT (Amends various provisions relative to adaptive reuse projects on state-owned property and certain conditions applied thereto.)

{LC5726/A/1}

04/24/2026 Placed on House Calendar (04/30/2026)

House Bill No. 8001 SUB A**BY** Shekarchi, Voas, DeSimone, Biah, Noret, O'Brien**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- STATE BUILDING CODE -- ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT (Authorizes municipalities to make an emergency declaration under limited circumstances to allow for the construction and use of SAFE Units on a temporary basis which have specialized requirements and exemptions from the state fire and building codes.) {LC5591/A/1}

04/24/2026 Placed on House Calendar (04/30/2026)

House Bill No. 8005 SUB A**BY** Giraldo, Voas, Cruz, Morales**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES (Amends the standards and limitations on permitted parking requirements for dwelling units.)

{LC5899/A/1}

04/24/2026 Placed on House Calendar (04/30/2026)

House Bill No. 8007**BY** Casey, Brien, O'Brien, Dawson, Caldwell, Read, Corvese, Biah, Azzinaro**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- SUBDIVISION OF LAND (Provides that minor subdivisions include single family infill subdivisions and establishes procedures for single family infill subdivisions within the subdivision of land chapter of the general laws.)

{LC5909/1}

04/24/2026 Placed on House Calendar (04/30/2026)

House Bill No. 7562**BY** Dawson, O'Brien**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- CRUELTY TO ANIMALS (Allows animal control officers in the cities and towns to lawfully take charge of and provide adequate care to any animal found abandoned or neglected or hazardously accumulated and includes them as agents authorized to enforce the provisions of this law.) {LC5009/1}

04/24/2026 Placed on House Calendar (04/30/2026)

House Bill No. 7371**BY** Shallcross Smith, Fellela, Diaz, Slater, Hull, Messier, Donovan, Fogarty, Ackerman, McNamara**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES (Sets the zoning statewide for "family child care homes" to no fewer than twelve (12) children maximum.)

{LC4489/1}

04/24/2026 Placed on House Calendar (04/30/2026)

House Bill No. 7369

(Auditor General)

BY Felix, Santucci, Tanzi, McNamara, Place, Casey, Chippendale, Giraldo, Cruz, Stewart
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS AND
INSTALLATION OF SYSTEMS (Amends the audit compliance requirements for municipalities'
contributions to pension plans under the budget of accounts and installation of systems chapter.)
{LC4186/1}

04/24/2026 Placed on House Calendar (04/30/2026)

Senate Bill No. 2148 SUB A

BY Gu, Felag, Urso

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES
(Requires that applicants for a retail liquor license in the town of Westerly acquire commercial,
general-liability, liquor liability and property damage insurance coverage in the amount of three
hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000).) {LC4027/A/1}

04/24/2026 Placed on the House Consent Calendar (04/28/2026)

Senate Bill No. 2577

(by request)

BY Ujifusa

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL
TAXES (Enables the town of Portsmouth to adopt, repeal, or modify their tax classification plan for
any tax year on and after December 31, 2026.) {LC4951/1}

04/24/2026 Placed on the House Consent Calendar (04/28/2026)

Senate Bill No. 2422

BY Euer

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION
(Authorizes the town of Jamestown to authorize, by ordinance, the expansion of the local tax
exemption ordinance for seniors.) {LC4592/1}

04/24/2026 Placed on the House Consent Calendar (04/28/2026)

Senate Bill No. 2700

(By Request)

BY DiPalma

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION
(Authorizes the town of Middletown to adopt by ordinance, a veterans' property tax exemption to any
veteran, who was honorably discharged, or discharged under conditions other than dishonorable,
regardless of dates or periods of service.) {LC5409/1}

04/24/2026 Placed on the House Consent Calendar (04/28/2026)

COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT AND ELECTIONS

Chairman Shanley, for the Committee on State Government and Elections, reports back the following measures, with recommendation of passage:

House Bill No. 7090

BY McNamara, Corvese, Shekarchi, Diaz

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- PRIMARIES FOR ELECTION OF DELEGATES TO NATIONAL CONVENTIONS AND FOR PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE

(Changes the date for the election of delegates to the conventions from the fourth Tuesday in April to the first Tuesday in March 2028.) {LC3947/1}

04/24/2026 Placed on House Calendar (04/30/2026)

House Bill No. 7377

(by request)

BY Carson, Shanley

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- LOCAL CANVASSING AUTHORITIES

(Requires party chairpersons to submit lists of party voters to the mayor or council president within 30 days of notice of vacancy in a municipal election office and mayor/council president are required to make a replacement nomination within 30 days.) {LC4040/1}

