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Fifth-Day

The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence, Tuesday, January 25, 2022, and is called to order at 4:09 o'clock P.M., by the Honorable K. Joseph Shekarchi, Speaker.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 66 members present and 9 members absent as follows:

PRESENT – 66: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Baginski, Barros, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cassar, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Filippi, Fogarty, Hawkins, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima S., McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Price, Ranglin-Vassell, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Tobon, Vella-Wilkinson and Williams.

ABSENT – 9: Representatives Cardillo, Giraldo, Handy, Lima C., Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McLaughlin, Quattrocchi, Shanley,

INVOCATION

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

(For Invocation, see Appendix, this Journal.)

COMMUNICATIONS

Representative John Lombardi is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, January 25, 2022.
Representative James McLaughlin is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, January 25, 2022.
Representative Edward Cardillo is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, January 25, 2022.
Representative Joshua Giraldo is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, January 25, 2022.

From the Calendar are taken:

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2022:**1. 2022-H 7091**

BY Speakman

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REPORTING AND EXPIRATION DATES FOR THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY THE LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING ACT

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

Chairman Hull moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Constantino, Cortvriend, Knight, Cassar, Fogarty, Majority Leader Blazejewski, Biah, Henries, Speakman, Carson, Shallcross Smith, Ajello, McEntee, Morales, Ruggiero, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams, Solomon, Whip Chippendale, Alzate, Corvese, Kislak, Deputy Whip Ackerman, McNamara, Diaz, Edwards, McGaw, Casimiro, Felix, and Tanzi.

Speaker Shekarchi takes a moment to thank Chairwoman Speakman on doing an excellent job on the Commission to study the low and moderate income housing act.

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

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Solomon announces that the Committee on Corporations will meet today, at the rise of the House, in Room 101 of the State House.

Representative Casimiro would like to thank all for the donations of warm winter gear for the kids in foster care with the Foster Forward Program.

Chairwoman Diaz wishes her mother a Happy 92nd Birthday!

Speaker Shekarchi also wishes Chairwoman Diaz's Mother a Happy 92nd Birthday!

Chairwoman Serpa, Chairwoman Williams and Speaker Shekarchi congratulate and wish Grant Pilkington the best in his new position in the private sector.

Chairman Abney announces the Budget at First Glance has been passed out to everyone and is also available online. Also the Committee on Finance will begin meeting next week.

Representative Noret wishes a Happy 97th Birthday to his beloved family friend, and constituent Vincent "Vinny" Petrarca

Speaker Shekarchi wishes Vincent Petrarca a Happy Birthday!

Chairman Craven announces that the Committee on Judiciary will meet today, at the rise of the House, in the House Lounge of the State House.

Representative Ranglin-Vassell wishes her beautiful aunt Louise Jenkins who celebrated her 103rd Birthday on January 20th, 2022. She also wishes her big brother Lloyd who celebrates his birthday today January 25th, 2022. Speaker Shekarchi wishes both of them a Happy Birthday!

Representative Morgan wishes her mother Doris Lane a Happy 97th Birthday!

Majority Leader Blazejewski announces that there will be session Thursday, January 27, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.

IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION

House Resolution No. 7147

BY Chippendale, Place, Newberry, Hawkins, Nardone, Roberts, Price, Filippi, Fenton-Fung
ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE
PASSING OF THE HONORABLE JULIAN P. FORGUE, III {LC4259/1}

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

There is no objection.

Whip Chippendale discusses the resolution.

Read and passed, on a motion of Whip Chippendale seconded by, several others, by unanimous consent, on a rising vote.

House Resolution No. 7148

BY Shekarchi, Blazewski, Ruggiero

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF ANNIE S. ZAINYEH {LC4188/1}

With the agreement of the majority and the minority, on behalf of Speaker Shekarchi, Representative Ruggiero requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

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

House Resolution No. 7149

BY Ajello, Shekarchi, Blazewski, Shallcross Smith, Hull

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF RITA MICHAELSON {LC4187/1}

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

There is no objection.

