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Tuesday, April 28, 2026

Twenty-Eighth Day

The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence on Tuesday, April 28, 2026, and is called to order at 4:12 o'clock P.M. by the Honorable K. Joseph Shekarchi, Speaker.

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

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

ABSENT – 6: Representatives Boylan, Costantino, Diaz, Paplauskas, Quattrocchi, and Spears.

INVOCATION

The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi presents Representative Joseph M. McNamara, 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 16, 2026, is approved.

COMMUNICATIONS

Representative Jennifer S. Boylan is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, April 28, 2026.
Representative Grace Diaz is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, April 28, 2026.

CONSENT CALENDAR

From the Consent Calendar are taken:

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.

Majority Leader Blazejewski moves passage of the Consent Calendar, seconded by Minority Leader Chippendale.

The Consent Calendar prevails in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 67 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 67: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Dawson, DeSimone, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

CALENDAR

From the Calendar are taken:

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.

Chairwoman McEntee moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cruz, Donovan, Felix, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hull, Kazarian, Kislak, Lima, Lombardi, McNamara, Morales, Potter, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Speakman, Stewart, Tanzi.

Chairwoman McEntee 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, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

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.

Chairman Solomon moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representative Edwards, and Speaker Pro Tempore Kennedy.

Chairman Solomon discusses the act.

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

FLOOR AMENDMENT

TO

2026 -- H 7173

**AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- FACILITATING BUSINESS
RAPID RESPONSE TO STATE DECLARED DISASTER ACT OF 2024**

Mr. Speaker:

I hereby move to amend 2026 -- H 7173, entitled "AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- FACILITATING BUSINESS RAPID RESPONSE TO STATE DECLARED DISASTER ACT OF 2024", as follows:

1. On page 2, line 34, after the language "of a", by inserting the language "cable, broadband".
2. On page 2, line 34, after the language "wireless", by inserting a comma ",".
3. On page 3, line 25, after the language "telegraph", by inserting the language "cable, broadband".
4. On page 4, line 5, after the language "means of", by inserting the language "cable".

Respectfully submitted,

Representative Solomon

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Chairman Solomon discusses the amendment.

The motion to amend prevails 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, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

Read and passed, as amended, 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, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

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.

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

Chairwoman Donovan discusses the act.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, 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, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

4. 2026-H 7926

BY Speakman

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- ASBESTOS
ABATEMENT

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.

Chairwoman Donovan moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Carson, Speakman, and Deputy Majority Whip Ackerman.

Chairwoman Donovan 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, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hopkins, Hull, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

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

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Chairwoman McEntee moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Fellela, Edwards, Carson, and Serpa.

Chairwoman McEntee discusses the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 61 members voting in the affirmative and 7 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 61: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Potter, Read, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 7: Representatives Chippendale, Nardone, Newberry, Perez, Place, Roberts, Santucci.

RECUSED - 0:

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

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

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

Chairwoman McEntee discusses the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 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, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

7. 2026-H 7644

BY Felix

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE --
PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- FEES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

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

Chairwoman McEntee discusses the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 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, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

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.

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

Chairwoman McEntee discusses the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 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, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Donovan,

Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

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.

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

Chairwoman McEntee discusses the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 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, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

10. 2026-H 7747

BY Voas

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- REGULATION OF
SALES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

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

Chairwoman McEntee discusses the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 68 members voting in the affirmative and 1 member voting in the negative as follows:

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

NAYS - 1: Representative Solomon.

RECUSED - 0:

11. 2026-H 7654

BY Dawson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE AND SALE

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

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

Chairwoman McEntee, Minority Leader Chippendale, Representatives Dawson, and Newberry discuss the act.

Read and passed, 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, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Potter, Read, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

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

RECUSED - 0:

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

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

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

Chairwoman McEntee discusses the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 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, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Solomon, Speakman, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

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

Committee on Veterans' Affairs recommends passage.

Chairman Azzinaro moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Cruz, Dawson, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Handy, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Potter, Read, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Speakman, Tanzi.

