

# State of Rhode Island

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# JOURNAL

-OF THE-

# 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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Thirtieth Day

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The House of Representatives meets at the Veterans Memorial Auditorium in Providence, Thursday, May 27, 2021, and is called to order at 4:10 o'clock P.M., by the Honorable K. Joseph Shekarchi, Speaker.

## ANNOUNCEMENT

Speaker Shekarchi announces before we begin session today, I'd like to ask Dan Schwartz, the general manager of the Vets, to join me at the rostrum as we are about to begin our last session here.

On behalf of the House of Representatives, we thank Dan and the entire staff at the Vets for the outstanding accommodations provided to all of us since last December.

Everyone on the staff here at the Vets was extremely cooperative, helpful, and attentive to all of our needs.

They always made sure we were safe throughout the pandemic, carefully adhering to all the Department of Health regulations.

While we are happy to be returning to our home at the State House beginning Tuesday, we will miss all of you here at the Vets and we offer our sincere thanks and gratitude.

Now that the state is reopening, I am encouraging the people of Rhode Island to come to the Vets for its intended purpose – as a top-notch venue for arts, culture, and entertainment.

Dan, I have a citation for you that I'd like to read on behalf of the House.

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, 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, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima S., McEntee, McGaw, McLaughlin, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Place, Potter, Ranglin-Vassell, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Vella-Wilkinson and Williams.

**ABSENT** – 11: Representatives Ackerman, Hawkins, C. Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, Perez, Price, Quattrocchi, Roberts, Tanzi, Tobon.

### INVOCATION

The Honorable Speaker presents Representative Azzinaro 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, May 25, 2021, is approved.

### COMMUNICATIONS

Representative C. Lima is unable to attend session today, Thursday, May 27, 2021.  
Representative Tobon is unable to attend session today, Thursday, May 27, 2021.

### COMMUNICATION FROM THE SENATE

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

**Senate Bill No. 33**

**BY** Goldin, DiMario

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- EDUCATION ACCOUTABILITY ACT

(Requires that the board of education incorporate additional questions into its annual assessment of schools and related surveys and provide annual reports to the house of representatives and the senate.)

{LC745/1}

05/27/2021 Referred to House Education

**Senate Bill No. 66****BY** Cano, Quezada, Pearson, Lawson, Gallo, Kallman, Acosta, DiPalma, Murray**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.) {LC769/1}  
05/27/2021 Referred to House Education**Senate Bill No. 86****BY** Lawson, Euer, Murray, Valverde, Cano, Mendes, Anderson, Mack, Kallman, Quezada**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS (Provides that feminine hygiene products be provided in all public schools.) {LC854/1}  
05/27/2021 Referred to House Health & Human Services**Senate Bill No. 151****BY** Picard**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - SCHOOL COMMITTEES AND SUPERINTENDENTS (Allows a school district to conduct instruction through virtual education up to five (5) days when schools have been closed due to inclement weather, emergency or any nonscheduled school closings.) {LC1055/1}  
05/27/2021 Referred to House Education**Senate Bill No. 187****BY** Sosnowski, Coyne, Miller, McCaffrey, Gallo, Euer, Valverde**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL (Authorizes the governor with the advice and consent of the senate, to appoint an executive director of coastal resources management to act as a liaison to the director of the department of environmental management to plan and manage coastal resources.) {LC669/1}  
05/27/2021 Referred to House State Government & Elections**Senate Bill No. 193****BY** Coyne, DiPalma, Euer, Valverde, Goldin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - THEFT, EMBEZZLEMENT, FALSE PRETENSES AND MISAPPROPRIATIONS (Requires that penalties or restitution payments for larceny of a campaign account or campaign expenditure reporting violations be deposited into the Rhode Island crime victim compensation program fund and not into the candidate's campaign account.) {LC741/1}  
05/27/2021 Referred to House Judiciary**Senate Bill No. 210 SUB A****BY** Felag, McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - CURRICULUM (Requires the department of elementary and secondary education, in collaboration with RI resource recovery corporation, to make educational resources available regarding litter prevention/recycling awareness to elementary/middle school students.) {LC1194/A/1}  
05/27/2021 Referred to House Education

**Senate Bill No. 213****BY** Gallo, Lombardo, DiPalma, Seveney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- APPRENTICESHIP PATHWAYS TO EARNING A BACHELOR'S DEGREE ACT (Creates the Apprenticeship Pathways to Earning a Bachelor's Degree Act, to enable an individual to earn a bachelor's degree at public higher education institutions throughout the state by earning credits through apprenticeships.) {LC1218/1}

05/27/2021 Referred to House Education

**Senate Bill No. 273 as amended****BY** Lombardi F, Lombardo, Felag, de la Cruz, Morgan E**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HOLIDAYS AND DAYS OF SPECIAL OBSERVANCE -- WORK ON HOLIDAYS AND SUNDAYS (Repeals § 25-3-7 of the general laws which gives the director of the department of labor and training the authority to exempt certain classes of employees from receiving overtime pay for Sunday and holiday work.) {LC1392/1}

05/27/2021 Referred to House Labor

**Senate Bill No. 282****BY** Quezada, Cano, Calkin, Kallman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS (Provides students attending public schools enrolled in grades K-12 with a students' bill of rights prohibiting discrimination based on race, sex, gender, economic status or mental, physical, developmental or sensory disabilities.) {LC1329/1}

05/27/2021 Referred to House Education

**Senate Bill No. 289****BY** Gallo, Goodwin, McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LIBRARIES -- OFFICE OF LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SERVICES -- STATE AID TO LIBRARIES (Amends various sections relating to libraries to remove outdated provisions and update language to reflect current practices affecting library technology.) {LC1222/1}

05/27/2021 Referred to House Finance

**Senate Bill No. 322****BY** Gallo, Ciccone, Lawson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- EMPLOYMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN (Requires children who seek a special limited work permit to successfully complete a worker rights' training program established and funded by the department of labor and training.) {LC1233/1}

