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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Tuesday, May 12, 2026

Thirty-Second Day

The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence on Tuesday, May 12, 2026, and is called to order at 4:12 o'clock P.M. by the Honorable Christopher R. Blazewski, Speaker.

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

PRESENT – 72: The Honorable Speaker Blazewski and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, and Voas.

ABSENT – 3: Representatives Dawson, Perez, and Shekarchi.

INVOCATION

The Honorable Speaker Blazewski presents Representative Brandon C. Potter, 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, May 7, 2026, is approved.

RHODE ISLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY



House of Representatives

CO-SPONSORSHIP REMOVAL REQUEST
2026

Pursuant to House Rule 15(g)(ii) Representative Chippendale
hereby requests the removal of their co-sponsorship of 2026 – H - 8181
entitled: Tolling Waste Management Vehicles
which is currently in the House Committee on Finance

Signature: [Handwritten Signature]
Representative

House District# 40

Date: 5/12/26

Acknowledgement:
[Handwritten Signature]
Chief Legal Counsel to the Speaker

*NOTE: This request must be submitted to the Clerk of the House, who shall retain the original.
A copy shall be delivered to the Recording Clerk
A copy shall be delivered to Legislative Data, and a copy shall be placed in the committee's
original bill file.*

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Speaker Pro Tempore Kennedy introduces Haofan Chuang to sing the National Anthem of the United States and Taiwan.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE SPEAKER

May 12, 2026

From Speaker Christopher Blazewski

I am making the following appointments:

Representative Kathleen Fogarty, First Assistant Speaker

Representative Alex Marszalkowski, Second Assistant Speaker

Representative John Edwards, Floor Manager

Representative Karen Alzate, Deputy Floor Manager

I am making the following Committee Membership appointments:

Representative Jenni Furtado, State Government & Elections Committee

Vice, Majority Leader Katherine Kazarian

Representative Earl Read, Special Legislation Committee

Vice, Majority Leader Katherine Kazarian

I am making the following nomination:

Representative Earl Read, National Conference of State Legislatures' Standing Committee for Law and Public Safety

COMMUNICATIONS

Representative Matthew S. Dawson is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, May 12, 2026.

Representative Ramon A. Perez is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, May 12, 2026.

GUESTS

Speaker Pro Tempore Kennedy welcomes representatives from the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Boston to the House Chamber: Director General Charles Liao, his wife, Nicole Chang, Deputy Director Chin Hsu, staff assistants Lena Hsiao and Lynn Lin, and Ms. Haofan Chuang, who honored us with a rendition of the National Anthem to celebrate Taiwan Day.

ADDRESS

Director-General of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office, Charles Liao, addresses House members to celebrate Taiwan Day.

CALENDAR

From the Calendar are taken:

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2026:

Majority Leader Kazarian moves # 1 and #10 to Tuesday, May 26, 2026. There is no objection.

1. 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.

Read, and by unanimous consent, ordered to be placed on the Calendar for Tuesday, May 26, 2026.

2. 2026-H 7608

BY Dawson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- OPERATION OF RAILROADS GENERALLY

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

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

Chairman Solomon discusses the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 72 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 72: The Honorable Speaker Blazejewski and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

Majority Leader Kazarian moves to recommit. There is no objection.

3. 2026-H 7477 SUB A

BY Voas

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CORPORATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS AND PARTNERSHIPS -- UNIFORM PARTNERSHIP ACT -- THE RHODE ISLAND LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY ACT

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

Read and recommitted to the Committee on Corporations.

4. 2026-H 7836

BY Giraldo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- BARBERS, HAIRDRESSERS, COSMETICIANS, MANICURISTS, AND ESTHETICIANS

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

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

Chairman Solomon discusses the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 72 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 72: The Honorable Speaker Blazejewski and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

5. 2026-H 7859 SUB A

BY Kennedy

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- DOMESTIC INSURANCE COMPANIES

Committee on Corporations recommends indefinite postponement of

the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

Chairman Solomon moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Kazarian and Floor Manager Edwards.

