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Second Day

The House of Representatives meets at the Veterans Memorial Auditorium in Providence, Thursday, January 21, 2021 and is called to order at 4:06 o'clock P.M., by the Honorable K. Joseph Shekarchi, Speaker.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 70 members present and 5 members absent as follows:

PRESENT – 70: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Baginski, Barros, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cassar, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Filippi, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Hawkins, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, C. Lima, Lombardi, McEntee, McGaw, McLaughlin, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Price, Quattrocchi, Ranglin-Vassell, Roberts, Ruggiero, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Tobon, Vella-Wilkinson and Williams

ABSENT – 5: Representatives Costantino, Lima S., Marszalkowski, Serpa, Shanley

INVOCATION

The Honorable Speaker presents Representative Baginski who delivers the Invocation and leads the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

(For Invocation, see Appendix, this Journal.)

APPROVAL OF RECORD

By unanimous consent, the House Journal of Tuesday, January 5, 2021 is approved.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Representative Gregory Costantino is unable to attend session today, Thursday, January 21, 2021.
Representative Alex Marszalkowski is unable to attend session today, Thursday, January 21, 2021.
Representative Steven Lima is unable to attend session today, Thursday, January 21, 2021.

COMMUNICATION

The Honorable Speaker of the House Representatives presents the following communication:

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
HOUSE CHAMBER**

January 13, 2021

The Honorable House of Representatives

I have the honor to inform you that I administered on this thirteenth day of January, A.D. 2021 the oath of office to Grace Diaz of Providence as Representative of District 11.

Respectfully yours,

Nellie M. Gorbea
Secretary of State

Received and placed on file.

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
HOUSE CHAMBER**

January 13, 2021

The Honorable House of Representatives

I have the honor to inform you that I administered on this thirteenth day of January, A.D. 2021 the oath of office to Barbara Ann Fenton Fung of Cranston as Representative of District 15.

Respectfully yours,

Nellie M. Gorbea
Secretary of State

Received and placed on file.

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
HOUSE CHAMBER**

January 12, 2021

The Honorable House of Representatives

I have the honor to inform you that I administered on this twelfth day of January, A.D. 2021 the oath of office to Arthur Handy of Cranston as Representative of District 18.

Respectfully yours,

Nellie M. Gorbea
Secretary of State

Received and placed on file.

NEW BUSINESS

House Bill No. 5038**BY** Corvese**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE - PROCEDURE GENERALLY - LEVY AND SALE ON EXECUTION (Exempts from attachment five hundred dollars (\$500) in savings or deposits in financial or banking institutions.) {LC642/1}

01/21/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5039**BY** Corvese, Noret**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- EXPLOSIVES, FIREWORKS, AND PYROTECHNICS (Prohibits the use of display fireworks/aerial consumer fireworks without a permit between 12:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. on any day and would make a violation of this permit requirement a civil violation punishable by a fine of \$75.00 and court costs.) {LC641/1}

01/21/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

(Added to Co-sponsorship is Representative Noret)**House Bill No. 5040****BY** Corvese**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- ANIMAL ABUSER REGISTRY ACT (Creates the "animal abuser registry act" which would require all persons convicted of felonies involving animal abuse, to register with an online registry to be established and maintained by the department of public safety.) {LC643/1}

01/21/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5041**BY** Corvese**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS (Requires drug manufactures to establish fund and manage state approved drug take back programs, free of charge to the consumer and pharmacy.) {LC644/1}

01/21/2021 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

House Resolution No. 5042**BY** McNamara, Shekarchi, Solomon, Vella-Wilkinson, Bennett**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION HONORING AND THANKING MAYOR JOSEPH J. SOLOMON, SR., FOR HIS DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF WARWICK AND THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC145/1}

Majority Leader Blazejewski request unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Majority Leader Blazejewski seconded by Minority Leader Filippi, Representatives Craven, Phillips, Vella-Wilkinson, Bennett, Corvese, Hawkins, Barros, Fellela, McEntee, C. Lima, Kazarian, Solomon, Blazejewski, Lombardi, Amore, Abney, Hull, Cortvriend, Noret, Newberry, Bennett, Azzinaro, Ackerman, Biah, Fenton-Fung, Tobon, Cardillo, Fogarty by unanimous consent, on a rise vote

House Resolution No. 5043**BY** Giraldo, Shekarchi, Alzate, Tobon, Barros**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION HONORING AND THANKING MAYOR JAMES DIOSSA FOR HIS DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF CENTRAL FALLS AND THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC148/1}

Majority Leader Blazejewski request unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Majority Leader Blazejewski seconded by Minority Leader Filippi, Representatives Speakman, Ranglin-Vassell, Abney, Blazejewski, Biah, Henries, Amore, Phillips, Morales, Caldwell, Noret, Ruggiero, Vella-Wilkinson, Azzinaro, Kennedy, C. Lima, Cassar, Cortvriend, Fogarty, Ajello, Shallcross Smith, Hull, Lombardi, Tanzi, McNamara, Ackerman, Corvese, Bennett, Solomon, Kazarian, Felix, Alzate, McGaw, Messier, Fenton-Fung, Morgan by unanimous consent, on a rising vote

House Resolution No. 5044**BY** Bennett, Shekarchi, Filippi, McNamara, Vella-Wilkinson**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF SHIRLEY ANN WASHBURN {LC332/1}

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

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Bennett seconded by Representative Azzinaro by unanimous consent, on a rise vote.