05/27/2021 Referred to House Labor

**Senate Bill No. 459****BY** Cano, Gallo, Seveney, Quezada, Lawson, DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS (Requires all new school buildings and those undergoing major renovations or substantial repair or replacement to plumbing systems to install water bottle filling stations.) {LC1428/1}

05/27/2021 Referred to House State Government &amp; Elections

**Senate Bill No. 513 SUB A****BY** Burke, Archambault, Lombardi F, Lombardo, McCaffrey, DiMario, Murray**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE - PROCEDURE IN PARTICULAR ACTIONS - DEATH BY WRONGFUL ACT (Allows recovery of damages for the emotional distress, grief, and loss of enjoyment of life as a result of the wrongful death of a spouse, a parent or a son or daughter.) {LC2092/A/1}

05/27/2021 Referred to House Judiciary

**Senate Bill No. 544****BY** Ciccone, McCaffrey, Goodwin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- MUNICIPAL POLICE ARBITRATION (Provides all provisions in collective bargaining agreement continue until successor agreement reach or interest arbitration award rendered.) {LC1396/1}

05/27/2021 Referred to House Labor

**Senate Bill No. 547****BY** Ciccone, Lombardi F, Bell, McCaffrey, Goodwin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- FIREFIGHTERS' ARBITRATION (Provides all provisions in collective bargaining agreement continue until successor agreement reach or interest arbitration award rendered.) {LC1395/1}

05/27/2021 Referred to House Labor

**Senate Bill No. 687****BY** Lawson, Lombardi F, Miller, Goodwin, Burke, McCaffrey, Archambault, Sosnowski, Cano**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' ARBITRATION (Establishes new factors for the interest contract arbitration board for municipal employee unions to consider in rendering a decision the board power to render an award over all negotiated matters, including the expenditure of money.) {LC2313/1}

05/27/2021 Referred to House Labor

**Senate Bill No. 688****BY** Lawson, Lombardo, Seveney, Quezada, Miller, Sosnowski, Cano, Pearson, Euer, Burke**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- TEMPORARY DISABILITY INSURANCE -- BENEFITS (Increases temporary caregiver benefits to six (6) weeks in a benefit year starting January 1, 2022 and would increase temporary caregiver benefits to eight (8) weeks in a benefit year beginning January 1, 2023.) {LC2311/1}

05/27/2021 Referred to House Finance

**Senate Bill No. 715**

(University of Rhode Island)

**BY** Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- OPEN MEETINGS (Permits URI Board of Trustees to attend open public board meetings remotely.) {LC1728/1}

05/27/2021 Referred to House State Government &amp; Elections

**Senate Bill No. 745**

(University of Rhode Island)

**BY** Sosnowski

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- ELECTRICIANS

(Creates Certificate PC for public institutions of higher learning to employ CB journey person electricians for minor electrical work on their premises.) {LC1735/1}

05/27/2021 Referred to House Corporations

**Senate Bill No. 887**

**BY** McCaffrey

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR -- ORGANIZATION OF STATE EMPLOYEES

(Requires that if state employee unions are engaged in contract negotiations and/or utilizing the dispute resolution process, all terms and conditions in the collective bargaining agreement shall continue to remain in effect.) {LC2302/1}

05/27/2021 Referred to House Labor

**Senate Bill No. 890**

**BY** Picard

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Linda Fischer to join Breann Bouley and Brittany Dalpe in marriage on or about August 28, 2021, within the City of Pawtucket, Rhode Island.) {LC2831/1}

05/27/2021 Referred to House Special Legislation

**Senate Bill No. 900**

**BY** Euer

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Andrew Best to join Tess Victoria Povar and Zachary Joseph White in marriage on or about August 29, 2021, within the City of Newport, Rhode Island.) {LC2843/1}

05/27/2021 Referred to House Special Legislation

**Senate Bill No. 928**

**BY** Paolino

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF LIFE SCIENCE RESOURCE PARTNERS INTERNATIONAL, LLC {LC2911/1}

05/27/2021 Referred to House Corporations

**CALENDAR**

From the Calendar are taken:

**IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MAY 27, 2021:****1. 2021-H 5644**

**BY** Solomon

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- CONDOMINIUM LAW -- RESALE OF UNITS

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

Chairman Solomon moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Bennett, Potter, McNamara, McLaughlin, Casey, Lima S., Corvese, McGaw, Cortvriend, Whip Kazarian, Messier, Azzinaro, Costantino, Hull, Majority Leader Blazejewski, McEntee, Cardillo, Biah, Caldwell, Noret, Shanley, O'Brien, Phillips, Carson, Edwards, Casimiro, and Donovan.

### PROXY VOTES

**Majority Leader Blazejewski announces pursuant to rule 47B authorizing Proxy Votes he has 7 to be recorded in the affirmative: Representatives Ackerman, Hawkins, Deputy Speaker Lima, Lombardi, Perez, Tanzi, and Tobon.**

**Minority Leader Filippi announces pursuant to rule 47B authorizing Proxy Votes he has 1 to be recorded in the negative: Representative Roberts and 2 in the affirmative: Representatives Price and Quattrocchi.**

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 70 members voting in the affirmative and 4 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 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, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Hawkins, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima C., Lima S., Lombardi, 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, Tobon, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams.

NAYS - 4: Representatives Chippendale, Fenton-Fung, Filippi, Roberts.

RECUSED - 0:

**2. 2021-H 6064**

**BY Caldwell**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CORPORATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS, AND PARTNERSHIPS -- MERGER AND CONSOLIDATION**

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

Chairman Solomon moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives O'Brien, Phillips, Caldwell, Carson, Biah, Majority Leader Blazejewski, Abney, McEntee, Cardillo, Cortvriend, Knight, Ruggiero, Hull, McNamara, Lima S., Potter, Whip Kazarian, Felix, and Bennett.

