

# State of Rhode Island

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# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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**JANUARY SESSION of the General Assembly begun and held at the State House in the City of Providence on Tuesday, the fifth day of January in the year of Our Lord two thousand and twenty-one.**

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Thursday, April 15, 2021

Twentieth Day

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The House of Representatives meets at the Veterans Memorial Auditorium in Providence, Thursday, April 15, 2021, and is called to order at 4:07 o'clock P.M., by the Honorable K. Joseph Shekarchi, Speaker.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 60 members present and 15 members absent as follows:

**PRESENT** – 60: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Baginski, Barros, Batista, Biah, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cassar, Cortvriend, Corvese, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Filippi, Fogarty, Handy, Hawkins, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima C., McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Place, Potter, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson and Williams.

**ABSENT** – 15: Representatives Bennett, Chippendale, Costantino, Felix, Giraldo, Lima S., Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McLaughlin, Perez, Price, Quattrocchi, Ranglin-Vassell, Roberts, Tobon.

## INVOCATION

The Honorable Speaker presents Der Kapriel Nazarian of Sts. Vartanantz Armenian Church who delivers the Invocation and Whip Kazarian leads the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

(For Invocation, see Appendix, this Journal.)

## APPROVAL OF RECORD

By unanimous consent, the House Journal of Tuesday, April 13, 2021, is approved.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Representative Costantino is unable to attend session today, Thursday, April 15, 2021.  
Representative McLaughlin is unable to attend session today, Thursday, April 15, 2021.  
Representative Ranglin-Vassell is unable to attend session today, Thursday, April 15, 2021.

**CALENDAR**

From the Calendar are taken:

**IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 15, 2021:**

- 1. 2021-H 5028**  
**BY** Newberry  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE CIVIC LITERACY ACT**

Committee on Education recommends passage.

Chairman McNamara moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Carson, Speakman, Amore, Phillips, O'Brien, Shanley, Noret, Morales, McEntee, Ruggiero, Craven, Hawkins, Cardillo, Henries, Biah, Donovan, Abney, Majority Leader Blazejewski, Vella-Wilkinson, Azzinaro, Knight, Deputy Speaker Lima, Cortvriend, Fogarty, Ajello, Shallcross Smith, Hull, Deputy Whip Ackerman, Solomon, Casimiro, Whip Kazarian, Alzate, Corvese, Potter, McGaw, Fellela, Messier, Minority Leader Filippi, Nardone, Newberry, Place, Fenton-Fung, Morgan, Diaz, Kislak, Edwards, and Casey.

Representatives Carson, Ruggiero, and Alzate discuss the act.

**PROXY VOTES**

**Majority Leader Blazejewski announces pursuant to rule 47B authorizing Proxy Votes he has 10 to be recorded in the affirmative: Representatives Bennett, Costantino, Felix, Giraldo, Lima S., Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McLaughlin, Perez, and Ranglin-Vassell.**

**Minority Leader Filippi announces pursuant to rule 47B authorizing Proxy Votes he has 3 to be recorded in the affirmative: Whip Chippendale, Representatives Quattrocchi and Price.**

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

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

**2. 2021-H 5260 SUB A**

**BY** Edwards

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

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

Chairman Hull moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Speakman, Abney, Cortvriend, Edwards, McNamara, Hull, and Craven.

**PROXY VOTES**

**Majority Leader Blazejewski announces pursuant to rule 47B authorizing Proxy Votes he has 7 to be recorded in the affirmative: Representatives Bennett, Costantino, Felix, Giraldo, Lima S., Lombardi, and Marszalkowski.**

**Minority Leader Filippi announces pursuant to rule 47B authorizing Proxy Votes he has 3 to be recorded in the affirmative: Whip Chippendale, Representatives Quattrocchi, and Price.**

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, 65 members voting in the affirmative and 4 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 65: 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, Costantino, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Hawkins, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima C., Lima S., Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Potter, Price, Quattrocchi, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams.

NAYS - 4: Representatives Filippi, Morgan, Nardone, Place.