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

House Resolution No. 7150

BY Place, Speakman, Shekarchi, Blazewski, Knight, Filippi

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION HONORING PATRICIA REDFEARN ON HER RETIREMENT AFTER MORE THAN EIGHTEEN YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE AS THE DIRECTOR OF THE GEORGE HAIL FREE LIBRARY OF WARREN {LC4279/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Place discusses the resolution.

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

House Resolution No. 7151

BY Filippi, Blazejewski

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION HONORING AND CONGRATULATING PAM GASNER ON HER RETIREMENT AS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE BLOCK ISLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY {LC4021/1}

With the agreement of the majority and the minority, 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 many others, by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

House Resolution No. 7152

BY Blazejewski, Filippi

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES {LC4116/1}

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. 7153

BY Blazejewski, Filippi

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING CONGRATULATIONS {LC4117/1}

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.

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 FINANCE**

Chairman Abney, for the Committee on Finance, reports back the following measure, with recommendation of passage:

House Bill No. 7028

BY Fellela, Costantino

ENTITLED, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF JOHNSTON TO ISSUE NOT TO EXCEED \$215,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, NOTES AND OTHER EVIDENCES OF INDEBTEDNESS TO FINANCE CONSTRUCTION, ADDITIONS, RENOVATION, IMPROVEMENT, ALTERATION, REPAIR, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL FACILITIES THROUGHOUT THE TOWN, PROVIDED THAT THE AUTHORIZATION SHALL BE REDUCED BY ANY GRANT RECEIVED FROM THE SCHOOL BUILDING AUTHORITY CAPITAL FUND (Authorizes the town of Johnston to issue bonds and notes in an amount not exceeding \$215,000,000 to finance construction, additions, renovation, improvement, alteration, repair, furnishing and equipping of schools and school facilities.) {LC3369/1}
01/25/2022 Placed on House Calendar (01/27/2022)

TRANSFER OF BILLS

Chairman Shanley, for the Committee on State Government and Elections, reports back the following measures, with recommendation of transfer to the Committee on House Finance:

House Bill No. 7099

BY Shanley, Craven, Noret, Knight, Vella-Wilkinson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION FEES (Reduces the fee to acquire an emailed duplicate motor vehicle registration certificate from seventeen dollars (\$17.00) to five dollars (\$5.00).) {LC3623/1}
01/26/2022 Committee transferred to House Finance

NEW BUSINESS**House Bill No. 7154**

BY Baginski, Solomon

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS THE RHODE ISLAND DEALERSHIP PRESERVATION AND PROTECTION ACT (Excludes sale of dealership as good cause to terminate relations with dealerships/allows 5 days to cure contract deficiency/violation/vests exclusive jurisdiction in RI courts to settle any disputes.) {LC4062/1}
01/26/2022 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 7155**BY** Kennedy, Abney, Vella-Wilkinson, Azzinaro, Diaz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- NURSE LICENSURE COMPACT (Amends the interstate nurse licensure compact and adopts an enhanced and more comprehensive version of the compact, to allow nurses to hold a multi-state license allowing them to practice across state lines without having to obtain multiple licenses.) {LC3791/1}

01/26/2022 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Resolution No. 7156**BY** Place, Filippi, Roberts, Quattrocchi, Nardone**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY THE MANNER IN WHICH HEALTH INSURANCE, DISABILITY INSURANCE, UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE, RETIREMENT PLANS AND OTHER TRADITIONAL EMPLOYER PROVIDED BENEFITS ARE ACCORDED TO UBER AND LYFT DRIVERS, SELF EMPLOYED INDIVIDUALS, AND OTHER INDIVIDUALS ENGAGED IN PROVIDING SERVICES TO THE PUBLIC (Creates a 5 member commission to study how health, disability, and unemployment plans, and other benefits are accorded to individuals providing services to the public, and would report back by January 5, 2023, and expire on March 5, 2023.) {LC3833/1}

01/26/2022 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 7157**BY** Fellela, Serpa, Ackerman, Craven**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- AUTHORITY TO FINE HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS (Amends the name of the title of chapter 5-90 to Ryan's Law.) {LC4105/1}