Chairman Solomon and Minority Leader Chippendale discuss the act.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, 72 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 72: The Honorable Speaker Blazejewski and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

6. 2026-H 7551

BY Kennedy

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- FRAUD AND FALSE DEALING

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Chairwoman McEntee moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Bennett, Biah, Carson, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Lima, McNamara, Morales, Noret, O'Brien, Potter, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Speakman, Spears, Stewart.

Chairwoman McEntee discusses the act.

By unanimous consent, Chairwoman McEntee, seconded by Majority Leader Kazarian, offers a written motion to amend.

FLOOR AMENDMENT

TO

2026 -- H 7551

AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- FRAUD AND FALSE DEALING

Mr. Speaker:

I hereby move to amend 2026 -- H 7551, entitled "AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- FRAUD AND FALSE DEALING", as follows:

1. On page 4, line 34, by inserting the language "or § 42-30.1-12.1" after the language "42-30.1-6".

Respectfully submitted,

Representative McEntee

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LC004273/3
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Chairwoman McEntee discusses the amendment.

The motion to amend prevails on a roll call vote, 71 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 71: The Honorable Speaker Blazejewski and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

Minority Leader Chippendale, Representative Carson, Speaker Pro Tempore Kennedy, Majority Whip Ackerman, Representatives Lombardi, Knight, and Sanchez discuss the act.

Minority Whip Place requests to vote (2026 H-7551) in sections. Page 3, Line 2 through Line 26.

The Honorable Speaker rules it is not divisible.

RULING OF THE CHAIR CHALLENGED

Minority Whip Place rises and challenges the Ruling of the Chair.

The Honorable Speaker moves to motion The Ruling of the Chair on a roll call vote, 60 members voting in the affirmative and 10 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 60: The Honorable Speaker Blazejewski and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, DeSimone, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, 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, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 10: Representatives Chippendale, Fascia, Hopkins, Nardone, Newberry, Paplauskas, Place, Quattrocchi, Roberts, Santucci.

RECUSED - 0:

Ruling of the Chair prevails.

Chairman Solomon, Representative Knight, Chairwoman Fogarty, Representative McGaw, Minority Whip Place, and Chairwoman McEntee continue the discussion on the amended act.

Read and passed, as amended, on a roll call vote, 64 members voting in the affirmative and 8 members voting in the negative as follows:

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

NAYS - 8: Representatives Chippendale, Nardone, Newberry, Paplauskas, Place, Quattrocchi, Roberts, Santucci.

RECUSED - 0:

7. 2026-H 7092

BY Perez

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.

Chairman Shanley moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Kazarian.

Chairman Shanley discusses the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 71 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 71: The Honorable Speaker Blazejewski and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

8. 2026-H 7782

BY Boylan

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

Committee on State Government & Elections recommends passage.

Chairman Shanley moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Kazarian, Representatives Boyland, Speakman, Cortvriend, Ajello, Fogarty, Knight, and Carson.

Chairman Shanley discusses the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 72 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 72: The Honorable Speaker Blazejewski and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

9. 2026-H 7677

BY Spears

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Committee on State Government & Elections recommends passage.

Chairman Shanley moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Kazarian, Representatives Spears, and Cortvriend.

Chairman Shanley discusses the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 72 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 72: The Honorable Speaker Blazejewski and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

Majority Leader Kazarian moves item #10 to Tuesday, May 26, 2026, Calendar. There is no objection.

10. 2026-H 7079 SUB A

BY Craven

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- EXPUNGEMENT OF CRIMINAL RECORDS

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

Read, and by unanimous consent, ordered to be placed on the Calendar for Tuesday, May 26, 2026.

11. 2026-S 3204

BY Pearson

ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF THE CUMBERLAND LODGE #14, FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE

Committee on Corporations recommends passage in concurrence.

Chairman Solomon moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Kazarian, Representative Phillips, and Majority Whip Ackerman.

Chairman Solomon discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 2 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 72: The Honorable Speaker Blazejewski and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

GUESTS

Deputy Whip Ackerman recognizes the Boys & Girls Club's Youth of the Year, including Jalene Matthews of Pawtucket, Evangelia Pavlakos of Northern Rhode Island, Kaden Vaughn of East Providence, Emma Garcia of Providence, Adequoyah Mathews of Newport County, and Jaelynn Domenici of Warwick.