House Resolution No. 5045**BY** Cortvriend, Blazejewski, Filippi, Ruggiero, McGaw**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE 400,000 AMERICANS AND OVER 2,000 RHODE ISLANDERS WHO HAVE LOST THEIR LIVES TO COVID-19 {LC862/1}

Majority Leader Blazejewski request unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Majority Leader Blazejewski seconded by Minority Leader Filippi and Representatives Hull, Lombardi, Fogarty, Knight, Shallcross Smith, Abney, Ranglin-Vassell, Donovan, Speakman, Corvese, Henries, Blazejewski, Ackerman, Amore, Hawkins, Phillips, Bennett, Craven, Cardillo, McEntee, Noret, Caldwell, Ajello, McNamara, Diaz, Morales, Carson, Lima C., Kislak, Fellela, Tobon, Casimiro, Kazarian, Tanzi, Barros, Felix, McGaw, Solomon, Potter, Ruggiero, Alzate, Vella-Wilkinson, Fenton-Fung, Newberry and the entire House of Representatives by unanimous consent, on a rising vote.

House Resolution No. 5046**BY** Azzinaro, Shekarchi, Vella-Wilkinson, Fellela, Abney**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF JEROME ANGELO SQUATRITO, JR. {LC268/1}

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

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Azzinaro seconded by Speaker Shekarchi by unanimous consent, on a rise vote.

House Resolution No. 5047**BY** Blazejewski, Filippi**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING CONGRATULATIONS {LC896/1}

Majority Leader Blazejewski request unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

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

House Resolution No. 5048**BY** Blazejewski, Filippi**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES {LC895/1}

Majority Leader Blazejewski request unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

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

House Bill No. 5049**BY** Phillips**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF LODIE BRIEN AGENCY, INC. {LC616/1}

01/21/2021 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

TRANSMITTAL

By unanimous consent, all matters on the clerk's desk are ordered to be transmitted to Her Excellency, the Governor, to the Honorable Senate and the Honorable Secretary of State forthwith.

NEW BUSINESS**House Bill No. 5050****BY** Fellela**ENTITLED**, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF SHERWOOD CONDOMINIUM, INC. {LC27/1}

01/22/2021 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5051**BY** Baginski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CORPORATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS, AND PARTNERSHIPS -- RHODE ISLAND BUSINESS CORPORATION ACT (Increases time that SOS can withdraw a certificate of revocation for a corporation, nonprofit corporation, or LLC from 10 to 20 years without the corporation or limited liability company being required to seek reinstatement by the legislature.) {LC729/1}

01/22/2021 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5052**BY** McNamara**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- COVID-19 INSURANCE RELIEF ACT (Requires an insurer to provide business interruption coverage due to the global pandemic COVID-19.) {LC183/1}

01/22/2021 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5053**BY** Solomon, Donovan, Cortvriend, Ruggiero, Abney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS -- RHODE ISLAND TURNPIKE AND BRIDGE AUTHORITY (Provides that DOT, in conjunction with the RI turnpike and bridge authority, erect a safety barrier or safety netting on the Mount Hope Bridge, the Claiborne Pell Bridge, Verrazzano Bridge. Safety barrier or netting to be erected on or before 1/1/2023.) {LC482/1}

01/22/2021 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

(Added to Co-sponsorship are Representatives Cortvriend, Ruggiero, Abney)**House Bill No. 5054****BY** Solomon, Kazarian, Noret**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDERS -- NET NEUTRALITY (Requires Internet service providers to follow Internet service neutrality requirements.) {LC483/1}

01/22/2021 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

(Added to Co-sponsorship is Representative Noret)

House Bill No. 5055**BY** Solomon

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (Allows DOT to make emergency repairs to municipal roads upon request up to \$150,000 unless higher amount agreed to in writing with payment determination within 90 days.) {LC171/1}

01/22/2021 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5056**BY** Solomon, Kazarian

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION (Requires an electric utility company to bury power lines in the event of a residential power outage lasting ninety-six (96) consecutive hours or more, unless the outage was caused by the resident.) {LC473/1}

01/22/2021 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5057**BY** Place, Azzinaro, Roberts, Quattrocchi, Vella-Wilkinson, Noret, Casimiro

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- MILITARY SPOUSE LICENSURE (Provides issuance of occupational licenses for military members and spouses stationed in Rhode Island.) {LC345/1}

01/22/2021 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

(Added to Co-sponsorship are Representatives Noret, Casimiro)**House Bill No. 5058****BY** McNamara

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE (Prohibits the practice of importing a wild animal into the state, which animal is not native or domestic to the state, for the purpose of conducting canned hunting.) {LC163/1}

01/22/2021 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

House Bill No. 5059**BY** Knight

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- BRISTOL COUNTY WATER SUPPLY (This act would delete a portion of the enabling statute for the Bristol County Water Authority.) {LC367/1}

01/22/2021 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

House Bill No. 5060**BY** Knight

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- BRISTOL COUNTY WATER SUPPLY (Repeals the requirement that the Bristol County water authority maintain its reservoirs, wells and well sites, transmission lines and water treatment plants within its jurisdiction in good, sound and safe condition.) {LC416/1}

01/22/2021 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

House Resolution No. 5061**BY** McNamara

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$200,000 TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO AID IN THE FIGHT AGAINST ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AND DEMENTIA (Authorizes the appropriation of the sum of \$200,000 in a fiscal year 2021-2022, to establish an Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia Coordinator.) {LC189/1}

01/22/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5062**BY** McNamara

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE RHODE ISLAND EARLY CHILDHOOD INNOVATION ACT (Establishes the RI Early Childhood Innovation Act and authorizes department of human services to fund programs for at-risk kindergarten children of \$1,000,000 annually.) {LC188/1}

01/22/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5063**BY** McNamara

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT (Creates a pilot program to provide scholarships to certified nursing assistants employed in certain high needs fields.) {LC187/1}

