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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Tuesday, May 19, 2026

Thirty-Fourth Day

The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence on Tuesday, May 19, 2026, and is called to order at 4:43 o'clock P.M. by the Honorable Christopher R. Blazewski, Speaker.

The roll is called, and a quorum is declared present with 65 members present and 10 members absent as follows:

PRESENT – 65: The Honorable Speaker Blazewski and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Bennett, Biah, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Casey, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Phillips, Place, Potter, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, and Voas.

ABSENT – 10: Representatives Batista, Carson, Casimiro, Craven, Fellela, McGaw, Perez, Quattrocchi, Read, and Shekarchi.

INVOCATION

The Honorable Speaker Blazewski presents Representative Marie A. Hopkins, 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 14, 2026, is approved.

RHODE ISLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY



House of Representatives

CO-SPONSORSHIP REMOVAL REQUEST
2026

Pursuant to House Rule 15(g)(ii) Representative McEntee
hereby requests the removal of their co-sponsorship of 2026 - H - 8007
entitled: Act Relating to Towns & Cities - Subdivision of Land
which is currently in the House Committee on Municipal Gov't & Planning

Signature: Carol Hagan McEntee
Representative

House District# 33

Date: 5/19/26

Acknowledgement:

[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.*

COMMUNICATIONS

Representative Earl A. Read, III, is unable to attend the session today, Tuesday, May 19, 2026.
Representative Lauren H. Carson is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, May 19, 2026.
Representative Deborah A. Fellela is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, May 19, 2026.
Representative Michelle E. McGaw is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, May 19, 2026.
Representative Julie A. Casimiro is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, May 19, 2026.

CALENDAR

From the Calendar are taken:

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.

Chairman Casey moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Kazarian and Representative Santucci.

Chairman Casey discusses the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 62 members voting in the affirmative and 1 member voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 62: The Honorable Speaker Blazejewski and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Bennett, Biah, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Casey, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, Paplauskas, Phillips, Potter, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 1: Representative Place.

RECUSED - 0:

2. 2026-H 7481 SUB A

BY Fogarty

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS

Committee on Education recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and

passage of Substitute A.

Chairman McNamara moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Bennett, Biah, Boylan, Casey, Cortvriend, Costantino, Cruz, DeSimone, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Lima, Lombardi, McEntee, Messier, Morales, O'Brien, Potter, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

Chairman McNamara, Representative Hopkins, and Fogarty 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 Blazejewski and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Bennett, Biah, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Casey, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Phillips, Place, Potter, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

3. 2026-H 8362

BY Casimiro

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CURRICULUM -- FOSTER CARE YOUTH ACADEMIC REPORTS

Committee on Education recommends passage.

Chairman McNamara moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Kazarian, Representatives Boylan, Bennett, Shallcross Smith, Donovan, Tanzi, Spears, and Morale.

Chairman McNamara and Minority Leader Chippendale discuss the act.

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

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

4. 2026-H 7975 SUB A

BY Speakman

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

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

Chairwoman Shallcross Smith moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Kazarian, Representatives Boylan, Speakman, Cotter, McEntee, O'Brien, Cortvriend, and Ajello.

Chairwoman Shallcross Smith discusses the act.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, 54 members voting in the affirmative and 9 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 54: The Honorable Speaker Blazejewski and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Bennett, Biah, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Casey, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Potter, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

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

RECUSED - 0:



State of Rhode Island
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST PURSUANT TO RIGL § 36-14-6

I, John J. Conhard, State Representative, District 8, hereby under oath depose and say:

1. (Matter requiring action: i.e. Bill number) I expect to be called upon, in my capacity as State Representative to participate in the consideration of, and/or to vote upon: 2026-H-7437

2. (Nature of the potential conflict) I have the following interest in the matter: Living in jurisdiction of the matter in Providence

3. (Please select one of the following): Municipal Court

A. In compliance with Section 36-14-6(1) of the General Laws I hereby state that, despite the potential conflict stated above, I am able to vote and otherwise participate fairly, objectively and in the public interest regarding the matter described in paragraph 1 above for the following reason(s).

