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Thursday, February 10, 2022

Tenth-Day

The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence, Thursday, February 10, 2022, and is called to order at 4:11 o'clock P.M., by the Honorable K. Joseph Shekarchi, Speaker.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 68 members present and 7 members absent as follows:

PRESENT – 68: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Baginski, Barros, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Carson, 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, Marszalkowski, 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, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Vella-Wilkinson and Williams.

ABSENT – 7: Representatives Cardillo, Casey, Casimiro, Edwards, Shanley, Tanzi and Tobon.

INVOCATION

The Honorable Speaker presents Representative Justine A. Caldwell 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, February 8, 2022, is approved.

COMMUNICATIONS

Representative John G. Edwards is unable to attend session today, Thursday, February 10, 2022.
Representative Stephen M. Casey is unable to attend session today, Thursday, February 10, 2022.
Representative Edward Cardillo is unable to attend session today, Thursday, February 10, 2022.
Representative Carlos Tobon is unable to attend session today, Thursday, February 10, 2022.

CALENDAR

From the Calendar are taken:

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2022:

- 1. 2022-H 7095**
BY McEntee
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING
ORDINANCES

Committee on Small Business recommends passage.

Chairwoman McEntee moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Abney, Hawkins, Phillips, Ajello, Handy, Shallcross Smith, Fogarty, Kislak, Cortvriend, Morales, Caldwell, Craven, Williams, Vella-Wilkinson, Ruggiero, Biah, Donovan, Costantino, Speaker Pro Tempore Kennedy, Azzinaro, Bennett, Diaz, McNamara, Deputy Whip Ackerman, Giraldo, Whip Kazarian, Felix, Alzate, Baginski, and McLaughlin.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 66 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 66: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Carson, 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, Marszalkowski, 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, Solomon, Speakman, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

2. 2022-H 7209 SUB A**BY** Baginski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES --
MANUFACTURING AND WHOLESALE LICENSES -- RETAIL LICENSES

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

Chairwoman McEntee moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Whip Kazarian, Representatives Potter, Baginski, Alzate, Felix, Giraldo, Kislak, McNamara, Deputy Whip Ackerman, Diaz, Shallcross Smith, Fogarty, McEntee, Ruggiero, Biah, Hawkins, Phillips, Craven, Caldwell, Carson, and Abney.

Representative Morgan and Baginski discuss the act.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, 66 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 66: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Baginski, Barros, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Carson, 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, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McLaughlin, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Price, Quattrocchi, Ranglin-Vassell, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Solomon, Speakman, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

TRANSMITTAL

By unanimous consent, all matters on the Clerk's desk are ordered to be transmitted to the Honorable Senate, forthwith.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE SENATE

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

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 2154 SUB A**BY** Ruggerio, McCaffrey, Goodwin**ENTITLED**, CONCURRENT RESOLUTION EXTENDING POWER CONFERRED UPON
THE GOVERNOR PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SUBSECTION (E) OF TITLE 30,
CHAPTER 15, SECTION 9 OF THE RHODE ISLAND GENERAL LAWS {LC4399/A/1}

02/10/2022 Placed on House Calendar (02/10/2022)

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

CALENDAR

3. 2022-H 7256 SUB A

BY Shekarchi

ENTITLED, CONCURRENT RESOLUTION EXTENDING POWER CONFERRED UPON THE GOVERNOR PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SUBSECTION (E) OF TITLE 30, CHAPTER 15, SECTION 9 OF THE RHODE ISLAND GENERAL LAWS

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

Vice Chairwoman Messier moves passage of the resolution, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Abney, Morales, Craven, Handy, Fogarty, Ruggiero, Speaker Pro Tempore Kennedy, Deputy Speaker Lima, Ajello, Cassar, Azzinaro, Hull, Deputy Whip Ackerman, McNamara, Bennett, Diaz, Giraldo, Solomon, Potter, Felix, Whip Kazarian, Alzate, McGaw, Kislak, Barros, and Biah.

Deputy Speaker Lima, Minority Leader Filippi, Majority Leader Blazejewski, Speaker Pro Tempore Kennedy, Representatives Abney, Craven, Morales, and Newberry discusses the resolution.