NOW PRESIDING

At 5:10 o'clock P.M., the Honorable Speaker Blazejewski yields the rostrum to the Honorable Deputy Speaker Hull.

GUESTS

Chairman Bennett welcomes to the House Chamber distinguished individuals from the Rhode Island State Nurses Association: Raquel Perez, Executive Director of the Rhode Island State Nurses Association; Shea Amoriggi, Treasurer; Margaret Clifton, Secretary; and Ara Millette, Chair of Government Affairs. They are here today to celebrate National Nurses Week and highlight the invaluable contributions of nurses worldwide.

Representative Spears warmly welcomes Thawn Sherente Harris, his wife, Eleanor; his mother-in-law, Dawn Dove; and Anna Brown-Jackson, granddaughter of Tarzan Brown, to the House Chamber. Thawn is being recognized for completing the Boston Marathon in memory of his great-uncle, Tarzan Brown. Tarzan Brown was a Native American long-distance runner, best known as a two-time winner of the Boston Marathon. Deputy Speaker Hull welcomes them to the House.

Representative Cortvriend, in celebration of Child & Family Services' 160th Anniversary, welcomes to the House Chamber Susan Jacobsen, President & CEO; Patricia Holliday, Chair of the Board of Directors; Robert Archer, Vice President, Early Education & Aging; and Susan Rowell, Vice President, Development. Deputy Speaker Hull welcomes them to the House.

Representative Lombardi welcomes his intern, Jackson Billman, to the House Chamber.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

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

GUESTS

Chairman Solomon warmly welcomes Bryan Ganley and Denise Panichas from The Samaritans of Rhode Island to the House Chamber. He also congratulates Denise on 25 years of service with the organization.

Majority Leader Kazarian announces that the next House session will be held on Thursday, May 14, 2026, at 4:00 p.m. However, the Committee on Finance will meet tomorrow at 4:00 p.m.

IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION

House Resolution No. 8535

BY Azzinaro, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Kennedy, Phillips, Noret, Finkelman, Serpa, Fellela, Santucci

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE SECOND WEEK IN MAY 2026 TO BE "LUNG CANCER ACTION WEEK" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC6032/1}
05/12/2026 House read and passed

With the agreement of the majority and the minority, Chairman Azzinaro requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Chairman Azzinaro discusses the resolution.

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

House Resolution No. 8536

BY Read, Noret, Hull, Fascia, Blazejewski, Shekarchi, Chippendale, Kennedy, Santucci, Shallcross Smith

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING MAY 10 THROUGH MAY 16, 2026, AS "NATIONAL POLICE WEEK" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND, IN REMEMBRANCE OF ALL POLICE AND LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS WHO HAVE LOST THEIR LIVES IN THE LINE OF DUTY {LC6037/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Read discusses the resolution.

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

House Resolution No. 8537

BY Brien, Blazejewski, Kazarian, Chippendale, Kennedy, Santucci, Shallcross Smith, Bennett, Corvese, Fascia

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE 250TH ANNIVERSARY (SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL) OF THE FOUNDING OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA {LC6424/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Brien discusses the resolution.

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

House Resolution No. 8538

BY Cortvriend, Blazejewski, Kazarian, Chippendale, Finkelman, Carson, Abney, Kennedy, Santucci, Shallcross Smith

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION CELEBRATING THE 160TH ANNIVERSARY OF CHILD & FAMILY AND RECOGNIZING ITS IMPACT ACROSS RHODE ISLAND {LC6422/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Cortvriend discusses the resolution.

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

House Resolution No. 8539

BY Spears, Blazejewski, Kazarian, Chippendale, Donovan, Speakman, Boylan, Carson, Cotter, McEntee

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THAWN SHERENTÉ HARRIS ON SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETING THE 2026 BOSTON MARATHON AND HONORING THE LEGACY OF HIS GREAT-UNCLE, ELLISON "TARZAN" BROWN {LC6370/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Spears discusses the resolution.

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

House Resolution No. 8540

BY Bennett, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Hopkins, Solomon, Shanley, Donovan, Spears, McNamara

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE WEEK OF MAY 6TH THROUGH MAY 12TH OF 2026, AS "NATIONAL NURSES WEEK" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC3180/1}

With the agreement of the majority and the minority, Chairman Bennett requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Chairman Bennett discusses the resolution.