RECUSED - 0:

**3. 2021-H 5654**

**BY** Tanzi

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- NAMING STATE CONSTRUCTIONS -- E. RICHARD DURFEE ROAD

Committee on Special Legislation recommends passage.

Chairwoman Fogarty moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives McEntee, Tanzi, Whip Kazarian, Majority Leader Blazejewski, Ajello, Fogarty, and Cortvriend.

**PROXY VOTES**

**Majority Leader Blazejewski announces pursuant to rule 47B authorizing Proxy Votes he has 10 to be recorded in the affirmative: Representatives Bennett, Costantino, Felix, Giraldo, Lima S., Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McLaughlin, Perez, and Ranglin-Vassell.**

**Minority Leader Filippi announces pursuant to rule 47B authorizing Proxy Votes he has 2 to be recorded in the affirmative: Representatives Quattrocchi and Price.**

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

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

**4. 2021-H 5593**

**BY Fogarty**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- HOLLEY LANDING**

Committee on Special Legislation recommends passage.

Chairwoman Fogarty moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Craven, Phillips, Amore, Speakman, Carson, Hawkins, Shanley, Williams, Ruggiero, McEntee, Morales, Cardillo, Majority Leader Blazejewski, Biah, Abney, Ajello, Cortvriend, Azzinaro, Diaz, Slater, Tanzi, McGaw, Whip Kazarian, Minority Leader Filippi, Vella-Wilkinson, and Hull.

**PROXY VOTES**

**Majority Leader Blazejewski announces pursuant to rule 47B authorizing Proxy Votes he has 10 to be recorded in the affirmative: Representatives Bennett, Costantino, Felix, Giraldo, Lima S., Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McLaughlin, Perez, and Ranglin-Vassell.**

**Minority Leader Filippi announces pursuant to rule 47B authorizing Proxy Votes he has 2 to be recorded in the affirmative: Representatives Quattrocchi and Price.**

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 69 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 69: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cassar, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Filippi, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Hawkins, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima C., Lima S., Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McLaughlin, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Price, Quattrocchi, Ranglin-Vassell, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

**5. 2021-H 5394**

**BY** Cortvriend

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -  
PRESERVATION OF FAMILIES WITH DISABLED PARENT ACT

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Chairman Craven moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Carson, Speakman, Amore, Shanley, Caldwell, Henries, Donovan, Biah, Morales, Ruggiero, McEntee, Majority Leader Blazejewski, Abney, Ajello, Handy, Cortvriend, Cassar, Serpa, Knight, Fogarty, Hull, Tanzi, McNamara, Deputy Whip Ackerman, Kislak, Diaz, Noret, Edwards, Solomon, Casimiro, Whip Kazarian, Alzate, Potter, McGaw, Messier, Fenton-Fung, Morgan, Cardillo, Hawkins, Barros, and Speaker Pro Tempore Kennedy.

Speaker Shekarchi congratulates Representative Cortvriend and Chris (House Page) on their hard work and dedication toward this bill.

### PROXY VOTES

**Majority Leader Blazejewski announces pursuant to rule 47B authorizing Proxy Votes he has 10 to be recorded in the affirmative: Representatives Bennett, Costantino, Felix, Giraldo, Lima S., Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McLaughlin, Perez, and Ranglin-Vassell.**

**Minority Leader Filippi announces pursuant to rule 47B authorizing Proxy Votes he has 3 to be recorded in the affirmative: Whip Chippendale, Representatives Quattrocchi, and Price.**

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 Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Baginski, Barros, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cassar, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Filippi, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Hawkins, Henries, Hull, Kazarian,

Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima C., Lima S., Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McLaughlin, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Price, Quattrocchi, Ranglin-Vassell, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

**6. 2021-H 6143**

**BY Caldwell**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF SALON VOGUE, INC.**

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

Chairman Solomon moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Phillips, Caldwell, Barros, and Fogarty.