01/26/2022 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 7158**BY** Place, Chippendale**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- MILITARY SPOUSE LICENSURE (Provides for improving license portability for military service members and their spouses who are relocated to Rhode Island.) {LC4124/1}

01/26/2022 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 7159**BY** Baginski, Solomon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- REAL ESTATE SALES DISCLOSURES (Allows a homebuyer to void a purchase and sales agreement prior to the transfer if the seller fails to provide a written sales disclosure. The act also increases the maximum civil penalty for violating this law from \$100 to \$1,000.) {LC4122/1}

01/26/2022 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 7160**BY** Solomon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- CASUALTY INSURANCE
GENERALLY (Property insurance policies issued beginning January 1, 2023, shall not void or
exclude coverage to an "innocent co-insured" for intentional loss caused by another co-insured.)
{LC3235/1}

01/26/2022 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 7161**BY** Diaz, Slater, Amore, McNamara, Biah, Ajello**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SCHOOL COMMITTEES AND
SUPERINTENDENTS (SEE TITLE 16 CHAPTER 97 -- THE RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF
EDUCATION ACT) {LC3773/1}

01/26/2022 Introduced, referred to House Education

House Bill No. 7162**BY** Diaz, Slater**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SCHOOL COMMITTEES AND
SUPERINTENDANTS (SEE TITLE 16 CHAPTER 97 -- THE RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF
EDUCATION ACT) (Allows schools to impose an out-of-school suspension for students in
grade 6 or above, if they are found to be a threat to the physical safety of school occupants.)
{LC3851/1}

01/26/2022 Introduced, referred to House Education

House Bill No. 7163**BY** Diaz, Slater, Kislak, Biah, Ajello, Ranglin-Vassell, Alzate, Batista**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS
{LC3775/1}

01/26/2022 Introduced, referred to House Education

House Bill No. 7164**BY** O'Brien, Craven, Hawkins, McNamara, Corvese, Serpa, McEntee, Biah, Slater, Ranglin-
Vassell**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- RHODE ISLAND CERTIFICATION
STANDARDS BOARD (SEE TITLE 16 CHAPTER 97 - THE RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF
EDUCATION ACT) (Extends the time period to for all teachers to demonstrate proficiency in
knowledge and practices of scientific reading and structured literary instruction from the 2023-
2024 school year until the 2025-2026 school year.) {LC3848/1}

01/26/2022 Introduced, referred to House Education

House Bill No. 7165**BY** Place, Chippendale**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- COOPERATIVE SERVICE AMONG
SCHOOL DISTRICTS (SEE TITLE 16 CHAPTER 97 -- THE RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF
EDUCATION ACT) -- CHARTER SCHOOLS {LC4108/1}

01/26/2022 Introduced, referred to House Education

House Bill No. 7166

BY Kislak, Donovan, Potter, Felix, Alzate, Speakman, Carson, Henries, Tanzi, Ajello
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CURRICULUM (Requires courses in family life or sex education be taught in grades 6 -12 and be appropriate for students of all races, genders, sexual orientations, ethnic and cultural backgrounds.) {LC3446/1}
01/26/2022 Introduced, referred to House Education

House Bill No. 7167

BY McNamara, Shallcross Smith, Donovan, Diaz, Noret
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE (Directs school districts experiencing high rates of student absenteeism to establish attendance review teams to address this absenteeism.) {LC4210/1}
01/26/2022 Introduced, referred to House Education
(Added to Co-sponsorship is Representative Noret)

House Bill No. 7168

BY McNamara, Shallcross Smith, Donovan, Kislak, Diaz, Noret
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- COVID RECOVERY PLANS (Directs all school districts to prepare district recovery plans by September 1, 2022 which would include strategies and targets for students, to address losses in both academic and social-emotional learning.) {LC4224/1}
01/26/2022 Introduced, referred to House Education
(Added to Co-sponsorship is Representative Noret)