### PROXY VOTES

**Majority Leader Blazejewski announces pursuant to rule 47B authorizing Proxy Votes he has 7 to be recorded in the affirmative: Representatives Ackerman, Hawkins, Deputy Speaker Lima, Perez, Lombardi, Tanzi, and Tobon.**

**Minority Leader Filippi announces pursuant to rule 47B authorizing Proxy Votes he has 2 to be recorded in the affirmative: Representatives Quattrocchi and Roberts, and 1 in the negative: Representative Price.**

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 72 members voting in the affirmative and 1 member 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, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima C., Lima S., Lombardi, McEntee, McGaw, McLaughlin, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Ranglin-Vassell, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Tobon, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams.

NAYS - 1: Representative Price.

RECUSED - 0:

**3. 2021-H 5977**  
**BY** Edwards  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS -- FREEWAYS**

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Chairman Craven moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Caldwell, Carson, McEntee, Knight, Vella-Wilkinson, Edwards, Whip Kazarian, Casimiro, Felix, Lima S., Barros, Bennett, Fogarty, Cortvriend, Donovan, Amore, Diaz, Casey, and Minority Leader Filippi.

### PROXY VOTES

**Majority Leader Blazejewski announces pursuant to rule 47B authorizing Proxy Votes he has 7 to be recorded in the affirmative: Representatives Ackerman, Hawkins, Deputy Speaker Lima, Perez, Lombardi, Tanzi, and Tobon.**

**Minority Leader Filippi announces pursuant to rule 47B authorizing Proxy Votes he has 2 to be recorded in the affirmative: Representatives Quattrocchi and Roberts, and 1 in the negative: Representative Price.**

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 72 members voting in the affirmative and 2 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, McEntee, McGaw, McLaughlin,

McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Ranglin-Vassell, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Tobon, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams.

NAYS - 2: Representatives Newberry, Price.

RECUSED - 0:

**4. 2021-H 5107**

**BY Ruggiero**

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

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

Chairman Hull moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Carson, Noret, Majority Leader Blazejewski, Speakman, Cardillo, Cortvriend, Abney, Ajello, Fogarty, Azzinaro, Vella-Wilkinson, Donovan, Corvese, Bennett, Hull, Casimiro, Barros, Messier, and McGaw.

**PROXY VOTES**

**Majority Leader Blazejewski announces pursuant to rule 47B authorizing Proxy Votes he has 7 to be recorded in the affirmative: Representatives Ackerman, Hawkins, Deputy Speaker Lima, Perez, Lombardi, Tanzi, and Tobon.**

**Minority Leader Filippi announces pursuant to rule 47B authorizing Proxy Votes he has 2 to be recorded in the affirmative: Representatives Quattrocchi and Roberts, and 1 in the negative: Representative Price.**

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 73 members voting in the affirmative and 1 member 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, McEntee, McGaw, McLaughlin, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Ranglin-Vassell, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Tobon, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams.

NAYS - 1: Representative Price.

RECUSED - 0:

**5. 2021-H 6139****BY Place****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO THE OAKLAND - MAPLEVILLE NUMBER 4 FIRE DISTRICT**

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

Chairman Hull moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Newberry, Place Whip Chippendale, Hull, Barros, Diaz, Bennett, Lima S., Azzinaro, Fogarty, Ajello, Majority Leader Blazejewski, Cardillo, Vella-Wilkinson, Noret, Speakman, and Carson.

Representative Ruggiero discusses the act.

**PROXY VOTES**

**Majority Leader Blazejewski announces pursuant to rule 47B authorizing Proxy Votes he has 7 to be recorded in the affirmative: Representatives Ackerman, Hawkins, Deputy Speaker Lima, Perez, Lombardi, Tanzi, and Tobon.**

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

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 73 members voting in the affirmative and 1 member 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, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Filippi, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Hawkins, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima C., Lima S., Lombardi, McEntee, McGaw, McLaughlin, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Price, Quattrocchi, Ranglin-Vassell, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Tobon, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams.

NAYS - 1: Representative Edwards.

RECUSED - 0:



State of Rhode Island

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

I, ARTHUR J. COAVES, State Representative, District 50, hereby under oath depose and say:

1. (Matter requiring action: i.e. Bill number) I expect to be called upon, in my capacity as State Representative to participate in the consideration of, and/or to vote upon: H 5-887

2. (Nature of the potential conflict) I have the following interest in the matter: MY SON WILLIAM SITS ON CRT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

3. (Please select one of the following):

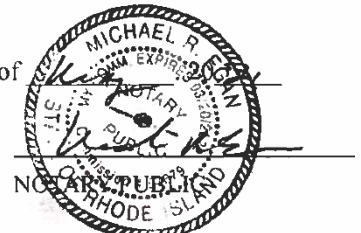
A. In compliance with Section 36-14-6(1) of the General Laws I hereby state that, despite the potential conflict stated above, I am able to vote and otherwise participate fairly, objectively and in the public interest regarding the matter described in paragraph 1 above for the following reason(s).

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

Arthur J. Coaves  
REPRESENTATIVE

State of Rhode Island  
County of: Providence

Subscribed and sworn to under the penalties for perjury before me this 27 day of May



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

[Signature]  
SPEAKER



State of Rhode Island

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

I, Barbara Ann Fenton Fung, State Representative, District 15, hereby under oath depose and say:

1. (Matter requiring action: i.e. Bill number) I expect to be called upon, in my capacity as State Representative to participate in the consideration of, and/or to vote upon: 5887

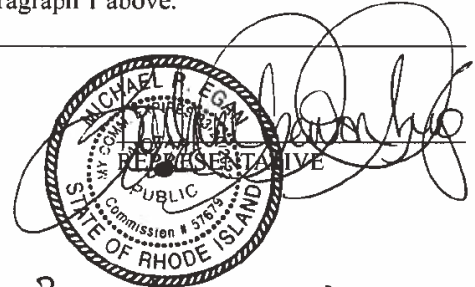
2. (Nature of the potential conflict) I have the following interest in the matter: husband's firm lobbied for this bill / financial conflict

3. (Please select one of the following):

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

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

State of Rhode Island  
County of: Providence



Subscribed and sworn to under the penalties for perjury before me this 20 day of May, 2021

Michael R. Egan  
NOTARY PUBLIC 3/13/02

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

[Signature]  
SPEAKER

6. **2021-H 5887**  
**BY** Fogarty  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- OPEN MEETINGS

Committee on State Government & Elections recommends passage.