POINT OF ORDER

Representative McGaw rises on a point of order for Representative Newberry to speak on the merits of the resolution.

The Honorable Speaker rules that Representative Newberry was speaking on the merits of the resolution.

By unanimous consent, Representative Newberry, seconded by Representatives Price, Place, Roberts, Nardone, Whip Chippendale, Quattrocchi, and Minority Leader Filippi offers a written motion to amend.

FLOOR AMENDMENT

TO

2022 -- H 7256 SUBSTITUTE A

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION EXTENDING POWER CONFERRED UPON THE GOVERNOR PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SUBSECTION (E) OF TITLE 30, CHAPTER 15, SECTION 9 OF THE RHODE ISLAND GENERAL LAWS

Mr. Speaker:

I hereby move to amend 2022 -- H 7256 SUBSTITUTE A, entitled "CONCURRENT RESOLUTION EXTENDING POWER CONFERRED UPON THE GOVERNOR PURSUANT

TO THE PROVISIONS OF SUBSECTION (E) OF TITLE 30, CHAPTER 15, SECTION 9 OF THE RHODE ISLAND GENERAL LAWS”, as follows:

1. On page 2, between lines 11 and 12 by inserting the following language:

"WHEREAS, The Rhode Island Superior Court found that Rhode Island school children were incurring irreparable harm from the adverse effects from the requirement that they wear masks throughout the school day including physical and emotional discomfort and interfering with the children's ability to interact with teachers; and".

2. On page 2, line 20, after the number "2022", by inserting the following language:

"; provided, however, that adopting this concurrent resolution shall not include the adoption of any condition contained in Executive Order 21-87 or any extension thereof that provides for the requirement that masks be worn by students or school children in schools and furthermore all previous executive orders that apply to students or school children to such effect shall expire when Executive Order 21-87 as previously extended shall expire".

Respectfully submitted,

Representative Newberry

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LC004398/4
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Representative Newberry, Majority Leader Blazejewski, Whip Chippendale, Place, Minority Leader Filippi, Quattrocchi, Morgan, and Roberts discuss the amendment.

The motion to amend fails on a roll call vote 10 members voting in the affirmative and 56 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 10: Representatives Chippendale, Fenton-Fung, Filippi, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Place, Price, Quattrocchi, Roberts.

NAYS - 56: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Barros, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Carson, Cassar, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Felix, Fellela, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Hawkins, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima C., Lima S., Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McLaughlin, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Potter, Ranglin-Vassell, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams.

RECUSED - 0:

Representatives Ajello, Azzinaro, Newberry, Ranglin-Vassell, McLaughlin, Whip Chippendale, Deputy Speaker Lima, and Fogarty, Minority Leader Filippi discuss the resolution.

The bill marked Substitute “A” is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, 50 members voting in the affirmative and 17 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 50: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Baginski, Barros, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Carson, Cassar, Cortvriend, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Felix, Fellela, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima C., Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McLaughlin, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Phillips, Potter, Ranglin-Vassell, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Williams.

NAYS - 17: Representatives Chippendale, Corvese, Costantino, Fenton-Fung, Filippi, Lima S., Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Place, Price, Quattrocchi, Roberts, Vella-Wilkinson.

RECUSED - 0:

TRANSMITTAL

By unanimous consent, all matters, on the Clerk's desk are ordered to be transmitted to the Honorable Senate, forthwith.

4. 2022-S 2134

BY DiMario

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- SMALL
BUSINESSES -- ZONING ORDINANCES**

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

Chairwoman McEntee moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, and many others.

Read and passed in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 68 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 68: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Baginski, Barros, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Carson, 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, Marszalkowski, 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, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

5. 2022-S 2153 as amended**BY** Gallo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES --
MANUFACTURING AND WHOLESALE LICENSES -- RETAIL LICENSES

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

Chairwoman McEntee moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, and several others.