House Bill No. 7169

BY McNamara, Shallcross Smith, Donovan, Carson, Kislak
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE -- FIELD TRIALS AND SHOOTING PRESERVES (Prohibits canned hunting and use of imported non-native animals or cloned animals for canned hunting purposes.) {LC4201/1}
01/26/2022 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

House Bill No. 7170

BY Williams
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE ISLAND COMMERCE CORPORATION (Requires the installation of two (2) urban business incubators, one at the 25 Bough Street project in Olneyville neighborhood and the other at the former Urban League of Rhode Island site at 246 Prairie Avenue in the Upper South Providence neighborhood.) {LC3449/1}
01/26/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7171

BY Baginski, Shekarchi, Shallcross Smith
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- BUSINESS CORPORATION TAX (Provides technical amendments to the existing Pass-through Entity Election Tax statute to allow tax practitioners and the Rhode Island Division of Taxation to comply with the provisions in practice.) {LC3925/1}
01/26/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7172

BY Bennett, McGaw, Cortvriend, Felix, O'Brien, Ackerman, Kislak, Tanzi, Cassar, Caldwell
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Provides a tax credit for state community service hours provided by state residents to certain not-for-profit entities and municipal departments.) {LC3276/1}
01/26/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7173

BY Place, Chippendale, Filippi, Fenton-Fung, Roberts, Quattrocchi, Nardone
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Allows volunteer firefighters who pay for their own training and equipment to receive an income tax credit.) {LC3819/1}
01/26/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7174

BY Place, Chippendale, Filippi, Fenton-Fung, Roberts, Quattrocchi, Nardone
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC FINANCE -- STATE BUDGET (Requires that the governor submit a zero-based budget to the general assembly with the zero-based budget phased in over a five (5) year period, commencing with the fiscal budget of July 1, 2023.) {LC3815/1}
01/26/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7175

BY Place, Chippendale, Filippi
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- EDUCATION SAVINGS ACCOUNTS PROGRAM (Requires general treasurer upon request from RIDE to establish education savings account to assist remote-learning students with educational support exempt from state income tax.) {LC4127/1}
01/26/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7176

BY Place, Chippendale, Roberts, Filippi
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM (Provides a scholarship allowing a student in the care and custody of the DCYF to attend RIC without the payment of tuition and room and board as long as they meet the eligibility requirements of the program and the admission criteria of RIC.) {LC3826/1}
01/26/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7177

BY Diaz, Shallcross Smith, Caldwell, Casimiro, Biah, Cassar, Ruggiero, Slater, Alzate, Bennett
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- RHODE ISLAND CHILDCARE IS ESSENTIAL ACT (Provides that childcare is part of an early learning program and is an essential program supporting the state's workforce and a strong state economy.) {LC4085/1}
01/26/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7178

BY Bennett, McGaw, Cortvriend, Edwards, O'Brien, Ackerman, Kislak, Tanzi, Cassar, Caldwell
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE ISLAND BEST RX PRESCRIPTION DRUG DISCOUNT PROGRAM FOR THE UNINSURED (Requires that enrollees in the Rhode Island best RX Prescription drug discount program for the uninsured are not charged a copay for their prescriptions.) {LC3275/1}
01/26/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7179

BY Place, Filippi, Fenton-Fung, Nardone
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE (Provides medical assistance coverage for medical services provided to qualifying eligible recipients for community-based care. The department of human services on EOHHS would seek federal approval to implement the provisions of the act.) {LC3814/1}
01/26/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7180

BY Casimiro, Ruggiero, Noret, Cortvriend, McEntee, Alzate, Kazarian, Roberts, Fenton-Fung, Felix
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- SOCIAL AND HUMAN SERVICES PROGRAMS RATE REVIEW AND RATE SETTING PROCESS ACT OF 2022 (Requires EOHHS assisted by 24 member advisory committee to provide review/recommendations for rate setting/ongoing review of social service programs licensed by state departments/agencies and Medicaid.) {LC3900/1}
01/26/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7181

BY Bennett, Edwards, Potter, Cortvriend, O'Brien, Ackerman, Tanzi, Cassar, Caldwell
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- RHODE ISLAND PATHWAYS PROJECT (Requires the executive office of health and human services (EOHHS) to utilize current Medicaid waiver funds to provide coverage for supporting housing for the homeless.) {LC3278/1}
01/26/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Resolution No. 7182