Chairman Shanley moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Carson, Speakman, Amore, Donovan, Abney, Majority Leader Blazejewski, Ranglin-Vassell, Cortvriend, Fogarty, Ajello, Shallcross Smith, McEntee, Ruggiero, Vella-Wilkinson, Craven, Azzinaro, Bennett, McNamara, Hull, Cardillo, Casimiro, Barros, Edwards, Whip Kazarian, and Casey.

#### PROXY VOTES

**Majority Leader Blazejewski announces pursuant to rule 47B authorizing Proxy Votes he has 7 to be recorded in the affirmative: Representatives Ackerman, Hawkins, Deputy Speaker Lima, Perez, Lombardi, Tanzi, and Tobon.**

**Minority Leader Filippi announces pursuant to rule 47B authorizing Proxy Votes he has 2 to be recorded in the affirmative: Representatives Quattrocchi and Roberts, and 1 in the negative: Representative Price.**

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 71 members voting in the affirmative and 1 member 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, Costantino, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Filippi, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Hawkins, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima C., Lima S., Lombardi, McEntee, McGaw, McLaughlin, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Ranglin-Vassell, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Tobon, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams.

NAYS - 1: Representative Price.

RECUSED - 2: Representatives Corvese, Fenton-Fung.



State of Rhode Island  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

I, ARTHUR J. CORLESE, State Representative, District 5J, hereby under oath depose and say:

1. (Matter requiring action: i.e. Bill number) I expect to be called upon, in my capacity as State Representative to participate in the consideration of, and/or to vote upon: H 5008

2. (Nature of the potential conflict) I have the following interest in the matter: my  
SON-IN-LAW SITS ON CREDIT BOARD OF TRUSTEE

3. (Please select one of the following):

A. In compliance with Section 36-14-6(1) of the General Laws I hereby state that, despite the potential conflict stated above, I am able to vote and otherwise participate fairly, objectively and in the public interest regarding the matter described in paragraph 1 above for the following reason(s).  
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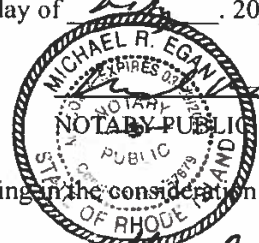
B. In compliance with Section 36-14-6(1) & (2)A of the General Laws, I hereby request the Speaker of the House of Representatives to excuse me from voting on or participating in the consideration of the matter described in paragraph 1 above.  
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[Signature]  
REPRESENTATIVE

State of Rhode Island  
County of: Providence

Subscribed and sworn to under the penalties for perjury before me this 27 day of July, 2021.

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



[Signature]  
SPEAKER



State of Rhode Island

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

Barbara Fentura Fugate State Representative, District 15 hereby under oath depose and say:

1. (Matter requiring action: i.e. Bill number) I expect to be called upon, in my capacity as State Representative to participate in the consideration of, and/or to vote upon: 5888

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

3. (Please select one of the following):

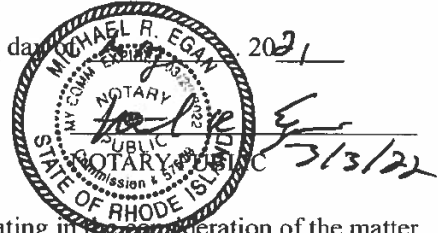
A. In compliance with Section 36-14-6(1) of the General Laws I hereby state that, despite the potential conflict stated above, I am able to vote and otherwise participate fairly, objectively and in the public interest regarding the matter described in paragraph 1 above for the following reason(s): husband's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

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

[Signature]  
REPRESENTATIVE

State of Rhode Island  
County of: Providence

Subscribed and sworn to under the penalties for perjury before me this 27 day of May, 2021



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

[Signature]  
SPEAKER

7. **2021-H 5888**  
**BY** Fogarty  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND

Committee on State Government & Elections recommends passage.

Chairman Shanley moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Carson, Donovan, Majority Leader Blazejewski, Abney, McEntee, Craven, Ranglin Vassell, Azzinaro, Vella-Wilkinson, Cardillo, Cortvriend, Fogarty, Ajello, Shallcross Smith, Edwards, Ruggiero, and Whip Kazarian.

#### PROXY VOTES

**Majority Leader Blazejewski announces pursuant to rule 47B authorizing Proxy Votes he has 7 to be recorded in the affirmative: Representatives Ackerman, Hawkins, Deputy Speaker Lima, Perez, Lombardi, Tanzi, and Tobon.**

**Minority Leader Filippi announces pursuant to rule 47B authorizing Proxy Votes he has 1 to be recorded in the negative: Representative Price.**

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 69 members voting in the affirmative and 1 member voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 69: 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, Costantino, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Filippi, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Hawkins, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima C., Lima S., Lombardi, McEntee, McGaw, McLaughlin, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Ranglin-Vassell, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Tobon, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams.

NAYS - 1: Representative Price.

RECUSED - 2: Representatives Corvese, Fenton-Fung.

8. **2021-H 6002**  
**BY** Kennedy  
**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL COMMISSION TO BE KNOWN AS "THE RHODE ISLAND SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL (RI 250TH) COMMISSION"

Committee on State Government & Elections recommends passage.