B. In compliance with Section 36-14-6(1) & (2)A of the General Laws, I hereby request the Speaker of the House of Representatives to excuse me from voting on or participating in the consideration of the matter described in paragraph 1 above.

State of Rhode Island
County of: Providence

John J. Conhard
REPRESENTATIVE

Subscribed and sworn to under the penalties for perjury before me this 19 day of May, 2026



Daniel Patrick Reilly
NOTARY PUBLIC

Representative Conhard is excused from voting on or participating in the consideration of the matter described in paragraph 1 above.

Christopher L. Blouin
SPEAKER

5. 2026-H 7437**BY Slater****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES --
AUTOMATED TRAFFIC VIOLATION MONETARY SYSTEMS**

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

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

Chairwoman McEntee, Minority Leader Chippendale, Representatives Lima, Morales, Cruz, Sanchez, Casey, Minority Whip Place, and Deputy Speaker Hull discuss the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 52 members voting in the affirmative and 11 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 52: The Honorable Speaker Blazejewski and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Bennett, Biah, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Casey, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Potter, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 11: Representatives Chippendale, Costantino, Fascia, Hopkins, Nardone, Newberry, Paplauskas, Place, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci.

RECUSED - 1: Representative Lombardi.

6. 2026-H 8501**BY Blazejewski****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATUTES AND STATUTORY
CONSTRUCTION**

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Chairwoman McEntee moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Kazarian, Representatives Corvese, Bennett, and Deputy Majority Whip Ackerman.

Chairwoman McEntee 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 Blazejewski and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Bennett, Biah, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Casey, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry,

Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Phillips, Place, Potter, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

7. 2026-H 8509

BY Donovan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Special Legislation recommends passage.

Chairwoman Alzate moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Kazarian.

Chairwoman Alzate 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 Blazejewski and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Bennett, Biah, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Casey, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Phillips, Place, Potter, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

8. 2026-H 8520

BY Potter

ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF LOS TOROS BAND, INC.

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

Vice-Chairman O'Brien moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Kazarian.

Vice-Chairman O'Brien 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 Blazejewski and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Bennett, Biah, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Casey, Chippendale, Cortvriend,

Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Phillips, Place, Potter, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

9. 2026-H 8521

BY Potter

ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF LOS TOROS RECORDS, INC.

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

Vice-Chairman O'Brien moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Kazarian.

Vice-Chairman O'Brien 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 Blazewski and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Bennett, Biah, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Casey, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Phillips, Place, Potter, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

GUESTS

In observance of ALS Awareness Month, Representative Felix warmly welcomes distinguished guests from ALS United Rhode Island: Christina Vilardi-Doyle, Executive Director; constituent Robert Scanlon, diagnosed last year; and his wife, Sally Scanlon. Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis is a progressive neurodegenerative disease that affects nerve cells in the brain and spinal cord. ALS United RI provides comprehensive care and clinical services to improve the quality of life for people with ALS and their families. Representative Felix will lead the soak challenge to raise funds for this disease.

In commemorating Motorcycle Awareness Month, Chairman Bennett welcomes to the House Chamber members of the Rhode Island Motorcycle Association, including Vice President Bob Camara, Legislative Coordinator Steve Chevette, Secretary Cam Bigelow, and David Calabro, Motorcycle Riders Foundation State Representative and Legislative Representative for Rhode Island, whose advocacy and commitment to safety continue to make a meaningful impact on our roads and communities.

Representative Speakman proudly congratulates the graduates of the Roger Williams Law School faculty and students: Professor Deborah Gonzalez, Rileigh Rawson, Karen Perez, Eduarda Moura, and her son, Adam Speakman, and welcomes them to the House Chamber. Speaker Blazewski congratulates them and welcomes them to the House.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairwoman Donovan congratulates her daughter, Colleen, on graduating from URI this weekend with a master's degree in environmental management and science.