04/24/2026 Placed on House Calendar (04/30/2026)

House Bill No. 7378

BY Baginski, Paplauskas

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- LOCAL CANVASSING AUTHORITIES

(Changes how voter are notified of elections and vote registration deadlines, and local board questions.) {LC3496/1}

04/24/2026 Placed on House Calendar (04/30/2026)

House Bill No. 7358

BY Baginski, Paplauskas

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- CONDUCT OF ELECTION AND

VOTING EQUIPMENT, AND SUPPLIES (Requires all write-in votes, regardless of qualification, to be reported and published by the state board of elections, on its website.) {LC3495/1}

04/24/2026 Placed on House Calendar (04/30/2026)

House Bill No. 7572

BY Ackerman, McNamara, Edwards, Kazarian, Kennedy, Dawson, Serpa, Chippendale, Place, Potter

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- CONDUCT OF ELECTION AND

VOTING EQUIPMENT, AND SUPPLIES (Adds early voting to the 50 feet buffer prohibitions against politicking during election day voting.) {LC4411/1}

04/24/2026 Placed on House Calendar (04/30/2026)

House Bill No. 8282

(Secretary of State)

BY Voas, Alzate, Stewart, Giraldo, Shanley, Edwards, Bennett, Dawson, Caldwell, Morales

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- NOMINATION OF PARTY AND

INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES (Makes several amendments to provide for an online nomination paper portal for election nomination papers.) {LC5962/1}
04/24/2026 Placed on House Calendar (04/30/2026)

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Chairman Azzinaro, for the Committee on Veterans Affairs, reports back the following measure, with recommendation of passage:

House Bill No. 7094

BY Azzinaro, Shallcross Smith, Corvese, McNamara, Fellela, Solomon, Kennedy
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE --
DECORATIONS (Establishes the Rhode Island orange heart medal to formally recognize Rhode Island veterans whose service exposed them to toxic herbicides, burn pits, or other hazardous agents.) {LC3134/1}
04/24/2026 Placed on House Calendar (04/28/2026)

House Bill No. 8123

(Rhode Island National Guard)
BY Azzinaro, Costantino, Read, Solomon, Noret, Kennedy
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE --
DECORATIONS (Creates three (3) new awards for Rhode Island National Guard members and would provide eligibility for the Rhode Island star for certain civilian government employees and military and civilian leaders of foreign governments.) {LC5434/1}
04/24/2026 Placed on House Calendar (04/30/2026)

House Bill No. 8125

BY Azzinaro, Corvese, Fellela, Santucci, Phillips, Costantino, Read, Solomon, Noret, Kennedy
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- MILITARY CHILD ACT (Defines "military-connected student" and permits military-connected students to enroll by remote registration upon presentation of military orders confirming the parent or guardian be stationed in this state during the current or following school year.) {LC5801/1}
04/24/2026 Placed on House Calendar (04/28/2026)

House Resolution No. 8251

BY Azzinaro, Fellela, Hull, Lombardi, Read, Noret, Corvese
ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION URGING CONGRESS TO AUTHORIZE THE AWARD OF THE ARMED FORCES EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL, OR SIMILAR RECOGNITION, TO UNITED STATES SERVICE MEMBERS WHO SERVED IN HONDURAS FROM 1981 TO 1992 {LC6020/1}
04/24/2026 Placed on House Calendar (04/30/2026)

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:25 o'clock P.M., on motion of Majority Leader Blazewski, seconded by Minority Whip Place, the House adjourns, on a unanimous voice vote.

Diane M. DePina
Recording Clerk

APPENDIX

INVOCATION

REPRESENTATIVE MIA A. ACKERMAN

Today, we dedicate this session to recognizing Israeli Independence Day. Conceived in the wake of the horrors of the Holocaust, the modern Nation of Israel was born and gained full independence in 1948. Let us pray that a path to peace will soon come to Israel and all her neighbors. Amen.

APPENDIX

TRANSMITTED TO GOVERNOR

Senate Bill No. 2147 SUB A

BY Burke, LaMountain

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- PRIMARY ELECTIONS (Requires that the primary election date, statutorily the eighth Tuesday preceding the biennial state elections, shall be held on the Wednesday when Labor Day is the day before said Tuesday. No other filing deadlines would be affected.) {LC4179/A/1}

04/16/2026 Transmitted to Governor

APPENDIX**CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 2026:****1. 2026-H 7639****BY Ajello****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW--GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- GENETIC INFORMATION PRIVACY ACT**

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

2. 2026-H 7173**BY Kennedy****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- FACILITATING BUSINESS RAPID RESPONSE TO STATE DECLARED DISASTER ACT OF 2024**

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

3. 2026-H 7030 SUB A**BY Shanley****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- HEALTHCARE WORKER PLATFORM ACT**

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

4. 2026-H 7926**BY Speakman****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- ASBESTOS ABATEMENT**

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.