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

House Resolution No. 8541

BY Kennedy, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Kazarian, Edwards, McNamara, Abney, Azzinaro, Phillips, Santucci

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION REAFFIRMING THE FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND TAIWAN WHILE SUPPORTING ENHANCED BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH TAIWAN AND TAIWAN'S PARTICIPATION IN THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY {LC6036/1}

With the agreement of the majority and the minority, Speaker Pro Tempore Kennedy requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Speaker Pro Tempore Kennedy discusses the resolution.

Read and passed, on a motion of Speaker Pro Tempore Kennedy, seconded by many others, by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

House Resolution No. 8542

BY Kazarian, Chippendale

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING CONGRATULATIONS {LC6421/1}

Majority Leader Kazarian requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

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

House Resolution No. 8543

BY Kazarian, Chippendale

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES {LC6420/1}

Majority Leader Kazarian requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

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

RULE 7D

The following bills were received pursuant to Rule 7D:

Representative Ajello-An Act relating to Education-Graduation Level School Support

Representative Casey-An Act relating to Charitable License Plates

Representative Solomon-An Act relating to Medicaid Program Funding.

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 Deputy Speaker Hull announces that the desk will be held open.

NEW BUSINESS**House Bill No. 8544**

BY Slater

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- THE RHODE ISLAND CANNABIS ACT (Amends sections of the Rhode Island Cannabis Act relative to proof of residency terminology, and amends the definition of applicant and provides a new process for the approval and certification for social equity and cannabis retail sales licenses.) {LC6430/1}

05/13/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 8545

BY Ackerman, McNamara, Kennedy, Newberry, Shallcross Smith, Donovan, Fellela, Serpa, Diaz, Ajello

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- RHODE ISLAND PROGRAM TO ADDRESS ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE (Amends law to include all licensed physician assistants with licensed physicians and nurses required, each license renewal period, to complete a minimum of 1 hour of instruction on the diagnosis treatment, and care of patients with cognitive impairments.) {LC6434/1}

05/13/2026 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 8546

BY Quattrocchi

ENTITLED, AN ACT REGARDING MOTIONS AT THE TOWN OF SCITUATE ANNUAL FINANCIAL TOWN MEETING (Amends a public law regarding the fixing of time for the election of officers at the town of Scituate's annual financial town meeting.) {LC6458/1}

05/13/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 8547

BY McEntee, Caldwell, Craven

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE--COURTS -- SUPERIOR COURT (Establishes a separate domestic violence calendar within the superior court to handle felony domestic violence cases.) {LC6413/1}

05/13/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 8548

BY Knight, Donovan, Speakman

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- TRANSPORTATION OF SCHOOL PUPILS BEYOND CITY AND TOWN LIMITS (Removes the towns of Warren and Bristol from school bus district Region III and place Warren and Bristol in school bus district Region V.) {LC6454/1}

05/13/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

COMMUNICATION FROM THE SENATE

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

Senate Bill No. 2011 SUB A

BY Gu, Britto, Gallo, Bell, DiMario, Burke, Sosnowski, Kallman, Mack, Bissaillon

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE-CASUALTY INSURANCE GENERALLY-LIMITATIONS ON POLICY CANCELLATIONS AND RENEWALS (Amends the regulations on the cancellation and renewal of liability and property damage insurance for automobiles, homeowners insurance, residential fire insurance and components thereof.) {LC3429/A/3}

05/13/2026 Referred to House Corporations

Senate Bill No. 2775 SUB A

(Dept. of Business Regulation)

BY McKenney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- DOMESTIC INSURANCE COMPANIES (Provides an update to certain insurance sections of law to update or eliminate outdated sections of the insurance law.) {LC5441/A/1}