Vice-Chairman Phillips announces that the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources will meet today, at the rise of the House, in Room 101 of the State House.

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

Vice-Chairwoman Kislak announces that the Committee on Education will meet today, at the rise of the House, in Room 135 of the State House.

Majority Leader Kazarian announces that the next House session will be held on Thursday, May 21, 2026. However, the Finance Committee will meet tomorrow, Wednesday, May 20, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.

IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION

House Resolution No. 8563

BY Felix, Blazewski, Kazarian, Chippendale, Kennedy, Ajello, Phillips, Shallcross Smith, Boylan, Hopkins

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MAY 2026, TO BE "ALS AWARENESS MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC6038/1}

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. 8564

BY Morales, Blazejewski, Kazarian, Chippendale, Biah, Kennedy, Ajello, Shallcross Smith, Boylan, Hopkins

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF JANICE LUONGO {LC6492/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Morales discusses the resolution.

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

House Resolution No. 8565

BY Shallcross Smith, Blazejewski, Kazarian, Chippendale, Paplauskas, Santucci, Ajello, Fogarty, Shanley, Spears

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF THE HONORABLE BURTON STALLWOOD {LC6480/1}

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

There is no objection.

Chairwoman Shallcross Smith discusses the resolution.

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

House Resolution No. 8566

BY Bennett, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Nardone, Solomon, Edwards, Shanley, Craven, Caldwell

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MAY OF 2026 TO BE "MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC3182/1}

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. 8567

BY Solomon, Blazejewski, Kazarian, Chippendale, Paplauskas, Casey, Kennedy, Ajello, Hopkins, Shallcross Smith

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MAY 19TH OF 2026 AS "GREEK AND PONTIC GENOCIDE REMEMBRANCE DAY" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
{LC6457/1}

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

There is no objection.

Chairman Solomon discusses the resolution.

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

RULE 7D

The following bills were received pursuant to Rule 7D:

Representative Casey-An Act relating to Education Equity and Property Tax Relief Act.

Representative O'Brien-An Act relating to Human Services

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 Blazejewski announces that the desk will be held open.

NEW BUSINESS**House Bill No. 8562**

BY Blazejewski, Kazarian, Hull, Caldwell, Shanley, Lima, Cotter, Spears, Azzinaro, Nardone
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL (Establishes the office of inspector general to investigate the management and operation of agencies in an effort to prevent and deter fraud, waste, abuse and mismanagement in the expenditure of public funds.) {LC6482/1}

05/19/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration (05/21/2026)

House Bill No. 8568

BY Ackerman, McNamara, Donovan, Ajello, Carson, Fellela, Azzinaro, Bennett, Edwards, Diaz
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- RHODE ISLAND PROGRAM TO ADDRESS ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE (Amends the current law on Alzheimer's care by enacting a specific list of protocols to be followed and those healthcare facilities subject to the law.) {LC6469/1}

05/20/2026 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

COMMUNICATION FROM THE SENATE

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

Senate Bill No. 2036 SUB A

BY Ujifusa, Felag, Lauria

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Exempts from taxation the real and tangible personal property of Blithewold, Inc., located at 101 Ferry Road, Bristol, Rhode Island. Effective retroactively to 12/31/2025.) {LC3148/A/1}

05/20/2026 Referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

Senate Bill No. 2123 SUB A

BY Urso, Kallman, Britto, Acosta

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Exempts from taxation the real and tangible personal property of Blackstone Valley Advocacy Center located in the city of Pawtucket. Effective retroactively to December 31, 2025 and affects next levy issued by the city or town where property is located.) {LC3218/A/1}

05/20/2026 Referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

Senate Bill No. 2178 SUB A

BY Urso, Felag, Patalano, Rogers, Appollonio, Vargas, Paolino, Tikoian, Dimitri

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- PARKING FACILITIES AND PRIVILEGES (Creates a new registration plate for qualified individuals to possess an "adaptive vehicle license plate" to accommodate the transportation needs of an individual with a significant mobility impairment.) {LC3225/A/2}