BY Fenton-Fung
ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE-LINE ITEM VETO (This proposed amendment to the Constitution would provide the governor with a line-item veto on the budget and other bills for the appropriation of money.) {LC4242/1}
01/26/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7183

BY Kislak, Donovan, Speakman, Cassar, Tanzi, Morales, Felix, Potter, Cortvriend, McGaw
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS
INSURANCE POLICIES -- LIFETIME LIMITS (Repeals the authority of the health insurance
commissioner to enforce any act of Congress/decision of federal court invalidating or repealing
the prohibition of annual lifetime limits on health insurance in this state.) {LC3447/1}
01/26/2022 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 7184

BY Diaz, Slater, Edwards, Amore, Morales, Alzate, Batista
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS --
PSYCHOLOGISTS (Includes licensed school psychologists under the provisions of the general
laws governing the regulations of psychologists and provides specific qualifications applicants
for licensing as a school psychologist must meet.) {LC3858/1}
01/26/2022 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 7185

BY McNamara, Shallcross Smith, Donovan, Diaz, Potter
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- PRESCRIPTION DRUG
AFFORDABILITY BOARD - GROUP PURCHASING BOARD FOR RX WE CAN AFFORD
(Creates a prescription drug affordability board composed of representatives of affected
stakeholders designated to investigate and comprehensively evaluate drug prices for Rhode
Islanders and possible ways to reduce them to make them more affordable.) {LC4220/1}
01/26/2022 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services
(Added to Co-sponsorship is Representative Potter)

House Bill No. 7186

BY Diaz, Corvese, Amore, Biah
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- PUBLIC HEALTH AND
WORKPLACE SAFETY ACT (Provides that any law or regulation which protects a person
from exposure to secondhand smoke would also provide protection from exposure to secondhand
tobacco and marijuana smoke, regardless of how the smoke was generated.) {LC3856/1}
01/26/2022 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 7187

BY Solomon, Kazarian
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS --
COMMUNITY ANTENNA TELEVISION SYSTEMS AND INTERNET SERVICE
PROVIDERS (Requires Internet service providers to follow net neutrality requirements serving
consumers/state as well as awarding of state contracts with violations resulting in penalty
provisions for deceptive trade practice.) {LC3527/1}
01/26/2022 Introduced, referred to House Innovation, Internet, & Technology

House Bill No. 7188**BY** Kislak, McEntee, Ranglin-Vassell, Knight, Ajello, Felix, Batista**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO DELINQUENT AND DEPENDENT CHILDREN -- PROCEEDINGS IN FAMILY COURT (Prohibits any questioning of a juvenile who is suspected of delinquent or criminal behavior, unless the parent of guardian of the juvenile is present, or unless an attorney is present or the juvenile and their parents have waived their presence.) {LC3673/1}

01/26/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7189**BY** Place, Chippendale, Roberts, Quattrocchi, Price, Vella-Wilkinson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- RHODE ISLAND PAIN-CAPABLE UNBORN CHILD PROTECTION ACT (Creates the Rhode Island Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act, prohibiting the performance or induction of an abortion of an unborn child capable of feeling pain, unless necessary to prevent serious health risk to the unborn child's mother. Eff 1/1/23) {LC3812/1}

01/26/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

(Added to Co-sponsorship are Representative Price, Vella-Wilkinson)**House Bill No. 7190****BY** Place, Filippi, Nardone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- INDICTMENTS, INFORMATIONS AND COMPLAINTS (Prohibits prosecutions for violations in this state if violation arises from same facts or acts for which defendant has been acquitted in another jurisdiction, unless there exists new evidence substantially warranting prosecution in this state.) {LC3839/1}

01/26/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7191**BY** Edwards, Williams, Kislak, Cassar, Serpa, Knight, Kazarian, Bennett, McNamara, Craven**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- HOMICIDE (Abolishes penalty of life without parole and amends/ repeals all sections of general laws regulating prisoners serving a sentence of life without parole. It would have prospective and retroactive effect for any offense committed after January 1, 1991.) {LC4107/1}