**PROXY VOTES**

**Majority Leader Blazejewski announces pursuant to rule 47B authorizing Proxy Votes he has 9 to be recorded in the affirmative: Representatives Bennett, Costantino, Felix, Giraldo, Lima S., Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McLaughlin, and Perez.**

**Minority Leader Filippi announces pursuant to rule 47B authorizing Proxy Votes he has 3 to be recorded in the affirmative: Whip Chippendale, Representatives Quattrocchi, and Price.**

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

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

**7. 2021-S 325****BY** Pearson

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF CUMBERLAND TO ISSUE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND/OR NOTES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,500,000 TO FINANCE THE DEVELOPMENT, CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, IMPROVEMENT, ALTERATION, REPAIR AND EQUIPPING OF RECREATIONAL AREAS AND FACILITIES IN THE TOWN

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage in concurrence.

Chairman Hull moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Hawkins, Phillips, Azzinaro, Deputy Whip Ackerman, Shallcross Smith, Vella-Wilkinson, Abney, Barros, Messier, Whip Kazarian, and Diaz.

**PROXY VOTES**

**Majority Leader Blazejewski announces pursuant to rule 47B authorizing Proxy Votes he has 10 to be recorded in the affirmative: Representatives Bennett, Costantino, Felix, Giraldo, Lima S., Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McLaughlin, Perez, and Ranglin-Vassell.**

**Minority Leader Filippi announces pursuant to rule 47B authorizing Proxy Votes he has 3 to be recorded in the affirmative: Whip Chippendale, Representatives Quattrocchi, and Price.**

Read and passed, in concurrence, 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 Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Baginski, Barros, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cassar, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Filippi, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Hawkins, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima C., Lima S., Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McLaughlin, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Price, Quattrocchi, Ranglin-Vassell, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

**8. 2021-S 363****BY** Murray

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- NORTH SMITHFIELD - HISTORIC RESIDENCE TAX CREDIT

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage in concurrence.

Chairman Hull moves passage of the act, seconded by, Representatives Hawkins, Carson, Abney, Majority Leader Blazejewski Newberry, Whip Kazarian, Cortvriend, and Hull.

**PROXY VOTES**

**Majority Leader Blazejewski announces pursuant to rule 47B authorizing Proxy Votes he has 9 to be recorded in the affirmative: Representatives Bennett, Costantino, Felix, Giraldo, Lima S., Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McLaughlin, and Perez.**

**Minority Leader Filippi announces pursuant to rule 47B authorizing Proxy Votes he has 3 to be recorded in the affirmative: Whip Chippendale, Representatives Quattrocchi, and Price.**

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 70 members voting in the affirmative and 1 members voting in the negative as follows:

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

NAYS - 1: Representative Morales.

RECUSED - 0:

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Whip Kazarian addresses the members in recognition of Armenian Genocide Remembrance Day and welcomes to the House Der Kapriel Nazarian of Sts. Vartanantz Armenian Church.

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

Representative Shallcross Smith wishes her son-in-law Andy, an Army veteran who served in the Iraq and Afghanistan wars, a Happy 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday. Speaker Shekarchi also wishes Andy a Happy Birthday and thanks him for his service.

Representative Williams speaks about today's Source of Income Bill signing celebration.

**IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION****House Resolution No. 6243**

**BY** Cassar, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Ranglin-Vassell, Williams, Hull, Batista, McEntee, Felix, Donovan **ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION CELEBRATING BLACK MATERNAL HEALTH WEEK ON APRIL 11TH - 17TH, 2021, IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC2600/1}

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

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Cassar, seconded by Speaker Shekarchi, Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Williams, Hull, Batista, McEntee, Felix, Morales, Ajello, Alzate, McGaw, Biah, Henries, and Noret, by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

**House Resolution No. 6244**

**BY** Kazarian, Corvese, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Fenton-Fung, Potter, Baginski, Williams, Hawkins, Alzate

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL 24, 2021, AS "ARMENIAN GENOCIDE REMEMBRANCE DAY" TO COMMEMORATE THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE OF 1915 TO 1923, AND IN HONOR OF ARMENIAN-AMERICANS {LC1301/1}

With the agreement of the majority and the minority, Whip Kazarian requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Whip Kazarian discusses the Resolution.