05/20/2026 Referred to House State Government & Elections

Senate Bill No. 2334 SUB A

BY Gallo, Ciccone, Tikoian, LaMountain, Felag, Burke, Gu, Murray, Bissaillon, Famiglietti
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- SAFEGUARDING ELECTION CANDIDATES USING REASONABLE EXPENDITURES ACT (Authorizes the use of campaign funds for security related expenses, including home and office security systems and ongoing monitoring, in response to threats arising from their public service or candidacy.) {LC3983/A/2}
05/20/2026 Referred to House State Government & Elections

Senate Bill No. 2424 SUB A

BY Famiglietti, Appollonio, Patalano, Bissaillon, Ciccone, Tikoian, Dimitri, Thompson, LaMountain, Britto
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- REAL ESTATE SALES DISCLOSURES (Provides protocols for radon inspection relative to real estate transactions and provides time frames and conditions for testing and mitigation.) {LC4339/A/2}
05/20/2026 Referred to House Corporations

Senate Bill No. 2692 SUB A

BY Bissaillon, Burke, McKenney
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- CONDOMINIUM LAW (Requires condominium associations to conduct structural surveys and reserve studies, fund reserves at 15%, and plan for repairs.) {LC5695/A/1}
05/20/2026 Referred to House Corporations

Senate Bill No. 2694

BY Felag, Raptakis, Burke, Tikoian, Appollonio, Euer, Britto, Bissaillon, Ciccone, Morgan, DiPalma
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- STATE BUILDING CODE-- DISABLED VETERAN HOME MODIFICATION ACT (Prohibits the imposition of fees associated with home modifications that are specifically required to accommodate a veteran's disability.) {LC4845/1}
05/20/2026 Referred to House Veterans Affairs

Senate Bill No. 2896 SUB A

BY McKenney, Bissaillon, Appollonio, Famiglietti, Murray
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- CONDOMINIUM OWNERSHIP (Clarifies how condominium insurance deductibles and unpaid losses are divided between associations and unit owners, require owners to insure units if associations do not, and allow boards to manage and use insurance proceeds for repairs.) {LC5233/A/1}
05/20/2026 Referred to House Corporations

Senate Bill No. 2913

BY Vargas, Famiglietti, Patalano, Urso, Thompson, Murray
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- OPERATION OF RAILROADS GENERALLY (Provides that no train or light engine used in connection with the movement of freight be operated unless it had a crew consisting of at least 2 persons and includes the imposition of fines upon a company, individual or business for violations.) {LC5885/1}
05/20/2026 Referred to House Corporations

Senate Bill No. 3000 SUB A

BY Lauria, DiMario, Tikoian, Valverde, Murray, Vargas, Ujifusa, Mack, Acosta, Kallman
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES
(Requires licensed retailers authorized to sell intoxicating beverages to provide a lid to a consumer upon request.) {LC5090/A/1}
05/20/2026 Referred to House Committee on Small Business

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:30 o'clock P.M. on motion of Representative Potter, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Leah Juliet Carlomusto Clifton; on motion of Representative Morales, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Janice Luongo; on motion of Representative Shallcross Smith and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Burton "Burt" Stallwood; seconded by Leaders Kazarian and Chippendale the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

Diane M. DePina
Recording Clerk

APPENDIX

INVOCATION

REPRESENTATIVE MARIE A. HOPKINS

Gracious God: We call upon you this day to guide and support the doctors and nurses who risk their lives to help stop the Ebola virus in Africa. Let us pray for all who are willing to risk their lives in service to those suffering from this dreadful disease. Amen

APPENDIX

CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2026:

1. 2026-H 8091

BY Caldwell

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LICENSING OF YOUTH CAMPS

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

2. 2026-H 7210

BY McEntee

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- UNIFORM PARTITION OF HEIRS' PROPERTY ACT

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

3. 2026-H 7507

BY Corvese

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- JUDGMENTS, ORDERS, AND DECREES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

4. 2026-H 8507

BY McEntee

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

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

Tuesday, May 12, 2026