01/26/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7192**BY** Knight, Ajello, Batista, Kislak, Alzate, Felix, McEntee, Caldwell, Kazarian, McGaw**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- COSTS (Standardizes and makes uniform the applicability, assessment, collection, waiver, and ultimately the extinguishment of court costs, fees, fines and assessments required in connection with all criminal cases.) {LC3768/1}

01/26/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7193**BY** O'Brien, Craven, Hawkins, Slater**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- GAMBLING AND LOTTERIES (Allows social gaming in private residences and in public taverns or private clubs as long as the gambling is incidental to a bona fide social relationship between the participants and no person other than the participants receive anything of value.) {LC4050/1}

01/26/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7194**BY** Place, Filippi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- SEARCH WARRANTS -- AUDIO AND VIDEOS OF PRIVATE PROPERTY PROHIBITED (Requires law enforcement to obtain consent or a warrant before placing audio or video recorders on or near the private property of another. A violation of this act would make any evidence inadmissible in any court proceedings.) {LC4129/1}

01/26/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7195**BY** Place, Chippendale, Filippi, Roberts, Quattrocchi, Nardone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- ELECTRONIC INFORMATION AND DATA PRIVACY ACT (Requires law enforcement agencies to obtain search warrants for electronic information, data, location information and other identifying information of subscribers and customers, except in specified circumstances.) {LC3841/1}

01/26/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7196**BY** Place, Roberts, Chippendale, Quattrocchi, Nardone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS (Amends the definition of firearms to include tasers, as well as define taser and stun gun.) {LC3842/1}

01/26/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7197**BY** Diaz, Slater, Biah, Morales, Alzate**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - EXPLOSIVES AND FIREWORKS (Limits the sale of fireworks to one week prior to and including the 4th day in July, and may only be used, exploded, or cause to be exploded between 6 p.m. and 9 p.m.) {LC3850/1}

01/26/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7198**BY** Bennett, Vella-Wilkinson, Cortvriend, O'Brien, Ackerman, Cassar, Caldwell, Craven, Costantino, Diaz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' ARBITRATION {LC3285/1}

01/26/2022 Introduced, referred to House Labor

House Bill No. 7199**BY** Place, Chippendale

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- RIGHT TO EARN A LIVING ACT (Establishes procedures to ensure that agency regulations do not unjustly restrict individuals from entering into businesses, professions or public services, requiring articulable, legitimate public health, safety and welfare objectives.) {LC4226/1}
01/26/2022 Introduced, referred to House Labor

House Bill No. 7200**BY** Diaz, Slater, Amore, Morales, Biah, Alzate, Cortvriend, Kazarian, Batista

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- BUILDING SERVICE WORK (Requires that janitors and security guards employed, pursuant to state contracts worth more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) of janitorial or security services, be paid a standard compensation rate.) {LC3774/1}
01/26/2022 Introduced, referred to House Labor

House Bill No. 7201**BY** Cortvriend, McGaw, Donovan, Edwards

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES (Provides a procedure for homeowners to submit to a municipal zoning board of review or municipal official or agency for a review to determine whether or not a proposed use under this chapter requires a special use permit.) {LC3353/1}
01/26/2022 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 7202**BY** Place, Quattrocchi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES (Allows the operation of a home-based business, which meets criteria for home office IRS income tax deduction, without securing approval from the municipality with no storage of chemicals/park heavy equipment/not more than 10% of premises used for parking.) {LC3926/1}
01/26/2022 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 7203**BY** Place, Chippendale

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - PUBLIC NOTICE ACT (Allows the towns of Burrillville and Glocester to publish notices in any newspaper located within their municipalities and would also allow publication in other designated platforms selected by their city or town councils.) {LC4130/1}
01/26/2022 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 7204**BY** Amore, Henries, Cassar, Kazarian