Chairman Azzinaro 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, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casey,

Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Potter, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

14. 2026-H 8125

BY Azzinaro

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE --
MILITARY CHILD ACT

Committee on Veterans' Affairs recommends passage.

Chairman Azzinaro moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Fellela, Shallcross Smith, Ajello, Tanzi, Cortvriend, and Casey.

Chairman Azzinaro 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, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Potter, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

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.

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

Chairman Azzinaro 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, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

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.

Chairman Casey moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Phillips, and Deputy Majority Whip Ackerman.

Chairman Casey discusses the act.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, 68 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

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

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

GUESTS

In celebration of Arts Day at the State House, Representative Carson warmly welcomes Todd Trebour, Executive Director of the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts; Council member Dominique Alfandre; Larry Purtill, Council Chair; staff member Lisa Ramos; Peter Devaney, a freshman at Portsmouth Abbey School and the first runner-up in the Rhode Island Poetry Out Loud competition; and his mother, Stephanie, to the House Chamber. Speaker Shekarchi welcomes them to the House.

Representative Noret is honored and pleased to introduce an extraordinary advocate, Cathy Andreozzi. Cathy is the mother of Tori Lynn Andreozzi, a vibrant and compassionate young girl who was tragically struck by a drunk driver in 2003. Tori sustained a severe brain injury and now lives in a minimally conscious state. Though she can no longer speak or walk, Tori's spirit continues to inspire through the work of the Tori Lynn Andreozzi Foundation. This Rhode Island-based foundation promotes youth education, highway safety, traumatic brain injury awareness, and support for families affected by tragedy. Cathy has dedicated herself to this mission with unwavering strength, ensuring that Tori's story continues to make a difference.

Representative Potter warmly welcomes and recognizes a constituent, Colleen Daley Ndoye, Executive Director of Project Weber/RENEW. Project Weber/RENEW is Rhode Island's largest harm-reduction and recovery nonprofit organization. PWR operates the country's only state-regulated overdose-prevention center. Along with her today are members of Project Weber/RENEW, including AJ Yolken, Director of Strategy; Dennis Bailer, Director of Providence Programs; and Lex Morales, Pawtucket Program Director, to the House.

NOW PRESIDING

At 4:51 o'clock P.M., the Honorable Speaker Shekarchi yields the rostrum to the Honorable Deputy Speaker Hull.

GUESTS

Representative Read warmly welcomes to the House Chamber three Coventry High School students, Lilly Chatterley, Grayson Lacroix, and Dante Martinez, who participated in the Rhode Island Model Legislature Competition.

Representative Kislak, in recognizing Independent Pharmacist Day, warmly welcomes Zahan Akbar of Atwood Pharmacy; Hasan Iqbal of Chapel Pharmacy; Bill Quirk of Seaside Pharmacy; Matt Olivier of Matt's Local Pharmacy; Bob Iacobucci of White Cross Pharmacy; Paul Capuano of JB Pharmacy, Warwick; and Nick Shanos of Suburban Pharmacy, Warwick, to the House.

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 Casey announces that the Committee on Municipal Government & Housing will meet tomorrow at 4:00 p.m., in the House Lounge 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.

Chairwoman McEntee announces that the Committee on Judiciary will meet today, at the rise of the House, in the House Lounge of the State House.

Chairwoman Donovan announces that the Committee on Health & Human Services will meet today, at the rise of the House in Room 135 of the State House.

Majority Leader Blazewski announces the next House session will be held on Thursday, April 30, 2026, at 4:00 p.m. However, the Finance Committee and the Municipal Government & Housing Committee will be meeting tomorrow at 4:00 p.m. Today is the final day to return the Legislative Priorities Form. The deadline was last Friday, but there is a grace period through today for any members who haven't yet returned it. See Larry Berman on the floor today if anyone needs 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.

On behalf of Speaker Shekarchi and me, please join in extending our best wishes to Adam Stern, who has done an excellent job as a Communications Intern this semester. Adam is graduating in a few weeks from the University of Rhode Island with a major in communications. Adam, please stand for recognition. Thank you for your efforts. Best of luck in the future!

IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION

House Resolution No. 8477

BY Kislak, Shekarchi, Blazewski, Chippendale, Corvese, Kennedy, Tanzi, Ajello, Fellela, Cortvriend

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE VITAL ROLE OF INDEPENDENT COMMUNITY PHARMACIES IN RHODE ISLAND {LC6385/1}

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. 8478

BY Noret, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Finkelman, O'Brien, Hull, Kennedy, Tanzi, Ajello
ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING APRIL 12-18, 2026, AS "NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATORS WEEK" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC6366/1}

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. 8479

BY Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Carson, Chippendale, Hull, Kennedy, Tanzi, Ajello, Fellela, Cortvriend
ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL 28, 2026, TO BE "ARTS DAY IN RHODE ISLAND" {LC6033/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Carson discusses the resolution.

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

House Resolution No. 8480

BY Noret, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Finkelman, Chippendale, Dawson, O'Brien, Phillips, Azzinaro, Kennedy
ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL 28, 2026, AS "PAY IT FORWARD WITH LOVE FROM TORI DAY" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC4538/1}

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 rising vote.

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

Representative Batista-An Act relating to Property Subject to Taxation, Blackstone Valley Advocacy Center

Representative Blazejewski-An Act relating to Statutory Construction

Representative Brien-An Act relating to Health and Safety
An Act relating to Motor Vehicles

Representative Cotter-An Act relating to Criminal Offenses
An Act relating to Taxation

Representative Donovan-An Act relating to Executive Office of Health and Human Services-
Healthcare Transparency

Representative Giraldo-An Act relating to Central Falls Pension Plans

Representative Lombardi-An Act relating to Labor Relations-Workplace Psychological Safety Act

Representative Morales-An Act relating to Public Education

Representative Noret-An Act relating to Motor and Other Vehicles-Special Stops Required

Representative O'Brien-An Act relating to Education

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. 2391

BY Patalano, Dimitri, Ciccone, LaMountain, Tikoian, Famiglietti, Quezada, Appollonio, Thompson, Raptakis

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- PUBLIC AUCTIONS OF REAL ESTATE

(Requires public auctions by any city or town of real estate or an interest therein to only be done in person and not by electronic or remote procedures unless authorized by court order.) {LC4320/1}

04/29/2026 Referred to House Judiciary

Senate Bill No. 2755

BY Zurier

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES

(Allows for the issuance of a Class B or Class BV liquor license for the property located at 186 Wayland Avenue in the city of Providence.) {LC5290/1}

04/29/2026 Referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

Senate Bill No. 2876

BY Murray, Thompson, Appollonio, Britto, Lauria, Ujifusa, Valverde

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFITS

(Caps the total amount that a covered person is required to pay for a covered prescription inhaler, prescription device, or prescription equipment to twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per thirty (30) day supply.) {LC5579/1}

04/29/2026 Referred to House Health & Human Services

Senate Bill No. 2877

BY Murray, Thompson, Appollonio, Britto, Lauria, Ujifusa, Valverde

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS

INSURANCE POLICIES (Caps amount payable for 30 day supply of equipment/supplies for insulin administration/glucose monitoring at \$25 or equipment designed to last more than 30 days with no deductible commencing January 1, 2027.) {LC5543/1}

04/29/2026 Referred to House Health & Human Services

Senate Bill No. 3203

BY Famiglietti, Tikoian, Paolino

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.) {LC6252/1}

04/29/2026 Referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

NEW BUSINESS**House Bill No. 8481**

BY Corvese

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- ADJUDICATION OF TRAFFIC OFFENSES (Increases the fine for speeding, 1-10 mph in excess of posted speed limit in a residential or school zone, to \$175 and increases the fine to \$400 for speed in excess of 11 mph in a residential or school zone.) {LC6360/1}