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

**House Resolution No. 6245**

**BY** Casey, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Phillips, Hawkins, Craven, Cardillo, McEntee, Caldwell, O'Brien

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL OF 2021, TO BE "ALCOHOL AWARENESS MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC2705/1}

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

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Casey, seconded by the entire House of Representatives, by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Majority Leader Blazejewski wishes everyone to enjoy the break week.

The next sessions at the Vets will be on Tuesday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, and Wednesday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, both at 4 p.m. The Vets is not available on Thursday, April 29<sup>th</sup>.

Speaker Shekarchi and I would like to issue an important reminder of the House policy which has been in effect since we began holding sessions at the Vets: **Members and staff are required to wear masks at all times.** Please adhere to the safe social distancing requirements and do not sit next to one another in the auditorium.

Finally, **today is the deadline for returning your Legislative Priority Form.** Democrats, please email your completed form to Jennifer Amerantes or you can hand it to Larry Berman here today. Republicans, please give your completed form to Minority Leader Filippi.

Majority Leader Blazejewski wishes Representative Batista a Happy Birthday! Speaker Shekarchi also wishes Representative Batista a Happy Birthday!

Chairman Casey announces that the Committee on Health and Human Services will meet today, at 6 o'clock P.M., in the House Lounge of the State House.

Speaker Shekarchi thanks the House of Representatives and House staff for all of the hard work they had put into committee hearings and hearing over 1,100 bills. Speaker Shekarchi wishes members and staff to have an enjoyable break week.

#### **RULE 7D**

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

Representative Corvese-An Act relating to Criminal Offenses

Representative McGaw-An Act relating to Department of Motor Vehicles

Representative Tanzi-An Act relating to Insurance Coverage for Mental Illness and Substance Abuse

Representative Morgan-An Act relating to Health and Safety-Swimming Pools

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.)

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### **House Bill No. 6246**

**BY** Carson

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS (Creates electronic book licenses for all public, private, academic and educational libraries allowing libraries to provide access to electronic books with violation deemed unfair/deceptive trade practice.) {LC2602/1}

04/16/2021 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 6247****BY** Newberry**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- WINE DIRECT SHIPPER LICENSE (This act would create a Wine Direct Shipper License for licensed producers in this or any state to directly ship a limited amount of wine to residents age 21 or older for personal consumption.) {LC2657/1}

04/16/2021 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 6248**

(General Treasurer)

**BY** Caldwell, McEntee, Costantino, Carson, Hawkins, Baginski, Biah, Speakman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- SMALL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (Creates paycheck protection program for small businesses of with 50 employees or less for forgivable loans of \$50,000 or less modeled on federal program with sunset date of 6/30/2022.) {LC2417/1}

04/16/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 6249**

(General Treasurer)

**BY** McEntee, Carson, Felix, Cortvriend, Phillips, Costantino, Giraldo, Fogarty, Caldwell, Kazarian**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- EMPLOYMENT SECURITY -- GENERAL PROVISIONS (Increases partial unemployment benefits by disregarding an amount of earnings when calculating weekly benefit rate with expiration date of 6/30/22.) {LC2693/1}

04/16/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 6250**

(General Treasurer)

**BY** Cortvriend, McEntee, Caldwell, Carson, Speakman, Donovan, Cassar**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- EMPLOYMENT SECURITY -- BENEFITS (Creates a self-employment assistance program in the DLT.) {LC2418/1}

04/16/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 6251****BY** Cortvriend, McGaw, Kislak, Potter, Cassar, Carson, McEntee, Speakman, Donovan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT (Waives beach parking fees at any state beach for any person that qualifies for a free or reduced lunch pursuant to § 16-8-10.) {LC2622/1}

04/16/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Resolution No. 6252****BY** Ruggiero, Azzinaro, Abney, Carson, Speakman, Cortvriend, Knight, McEntee**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION CREATING SPECIAL HOUSE LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY THE EFFECTS AND PROCEDURES FOR THE REORGANIZATION OF THE RHODE ISLAND COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL (CRMC) (Creates a 15 member commission to study the effects and procedures for the reorganization of the Rhode Island Coastal Resources Management Council, and who would report back to the General Assembly by April 1, 2022, and expire on May 15, 2022.) {LC2700/1}

