

# 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 Fourth Day of January in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty-Two.

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Tuesday, February 15, 2022

Eleventh-Day

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The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence, Tuesday, February 15, 2022, and is called to order at 4:16 o'clock P.M., by the Honorable K. Joseph Shekarchi, Speaker.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 67 members present and 8 members absent as follows:

**PRESENT** – 67: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Baginski, Barros, Batista, Bennett, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casimiro, Cassar, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Filippi, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima C., Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McLaughlin, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Price, Quattrocchi, Ranglin-Vassell, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tobon, Vella-Wilkinson and Williams.

**ABSENT** – 8: Representatives Biah, Casey, Costantino, Craven, Hawkins, Lima S., Morgan and Tanzi.

### INVOCATION

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

(For Invocation, see Appendix, this Journal.)

### APPROVAL OF RECORD

By unanimous consent, the House Journal of Thursday, February 10, 2022, is approved.

RHODE ISLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY



House of Representatives

**CO-SPONSORSHIP REMOVAL REQUEST**  
**2022**

Pursuant to House Rule 15(g)(ii), Representative Casimir  
hereby requests the removal of their co-sponsorship of Bill # II- 7071  
entitled: Public Officers and Employees-Salaries and Traveling

Expenses

\_\_\_\_\_ which is currently in the House Committee on

Finance

Signature: 

House District # 31

Date: 2-15, 2022

Acknowledgment:

  
Chief Legal Counsel to the Speaker

*NOTE: This request must be submitted to the Clerk of the House, who will retain the original and a copy to be placed in the committee's original bill file*

## COMMUNICATIONS

Representative Stephen M. Casey is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, February 15, 2022.  
 Representative Steven Lima is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, February 15, 2022.  
 Representative Patricia Morgan is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, February 15, 2022.

## CALENDAR

From the Calendar are taken:



State of Rhode Island  
 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

I, Joseph McNamara State Representative, District 19, 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 7323 Sub A
2. (Nature of the potential conflict) I have the following interest in the matter: I am Chair of the R.I. Democratic Party.
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.

State of Rhode Island  
 County of: Providence

Subscribed and sworn to under the penalties for perjury before me this



Joseph McNamara  
 REPRESENTATIVE

day of February, 2022

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

Michael P....  
 SPEAKER

**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.

Chairman Shanley moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Phillips, McEntee, Noret, Ruggiero, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams, Fogarty, Deputy Speaker Lima, Potter, Azzinaro, Donovan, Carson, Abney, Corvese, Bennett, Slater, Hull, Tobon, Cardillo, Edwards, McLaughlin, Casimiro, Whip Kazarian, Felix and Solomon.

By unanimous consent, Chairman Shanley, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, offers a written motion to amend.

**FLOOR AMENDMENT  
TO  
2022 -- H 7323 SUBSTITUTE A**

**AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- REDISTRICTING OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

Mr. Speaker:

I hereby move to amend 2022 -- H 7323 SUBSTITUTE A, entitled "AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- REDISTRICTING OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY", as follows:

1. On page 173, line 28, by deleting the language "senatorial or".
2. On page 173, line 34, by deleting the language "senator or".
3. On page 174, line 1, by deleting the language "senator or".

Respectfully submitted,

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Representative Shanley

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LC004397/3

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Chairman Shanley discusses the amendment.

The motion to amend prevails 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, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casimiro, Cassar, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Filippi, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima C., Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McLaughlin, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Price, Quattrocchi, Ranglin-Vassell, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tobon, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 1: Representative McNamara.

Representative Ajello discusses the act as amended.

Representative Ajello requests to vote separately, page 174 section 9, lines 3-18, Speaker rules it is divisible.

Representatives Ajello, McGaw, Phillips, and Morales discuss the act as amended.

#### **POINT OF ORDER**

Minority Leader Filippi rises on a point of order.

The Honorable Speaker upholds the point of order.

Representative Ajello continues the discussion on the act as amended.

Representative Place requests under Rule 28 to divide, page 36-63 section 2, the Honorable Speaker rules it is not divisible.

#### **RULING OF THE CHAIR CHALLENGED**

**Representative Place rises and challenges the Ruling of the Chair.**

The Honorable Speaker calls for a vote on The Ruling of the Chair is upheld ,on a roll call vote, 57 members voting in the affirmative and 9 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 57: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Baginski, Barros, Batista, Bennett, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casimiro, Cassar, Cortvriend, Corvese, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima C., Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McLaughlin, Messier, Morales, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Potter, Ranglin-Vassell, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tobon, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams.