Read and passed as amended, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 65 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 65: Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Carson, 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, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McLaughlin, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Price, Quattrocchi, Ranglin-Vassell, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

6. 2022-S 2154 SUB A**BY** Ruggiero**ENTITLED**, CONCURRENT RESOLUTION EXTENDING POWER CONFERRED
UPON THE GOVERNOR PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SUBSECTION (E)
OF TITLE 30, CHAPTER 15, SECTION 9 OF THE RHODE ISLAND GENERAL
LAWS

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

Majority Leader Blazejewski moves passage of the resolution, seconded by Representative Handy and several others.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, in concurrence, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, 48 members voting in the affirmative and 18 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 48: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Baginski, Barros, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Carson, Cassar, Cortvriend, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Felix, Fellela, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McLaughlin, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Phillips, Potter, Ranglin-Vassell, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Williams.

NAYS - 18: Representatives Chippendale, Corvese, Costantino, Fenton-Fung, Filippi, Hawkins, Lima S., Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Place, Price, Quattrocchi, Roberts, Vella-Wilkinson.

RECUSED - 0:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Abney announces everyone should have received the new version of the Fiscal Staff's Budget Analysis.

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

NOW PRESIDING

At 5:10 o'clock P.M. the Honorable Speaker Shekarchi yields the rostrum to the Honorable Deputy Speaker Lima.

Representative Alzate announces on Tuesday, February 15th the Black and Latino Caucus will be hosting an event in the State House Library Celebrating Black History Month.

Chairwoman Fogarty announces that the Committee on Municipal Government and Housing will meet today, at the rise of the House, in Room 101 of the State House.

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

IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION

House Resolution No. 7430

BY Noret, Roberts, Chippendale, Quattrocchi, Price, Filippi, Blazejewski, Bennett, Kennedy
ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE
PASSING OF THE HONORABLE MR. EVERETT E. HUDSON, JR. {LC4545/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Nardone discusses the resolution.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Nardone, seconded by Representative Roberts, Whip Chippendale, Quattrocchi, Price, Minority Leader Filippi, and Majority Leader Blazejewski many, by unanimous consent, on a rising vote.

House Resolution No. 7431**BY** Blazejewski, Filippi**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING CONGRATULATIONS {LC4721/1}

Majority Leader Blazejewski requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

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

House Resolution No. 7432**BY** Blazejewski, Filippi**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES {LC4722/1}

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Majority Leader Blazejewski announces the House will be meeting in session next Tuesday, February 15, and next Thursday, February 17, both at 4 p.m.

We will be in recess the following week.

When we return on Tuesday, March 1st, please remember that is the deadline day for bill introductions. But please do not wait – get your bills drafted as soon as possible by Legislative Council in order for you to get signatures next week.

Majority Leader Blazejewski and Deputy Speaker Lima wish Representative Liana Cassar a Happy Birthday this Sunday, February 13th.

Representative Ranglin-Vassell reads the poem “Mr. Big Man” in honor of Black History Month.

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 Deputy Speaker Lima 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 measure, with recommendation of passage:

House Bill No. 6659

BY Phillips, Caldwell, Carson, Cortvriend, Fellela, Casey, Filippi, Lima S

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- UNFAIR SALES PRACTICES (Same as 21H-5769 Sub A --A provider of a club, facility, or services to a consumer must stop automatic deductions from the consumer's account or credit card within thirty (30) calendar days of receiving a notice to stop from the consumer.) {LC3608/1}

02/11/2022 Placed on House Calendar (02/15/2022)

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

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

House Bill No. 6623

BY Corvese

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE GENERALLY--LEVY AND SALE ON EXECUTION (Same as 21H-5038 -- Exempts from attachment five hundred dollars (\$500) in savings or deposits in financial or banking institutions.) {LC3168/1}

02/11/2022 Placed on House Calendar (02/17/2022)

House Bill No. 7023 SUB A

BY Carson, Craven

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- LOCAL PLANNING BOARD OR COMMISSION (Requires initial, biennial, and continuing education in land use law and planning for local planning and zoning board members and members of historic district commissions.) {LC3296/A/1}

02/11/2022 Placed on House Calendar (02/17/2022)

COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT AND ELECTIONS

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

House Bill No. 7323 SUB A**BY** Phillips, Newberry, Kazarian, Corvese, Diaz, Place**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- REDISTRICTING OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY (Sets forth the boundaries of the voting districts for the House of Representatives and the Senate. Also sets forth the territory for the First and Second Congressional Districts in Rhode Island.) {LC4397/A/1}