04/29/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 8482

BY Santucci, Nardone, Hopkins, Paplauskas, Chippendale, Fascia, Roberts, Read, Noret, Azzinaro
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES (Increases penalties for a variety of motor vehicle offenses.) {LC6334/1}
04/29/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 8483

BY McNamara
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES (Allows for the issuance of a Class BV license for the property located at 1814 Broad Street in the city of Cranston.) {LC6394/1}
04/29/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 8484

BY Casimiro, Alzate, Stewart, Kazarian, Giraldo, Voas, Slater
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Exempts from taxation the real and tangible personal property of Amos House, provided it remains a qualified tax-exempt corporation pursuant to § 501(c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code.) {LC6340/1}
04/29/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 8485

BY Azzinaro, Kennedy, Casimiro, Fellela, Read, Abney, Donovan, Noret, Costantino, Casey
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Authorizes municipalities to transfer, apply or provide doe an applicable prorated veteran's property exemption for the remainder of the tax year when a veteran sells property and purchases another property.) {LC6350/1}
04/29/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 8486

BY Handy, Azzinaro, Bennett, Fogarty, Chippendale, Serpa, Ackerman, Slater, McNamara, Donovan
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- OPEN MEETINGS (Authorizes the committees of the general assembly to allow members of the public to provide testimony remotely.) {LC6359/1}
04/29/2026 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Resolution No. 8487

BY Azzinaro, Kennedy, Fellela, Serpa, Read, Abney, Noret
ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO ENACT TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS TO THE CAMP LEJEUNE JUSTICE ACT OF 2022 {LC6358/1}
04/29/2026 Introduced, referred to House Veterans Affairs

House Bill No. 8488

BY Cortvriend, McGaw, Donovan
ENTITLED, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF PORTSMOUTH TO ISSUE NOT TO EXCEED \$41,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, NOTES AND OTHER EVIDENCES OF INDEBTEDNESS TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION, ADDITIONS, RENOVATION, IMPROVEMENT, ALTERATION, REPAIR, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF SCHOOLS

AND SCHOOL FACILITIES THROUGHOUT THE TOWN (Authorizes the Town of Portsmouth to issue bonds and notes in amount not exceeding \$41,000,000 to finance construction, additions, renovation, improvement, alteration, repair, furnishing and equipping of schools and school facilities throughout the town.) {LC6355/1}

04/29/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 8489

BY Ackerman, McNamara, Voas, Bennett, Kazarian, Slater, Morales, Dawson, Serpa, Kislak
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS OF RHODE ISLAND --
2026 BOND REFERENDA (Proposes a bond measure to authorize the State of Rhode Island to issue up to \$36,000,000 in bonds, subject to voter approval, to support the Boys and Girls Clubs.)

{LC6331/1}

04/29/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 8490

BY Carson, Cortvriend, Edwards, McGaw

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- THE NOREEN DREXEL
BIRTHING CENTER FUND (Establishes a fund within the department of health to support the operation and expansion of women's, maternal, and infant health and birthing services at Newport Hospital.) {LC6365/1}

04/29/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:01 o'clock P.M., on motion of Majority Leader Blazewski, seconded by Minority Leader Chippendale, the House adjourns on a unanimous voice vote.

Diane M. DePina
Recording Clerk

APPENDIX

INVOCATION

REPRESENTATIVE JOSEPH M. MCNAMARA

Holy God: We ask that you grant us the insight and patience to best address the challenges we face as a state and a nation. Vitriol and animus have no place in our political process. Respecting differing points of view is the cornerstone of a successful democracy. Amen.

APPENDIX**TRANSMITTED TO GOVERNOR****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}

04/28/2026 Transmitted to Governor

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}

04/28/2026 Transmitted to Governor

Senate Bill No. 2331**BY** Bell**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES

(Allows for the issuance of a Class B liquor license for the property located at 150 Broadway in the city of Providence.) {LC4034/1}

04/28/2026 Transmitted to Governor

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}

04/28/2026 Transmitted to Governor

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}

04/28/2026 Transmitted to Governor

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}

04/28/2026 Transmitted to Governor

APPENDIX**CALENDAR****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