01/22/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5064**BY** McNamara

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES -- LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Exempts self-employed sole practicing investigators operating independently from any partnership, corporation, limited liability company or association from the sales tax imposed on services.) {LC161/1}

01/22/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5065**BY** Knight

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- BARBERS, HAIRDRESSERS, COSMETICIANS, MANICURISTS AND ESTHETICIANS (Repeals requirement a person licensed as barber be a citizen of United States and be of good moral character. Also repeals requirement that a person so licensed pay a license fee for the business.) {LC576/1}

01/22/2021 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

House Bill No. 5066**BY** McNamara

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND HOSPITALS -- GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON BEHAVIORAL HEALTH (Increases the membership of the governor's council on behavioral health from thirty-one (31) to thirty-two (32) members by adding the president of the Hospital Association of Rhode Island or a designee.) {LC190/1}

01/22/2021 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

House Bill No. 5067**BY** McNamara, Casimiro, Noret**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES - THE PROMOTING ACCESS TO INCREASED MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR ALL STUDENTS ACT {LC191/1}

01/22/2021 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

(Added to Co-sponsorship are Representatives Casimiro, Noret)**House Bill No. 5068****BY** McNamara, Alzate, Shallcross Smith**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION (Promotes healthy school buildings and grounds by prohibiting the use of certain appliances in school buildings.) {LC79/1}

01/22/2021 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

(Added to Co-sponsorship are Representatives Alzate, Shallcross Smith)**House Bill No. 5069****BY** McNamara**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- EQUITABLE ACCESS FOR ALL STUDENTS ACT (Requires all charter public schools actively recruit students from and in every district that the school is chartered to service and receive students from.) {LC500/1}

01/22/2021 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

House Resolution No. 5070**BY** McNamara**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND HOSPITALS (BHDDH) TO FULLY ADDRESS ALL PREVIOUS VIOLATIONS AND TAKE ALL NECESSARY ACTIONS TO ENSURE ONGOING COMPLIANCE WITH THE FEDERAL MENTAL HEALTH PARITY AND ADDICTION EQUITY ACT OF 2008 (REQUESTING THE RI DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND HOSPITALS TO ADDRESS ALL PREVIOUS VIOLATIONS AND TAKE NECESSARY ACTIONS TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THE FEDERAL MENTAL HEALTH PARITY AND ADDICTION EQUITY ACT OF 2008) {LC206/1}

01/22/2021 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

House Bill No. 5071**BY** McNamara, Noret, Casimiro**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE (Directs school districts experiencing high rates of student absenteeism to establish attendance review teams to address this absenteeism.) {LC186/1}

01/22/2021 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

(Added to Co-sponsorship are Representatives Noret, Casimiro)**House Bill No. 5072****BY** McNamara**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCESSIBLE RESIDENCE MODIFICATIONS (Allows health insurance plans to provide coverage for accessible residence modifications determined to be medically necessary.) {LC184/1}

01/22/2021 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

House Bill No. 5073**BY** McNamara**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SECURING THE FINANCIAL FUTURE FOR ALL STUDENTS ACT (Provides that the council on elementary and secondary education be encouraged to maintain, publish and update statewide standards for instruction of personal finance in public high schools.) {LC185/1}

01/22/2021 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

House Bill No. 5074**BY** McNamara**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENCES (Requires department of health to establish an informal dispute resolution to address any changes to department of health violations.) {LC164/1}

01/22/2021 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

House Bill No. 5075**BY** McNamara, Noret, Casimiro**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- DENTISTS AND DENTAL HYGIENISTS (Requires at least one oral and maxillofacial surgeon on the Rhode Island board of examiners in dentistry.) {LC162/1}

01/22/2021 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

(Added to Co-sponsorship are Representatives Noret, Casimiro)**House Bill No. 5076****BY** McNamara**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- EDUCATION ACCOUNTABILITY ACT (Require the principal at each school to provide an annual report on the number of graduating students and the number applying for admission to college or vocational training.) {LC153/1}

01/22/2021 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

House Bill No. 5077**BY** McNamara, Ackerman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- TREATMENT FOR PATIENTS WITH TERMINAL ILLNESS -- THE NEIL FACHON TERMINALLY ILL PATIENTS' RIGHT TO TRY ACT OF 2021 (Creates the "Neil Fachon Terminally Ill Patients' Right To Try Act of 2021," which establishes the conditions for the use of experimental treatments for terminally ill patients.) {LC160/1}

01/22/2021 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

(Added to Co-sponsorship is Representative Acerman)**House Bill No. 5078****BY** McNamara**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION (Requires that prior to any suspension being issued to a student or pupil in grades K-5, inclusive, the school would implement an individual behavior plan (the "plan") for the student.) {LC149/1}

01/22/2021 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

House Bill No. 5079**BY** McNamara, Noret, Casimiro, Barros**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- FUNDRAISING FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

(Allows a school district to assess or request a voluntary contribution of money from a student or the student's parent or legal guardian to make a donation, in whole or in part, for the cost of district-sponsored field trips, dances, and clubs.) {LC152/1}

01/22/2021 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

(Added to Co-sponsorship are Representatives Noret, Casimiro, Barros)**House Bill No. 5080**

(by request)

BY Solomon, Ackerman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LIFE-SAVING ALLERGY MEDICATION--STOCK SYRINGE EPINEPHRINE AUTO-INJECTORS--EMERGENCY ADMINISTRATION (Requires owners or operators of enclosed public space holding 300 or more people to have available epinephrine auto injectors and personnel trained to administer them.)