Chairman Shanley moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives McEntee, Vella-Wilkinson, Amore, Carson, Speakman, O'Brien, Ruggiero, Cortvriend, Abney, Donovan, Ajello, Morales, Biah, Azzinaro, Speaker Pro Tempore Kennedy, Shallcross Smith, Craven, Bennett, Diaz, McNamara, Hull, Edwards, Solomon, Casimiro, Lima S., Felix, Potter, McGaw, Minority Leader Filippi, Cardillo, and Shanley.

**PROXY VOTES**

**Majority Leader Blazejewski announces pursuant to rule 47B authorizing Proxy Votes he has 7 to be recorded in the affirmative: Representatives Ackerman, Hawkins, Deputy Speaker Lima, Perez, Lombardi, Tanzi, and Tobon.**

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

Read and passed, 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, McEntee, McGaw, McLaughlin, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, 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:

**9. 2021-H 5247 SUB A**

**BY Amore**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT**

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A in concurrence.

Chairman Casey moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Vella-Wilkinson, Biah, Amore, Phillips, Carson, Majority Leader Blazejewski, Ajello, Donovan, Speakman, Henries, Morales, Craven, Ruggiero, Constantino, Cortvriend, Cardillo, Shallcross Smith, Hull, Bennett, Edwards, Lima S., Potter, Barros, Whip Kazarian, McGaw, Caldwell, McEntee, Diaz, and Felix.

**PROXY VOTES**

**Majority Leader Blazejewski announces pursuant to rule 47B authorizing Proxy Votes he has 6 to be recorded in the affirmative: Representatives Ackerman, Hawkins, Deputy Speaker Lima, Lombardi, Tanzi, and Tobon.**

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

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

YEAS - 72: The Honorable Speaker 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, McEntee, McGaw, McLaughlin, McNamara, Messier, Morales, 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:

**10. 2021-S 384 SUB A**

**BY** Lawson

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A in concurrence.

Chairman Casey moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Carson, Vella-Wilkinson, Henries, Bennett, Cortvriend, Morales, Cardillo, Donovan, McNamara, Lima S., Ajello, McGaw, and Barros.

**PROXY VOTES**

**Majority Leader Blazejewski announces pursuant to rule 47B authorizing Proxy Votes he has 6 to be recorded in the affirmative: Representatives Ackerman, Hawkins, Deputy Speaker Lima, Lombardi, Tanzi, and Tobon.**

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

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

YEAS - 72: The Honorable Speaker 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, McEntee, McGaw, McLaughlin, McNamara, Messier, Morales, 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:

### CONSENT CALENDAR

From the Consent Calendar are taken:

#### IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MAY 27, 2021:

1. **2021-H 6332**  
**BY** Shallcross Smith  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES  
  
Committee on Special Legislation recommends passage.
2. **2021-H 6339**  
**BY** Shekarchi  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES  
  
Committee on Special Legislation recommends passage.
3. **2021-H 6348**  
**BY** Filippi  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES  
  
Committee on Special Legislation recommends passage.
4. **2021-H 6349**  
**BY** Chippendale  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES  
  
Committee on Special Legislation recommends passage.
5. **2021-H 6354**  
**BY** Donovan  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES  
  
Committee on Special Legislation recommends passage.
6. **2021-S 885**  
**BY** Felag  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES  
  
Committee on Special Legislation recommends passage in concurrence.

Majority Leader Blazejewski moves passage of the Consent Calendar, seconded by Minority Leader Filippi.

### PROXY VOTES

**Majority Leader Blazejewski announces pursuant to rule 47B authorizing Proxy Votes he has 3 to be recorded in the affirmative: Representatives Deputy Speaker Lima, Lombardi, and Tobon.**

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

The Consent Calendar prevails (item 6, in concurrence), on a roll call vote, 65 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 65: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ajello, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, 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., Lombardi, McEntee, McGaw, McLaughlin, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Ranglin-Vassell, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tobon, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Speaker Shekarchi thanks everyone who used the Proxy Votes and reminds all that today will be the last day to use Proxy Votes.

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 Corvese and on behalf of the House of Representatives would like to thank all of the House Staff and IT staff for their time and dedication to making it as comfortable as possible at the Vets.

Speaker Shekarchi also thanks to the House staff and IT staff for all of their work.

Representative Vella-Wilkinson invites all to the Annual Memorial Day Wreath-Laying and Flag Retirement Ceremony. It will be held at the Veterans Pack in Warwick, on Monday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

Representative Fellela would like to congratulate her niece Jamie and husband Peter Moura on the birth of their baby Camryn Cecilia Moura on May 20, 2021. She also congratulates Councilman Polisena and his wife Samantha for their son Joseph Polisena, III.

Majority Leader Blazejewski announces as the Speaker said at the start of session, I'd also like to thank the staff of the Vets for all their hard work and dedication in assisting us throughout the session.

As you all know, we will be meeting on Tuesday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, back in the House chamber beginning at 4 p.m. You should have found at your seats today the seating chart for the chamber, as well as the number of your space if you park in the lower legislative lot. The gate will be lowered for all legislative session days, so please make sure you have your ID card to raise the arm. An attendant will assist you in the first few days in case there are any issues.

Consistent with our policy here, when we return to the State House, members who are fully vaccinated are not required to wear masks. However, if you have **not** been fully vaccinated, you are **required to wear your mask**.

As a reminder, when we return to the State House on Tuesday, we will no longer be accepting proxy votes.

Also, the Governor will be signing Speaker Shekarchi's bill to make the College Promise program permanent. It will take place tomorrow in Great Hall on the CCRI-Warwick campus at 1:30 p.m.

Please enjoy a safe Memorial Day Weekend, and we'll see you all back at the State House on Tuesday at 4 p.m.

Majority Leader Blazejewski wishes Representative Slater a Happy Birthday!

### **IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION**

#### **House Resolution No. 6369**

**BY** Speakman, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Casimiro, Alzate, Potter, Hull, Knight, Carson, Ajello  
**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MAY 25, 2021, TO BE "STOP THE STIGMA DAY" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC2728/1}

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

There is no objection.