04/16/2021 Introduced, referred to House State Government &amp; Elections

**House Bill No. 6253**

**BY** McGaw, McNamara, Donovan, Cortvriend, Potter, Cassar, Carson, Speakman, Ackerman  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - PARKING FACILITIES AND PRIVILEGES (Requires parking lots to designate parking spaces for electric vehicles/installation of charging stations for new existing public/private parking lots with fines for parking violations/compliance. Effective 7/1/21.) {LC2698/1}  
04/16/2021 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

**House Bill No. 6254**

**BY** Casimiro, Vella-Wilkinson, Noret  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- STANDARDS OF CONDUCT FOR NOTARIES PUBLIC (Codifies in the general laws the standards of conduct for notaries public in the state of Rhode Island by the secretary of state which came into effect on April 3, 2020. Takes effect on July 1, 2021; sunsets and expires on July 1, 2023.) {LC2330/1}  
04/16/2021 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

**House Bill No. 6255**

**BY** Vella-Wilkinson, Ruggiero, Noret, Solomon  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- THE RHODE ISLAND WORKS PROGRAM (Under RI Works program, amends definition of dependent child, exclude veteran's disability pension benefits from determination of family resources or income when determining eligibility for the RI Works program, extends child care assistance.) {LC2697/1}  
04/22/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES****COMMITTEE ON CORPORATIONS**

Chairman Solomon, for the Committee on Corporations, reports back the following measures, with recommendation of passage:

**House Bill No. 5504**

**BY** O'Brien  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- REGULATION OF SALES (Allows the sale of alcoholic beverages on New Year's Day by retail Class A licensees.) {LC1359/1}  
04/23/2021 Placed on House Calendar (04/28/2021)

**House Bill No. 5907**

**BY** Marszalkowski  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF NEW ENGLAND REAL ESTATE MARKETING SERVICES, INC. {LC1165/1}  
04/23/2021 Placed on House Calendar (04/28/2021)

**House Bill No. 6131**

**BY** Lombardi  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF ROBERT O. CERRONI AUTO REPAIR SERVICES, INC. {LC2199/1}  
04/23/2021 Placed on House Calendar (04/28/2021)

**COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**

Chairman McNamara, for the Committee on Education, reports back the following measures, with recommendation of passage:

**House Bill No. 5076 SUB A**

**BY** McNamara

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- EDUCATION ACCOUNTABILITY ACT (Requires 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/A/2}  
04/23/2021 Placed on House Calendar (04/27/2021)

**COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT AND HOUSING**

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

**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}  
04/23/2021 Placed on House Calendar (04/27/2021)

**Senate Bill No. 242**

**BY** DiMario, Valverde

**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.) {LC1421/1}  
04/23/2021 Placed on House Calendar (04/27/2021)

**Senate Bill No. 277**

(by request)

**BY** Algieri

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES (Allows the Westerly Town Council to issue a Class B liquor license for premises located at 169 and 177 Main Street, despite its location within proximity to a school church.) {LC1310/1}  
04/23/2021 Placed on House Calendar (04/27/2021)

**COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL LEGISLATION**

Chairwoman Fogarty, for the Committee on Special Legislation, reports back the following measures, with recommendation of passage:

**House Bill No. 6191**

**BY** Solomon, Vella-Wilkinson, Casimiro, Shekarchi, Bennett, McNamara

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY --- PERMANENT JOINT

COMMITTEE ON NAMING ALL NEW BUILDINGS, BRIDGES, EDIFICES AND OTHER STATE CONSTRUCTIONS (Names the fishing pier at Rocky Point state park in Warwick after the former department of environmental management deputy director, Larry Mouradjian.) {LC2545/1}  
04/26/2021 Placed on House Calendar (04/28/2021)