{LC476/1}

01/22/2021 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

(Added to Co-sponsorship is Representative Ackerman)**House Bill No. 5081****BY** McNamara**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- ESTABLISHING THE RHODE ISLAND RARE DISEASE MEDICATION ACCESSIBILITY, AFFORDABILITY, AND REINSURANCE ACT (Provides for establishment of the rare disease medication reinsurance program to be funded by insurer contributions that would be administered by the secretary of health and human services based on recommendations from a 15 member advisory council.) {LC159/1}

01/22/2021 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

House Bill No. 5082**BY** Solomon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - COMPENSATION FOR STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS (Allows expressly allow college athletes, while they are students, to personally profit from the use of their name, image, and likeness, and prohibits the NCAA from preventing these practices.) {LC469/1}

01/22/2021 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

House Bill No. 5083**BY** McEntee, Caldwell, Ruggiero, Kazarian, Felix**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- FEMININE HYGIENE PRODUCTS (Provides that feminine hygiene products be provided in all public schools and prisons.) {LC654/1}

01/22/2021 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

House Bill No. 5084**BY** Knight**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- IDENTIFICATION AND APPREHENSION OF CRIMINALS (Allows for the sealing of records pertaining to cases for which a person is acquitted or otherwise exonerated from a charged offense and eliminates the one hundred

dollar (\$100) fee for the expungement of a criminal record.) {LC573/1}
01/22/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5085**BY Knight**

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- SENTENCE AND EXECUTION (Requires termination of imprisonment on a deferred sentence when, after consideration by an assistant or special assistant designated by the attorney general, the state or arresting police department, in their discretion, dismisses the charge(s).) {LC575/1}
01/22/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5086**BY Knight**

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- IDENTIFICATION AND APPREHENSION OF CRIMINALS (Permits persons with felony records to petition the court to have their court records, where there has been dismissal/no true bill/no information or if the person has otherwise been exonerated from the offense, sealed by the clerk of the court.) {LC583/1}
01/22/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5087**BY Knight**

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT (Requires the executive branch or the department of corrections to report its findings and recommendations regarding the justice reinvestment policies or the department of corrections, to the legislature on or before April 1, of each year.) {LC601/1}
01/22/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5088**BY Knight**

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- BAIL AND RECOGNIZANCE (Repeals § 12-13-5.1 which permits the state to draw an inference that a person charged with delivery of a controlled substance is a danger to the community.) {LC602/1}
01/22/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5089**BY Knight**

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- BAIL AND RECOGNIZANCE (Act requires bail if not indicted or charged by way of information within 3 months.) {LC604/1}
01/22/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5090**BY Knight**

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE IN PARTICULAR ACTIONS -- POST CONVICTION REMEDY (Allows a person who has been convicted on the basis, in whole or in part, on scientific evidence that has been found or otherwise determined to be discredited by the scientific community, eligible to seek post-conviction relief on that ground.) {LC603/1}
01/22/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5091**BY** Knight

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE - PROCEDURE GENERALLY - WITNESSES (Requires, upon motion by counsel in criminal proceeding, attorney general or lead investigating law enforcement agency to issue subpoena or warrant to social media and internet sites for production of material posted or submitted by potential witness.) {LC606/1}
01/22/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5092**BY** Fellela

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS -- PASSIVE VOLUNTARY ADOPTION MUTUAL CONSENT REGISTRY ACT -- ADOPTION OF CHILDREN (Directs the department of health to provide information regarding the passive voluntary adoption reunion registry on the department of health's website and in the division of vital records.) {LC516/1}
01/22/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5093**BY** McNamara

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- PASSING, USE OF LANES, AND RULES OF THE ROAD (Provides for specific fines and sanctions to operators of motor vehicles who fail to exercise due care to avoid colliding with a vulnerable road user causing injury, serious injury, or death to the vulnerable road user.) {LC158/1}
01/22/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5094**BY** Knight

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES (Grants a judge or magistrate the discretion to impose the requirement of blood and/or urine testing or the use of the ignition interlock system.) {LC586/1}
01/22/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Resolution No. 5095**BY** Williams, Biah, Henries, Ranglin-Vassell, Ajello

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THAT GOVERNOR RAIMONDO ISSUE AN EXECUTIVE ORDER IMPOSING A MORATORIUM ON EVICTIONS DUE TO THE NOVEL CORONAVIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19), WHILE AT THE SAME TIME EXPLORING WAYS TO PROTECT LANDLORDS {LC146/1}
01/22/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5096**BY** Lima, Henries, Cardillo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- GENERAL STATE OFFICERS (Requires the secretary of state to conduct a special election to fill a vacancy in the office of the lieutenant governor whenever eighteen (18) months or more remain in the four (4) year term of office.) {LC894/1}
01/22/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5097**BY** Lima, Casimiro, Potter, Alzate**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- VACCINATION JUMPING (Makes it unlawful for health care facilities or their workers to circumvent the state's COVID-19 vaccination schedule.) {LC918/1}

01/22/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5098**BY** Fellela**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE AND DISCIPLINE (Increases the maximum fine amount for those found guilty of unprofessional conduct by the board of medical licensure and discipline from \$10,000 to \$30,000, and establishes a new chapter of the general laws which gives board the authority to levy fines.) {LC508/1}

01/22/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Resolution No. 5099**BY** Morgan**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION CONDEMNING THE MAJOR TECHNOLOGY COMPANIES, AMAZON, TWITTER, FACEBOOK, APPLE, GOOGLE, SNAPCHAT AND YOUTUBE, FOR THEIR ATTACK ON THE FREE SPEECH RIGHTS OF THE AMERICAN PUBLIC {LC903/1}

01/22/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5100**BY** Solomon, Noret**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS (Prohibits any development of land contiguous to the State House unless approved by the general assembly.) {LC466/1}