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Exempts from taxation the real and tangible personal property of the Holy Rosary Band Society located in East Providence.) {LC3183/1}
01/26/2022 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 7205**BY** Amore, Henries, Cassar, Kazarian**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Exempts from real and property tax The American Legion Riverside Post 10 in the city of East Providence.) {LC3363/1}

01/26/2022 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 7206**BY** Place, Chippendale**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Authorizes fire districts or any municipal volunteer fire departments to provide for an exemption from fire taxes for volunteer firefighters.) {LC4184/1}

01/26/2022 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 7207**BY** Place, Chippendale, Filippi, Roberts, Quattrocchi, Nardone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- EXCISE ON MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAILERS (Allows a taxpayer to appeal a vehicle valuation by the Rhode Island vehicle valuation commission to the city or town's board of assessment. The board's decision shall not increase the valuation. The board's decision may be appealed to the district court.) {LC3817/1}

01/26/2022 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 7208**BY** Place, Roberts, Nardone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES (Expands the definition of legitimate theaters to extend beyond the city of Newport and the town of Burrillville and apply statewide.) {LC3822/1}

01/26/2022 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 7209**BY** Baginski, McEntee, Caldwell**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- MANUFACTURING AND WHOLESALE LICENSES -- RETAIL LICENSES (Repeals 3/1/22 sunset provision allowing Class B/ brew pub licensees to sell wine/beer/mixed drinks with food takeout orders only.) {LC4248/1}

01/26/2022 Introduced, referred to House Small Business

(Added to Co-sponsorship is Representative Caldwell)**House Resolution No. 7210****BY** Carson, McEntee, Cortvriend, Caldwell**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY AND REVIEW THE IMPACT OF EXISTING RULES AND REGULATIONS ON THE CREATION OF NEW BUSINESSES, AND PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS TO REVISE LAWS IN ORDER TO ELIMINATE BARRIERS (Creates a 17 member commission to study the impact of rules and regulations on new businesses, and make recommendations that would eliminate barriers, and who would report back by January 4, 2023, and expire on March 4, 2023.) {LC3294/1}

01/26/2022 Introduced, referred to House Small Business

House Bill No. 7211

BY Place, Chippendale, Filippi, Fenton-Fung, Roberts, Quattrocchi, Nardone, Price
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- SANITATION IN FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS (Adds pickles and relish to those foods which are permitted to be manufactured and sold as a farm home food product.) {LC3828/1}

01/26/2022 Introduced, referred to House Small Business

(Added to Co-sponsorship is Representative Price)

House Bill No. 7212

BY Shekarchi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Kathleen Coyne-McCoy to join Emily Ann Caron and Cullen Adare McCoy in marriage on or about September 22, 2022, within the Town of New Shoreham, Rhode Island.) {LC4193/1}

01/26/2022 Introduced, referred to House Special Legislation

House Bill No. 7213

BY Diaz, Noret, Slater, Batista, Amore, Morales, Ajello

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- MERIT SYSTEM (Allows a classified employee to seek elected office provided that they resign their position upon being elected.) {LC3852/1}

01/26/2022 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 7214

BY Place, Chippendale, Filippi, Price

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- CONDUCT OF ELECTION AND VOTING EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES (Creates a new additional post-election risk-limiting audit of voted mail ballots, focusing on voter signature verification.) {LC4131/1}

01/26/2022 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

(Added to Co-sponsorship is Representative Price)

House Bill No. 7215

BY Place, Chippendale, Filippi, Roberts, Nardone

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- FOREIGN VEHICLES (Enables some Massachusetts and Connecticut based students transportation providers without Rhode Island licensed and registered vehicles to operate in Rhode Island, under limited conditions.) {LC3810/1}

01/26/2022 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 7216

BY Place, Chippendale, Roberts, Filippi, Quattrocchi, Nardone

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PARKS AND RECREATIONAL AREAS -- GENERAL PROVISIONS (Provides for the authorized taking of mushrooms from public lands.) {LC3836/1}

01/26/2022 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Resolution No. 7217

BY Place, Filippi, Chippendale, Newberry, Roberts, Nardone
ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION TERMINATING THE GOVERNOR'S STATE OF
EMERGENCY DECLARATION {LC4141/1}
(Added to Co-sponsorship is Representative Price)