5. 2026-H 7145**BY Fellela****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS**

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

6. 2026-H 8087**BY Hull****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- SEARCH WARRANTS**

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

7. 2026-H 7644**BY Felix****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- FEES**

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

8. 2026-H 7642**BY Donovan****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- DISTRICT COURT PRACTICE**

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

9. 2026-H 7643**BY Donovan****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE-- PROCEDURE IN PARTICULAR ACTION -- SMALL CLAIMS AND CONSUMER CLAIMS**

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

10. 2026-H 7747**BY Voas****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- REGULATION OF SALES**

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

11. 2026-H 7654**BY Dawson****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE AND SALE**

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

12. **2026-H 8103**
BY Dawson
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE AND SALE

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

13. **2026-H 7094**
BY Azzinaro
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- DECORATIONS

Committee on Veterans` Affairs recommends passage.

14. **2026-H 8125**
BY Azzinaro
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- MILITARY CHILD ACT

Committee on Veterans` Affairs recommends passage.

15. **2026-H 8295**
BY Cotter
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION -- VETERANS' EXEMPTIONS -- TOWN OF EXETER

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

16. **2026-H 8348 SUB A**
BY Marszalkowski
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION

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

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 2026:

1. **2026-H 7090**
BY McNamara
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- PRIMARIES FOR ELECTION OF DELEGATES TO NATIONAL CONVENTIONS AND FOR PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE

Committee on State Government & Elections recommends passage.

2. **2026-H 7572**
BY Ackerman
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- CONDUCT OF ELECTION AND VOTING EQUIPMENT, AND SUPPLIES

Committee on State Government & Elections recommends passage.

3. **2026-H 7378**
BY Baginski
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- LOCAL CANVASSING AUTHORITIES

Committee on State Government & Elections recommends passage.

4. **2026-H 7358**
BY Baginski
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- CONDUCT OF ELECTION AND VOTING EQUIPMENT, AND SUPPLIES

Committee on State Government & Elections recommends passage.

5. **2026-H 7377**
BY Carson
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- LOCAL CANVASSING AUTHORITIES

Committee on State Government & Elections recommends passage.

6. **2026-H 8282**
BY Voas
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- NOMINATION OF PARTY AND INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES

Committee on State Government & Elections recommends passage.

7. **2026-H 8123**
BY Azzinaro
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- DECORATIONS

Committee on Veterans` Affairs recommends passage.

8. 2026-H 8251**BY** Azzinaro**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION URGING CONGRESS TO AUTHORIZE THE AWARD OF THE ARMED FORCES EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL, OR SIMILAR RECOGNITION, TO UNITED STATES SERVICE MEMBERS WHO SERVED IN HONDURAS FROM 1981 TO 1992

Committee on Veterans` Affairs recommends passage.

9. 2026-H 8008 SUB A**BY** Speakman**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY CURRENT CONDOMINIUM LAW AND PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO TRANSPARENCY, ACCOUNTABILITY AND ONGOING AFFORDABILITY OF CONDOMINIUMS IN RHODE ISLAND

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

10. 2026-H 8003 SUB A**BY** Noret**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- RHODE ISLAND COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING AND LAND USE ACT

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

11. 2026-H 8001 SUB A**BY** Shekarchi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- STATE BUILDING CODE -- ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT

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

12. 2026-H 8005 SUB A**BY** Giraldo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES

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

13. **2026-H 8007**
BY Casey
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- SUBDIVISION OF LAND

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

14. **2026-H 7562**
BY Dawson
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- CRUELTY TO ANIMALS

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

15. **2026-H 7371**
BY Shallcross Smith
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

16. **2026-H 7369**
BY Felix
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS AND INSTALLATION OF SYSTEMS

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

Francis McCabe
Clerk of the House

Friday, April 24, 2026

APPENDIX**CONSENT CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 2026:****1. 2026-S 2148 SUB A****BY Gu****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES**

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

2. 2026-S 2577**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 2422**BY Euer****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION**

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage in concurrence.

4. 2026-S 2700**BY DiPalma****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION**

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage in concurrence.

5. 2026-S 2116 SUB A**BY Urso****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 in concurrence.

6. **2026-S 2331**
BY Bell
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL
LICENSES

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage in concurrence.

Francis McCabe
Clerk of the House

Friday, April 24, 2026