01/22/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

(Added to Co-sponsorship is Representative Noret)**House Bill No. 5101****BY** Ruggiero**ENTITLED**, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF JAMESTOWN (Ratifies the town of Jamestown Home Rule Charter amendment to Section 219 of the charter adopted at a November 3, 2020 referendum, concerning the process and procedures by which voter initiative can be activated.) {LC664/1}

01/22/2021 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government

House Bill No. 5102**BY** Price**ENTITLED**, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE EXETER-WEST GREENWICH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT TO ISSUE NOT TO EXCEED \$17,840,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND NOTES TO FINANCE THE RENOVATION, REHABILITATION, IMPROVEMENT, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL FACILITIES THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, AUDITORIUM AND CLASSROOM IMPROVEMENTS, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, ROOFS, FLOORS, HEATING, VENTILATION, AIR CONDITIONING, ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS, PLAYGROUNDS, ATHLETIC FACILITIES,

PARKING AND SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS, PROVIDED THAT THE AUTHORIZATION SHALL BE REDUCED BY THE AMOUNT OF CERTAIN GRANTS RECEIVED FROM STATE BOND PROCEEDS, FROM THE RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION OR FROM THE RHODE ISLAND SCHOOL BUILDING AUTHORITY (Authorizes the Exeter-West Greenwich Regional School District to issue general obligation bonds not to exceed \$17,840,000 for school improvements.) {LC13/1}

01/22/2021 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government

House Bill No. 5103

BY Knight, Williams

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- IDENTIFICATION AND APPREHENSION OF CRIMINALS (Makes convictions for crimes that have been decriminalized, including misdemeanor and felony convictions for marijuana, eligible for expungement. Upon filing motion, the court where the original conviction took place, shall hold a hearing on the motion.) {LC578/1}

01/22/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

(Added to Co-sponsorship is Representative Williams)

House Bill No. 5104

BY Fellela

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- STATE PURCHASES (Allows state colleges to sell discarded or surplus technology to their students at discounted prices, using the monies collected to purchase updated electronic equipment or technology.) {LC515/1}

01/22/2021 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

House Bill No. 5105

BY Baginski, Noret, Casimiro

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES - RETAIL LICENSES

(Authorizes a holder of a Class B license to sell alcoholic beverages with take-out food orders with a sunset on 12/31/2022.) {LC897/1}

01/22/2021 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

(Added to Co-sponsorship are Representatives Noret, Casimiro)

House Bill No. 5106

BY Fellela

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL

TAXES (Allows the town of Johnston to adopt a tax classification plan independent of the provisions of § 44-5-11.8.) {LC168/1}

01/22/2021 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government

House Bill No. 5107

BY Ruggiero, Cortvriend, Abney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- RETIREMENT OF MUNICIPAL

EMPLOYEES--MIDDLETOWN MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT (Allows the town of Middletown to enroll its full-time police officers hired on or after July 1, 2021, in a defined contribution plan established by the town and prevents newly hired police officers from becoming members of the retirement system.) {LC415/1}

01/22/2021 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government

House Bill No. 5108**BY** Knight

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- STATE PURCHASES (Requires the state, including all its agencies and departments, to purchase one hundred percent (100%) of their energy needs from renewable sources by January 1, 2032.) {LC600/1}
01/22/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5109**BY** Fellela

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES -- LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Adds mileage of a motor vehicle to be considered by the tax administrator in defining the value of a motor vehicle for the purposes of the "casual" tax.) {LC501/1}
01/22/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5110**BY** McNamara, Noret, Casimiro

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES--ENFORCEMENT AND COLLECTION (Provides that any person who has a retail sales permit would not be required to pay a separate registration fee to make sales at flea markets; provided, however, the person would remain responsible to pay all taxes due as a result of sales at a flea mkt.) {LC156/1}
01/22/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance
(Added to Co-sponsorship are Representatives Noret, Casimiro)

House Bill No. 5111**BY** Casimiro, Noret, Vella-Wilkinson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- CIVIL AIR PATROL ACT (Authorizes state aide to RICAP for training/equipment for use during times of natural disaster/emergency as needed
BY state EMA/governor.) {LC698/1}
01/25/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5112**BY** Bennett

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES - MEDICAL ASSISTANCE - LONG-TERM CARE SERVICES AND FINANCE REFORMS (Requires that the rate for hospice providers, delivering hospice care in a skilled nursing facility, not exceed ninety-five percent (95%) of the rate paid for non-hospice care in a skilled nursing facility.) {LC83/1}
01/25/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5113**BY** Bennett

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- MINIATURE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTAINER ACT OF 2021 (Creates a refundable fifty cent (\$0.50) deposit for miniature alcoholic beverage containers, often referred to as "nips.") {LC25/1}
01/25/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5114**BY** Casimiro, Craven, McEntee, Fogarty, Bennett**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PRECEPTORS TAX CREDIT ACT (Allows for a tax credit of \$500 for certain nurse practitioners or physicians.) {LC130/1}

01/25/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5115**BY** Solomon, McNamara, Ruggiero, Noret, Casimiro**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- HOME COMMUNITY CARE SERVICES TO THE ELDERLY (Expands eligibility for elderly services assistance to persons under age 65 suffering from physician confirmed Alzheimer's disease related dementia with income not to exceed 250% of federal poverty level.) {LC463/1}

01/25/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

(Added to Co-sponsorship are Representatives Ruggiero, Noret, Casimiro)**House Bill No. 5116****BY** Solomon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES -- LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Creates a sales tax holiday on August 7 and 8, 2021.) {LC465/1}