**Senate Bill No. 659**

**BY** Cano, Kallman

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Christina Marie Tucciarone to join the Honorable Leonela Felix and Gregory Donald Kowalski in marriage on or about June 12, 2021, within the City of Pawtucket, Rhode Island.) {LC2457/1}  
04/26/2021 Placed on House Calendar (04/28/2021)

**House Bill No. 6220**

**BY** Quattrocchi

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Gary Bucci to join Jennifer Heng and Griffin Pharr in marriage on or about June 19, 2021, within the City of Newport, Rhode Island.) {LC2645/1}  
04/26/2021 Placed on the House Consent Calendar (04/28/2021)

**House Bill No. 6221**

**BY** Quattrocchi

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Gary Bucci to join Taylor Dryden and Joseph Murray in marriage on or about December 11, 2021, within the City of Newport, Rhode Island.) {LC2646/1}  
04/26/2021 Placed on the House Consent Calendar (04/28/2021)

**House Bill No. 6242**

**BY** Kazarian

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows David Klepper to join Brenna McCabe and Christopher Raia in marriage on or about July 17, 2021, within the City of Newport, Rhode Island.) {LC2684/1}  
04/26/2021 Placed on the House Consent Calendar (04/28/2021)

**Senate Bill No. 661**

**BY** Coyne

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows the Honorable Roger A. Picard to join Kimberly D. Pelland and Blake S. Morphis in marriage on or about May 22, 2021, within the City of Newport, Rhode Island.) {LC2456/1}  
04/26/2021 Placed on the House Consent Calendar (04/28/2021)

**Senate Bill No. 720**

**BY** Sosnowski

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Everett Petronio, Jr., to join Bethany Josephine Coia and Mark Peter DeFanti in marriage on or about October 23, 2021, within the Town of Narragansett, Rhode Island.) {LC2023/1}  
04/26/2021 Placed on the House Consent Calendar (04/28/2021)

**Senate Bill No. 721****BY** Sosnowski

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Fiona Fitzpatrick to join Jane Elizabeth Stanley and David Ethan Swee in marriage on or about May 25, 2021, within the Town of New Shoreham, Rhode Island.) {LC2553/1}  
04/26/2021 Placed on the House Consent Calendar (04/28/2021)

**COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT AND ELECTIONS**

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

**House Bill No. 5943**

(Board of Elections)

**BY** Corvese

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- MAIL BALLOTS (Repeal is to follow the federal Help America Vote Act (HAVA) and to account for permitting voters to cast provisional ballots at the polling place.) {LC1970/1}  
04/26/2021 Placed on House Calendar (04/28/2021)

**House Bill No. 6095**

(Judiciary)

**BY** Felix, Williams, Henries, Alzate, Potter, Tanzi, Baginski, Barros, Diaz, Morales

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE - SUPREME COURT - COURTS (Removes all references to "and Providence Plantations" in statutes relating to the judiciary, in accordance with the constitutional amendment approved by the voters on November 3, 2020.) {LC2189/1}  
04/26/2021 Placed on House Calendar (04/28/2021)

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 5:03 o'clock P.M. on motion of Majority Leader Blazejewski seconded by Minority Leader Filippi the House adjourns, on a voice vote.

**Diane M. DePina**  
Recording Clerk

## APPENDIX

## INVOCATION

## DER KAPRIEL NAZARIAN

In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, Amen. Heavenly Father, as we gather together today at the gracious invitation of the members of the Rhode Island House of Representatives to commemorate the 106<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the Armenian Genocide, we ask for your blessings on this assembly and all of its members and their staffs. Beginning in 1915, the Turkish government sought to eliminate the Armenian people along with their Christian faith. But instead, we now have one and one half million martyred saints. By remaining strong in their faith in You, O Lord, they are the true victors as they now live eternally in Your presence, interceding for us and inspiring us in our faith as we continue to face the attacks of Turkey through its ally, Azerbaijan, on our historical homeland in Artsakh. We thank you, Lord, for the courage of the members of the Rhode Island House of Representatives to always be at the forefront of standing for the truth in recognizing the Armenian Genocide and the continuing attacks in Artsakh. Together, Lord, we lift up our hearts to You and pray for peace for all peoples throughout the world, and especially today that you heal our divisions in the United States. Make each of us beacons of Your light in brotherly and sisterly love as one nation united under You. We pray, Lord, guide and grant your divine wisdom to all the members of this assembly today and in all the days ahead that they might lead us in Your righteousness and truth. We ask this in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