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

### **RULE 7D**

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

Representative Speakman-An Act relating to Appropriation Department of Transportation

Representative Alzate-An Act relating to State Affairs and Government-Environmental Act

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.

### 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. 5276**

**BY** Edwards

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - THE RHODE ISLAND CESSPOOL ACT OF 2007 (Allows DEM to extend certain deadlines for required sewer construction in the replacement of cesspools, which deadlines would not extend beyond January 1, 2026.) {LC707/1} 05/28/2021 Placed on House Calendar (06/01/2021)

#### COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

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

##### **House Bill No. 5328 SUB A**

**BY** Carson, Cortvriend, Speakman, Fogarty, Ruggiero, Caldwell, Donovan, Alzate, Barros

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SCHOOL WASTE RECYCLING AND REFUSE DISPOSAL (Requires schools to comply with composting and recycling laws.) {LC195/A/1} 05/28/2021 Placed on House Calendar (06/01/2021)

##### **House Bill No. 5522 SUB A**

**BY** Amore, Lombardi J, Potter, Alzate, Giraldo, Morales

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- ACCESS TO ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES FOR ALL STUDENTS ACT (Establishes a process for CCRI, RIC and URI to accept for college credit an advanced placement subject test score of three (3) ("qualified") or better in an advanced placement course.) {LC1342/A/2}

05/28/2021 Placed on House Calendar (06/01/2021)

**House Bill No. 5698****BY** Giraldo, Alzate, Williams**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SCHOOL COMMITTEES AND SUPERINTENDENTS (SEE TITLE 16 CHAPTER 97 -- THE RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION ACT) (Requires all public schools to send out written invitations to all parents, guardians or caretakers of students inviting those parents, guardians or caretakers to an orientation at the school.) {LC1941/1}

05/28/2021 Placed on House Calendar (06/01/2021)

**House Bill No. 5823****BY** Vella-Wilkinson, Noret, Azzinaro, Filippi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- RESIDENCE OF CHILDREN FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES (Military personnel ordered to Rhode Island may register their children for school remotely.) {LC2008/1}

05/28/2021 Placed on House Calendar (06/01/2021)

**House Bill No. 5827 SUB A****BY** McNamara, Diaz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SCHOOL COMMITTEE AND SUPERINTENDENTS (Requires the RIDE in coordination with the department of the attorney general to collect all public data concerning the use of force, arrest, and referrals to law enforcement or courts in different categories with a reasonable explanation.) {LC1836/A/1}

05/28/2021 Placed on House Calendar (06/03/2021)

**House Bill No. 5829 SUB A****BY** Biah, Diaz, Baginski, Alzate, Williams, Hull, Amore, Henries, McNamara, Batista**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CERTIFICATION OF TEACHERS (Mandates RIDE to provide regulations to streamline the English Second Language (ESL) and/or English Language Learner (ELL) teaching certificate.) {LC1657/A/2}

05/28/2021 Placed on House Calendar (06/03/2021)

**House Bill No. 5836 SUB A****BY** Shanley, McNamara, Shekarchi, Solomon, Bennett, Vella-Wilkinson, Barros, Amore**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- REGIONAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS (SEE TITLE 16 CHAPTER 97 -- THE RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION ACT) (Amends the career and technical education program laws to provide the process by which students could access career and technical education programs outside of their home school district.) {LC1824/A/2}

05/28/2021 Placed on House Calendar (06/03/2021)

**COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

Chairman Casey, for the Committee on Health, and Human Services, reports back the following measures, with recommendation of passage:

**Senate Bill No. 651 SUB A**

**BY** Coyne, DiMario, Kallman, Quezada, Valverde, Sosnowski, Gallo, Lawson, de la Cruz, Euer  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - BREAST CANCER PATIENT NOTIFICATION (Now allows for a summary of a patient's mammography report be provided to the patient by mail, electronically, or otherwise.) {LC1756/A/1}  
05/28/2021 Placed on House Calendar (06/01/2021)

**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}  
05/28/2021 Placed on House Calendar (06/01/2021)

**House Bill No. 5196 SUB A**

(by request)

**BY** Kennedy, Azzinaro, Bennett, Vella-Wilkinson, Solomon, Diaz, Morales

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFITS (Limits health plans that provide coverage for prescription insulin drugs used to treat diabetes to forty dollars (\$40.00) for a copayment for a thirty (30) day supply of medically necessary insulin. Effective date 1/1/2022.) {LC335/A/1}  
05/28/2021 Placed on House Calendar (06/03/2021)

**House Bill No. 5283 SUB A**

**BY** Williams, Vella-Wilkinson, McEntee, Alzate, Felix

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- LICENSING AND MONITORING OF CHILD PLACING AGENCIES, CHILD CARING AGENCIES, FOSTER AND ADOPTIVE HOMES, AND CHILDREN'S BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROGRAMS (Requires all foster parents to undergo sensitivity training regarding the culture of their foster child.) {LC57/A/1}  
05/28/2021 Placed on House Calendar (06/01/2021)

**House Bill No. 5544**

**BY** Fogarty, Shallcross Smith, Fenton-Fung, Tanzi, Carson, Henries, Speakman, Donovan, McEntee, Alzate

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE AND DISCIPLINE (Includes in the definition of unprofessional conduct performing a pelvic examination without consent of an anesthetized or unconscious female patient.) {LC204/1}  
05/28/2021 Placed on House Calendar (06/03/2021)

**COMMITTEE ON INNOVATION, INTERNET AND TECHNOLOGY**

Chairman Ruggiero, for the Committee on Innovation, Internet, and Technology reports back the following measures, with recommendation of passage:

**House Bill No. 5148 SUB A****BY** Ruggiero, Blazejewski, Kazarian, Cortvriend, Carson, McGaw, Morales**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE RHODE ISLAND BROADBAND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (Establishes broadband coordinator and council.) {LC80/A/3}

05/28/2021 Placed on House Calendar (06/03/2021)

**COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY**

Chairman Craven, for the Committee on Judiciary, reports back the following measure, with recommendation of passage:

**Senate Bill No. 318 SUB A****BY** Archambault, Lombardi F, Coyne, Euer, Burke**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.) {LC1022/A/1}

05/28/2021 Placed on House Calendar (06/01/2021)

**Senate Bill No. 398 as amended****BY** Burke, Archambault, DiPalma, Lombardo, Lombardi F, Gallo, DiMario**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS -- MARRIAGE LICENSES

(Repeals the provision of law granting minors the ability to obtain a marriage license, and would require a person to be of full legal age, at least eighteen (18) years of age to obtain a marriage license.) {LC1732/1}

05/28/2021 Placed on House Calendar (06/01/2021)

**House Bill No. 5979**

(Judiciary)

**BY** Edwards, Kennedy, Solomon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOTOR VEHICLE REPARATIONS ACT (Provides that financial security is required for any motor vehicle registered or required to be registered in the state of Rhode Island.) {LC2195/1}

05/28/2021 Placed on House Calendar (06/03/2021)

**House Bill No. 6048**

(Judiciary)

**BY** Phillips**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE - TRAFFIC

TRIBUNAL (Vests the traffic tribunal with jurisdiction over the adjudication of alleged violations of the harassment of hunters, trappers and fishers law.) {LC2194/1}

05/28/2021 Placed on House Calendar (06/03/2021)

**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. 5600**

**BY** Ajello, Tanzi, Felix, Batista, Handy, Speakman, Kislak, Cassar, Knight, Fogarty

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- CONDUCT OF ELECTION AND VOTING EQUIPMENT, AND SUPPLIES (Includes the general assembly elections within the category of elections subject to the risk- limiting audits within the jurisdiction of the board of elections.) {LC1025/1}

05/28/2021 Placed on House Calendar (06/03/2021)

**COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS**

Chairman Azzinaro, for the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, reports back the following measures, with recommendation of passage:

**House Bill No. 5177 SUB A**

**BY** Azzinaro, Vella-Wilkinson, Noret

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- RHODE ISLAND VETERANS' HOME (Changes the service requirement for admissions to RI Veterans' Home from 90 days to 2 years, and gives priority to veterans defined as war veterans.) {LC776/A/1}

05/28/2021 Placed on House Calendar (06/03/2021)

**House Bill No. 5669**

**BY** Azzinaro, Fellela, Hull, Corvese, Casey

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT TO AMEND THE LANGUAGE OF THE LEASE OF THE BENEFIT STREET ARMORY BETWEEN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND THE PROVIDENCE MARINE CORPS OF ARTILLERY (Authorizes the Department of Administration to amend lease to Providence Marine Corps of Artillery to use hall for promotion of the arsenal and to sublease the rented space.) {LC461/1}

05/28/2021 Placed on House Calendar (06/03/2021)

**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:

**Senate Bill No. 862**

**BY** Felag, Coyne, Seveney

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AMENDMENTS TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF BRISTOL (Validates and ratifies amendments to the Home Rule Charter of the town of Bristol, which amendments were adopted and approved by the electors of the town of Bristol on November 3, 2020.) {LC2794/1}

05/30/2021 Placed on House Calendar (06/01/2021)

**TRANSFER OF BILLS**

**Chairman Azzinaro for the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, reports back the following measures, with recommendation of transfer to the Committee on Finance:**

**House Bill No. 5928****BY** Vella-Wilkinson, Noret, Solomon, Azzinaro, Kennedy, Filippi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- TUITION FOR

COVERED INDIVIDUALS UNDER POST-911 BILL AND MONTGOMERY GI BILL (In state tuition continues for military service members children and/or spouse, if service member transferred.) {LC2006/1}

06/01/2021 Committee transferred to House Finance

**NEWBUSINESS****House Bill No. 6370****BY** Slater, O'Brien, Amore, Solomon, Kazarian, Alzate, Hull, Potter, Morales, Giraldo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- ADULT USE MARIJUANA

(Authorizes the director of the department of business regulation to license the cultivation and sale of marijuana.) {LC2923/1}

05/28/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 6371****BY** Costantino, Ackerman, Edwards, Shallcross Smith, Corvese, Hawkins**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - VIDEO-

LOTTERY GAMES, TABLE GAMES AND SPORTS WAGERING (Increases the annual flat fee given to Lincoln and Tiverton by their respective sports wagering facilities to two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000).) {LC2835/1}

05/28/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Resolution No. 6372****BY** Knight, Speakman, Kazarian, Donovan, Cortvriend, Cassar, Carson, Ajello, Amore, Ruggiero**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$20,000,000 TO THE

RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (Authorizes the appropriation of the sum of \$20,000,000 to the Rhode Island Department of Transportation.) {LC2910/1}

05/28/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 6373****BY** Hull, Slater**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- RHODE ISLAND

PUBLIC TRANSIT AUTHORITY (Increases the number of members of the transit authority from eight to nine, one of whom shall be the mayor of Providence or designee as an ex officio member with voting privileges.) {LC2908/1}

05/28/2021 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 6374****BY** Casimiro, Noret, McEntee, Ackerman, Alzate, Fenton-Fung, Lima C, Potter**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CORPORATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS, AND

PARTNERSHIPS -- CORPORATIONS - GENERAL PROVISIONS (Allows the secretary of state and tax administrator to promulgate emergency rules and regulations related to filing procedures, minimum corporate taxes, and fees and/or penalties, during a declared state of emergency.) {LC2899/1}

05/28/2021 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 6375****BY** Noret, Casimiro, Place**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT {LC2914/1}

05/28/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**(Added to Co-sponsorship is Representative Place)****House Bill No. 6376****BY** Williams**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- WORKERS

COMPENSATION -- BENEFITS (Creates a new formula for determining a totally and partially

disabled injured workers' weekly benefit entitlement. It also eliminates the current ambiguity in an

injured workers' entitlement, when he or she suffers a recurrence of disability.) {LC2902/1}

05/28/2021 Introduced, referred to House Labor

**House Bill No. 6377****BY** Fenton-Fung, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- BREAST CANCER PATIENT

NOTIFICATION (Allows for a summary of a mammography report be provided to the patient by mail,

electronically or otherwise with abnormal result provided only upon approval by the referring provider.)