01/25/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5117**BY** Solomon, Noret, Casimiro**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- EDUCATION ASSISTANCE AND DEVELOPMENT TAX CREDIT {LC464/1}

01/25/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

(Added to Co-sponsorship are Representatives Noret, Casimiro)**House Bill No. 5118****BY** Casimiro, Craven, Noret, Fenton-Fung, Lima**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES - PAYMENTS TO FIRE COMPANIES (Provides for an appropriation of state funds to cities and towns who are members of the Narragansett Bay marine task force (NBMF) for the maintenance of boats providing services to Narragansett Bay.) {LC123/1}

01/25/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5119**BY** Casimiro**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- STATE AID (Addresses general assembly appropriations in lieu of property taxes for state-owned properties within the town of Exeter and sets aside such payments to establish newly created municipal police departments.) {LC131/1}

01/25/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5120**BY** Bennett**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- ECONOMIC AND CLIMATE RESILIENCE ACT OF 2020 {LC140/1}

01/25/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5121**BY Bennett**

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION (Provides a tax credit for state community service hours provided by state residents to certain not-for-profit entities and municipal departments.) {LC98/1}
01/25/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5122**BY Bennett**

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO GODDARD STATE PARK (Requires the department of environmental management to install certain moorings at Goddard State Park.) {LC143/1}
01/25/2021 Introduced, referred to House Special Legislation

House Bill No. 5123**BY Bennett, Williams**

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- STATE EMBLEMS (Designate the music genre of rhythm and blues as the state music.) {LC587/1}
01/25/2021 Introduced, referred to House Special Legislation
(Added to Co-sponsorship is Representative Williams)

House Bill No. 5124**BY Casimiro, Craven, Noret, Donovan, McEntee, Carson**

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- COASTAL AND RIVERINE HOME PROTECTION (Enables cities and towns to provide a tax exemption to individuals who take resiliency measures to rehabilitate their property because of flood hazards.) {LC122/1}
01/25/2021 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government
(Added to Co-sponsorship is Representative Carson)

House Bill No. 5125**BY Casimiro, Craven**

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY -- HEMP GROWTH ACT (Authorizes cities and towns to enact ordinances to address and protect their citizens' public safety and welfare from the impact of hemp cultivation and any of its derivative products.) {LC132/1}
01/25/2021 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government

House Bill No. 5126**BY Ruggiero, Cortvriend, Abney**

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- SIZE, WEIGHT AND LOAD LIMITS -- MIDDLETOWN (Prohibits the operation of through commercial vehicles on Turner Road in Middletown.) {LC400/1}
01/25/2021 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government

House Bill No. 5127**BY Ruggiero, Cortvriend, Abney**

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS -- ABANDONMENT OF ROADS (Authorizes the town of Middletown, upon receiving a request for the abandonment of a highway from an abutting property owner, to buy the abandoned highway from the abutting owner, at fair market value.) {LC411/1}
01/25/2021 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government

House Bill No. 5128**BY** Bennett

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES - ZONING ORDINANCES (Provides for the preservation of housing density when a municipality allows alternative uses within a residential zone. Transferal of the residential density would be to locations at the discretion of the municipality.) {LC114/1}

01/25/2021 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government

House Bill No. 5129**BY** Casimiro, Craven

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Exempts from taxation the real property of Ocean State Community Wellness, Inc., a qualified tax-exempt corporation under § 501(c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code, for the property located at 7450 Post Road, North Kingstown, Rhode Island.) {LC124/1}

01/25/2021 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government

House Bill No. 5130**BY** Bennett, Williams, Solomon, Ranglin-Vassell

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- MINIMUM WAGES (Gradually increases the minimum wage from eleven dollars and fifty cents (\$11.50) per hour to fifteen dollars (\$15.00) per hour, over a four (4) year period.) {LC625/1}

01/25/2021 Introduced, referred to House Labor

(Added to Co-sponsorship are Representatives Williams, Solomon and Ranglin-Vassell)

House Bill No. 5131**BY** Bennett

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- SINGLE-USE PLASTIC STRAWS (Prohibits a food service establishment from providing a consumer with a single-use plastic straw, unless the consumer requests such a straw.) {LC84/1}

01/25/2021 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

House Bill No. 5132**BY** Ruggiero, Carson, Knight, Abney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- BIODIESEL PRODUCTS (Amends the compliance standards for heating oil biobased products providing minimum standards for the percentage of biobased product that certain types of heating oil must contain.) {LC17/1}

01/25/2021 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

House Bill No. 5133**BY** Ruggiero, Kazarian, Carson, Cortvriend, Donovan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- REFUSE DISPOSAL (Requires certain businesses and educational facilities that produce at least fifty-two (52) tons of organic-waste yearly and are located within thirty (30) miles of an authorized composting facility to use authorized methods of recycling.) {LC662/1}

01/25/2021 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

House Bill No. 5134**BY Bennett**

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- ENERGY FACILITY SITING ACT (Amends provisions relative to the energy facility siting act including designating the public utilities commission as the public advocate and would create certain pre-application requirements.) {LC141/1}

01/25/2021 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

House Bill No. 5135**BY Bennett, Price**

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- THE GEOENGINEERING ACT (Establishes licensing procedure for persons seeking to engage in geoengineering activity from DEM to protect health/safety/environment of state.) {LC115/1}

01/25/2021 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

(Added to Co-Sponsorship is Representative Price)

House Bill No. 5136**BY Bennett**

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE -- HUNTING AND HUNTING SAFETY (Requires any person who sustains an injury to themselves or causes an injury to another while hunting or trapping to report the injury to the department of environmental management immediately.) {LC136/1}