02/11/2022 Placed on House Calendar (02/15/2022)

TRANSFER OF BILLS**Chairman Craven, for the Committee on Judiciary, reports back the following measures, with recommendation of transfer to the Committee on Finance:****House Bill No. 7403****BY** Perez, Slater, Diaz, Hull, Lombardi J, McLaughlin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT SOCIAL PROTECTION ACT (Creates an accident compensation fund to provide payments and benefits to those injured by uninsured motorists, to be administered by the department of human services.) {LC4308/1}

02/14/2022 Committee transferred to House Finance

NEW BUSINESS**House Bill No. 7433****BY** Serpa**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- PERSONAL DELIVERY DEVICES {LC4567/1}

02/11/2022 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 7434**BY** Barros, Solomon, Kennedy, Alzate**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- CREDIT CARD LENDING (Modernizes the Rhode Island credit card lending statute by amending the definition of "credit card plan" to keep up with new technology and online purchasing and expressly allows merchants to continue to assist consumers with digital payment options.) {LC4453/1}

02/11/2022 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 7435**BY** Morgan P**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CURRICULUM (Requires schools to include in their curriculum the histories of all the people of various nationalities, who have come to America to make the United States their new home.) {LC4566/1}

02/11/2022 Introduced, referred to House Education

House Bill No. 7436

BY Cortvriend, Speakman, Carson, Potter, McGaw, Knight, Bennett, McEntee, Handy, Kislak
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- COMPREHENSIVE PFAS BAN ACT OF 2022 (Prohibits use of PFAS in carpets, upholstered furniture, textile furnishings, apparel, cosmetics, juvenile products, cookware, firefighting foam and gives authority to the department of environmental management to regulate and the use.) {LC4381/1}
02/11/2022 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

House Resolution No. 7437

BY Carson, Kazarian, Cortvriend, Donovan, Caldwell, Cassar, McEntee, Knight, McGaw, Ajello
ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE RHODE ISLAND RESOURCE AND RECOVERY CORPORATION (RIRRC) TO CONDUCT A RECYCLING/WASTE AUDIT ON THE RHODE ISLAND STATE HOUSE AND PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR A WASTE REDUCTION STRATEGY {LC3293/1}
02/11/2022 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

House Bill No. 7438

BY Cortvriend, Speakman, Carson, Morales, Marszalkowski, McGaw, Ruggiero, Fogarty, Donovan, Kislak
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- TOXIC PACKAGING REDUCTION ACT (Prohibits the sale or promotional distribution of any food package containing perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), effective January 1, 2024. It would sunset § 23-18.13-3(g)(3) on July 1, 2027.) {LC4634/1}
02/11/2022 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

House Bill No. 7439

BY Slater, Diaz, Bennett, O'Brien, Serpa, Williams, Biah, Amore, Henries, Caldwell
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE - FIELD TRIALS AND SHOOTING PRESERVES – CAPTIVE HUNTING PROHIBITED (Prohibits captive hunting for domestic or wild animals and does not prohibit the release of upland game birds for hunting on licensed shooting preserves.) {LC4587/1}
02/11/2022 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

House Bill No. 7440

BY Alzate, Amore, Williams, Slater, Speakman, Kazarian, Barros, Potter, Diaz, Kislak
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Adds one new income tax bracket for purposes of state income taxation.) {LC4026/1}
02/11/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7441

BY Solomon, McNamara, Casimiro, Noret
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- EDUCATION ASSISTANCE AND DEVELOPMENT TAX CREDIT (Creates a tax credit for the amount in excess of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) contributed to a public school district for the express purpose of making physical improvements to a school.) {LC3529/1}
02/11/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7442

BY Cassar, Ajello, Craven, Kazarian, Blazejewski, Knight, Alzate, Biah, McGaw, Donovan
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- HEALTH CARE FOR CHILDREN AND PREGNANT WOMEN--EQUALITY IN ABORTION COVERAGE (Provide for abortion coverage in the Medicaid program and repeals the abortion coverage exclusion for state employee insurance plans.) {LC3437/1}
02/11/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7443