{LC2918/1}

05/28/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health &amp; Human Services

**House Bill No. 6378****BY** Casey, Lima S, Cardillo, Phillips**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL

TAXES (Provides that the time of the city of Woonsocket's first statistical update following the 2017

revaluation would be extended from 2020 to 2021 and be based on the valuations as of December 31,

2021.) {LC2927/1}

05/28/2021 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government &amp; Housing

**House Bill No. 6379****BY** Amore**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES {LC2930/1}

05/28/2021 Introduced, referred to House Special Legislation

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 4:47 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**

**REPRESENTATIVE SAMUEL A. AZZINARO**

Dear Lord: As we approach this Memorial Day weekend let us all keep in our prayers the men and women of our armed forces, past and present. We ask for a special blessing on all those who have lost loved ones in the service to our country. Let us use this day to honor their sacrifice. Amen

**APPENDIX**

**TRANSMITTED TO GOVERNOR**

**Senate Bill No. 384 SUB A**

**BY** Lawson, Lombardi F, Burke, Murray, Euer, Cano, Sosnowski, Kallman

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT (Excludes chronic intractable pain from the definition of acute pain management. Prescribes new guidelines for treatment based upon 2016 CDC Guideline for Prescribing Opioids for Chronic Pain.) {LC1588/A/1}

05/27/2021 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 885**

**BY** Felag

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Alec Dalton to join Olivia Phillips and Adam Dutra in marriage on or about October 16, 2021, within the Town of Bristol, Rhode Island.) {LC2804/1}

05/27/2021 Transmitted to Governor

**House Bill No. 5247 SUB A**

**BY** Amore, Kazarian

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT (Defines "chronic intractable pain" for purposes of intractable pain management.) {LC175/A/1}

05/27/2021 Transmitted to Governor

**APPENDIX****CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, JUNE 1, 2021:****1. 2021-H 5276****BY** Edwards**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - THE RHODE ISLAND  
CESSPOOL ACT OF 2007

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

**2. 2021-H 5328 SUB A****BY** Carson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SCHOOL WASTE RECYCLING  
AND REFUSE DISPOSALCommittee on Education recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of  
Substitute A.**3. 2021-H 5522 SUB A****BY** Amore**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- ACCESS TO ADVANCED  
PLACEMENT COURSES FOR ALL STUDENTS ACTCommittee on Education recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of  
Substitute A.**4. 2021-H 5698****BY** Giraldo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SCHOOL COMMITTEES AND  
SUPERINTENDENTS (SEE TITLE 16 CHAPTER 97 -- THE RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF  
EDUCATION ACT)

Committee on Education recommends passage.

**5. 2021-H 5823****BY** Vella-Wilkinson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- RESIDENCE OF CHILDREN FOR  
SCHOOL PURPOSES

Committee on Education recommends passage.

**6. 2021-H 5154****BY** Bennett

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- THE HEALING ART OF ACUPUNCTURE AND ORIENTAL MEDICINE**

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.

**7. 2021-H 5283 SUB A**

**BY Williams**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- LICENSING AND MONITORING OF CHILD PLACING AGENCIES, CHILD CARING AGENCIES, FOSTER AND ADOPTIVE HOMES, AND CHILDREN'S BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROGRAMS**

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

**8. 2021-S 318 SUB A**

**BY Archambault**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- PASSING, USE OF LANES, AND RULES OF THE ROAD**

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

**9. 2021-S 398 as amended**

**BY Burke**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS -- MARRIAGE LICENSES**

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage as amended in concurrence.

**10. 2021-S 651 SUB A**

**BY Coyne**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - BREAST CANCER PATIENT NOTIFICATION**

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

**11. 2021-S 862**

**BY Felag**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AMENDMENTS TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF BRISTOL**

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage in concurrence.

**IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 3, 2021:**

**1. 2021-H 5827 SUB A**

**BY McNamara**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SCHOOL COMMITTEE AND SUPERINTENDENTS**

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

**2. 2021-H 5829 SUB A  
BY Biah**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CERTIFICATION OF TEACHERS**

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

**3. 2021-H 5836 SUB A  
BY Shanley**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- REGIONAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS (SEE TITLE 16 CHAPTER 97 -- THE RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION ACT)**

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

**4. 2021-H 5196 SUB A  
BY Kennedy**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFITS**

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

**5. 2021-H 5544  
BY Fogarty**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE AND DISCIPLINE**

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.

**6. 2021-H 5148 SUB A  
BY Ruggiero**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE RHODE ISLAND BROADBAND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**

Committee on Innovation, Internet, & Technology recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

**7. 2021-H 5979  
BY Edwards**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOTOR VEHICLE REPARATIONS ACT**

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

8. **2021-H 6048**  
**BY Phillips**  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE - TRAFFIC TRIBUNAL**

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

9. **2021-H 5600**  
**BY Ajello**  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- CONDUCT OF ELECTION AND VOTING EQUIPMENT, AND SUPPLIES**

Committee on State Government & Elections recommends passage.

10. **2021-H 5669**  
**BY Azzinaro**  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT TO AMEND THE LANGUAGE OF THE LEASE OF THE BENEFIT STREET ARMORY BETWEEN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND THE PROVIDENCE MARINE CORPS OF ARTILLERY**

Committee on Veterans` Affairs recommends passage.

11. **2021-H 5177 SUB A**  
**BY Azzinaro**  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- RHODE ISLAND VETERANS' HOME**

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

**Francis McCabe**  
Clerk of the House

**Friday, May 28, 2021**