01/25/2021 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

House Bill No. 5137**BY Bennett**

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE -- HUNTING AND HUNTING SAFETY (Requires any person who sustains an injury to themselves or causes an injury to another while hunting or trapping to report the injury to the department of environmental management immediately.) {LC113/1}

01/25/2021 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

House Bill No. 5138**BY Bennett**

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- DISPOSABLE FOOD SERVICE CONTAINERS (Prohibits a covered establishment from preparing, selling, processing or providing food or beverages in or on a disposable food service container that is composed in whole or in part of polystyrene foam.) {LC100/1}

01/25/2021 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

House Bill No. 5139**BY McEntee, Craven, Knight, Caldwell, Casimiro**

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- ABUSED AND NEGLECTED CHILDREN (Requires the department of children, youth and families to report all suspected cases of child sexual abuse to the children's advocacy center.) {LC653/1}

01/25/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5140**BY** Bennett

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT-LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' BILL OF RIGHTS (Amends the law enforcement officers' bill of rights to require that a person wishing to serve as a third member of a hearing committee attend training and would amend the suspension period for minor violations and the appeals procedure.) {LC884/1}
01/25/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5141**BY** McEntee, Craven, Caldwell, Casimiro

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- SEXUAL ASSAULT (Increases the age of children able to utilize a recorded forensic interview for cases of sexual abuse in grand jury testimony -- child assault from age fourteen (14) to age eighteen (18).) {LC656/1}
01/25/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5142**BY** Solomon

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- RHODE ISLAND CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS AND EXPENDITURES REPORTING (Requires all candidates for office to file the same number of campaign finance reports, all due at the same times, whether or not they have contested primary elections.) {LC468/1}
01/25/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5143**BY** McEntee, Ruggiero, Knight, Craven, Caldwell

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE--PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- CAUSES OF ACTION (Expands the definition of the word "perpetrator defendant" for purposes of bringing a civil action based upon sexual abuse or exploitation of a child.) {LC18/1}
01/25/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5144**BY** Casimiro, Ranglin-Vassell, Craven, Knight, William, McEntee

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINALS -- CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS -- PAROLE (Makes minors who were sentenced as adults, eligible for parole after serving fifteen (15) years of a sentence and would not apply to those serving life without parole and would apply to those prisoners whose offenses were committed after 1/1/91.) {LC129/1}
01/25/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary
(Added to Co-sponsorship is Representative McEntee)

House Bill No. 5145**BY** Bennett

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - POLICE OFFICERS - COMMISSION ON STANDARDS AND TRAINING (Requires the commission on standards and training to provide training and instructions for police officers and trainees in order to more accurately identify complaints involving persons with cognitive or communication-related disabilities.) {LC142/1}
01/25/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5146**BY** Morales, McGaw, Bennett, Fogarty, Caldwell, Lombardi, Hull, Potter**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES (Requires all health insurance providers offering prescription drug benefits to limit person's out-of-pocket costs to \$100 for 30 day supply. Commencing 1/1/22.) {LC243/1}

01/25/2021 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

(Added to Co-sponsorship are Representatives Lombardi, Hull, Potter)**House Bill No. 5147****BY** McEntee, Ruggiero, Kazarian, Caldwell, Craven**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- GENETIC COUNSELORS LICENSING ACT (Provides a statutory framework for the licensing and regulation of genetic counselors.) {LC337/1}

01/25/2021 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5148**BY** Ruggiero, Blazejewski, Kazarian, Cortvriend, Carson, Morales**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE RHODE ISLAND BROADBAND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (Establishes broadband coordinator and council.) {LC80/1}

01/25/2021 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

(Added to Co-sponsorship are Representatives Carson, Morales)**House Bill No. 5149****BY** Casimiro**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES -- INSPECTIONS (Authorizes the Exeter town sergeant or designees to conduct division of motor vehicles vehicle identifying number and odometer inspections.) {LC133/1}

01/25/2021 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5150**BY** Bennett**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- INDECENT DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICES, DUTIES OF CARRIERS, COMMUNITY STANDARDS OF DECENCY, ADULT ENTERTAINMENT ESTABLISHMENTS -- HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND CHILD EXPLOITATION PREVENTION ACT (Mandates retailers that manufacture and internet based device prior to sale to block websites that facilitate or display obscene material.) {LC590/1}

01/25/2021 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5151**BY** Morales, McGaw, Alzate, Ackerman, McNamara, Hull, Lombardi, Speakman, Felix, Fogarty**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- RHODE ISLAND FOOD, DRUGS, AND COSMETICS ACT (Limits insured persons insulin costs to \$25 per month.) {LC246/1}

01/25/2021 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

(Added to Co-sponsorship are Representatives Hull, Lombardi, Speakman, Felix, Fogarty)

House Bill No. 5152**BY Bennett**

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- SANITATION IN FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS (Defines what constitutes a multi-use food and beverage storage container and provides for sanitary use of said containers.) {LC85/1}
01/25/2021 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

House Bill No. 5153**BY Bennett**

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- RHODE ISLAND PATHWAYS PROJECT (Requires the executive office of health and human services (EOHHS) to conduct a study to assess the impact of using Medicaid funds to provide coverage for the treatment of the chronically homeless.) {LC89/1}
01/25/2021 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

House Bill No. 5154**BY Bennett**

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- THE HEALING ART OF ACUPUNCTURE AND ORIENTAL MEDICINE (Changes title of chapter 37.2 of title 5 and throughout, replacing the words "Oriental medicine" with "Chinese medicine". Allows individuals who are otherwise certified, to practice acupuncture & Chinese medicine using Chinese medical diagnostic methods.) {LC95/1}
01/25/2021 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