BY Cassar, Felix, Williams, Morales, Slater, Caldwell, Craven, Hull, McGaw, Tanzi
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- HEALTH CARE FOR CHILDREN AND PREGNANT WOMEN (Increases the coverage eligibility for any pregnant person for Medicaid from an income level of 250% of the federal poverty level to 400% of the federal poverty level and provides full health insurance coverage for pregnant people.) {LC4429/1}
02/11/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7444

BY Cassar, Giraldo, Kislak, Ajello, Shallcross Smith, Alzate, Solomon, Caldwell, Lombardi J, Tanzi
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- TEMPORARY DISABILITY INSURANCE -- GENERAL PROVISIONS (Increases the taxable wage upon which employees make contributions to the TDI and TCI funds and increases the maximum weeks for temporary caregivers from 4 to 12 weeks.) {LC3436/1}
02/11/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7445

BY Alzate, Barros, Felix, Kislak, McGaw, Batista, Ajello, Diaz
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE (Increases eligibility for the three (3) federal Medicare Savings Programs and eliminates the asset test for these programs.) {LC4718/1}
02/11/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7446

BY Serpa
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE -- LONG-TERM CARE SERVICE AND FINANCE REFORM (Provides Medicaid home care base rate adjustments.) {LC4467/1}
02/11/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7447

BY Morgan P
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION (Provides tax credits to any entity that relocates any part of the United States supply chain that currently is located in another country to Rhode Island.) {LC4555/1}
02/11/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7448

BY Felix, Alzate, Lombardi J, Diaz, Donovan, Cassar, Batista, Williams, Vella-Wilkinson, Morales

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC TRANSIT AUTHORITY (Prohibits the Rhode Island Public Transit Authority (RIPTA) from imposing any fares and/or charges for service provided to the general public.) {LC4734/1}

02/11/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7449

BY Serpa

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS -- NATIONAL GUARD (Raises the amount of life insurance the state would provide at no charge to Rhode Island National Guard members called up for federal duty to five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000).) {LC4553/1}

02/11/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7450

BY McNamara, Bennett, Vella-Wilkinson, Solomon

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO AERONAUTICS -- AIRPORTS AND LANDING FIELDS (Increases the amount of reimbursement funds required to be paid by the Rhode Island airport corporation to the city of Warwick for municipal services from five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) to one million four hundred thousand dollars (\$1,400,000).) {LC4211/1}

02/11/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7451

BY Nardone, Roberts, Chippendale, Noret, Serpa, Morgan P

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- INSPECTION OF DAMS AND RESERVOIRS -- ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY OF JOHNSON'S POND (Provides a dedicated grant of funding to DEM, specifically to commission an environmental study for the public benefit.) {LC4543/1}

02/11/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Resolution No. 7452

BY Barros, Giraldo, Amore, Alzate, Messier

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$500,000 TO MYSTIC AQUARIUM FOR EXPANSION OF THE STEM ADVANTAGE PROGRAM (This resolution would authorize the appropriation of the sum of \$500,000 to expand the Stem Advantage Program.) {LC4698/1}

02/11/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7453

BY McLaughlin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE – ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES (Limits an individual's co-pay for any diagnostic imaging tests, inclusive of magnetic resonance imaging tests (MRIs), computed tomography scans (CT), ultrasound or x-ray, to forty dollars (\$40).) {LC4636/1}

02/11/2022 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 7454

BY Cassar, Felix, Williams, Morales, Slater, Caldwell, Craven, Hull, Fenton-Fung, McGaw
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE - ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS
INSURANCE POLICIES (Establishes a special enrollment provision for pregnant women to
obtain health insurance coverage at any time after the commencement of the pregnancy.)
{LC4430/1}

02/11/2022 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 7455

BY Craven, Cortvriend
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- CONSERVATION AND
PRESERVATION RESTRICTIONS ON REAL PROPERTY (Requires conservation and
preservation restrictions to be liberally interpreted in favor of the grants awarded.) {LC4690/1}
02/11/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7456

BY Perez, Vella-Wilkinson, Quattrocchi, Solomon, Roberts, Place, Hull, Lombardi J,
McLaughlin
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS (Allows those
persons with concealed carry permits issued by other states to carry upon their person weapons
in Rhode Island provided that the issuing state recognizes and gives reciprocity to RI permit
holders.) {LC4309/1}

