

# 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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Twenty-first Day

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The House of Representatives meets at the Veterans Memorial Auditorium in Providence, Tuesday, April 27, 2021, and is called to order at 4:05 o'clock P.M., by the Honorable K. Joseph Shekarchi, Speaker.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 64 members present and 11 members absent as follows:

**PRESENT** – 64: 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, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima C., Lima S., McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Noret, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Price, Quattrocchi, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Tobon, and Williams.

**ABSENT** – 11: Representatives Handy, Hawkins, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McLaughlin, Newberry, O'Brien, Ranglin-Vassell, Roberts, Slater, Vella-Wilkinson.

## INVOCATION

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

(For Invocation, see Appendix, this Journal.)

## APPROVAL OF RECORD

By unanimous consent, the House Journal of Thursday, April 15, 2021, is approved.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Representative McLaughlin is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, April 27, 2021.  
Representative O'Brien is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, April 27, 2021.  
Representative Ranglin-Vassell is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, April 27, 2021.  
Representative Slater is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, April 27, 2021.

**CALENDAR**

From the Calendar are taken:

**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.

Chairman McNamara moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Carson, Speakman, Amore, Phillips, Caldwell, Morales, Biah, Donovan, Henries, Noret, Ruggiero, McEntee, Majority Leader Blazejewski, Abney, Deputy Speaker Lima, Serpa, Cassar, Cortvriend, Cardillo, Shanley, Fogarty, Ajello, Shallcross Smith, Hull, Deputy Whip Ackerman, Diaz, Bennett, Edwards, Tanzi, Craven, Casey, Giraldo, Lima S., Potter, Casimiro, Whip Kazarian, Felix, Alzate, Barros, McGaw, Messier, and Price.

**PROXY VOTES**

**Majority Leader Blazejewski announces pursuant to rule 47B authorizing Proxy Votes he has 9 to be recorded in the affirmative: Representatives Handy, Hawkins, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McLaughlin, O'Brien, Ranglin-Vassell, Slater, and Vella-Wilkinson.**

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

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, 74 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 74: 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, Phillips, Place, Potter, Price, Quattrocchi, Ranglin-Vassell, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Tobon, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

- 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.

Chairman Hull moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Barros, Fellela, Edwards, Azzinaro, Hull, Abney, Majority Leader Blazejewski, Cardillo, Carson, Corvese, McGaw, Diaz, and Costantino.

#### PROXY VOTES

**Majority Leader Blazejewski announces pursuant to rule 47B authorizing Proxy Votes he has 8 to be recorded in the affirmative: Representatives Handy, Hawkins, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McLaughlin, O'Brien, Slater, and Vella-Wilkinson.**

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

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

YEAS - 71: The Honorable Speaker 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, O'Brien, Phillips, Place, Potter, Price, Quattrocchi, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tobon, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

- 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.

Chairman Hull moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Casimiro, Majority Leader Blazejewski, Abney, Diaz, McEntee, Craven, Hull, and Cortvriend.

**PROXY VOTES**

**Majority Leader Blazejewski announces pursuant to rule 47B authorizing Proxy Votes he has 8 to be recorded in the affirmative: Representatives Handy, Hawkins, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McLaughlin, O'Brien, Slater, and Vella-Wilkinson.**

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

Read and passed in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 73 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 73: 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, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Price, Quattrocchi, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Tobon, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

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

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage in concurrence.

Chairman Hull moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Azzinaro, Abney, Phillips, Whip Kazarian, Hull, and Ruggiero.

**PROXY VOTES**

**Majority Leader Blazejewski announces pursuant to rule 47B authorizing Proxy Votes he has 8 to be recorded in the affirmative: Representatives Handy, Hawkins, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McLaughlin, O'Brien, Slater, and Vella-Wilkinson.**

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

Read and passed in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 73 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 73: 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, 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, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Tobon, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Henries and Speaker Shekarchi wish Senator Jeanine Calkin a speedy recovery.

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

Chairman Casey announces that the Committee on Health & Human Services will meet today, at the rise of the House, in the House Lounge of the State House.

Majority Leader Blazejewski reminds the House that session will be held tomorrow Wednesday, April 28, 2021, at 4:00 p.m., at the Vet's.

Majority Leader Blazejewski and Speaker Shekarchi wish Representative Ajello a Happy Birthday.

### IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION

#### **House Resolution No. 6256**

**BY** Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Phillips, Lima, Casey, Costantino, Kislak, Shallcross Smith, Fellela, Fogarty

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF JACQUELINE L. MARTINEAU {LC2758/1}

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 many others, by unanimous consent, on a rising vote.