House Bill No. 5155**BY Bennett**

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND HOSPITALS - MENTAL HEALTH LAW (Includes licensed advanced practice registered nurses (APRN), certified in psychiatric/mental health, as qualified to certify the need for mental health treatment in certain patients.) {LC90/1}
01/25/2021 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

House Bill No. 5156**BY Solomon, Noret, Casimiro**

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- THE BREAST CANCER ACT (Amends the current law so that digital breast tomosynthesis (dbt) screenings are available wherever mammograms are conducted and to provide insurance coverage for such screenings.) {LC467/1}
01/25/2021 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.
(Added to Co-sponsorship are Representatives Noret, Casimiro)

House Bill No. 5157**BY Casimiro, Fenton-Fung, Lima, Donovan, McNamara**

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CURRICULUM (Provides that every superintendent of schools shall create an annual report on the progress and status of academic achievement of foster care youth.) {LC94/1}
01/25/2021 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

House Bill No. 5158**BY** Casimiro, Noret, Shallcross Smith, Donovan, McNamara**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- RHODE ISLAND EARLY EDUCATOR INVESTMENT ACT (Requires the children's cabinet, in conjunction with the department of education, to develop and implement strategies to improve the compensation of early educators.) {LC759/1}
01/25/2021 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.**House Bill No. 5159****BY** Casimiro, Noret, Fenton-Fung, Caldwell, Donovan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION (Designates physical, occupational, speech, and music therapies and behavioral health services as essential special services to be provided to students with disabilities during times of a declared emergency.) {LC134/1}
01/25/2021 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.**House Bill No. 5160****BY** Bennett**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- HEALTH CARE ACCESSIBILITY AND QUALITY ASSURANCE ACT (Redefines the term "covered services" as used to describe applicable subscriber agreements between a health care entity and a dentist.) {LC120/1}
01/25/2021 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.**House Bill No. 5161****BY** Bennett**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND HOSPITALS -- SUICIDE TREATMENT IMPROVEMENT ACT (Provides for the "Suicide Treatment Improvement Act" to improve the delivery of suicide treatment.) {LC116/1}
01/25/2021 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.**House Bill No. 5162****BY** Bennett**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS (Expands the rights of physician assistants with regard to their practice and prohibits non-compete clauses that exceed five years with regard to the purchase and sale of a practice.) {LC112/1}
01/25/2021 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.**House Bill No. 5163****BY** Bennett**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LICENSING OF HEALTH CARE FACILITIES -- THE HOSPITAL CONVERSION ACT (Expands the health services council from twelve (12) to twenty-four (24) members and amends the hospital conversion act relative to disclosure.) {LC99/1}
01/25/2021 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

House Bill No. 5164**BY** Bennett, Ackerman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS

(Allows students in public schools to possess and use a topical sunscreen product. Children enrolled in grades K-5 would need a note from a parent or guardian in order to possess sunscreen on school property.) {LC96/1}

01/25/2021 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

(Added to Co-sponsorship is Representative Ackerman)**House Bill No. 5165****BY** Bennett**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- ANIMAL

CARE (Authorizes emergency medical service providers to transport and provide first aid to police dogs injured in the line of duty.) {LC97/1}

01/25/2021 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

House Bill No. 5166**BY** Bennett**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE ISLAND BEST RX PRESCRIPTION DRUG DISCOUNT PROGRAM FOR THE UNINSURED

(Requires that enrollees in the Rhode Island best RX Prescription drug discount program for the uninsured are not charged a copay for their prescriptions.) {LC137/1}

01/25/2021 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**TRANSFER OF BILLS**

Committee on Corporations, reports back the following measure, with recommendation of transfer to the Committee on Finance:

House Bill No. 5053**BY** Solomon, Donovan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS -- RHODE ISLAND TURNPIKE AND BRIDGE AUTHORITY (Provides that DOT, in conjunction with the RI turnpike and bridge authority, erect a safety barrier or safety netting on the Mount Hope Bridge, the Claiborne Pell Bridge, Verrazzano Bridge. Safety barrier or netting to be erected on or before 1/1/2023.) {LC482/1}

01/25/2021 Committee transferred to House Finance

ADJOURNMENT

At 4:37 o'clock P.M. on motion of Representative Bennett, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of the Honorable Edward P. Beard; on motion of Representative Noret, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Gleyrafa Juanita Bernard; on motion of Representative Edwards, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Manuel (Sonny) Enos; on motion of Representative Morales, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of David Gomez; on motion of Representative Edwards, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Richard (Dick) Hart; on motion of Representative Noret, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Roger Laliberte; on motion of Representative

Edwards, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Thomas Burke (Bucky) Manning; on motion of Representative Carson, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Timothy Mills, Newport Harbormaster; on motion of Representative Edwards, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Bill Rappleye; on motion of Representative Hull, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Sister Eleanor Marie Rock, RSM; on motion of Representative Azzinaro, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Jerry Squatrito; on a motion of Representative Bennett, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Shirley Washburn; seconded by Leaders Blazejewski and Filippi the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

Diane M. DePina
Recording Clerk

APPENDIX

INVOCATION

REPRESENTATIVE JACQUELYN M. BAGINSKI

An excerpt from the Inaugural Poem, "The Hill We Climb" by Amanda Gorman:

And yes we are far from polished

far from pristine

but that doesn't mean we are

striving to form a union that is perfect

We are striving to forge a union with purpose

To compose a country committed to all cultures, colors, characters and
conditions of man

And so we lift our gazes not to what stands between us

but what stands before us

We close the divide because we know, to put our future first,

we must first put our differences aside

We lay down our arms

so we can reach out our arms

to one another

We seek harm to none and harmony for all