02/11/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7457

BY Tanzi, Ranglin-Vassell, Cassar, Felix, McGaw, Donovan, Alzate, Giraldo, Kazarian, Kislak
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS (Increases the
age from eighteen (18) to twenty-one (21) years for lawful sale of firearms or ammunition.
Exempts full-time law enforcement, state marshals and members of the U.S. military from these
prohibitions.) {LC4437/1}

02/11/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Resolution No. 7458

BY McLaughlin
ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE FETUS AS A HUMAN LIFE
UPON THE EXISTENCE OF A HEARTBEAT {LC4704/1}

02/11/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7459

BY O'Brien, Craven, Noret, Corvese, Solomon, Costantino, Lima C, Azzinaro, Vella-Wilkinson,
Hawkins
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- MAINTENANCE OF ORDER ON
CAMPUS (Mandates arming campus police at public higher educational institutions and
includes campus police in the definition of "law enforcement officer" for the purposes of the
"Law Enforcement Officers' Bill of Rights.") {LC4707/1}

02/11/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7460**BY** McNamara, Serpa, Fellela, Kazarian, Bennett**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE - PROCEDURE GENERALLY - EVIDENCE (Provides that certain statements by a health care provider to a patient or the patient's family would be inadmissible as evidence or an admission of liability.) {LC3491/1}

02/11/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7461**BY** Kislak, Felix, Knight, Ajello, Cassar, Batista, Williams, Kazarian, Barros, Alzate**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO DELINQUENT AND DEPENDENT CHILDREN -- PROCEEDINGS IN FAMILY COURT (Prohibits family court from detaining or committing any juvenile, under 14 years of age, to training school, for any enumerated capital offenses or attempts to commit those offenses, and court determines that there is no other reasonable placement.) {LC4713/1}

02/11/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7462**BY** Nardone, Quattrocchi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- MECHANICAL TRADES (Authorizes issuance of P.J.F. limited HVAC service person's license upon examination for work on or repair of electric wiring/equipment located on heating/AC systems.) {LC4535/1}

02/11/2022 Introduced, referred to House Labor

House Bill No. 7463**BY** Perez, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams, Batista, Lima C, Felix, Diaz, Bennett, Solomon, Costantino**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- RHODE ISLAND PARENTAL AND FAMILY MEDICAL LEAVE ACT (Grants unpaid pregnancy leave to all part-time workers, would clarify their access to unpaid sick leave during their pregnancy, and would provide additional protections for pregnant workers who work in the medical field.) {LC4324/1}

02/11/2022 Introduced, referred to House Labor

House Bill No. 7464**BY** Perez, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams, Batista, Lima C, Diaz, Costantino**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - UNLAWFUL EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES (Prohibits an employer from inquiring about a prospective employee wage and salary history before an offer of employment with compensation has been negotiated.) {LC4316/1}

02/11/2022 Introduced, referred to House Labor

(For Co-sponsorship removal request, see Journal of 3-1-2022, page 2.)

House Bill No. 7465**BY** Perez, Vella-Wilkinson, Solomon, Fellela, Hull, Lombardi J, McLaughlin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Places a cap of twenty percent (20%) on increases in consecutive revaluations of real property in all cities and towns conducting revaluations commencing December 31, 2022, and every December 31 thereafter.) {LC4306/1}

02/11/2022 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 7466**BY** Perez, Vella-Wilkinson, Lombardi J, Hull, McLaughlin, Potter**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY – RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT (Limits residential rent increases to ten percent (10%) annually.) {LC4635/1}

02/11/2022 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

(For Co-sponsorship removal request, see Journal of 4-7-2022, page 3.)**House Bill No. 7467****BY** Serpa**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CITIES AND TOWNS -- SEWAGE CHARGES -- TOWN OF COVENTRY (Authorizes the town of Coventry to provide for the payment of sewer assessments in installments up to a thirty year period.) {LC4561/1}

02/11/2022 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 7468

(By Request)