01/26/2022 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Resolution No. 7218

BY Place, Filippi, Chippendale, Newberry, Roberts, Nardone, Price
ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION TERMINATING THE GOVERNOR'S STATE OF
EMERGENCY DECLARATION {LC4142/1}
01/26/2022 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections
(Added to Co-sponsorship is Representative Price)

House Bill No. 7219

BY Filippi, Chippendale, Nardone, Roberts, Price, Place, Newberry
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE
RHODE ISLAND LOBBYING REFORM ACT (Expands the lobbying reform act to apply to
persons who lobby municipal government executives and legislative bodies, as well as local fire
districts.) {LC3937/1}
01/26/2022 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 7220

BY McNamara, Morales, Casimiro, Shallcross Smith, Donovan, Kislak
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES – PARKING
FACILITIES AND PRIVILEGES – DISABILITY PARKING (Includes the governor's
commission on disabilities on the decision making process for the disability parking enforcement
enhancement program and require an annual report be submitted to the governor's commission.)
{LC3549/1}
01/26/2022 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Resolution No. 7221

BY Place, Chippendale, Filippi
ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE
ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION -- JURY
NULLIFICATION AS PROPER TRIAL DEFENSE ARGUMENT (This joint resolution would
propose to the voters a constitutional amendment which would allow a criminal defendant to
argue jury nullification as a defense.) {LC4190/1}
01/26/2022 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 7222

BY McNamara, Potter
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- VIDEO
LOTTERY GAMES, TABLE GAMES AND SPORTS WAGERING--THE RHODE ISLAND
CONSUMER PROTECTION GAMING ACT (Prohibits the use of facial recognition technology
and biometric recognition technology in video-lottery terminals at pari-mutuel licensees in the
state or in online betting applications.) {LC4144/1}
01/26/2022 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 7223**BY** McNamara, Potter**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT (Establishes a commission to study the use of artificial intelligence in the decision-making process of state government.) {LC3585/1}

01/26/2022 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 7224**BY** Place, Filippi, Roberts, Quattrocchi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES (Administrative hearings to follow superior court rules of procedure and evidence. Provides for subpoena of witnesses and evidence.) {LC3823/1}

01/26/2022 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Resolution No. 7225**BY** Biah, Kazarian, Amore, Cassar, Kislak, McGaw, Tanzi, Diaz, Henries, Morales**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION - PERSONS ENTITLED TO VOTE (This joint resolution would authorize the submission to the electors of a constitutional amendment that would allow eligible citizens to register to vote removing the requirement that the registration be completed thirty (30) days before an election.) {LC4046/1}

01/26/2022 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

ADJOURNMENT

At 4:34 o'clock P.M. on motion of Representative Ajello, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Rita Michaelson; on motion of Representative Ruggiero, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Annie S. Zainyeh; on motion of Representative Chippendale, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Hon. Julian P. Forgue III seconded by Leaders Blazejewski and Filippi the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

Diane M. DePina
Recording Clerk

APPENDIX

INVOCATION

REPRESENTATIVE TERESA TANZI

Dear God: Bless the members of this House of Representatives. Guide and encourage them to always strive to use their best judgments when addressing the many needs of all who call Rhode Island Home. Amen

APPENDIX

CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, JANUARY 27, 2022:

1. **2022-H 7028**

BY Fellela

ENTITLED, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF JOHNSTON TO ISSUE NOT TO EXCEED \$215,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, NOTES AND OTHER EVIDENCES OF INDEBTEDNESS TO FINANCE CONSTRUCTION, ADDITIONS, RENOVATION, IMPROVEMENT, ALTERATION, REPAIR, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL FACILITIES THROUGHOUT THE TOWN, PROVIDED THAT THE AUTHORIZATION SHALL BE REDUCED BY ANY GRANT RECEIVED FROM THE SCHOOL BUILDING AUTHORITY CAPITAL FUND

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

Francis McCabe
Clerk of the House

Tuesday, January 25, 2022