05/13/2026 Referred to House Corporations

Senate Bill No. 3242

BY Gu

ENTITLED, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CHARIHO REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SERVING THE TOWNS OF CHARLESTOWN, RICHMOND AND HOPKINTON, CONSISTING OF ONE OR MORE BUILDINGS ON A SINGLE CAMPUS, AND IMPROVEMENTS AT THE SWITCH ROAD CAMPUS INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, COSTS OF LAND ACQUISITION, DEMOLITION, DESIGN, HEALTH AND SAFETY PROJECTS, PLAYGROUNDS, LANDSCAPING, PAVING, AND ALL EXPENSES INCIDENTAL THERETO, BY THE ISSUANCE OF NOT MORE THAN \$116,000,000 BONDS AND/OR NOTES THEREFOR, SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF STATE HOUSING AID AT A REIMBURSEMENT RATE OR STATE SHARE RATIO OF NOT LESS THAN 61% AT THE TIME OF ISSUANCE, WHICH RATE OR RATIO MAY INCREASE TO 65% AT PROJECT COMPLETION (Authorizes the Chariho Regional School District to finance the construction, furnishing and equipping of an elementary school and to issue not more than \$116,000,000 bonds and/or notes.) {LC6408/1}

05/13/2026 Referred to House Finance

Senate Bill No. 3243

(by request)

BY Ujifusa

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.) {LC6382/1}

05/13/2026 Referred to House Finance

Senate Bill No. 2047

BY Acosta, LaMountain, Mack, Quezada, Vargas, Ujifusa, Britto, Gu, Murray, McKenney, Urso

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- GENERAL PROVISIONS

(Further delineates the definitions of felony, misdemeanor and petty misdemeanor.) {LC3802/1}

05/13/2026 Referred to House Judiciary

Senate Bill No. 2073 SUB A as amended

BY Bell

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

(Exempts from taxation the real and tangible personal property of Community MusicWorks located in the city of Providence.) {LC3970/A/1}

05/13/2026 Referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

Senate Bill No. 3241

BY DiMario

ENTITLED, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF NARRAGANSETT TO FINANCE THE

EQUIPPING, EXPANSION, IMPROVEMENT AND RENOVATION OF FIRE STATIONS IN

THE TOWN OF NARRAGANSETT AND TO ISSUE NOT MORE THAN \$3,000,000 BONDS

AND NOTES THEREFOR (Authorizes the town of Narragansett to issue up to \$3,000,000 in bonds

and notes to finance the equipping, expansion, improvement and renovation of fire stations in the town.) {LC6415/1}

05/13/2026 Referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:27 o'clock P.M., on motion of Majority Leader Kazarian, seconded by Minority Leader Chippendale, the House adjourns, on a unanimous voice vote.

Diane M. DePina
Recording Clerk

APPENDIX

INVOCATION

REPRESENTATIVE BRANDON C. POTTER

Almighty God: We give You thanks for the gift of this day. Guide our leaders through these difficult times and grant them wisdom and patience to best serve the state and all its people. Amen

APPENDIX**CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MAY 14, 2026:****1. 2026-H 7613 SUB A****BY** Marszalkowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- TAX PREPARERS ACT OF 2013

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

2. 2026-H 8004 SUB A**BY** Craven**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE--COURTS -- SUPERIOR COURT

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

3. 2026-H 7679 SUB A**BY** Azzinaro**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- BURIAL OF VETERANS

Committee on Veterans` Affairs recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

4. 2026-H 7491**BY** Kislak**ENTITLED**, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE TO ISSUE NOT TO EXCEED \$25,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND NOTES TO FUND THE PROVIDENCE HOUSING TRUST FUND TO FINANCE AFFORDABLE MULTI-FAMILY HOUSING PROJECTS IN THE CITY

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

5. 2026-H 8487**BY** Azzinaro**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO ENACT TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS TO THE CAMP LEJEUNE JUSTICE ACT OF 2022

Committee on Veterans` Affairs recommends passage.

6. **2026-H 8403**
BY Finkelman
ENTITLED, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF JAMESTOWN TO FUND AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECTS AND TO ISSUE NOT MORE THAN \$3,000,000 BONDS AND NOTES THEREFOR

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

7. **2026-H 8466**
BY Corvese
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

8. **2026-S 2755**
BY Zurier
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage in concurrence.

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2026:

1. **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.

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MAY 26, 2026:

1. **2026-H 7079 SUB A**
BY Craven
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- EXPUNGEMENT OF CRIMINAL RECORDS

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

Francis McCabe
Clerk of the House