BY McGaw, Carson, Cortvriend, Abney, Donovan, Williams, Cassar, Ruggiero, Alzate, Felix
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- BLACK REGIMENT MONUMENT COMMISSION (Establishes the Black Regiment Monument Commission to maintain the Black Regiment Monument located in Patriots Park in Portsmouth and its surrounding grounds/promotes the commemoration of the Black Regiment.) {LC4410/1}

02/11/2022 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 7469**BY** Serpa**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- THE EDWARD O. HAWKINS AND THOMAS C. SLATER MEDICAL MARIJUANA ACT (Includes domestic pets as eligible to use medical marijuana if certified by a licensed veterinarian.) {LC4471/1}

02/11/2022 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 7470**BY** Vella-Wilkinson, Williams, Amore, Barros, Baginski, Kazarian, Morales, McEntee, Marszalkowski, Cassar**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RECOGNITION OF NATIVE AMERICAN TRIBES (Recognizes the Seaconke Wampanoag tribe as a Native American Indian tribe.) {LC4550/1}

02/11/2022 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 7471

BY Vella-Wilkinson, Williams, Amore, Barros, Baginski, Solomon, Kazarian, Morales, McEntee, Marszalkowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RECOGNITION OF NATIVE AMERICAN TRIBES (Provides a procedure for a Native American tribe to petition the state for recognition.) {LC4551/1}

02/11/2022 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 7472

BY Kislak, Morales, Cortvriend, Hull, Batista, Cassar

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- PRIMARY ELECTIONS--GENERAL ASSEMBLY OFFICES--RANKED CHOICE VOTING (Establishes an instant runoff form of ranked choice voting limited to general assembly primary elections, with three (3) or more candidates.) {LC3788/1}

02/11/2022 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 7473

BY Alzate, Felix, Batista, Diaz, McNamara

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT (Establishes state support for school-based mental health services.) {LC4446/1}

02/11/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:59 o'clock P.M. on motion of Representative Fellela, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Benedetto "Bennie" Zanni, on motion of Representative Nardone, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Hon. Everett Hudson; on motion of Representative McNamara, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Louis Parente; on motion of Representative Azzinaro, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Angela Larson seconded by Leaders Blazejewski and Filippi the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

Diane M. DePina
Recording Clerk

APPENDIX

INVOCATION

REPRESENTATIVE JUSTINE A. CALDWELL

Dear Lord: Black History Month is an opportunity to ensure a more complete and thorough education of African American contributions to our society. Help us to honor that history by guiding this legislature to represent all our citizens, fairly, equally, and without pride or prejudice. Amen

APPENDIX**TRANSMITTED TO GOVERNOR****Senate Bill No. 2134**

BY DiMario, Picard, Acosta, Euer, Lawson, Valverde, DiPalma, Zurier, Murray, Burke
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- SMALL BUSINESSES --
ZONING ORDINANCES (Imposes one year moratorium on enforcement of municipal
ordinance or zoning requirement that penalizes owners of food service establishments/bars for
modifications/alternations to their premises in response to an emergency declaration.)

{LC3969/1}

02/10/2022 Transmitted to Governor

Senate Bill No. 2153 as amended

BY Gallo

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.) {LC4390/1}

02/10/2022 Transmitted to Governor

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 2154 SUB A

BY Ruggerio, McCaffrey, Goodwin

ENTITLED, CONCURRENT RESOLUTION EXTENDING POWER CONFERRED UPON
THE GOVERNOR PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SUBSECTION (E) OF TITLE 30,
CHAPTER 15, SECTION 9 OF THE RHODE ISLAND GENERAL LAWS {LC4399/A/1}

02/11/2022 Transmitted to Governor

APPENDIX**CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2022:**

- 1. 2022-H 7323 SUB A**
BY Phillips
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- REDISTRICTING OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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

- 2. 2022-H 6659**
BY Phillips
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- UNFAIR SALES PRACTICES

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2022:

- 1. 2022-H 7023 SUB A**
BY Carson
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- LOCAL PLANNING BOARD OR COMMISSION

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

- 2. 2022-H 6623**
BY Corvese
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE GENERALLY--LEVY AND SALE ON EXECUTION

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Francis McCabe
Clerk of the House

Friday, February 11, 2022