**House Resolution No. 6257**

**BY** McGaw, Cortvriend, Blazejewski, Shekarchi, Edwards, Donovan, Filippi, Shallcross Smith, Fellela, Fogarty

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE PORTSMOUTH SCHOOL DISTRICT ON BEING DESIGNATED AS A 2021 "GREEN RIBBON SCHOOLS HONOREE" BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION {LC2749/1}

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

There is no objection.

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

**House Resolution No. 6258**

**BY** Kazarian, Blazejewski, Shekarchi, Filippi, Kislak, Shallcross Smith, Fellela, Fogarty, Speakman, Ajello

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF VARTAN GREGORIAN, NATIONALLY ACCLAIMED HISTORIAN AND PHILANTHROPIST {LC2717/1}

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

Whip Kazarian and Speaker Shekarchi discuss the Resolution.

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Whip Kazarian, seconded by Speaker Shekarchi, Majority Leader Blazejewski, Minority Leader Filippi, and many others, by unanimous consent, on a rising vote.

**House Resolution No. 6259**

**BY** Diaz, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Ruggiero, Shallcross Smith, Caldwell, Ackerman, Filippi, Serpa, Casimiro

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING AND CELEBRATING APRIL 28TH OF 2021, AS "CHILD CARE AWARENESS DAY" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC952/1}

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

There is no objection.

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

**House Resolution No. 6260****BY** Blazejewski, Filippi**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES {LC2719/1}

Majority Leader Blazejewski requests 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. 6261****BY** Blazejewski, Filippi**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES {LC2747/1}

Majority Leader Blazejewski requests 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. 6262****BY** Blazejewski, Filippi**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING CONGRATULATIONS {LC2720/1}

Majority Leader Blazejewski requests 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 voice vote.

**House Resolution No. 6263****BY** Blazejewski, Filippi**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING CONGRATULATIONS {LC2748/1}

Minority Leader Filippi requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

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

**House Resolution No. 6264**

**BY** McNamara, Shekarchi, Bennett, Solomon, Shanley, Blazejewski, Kennedy, Shallcross Smith, Fellela, Fogarty

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF THE HONORABLE ANTHONY J. CARCIERI {LC2754/1}

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

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative McNamara, seconded by the Warwick Delegation and many others, by unanimous consent, on a rising vote.

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

Representative Amore-An Act relating to Limited Partnerships

Representative Fellela-An Act relating to Emergency Medical Transportation

Representative Bennett-An Act relating to Green Buildings Act

Representative Quattrocchi-An Act relating to Waterworks

Representative Place-An Act relating to Health and Safety

Representative Azzinaro-An Act relating to Rhode Island Veterans Home

Representative Serpa-An Act relating to Donation of Medication for use by Nonprofit, State and Local Facilities

-An Act relating to Fish and Wildlife

Representative Williams-An Act relating to Alzheimer's

-An Act relating to Cable Company

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

**TRANSMITTAL**

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

(For Transmittals to Governor, see Appendix of this Journal.)

**DESK HELD OPEN**

The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi announces that the desk will be held open.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 4:40 o'clock P.M. on motion of Representative Kazarian, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Hon. Vartan Gregorian; on behalf of Speaker Shekarchi, and the Warwick Delegation on motion of Representative McNamara, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Hon. Anthony J. Carcieri; on behalf of Speaker Shekarchi, on motion of Representative Casey, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Jacqueline L. Martineau; on motion of Representative Filippi, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Edward Morgan seconded by Majority Leader Blazewski and Minority Whip Chippendale the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

**Diane M. DePina**  
**Recording Clerk**

**APPENDIX**

**INVOCATION**

**REPRESENTATIVE JULIE A. CASIMIRO**

**Dear Lord: You have entrusted us with the responsibility of caring for those less fortunate. Help us to embrace this task wholeheartedly, not out of a sense of burden but out of mercy and kindness. May we always be eager to serve You and those You have commanded to our care. Amen**

**APPENDIX**

**TRANSMITTED TO GOVERNOR**

**Senate Bill No. 383 as amended**

**BY** Goodwin, Ruggerio, McCaffrey, Miller, Coyne

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE  
POLICIES -- THE MARYELLEN GOODWIN COLORECTAL CANCER SCREENING ACT

(Insurance coverage for prostate/colon cancer screening.) {LC363/1}

04/27/2021 Transmitted to Governor

APPENDIX

## CALENDAR

**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**