APPENDIX

TRANSMITTED TO GOVERNOR

**Senate Bill No. 325**

**BY** Pearson, Picard

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF CUMBERLAND TO ISSUE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND/OR NOTES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,500,000 TO FINANCE THE DEVELOPMENT, CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, IMPROVEMENT, ALTERATION, REPAIR AND EQUIPPING OF RECREATIONAL AREAS AND FACILITIES IN THE TOWN (Authorizes the town of Cumberland to issue general obligation bonds and notes not to exceed \$2,500,000 for the development/improvement/repair/alteration/construction/renovation/equipping of recreational areas and facilities in the town.) {LC1226/1}

04/15/2021 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 363**

**BY** Murray, de la Cruz, Paolino

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- NORTH SMITHFIELD - HISTORIC RESIDENCE TAX CREDIT (Allows North Smithfield historic residence owners to become eligible for state historic residence tax credits.) {LC2182/1}

04/15/2021 Transmitted to Governor

**APPENDIX****CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 27, 2021:**

- 1. 2021-H 5076 SUB A**  
**BY** McNamara  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- EDUCATION ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

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

- 2. 2021-H 5106**  
**BY** Fellela  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

- 3. 2021-S 242**  
**BY** DiMario  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage in concurrence.

- 4. 2021-S 277**  
**BY** Algieri  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage in concurrence.

**IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28, 2021:**

- 1. 2021-H 5504**  
**BY** O'Brien  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- REGULATION OF SALES

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

- 2. 2021-H 5907**  
**BY** Marszalkowski  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF NEW ENGLAND REAL ESTATE MARKETING SERVICES, INC.

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

3. **2021-H 6131**  
**BY J Lombardi**  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF ROBERT O. CERRONI AUTO REPAIR SERVICES, INC.**

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

4. **2021-H 5943**  
**BY Corvese**  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- MAIL BALLOTS**

Committee on State Government & Elections recommends passage.

5. **2021-H 6095**  
**BY Felix**  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE - SUPREME COURT - COURTS**

Committee on State Government & Elections recommends passage.

6. **2021-H 6191**  
**BY Solomon**  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY --- PERMANENT JOINT COMMITTEE ON NAMING ALL NEW BUILDINGS, BRIDGES, EDIFICES AND OTHER STATE CONSTRUCTIONS**

Committee on Special Legislation recommends passage.

7. **2021-S 659**  
**BY Cano**  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES**

Committee on Special Legislation recommends passage in concurrence.

**Francis McCabe**  
Clerk of the House

**Friday, April 23, 2021**

**Updated: Monday, April 26, 2021**

APPENDIX

CONSENT CALENDAR

**IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28, 2021:**

1.     **2021-H 6220**  
      **BY** Quattrocchi  
      **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES  
  
      Committee on Special Legislation recommends passage.
  
2.     **2021-H 6221**  
      **BY** Quattrocchi  
      **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES  
  
      Committee on Special Legislation recommends passage.
  
3.     **2021-H 6242**  
      **BY** Kazarian  
      **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES  
  
      Committee on Special Legislation recommends passage.
  
4.     **2021-S 661**  
      **BY** Coyne  
      **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES  
  
      Committee on Special Legislation recommends passage in concurrence.
  
5.     **2021-S 720**  
      **BY** Sosnowski  
      **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES  
  
      Committee on Special Legislation recommends passage in concurrence.
  
6.     **2021-S 721**  
      **BY** Sosnowski  
      **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES  
  
      Committee on Special Legislation recommends passage in concurrence.

**Francis McCabe**  
Clerk of the House

**Monday, April 26, 2021**