NAYS - 9: Representatives Chippendale, Fenton-Fung, Filippi, Nardone, Newberry, Place, Price, Quattrocchi, Roberts.

RECUSED - 1: Representatives McNamara.

Representative Newberry continues the discussion on the act as amended.

**Page 174, section 9, lines 3-18** prevails, on a roll call vote, 53 members voting in the affirmative and 12 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 53: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Baginski, Barros, Batista, Bennett, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casimiro, Cassar, Chippendale, Corvese, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Filippi, Giraldo, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Lima C., Marszalkowski, McEntee, McLaughlin, Messier, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Place, Potter, Price, Quattrocchi, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tobon, Vella-Wilkinson.

NAYS - 12: Representatives Ajello, Fogarty, Handy, Henries, Kislak, Knight, Lombardi, McGaw, Morales, Perez, Ranglin-Vassell, Williams.

RECUSED - 1: Representative McNamara.

Representatives Phillips, Place, Diaz, Fenton- Fung, and Corvese discuss the act as amended.

**The remainder of the act** marked Substitute "A", is read and passed, as amended, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, 58 members voting in the affirmative and 8 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 58: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Baginski, Barros, Batista, Bennett, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casimiro, Cassar, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Filippi, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima C., Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McLaughlin, Messier, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Potter, Ranglin-Vassell, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tobon, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams.

NAYS - 8: Representatives Fenton-Fung, Henries, Morales, Perez, Place, Price, Quattrocchi, Roberts.

RECUSED - 1: Representative McNamara.

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

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

Chairman Solomon moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Henries, Phillips, Morales, Caldwell, O' Brien, Bennett, Barros, McEntee, and Carson.

Representative Phillips discusses the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 67 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 67: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Baginski, Barros, Batista, Bennett, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casimiro, Cassar, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Filippi, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima C., Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McLaughlin, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Price, 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

Representative Batista would like to welcome, and recognizes the "Divine 9" the Original African American Greek Letter Organization: Alpha Phi Alpha (Fraternity, Inc.), Alpha Kappa Alpha (Sorority, Inc.), Kappa Alpha Psi (Fraternity, Inc.), Omega Psi Phi (Fraternity, Inc.), Delta Sigma Theta (Sorority, Inc.), Phi Beta Sigma (Fraternity, Inc.), Zeta Phi Beta (Sorority, Inc.), Sigma Gamma Rho (Sorority, Inc.), Iota Phi Theta (Fraternity, Inc.). He also would like to thank Representative Alzate and Administrative assistants Jimmy DeCastro and Erin McKenna for all their efforts.

Speaker Shekarchi welcomes the Divine 9 to the House.

Representative Speakman would like to correct herself in last week's announcement of celebrating the accomplishments of Motown and Black History. The correction is Stevie Wonder's "Songs in the Key of Life" was not a gold record, it was a platinum record.

Chairwoman Ruggiero, announces commemorating Black History Month, recognizes Althea Gibson, 1<sup>st</sup> African American woman to win a Grand Slam title and the French, Wimbledon award.

### 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.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Ranglin-Vassell shares a poem in celebration of Black History Month. She wishes and dedicates the poem to her two sons Eric and Terrance Vassell on their birthday today February, 15<sup>th</sup> 2022.

Speaker Shekarchi wishes Eric and Terrance a very Happy Birthday!

### AT EASE

At 5:10 o'clock P.M. the Honorable Speaker Shekarchi declares the House to be at ease.

### ORDER

At 5:48 o'clock P.M. the Honorable Speaker Shekarchi calls the House to order.

### COMMUNICATION FROM THE SENATE

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

**Senate Bill No. 2162 SUB A as amended**

**BY** Archambault, Ruggiero, McCaffrey, Goodwin, Coyne, Felag, Quezada, Sosnowski  
**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.) {LC4405/A/1}  
02/15/2022 Placed on House Calendar (02/15/2022)





## State of Rhode Island

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

I, Joseph McNamara, State Representative, District 19, 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: S 2162

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

I am the Chair of the R.I. Democratic Party.

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.

State of Rhode Island  
County of: Providence

Subscribed and sworn to under the penalties for perjury before me this 15 day of February, 2022.



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

[Signature]  
SPEAKER

COPIES: WHITE - RI Ethics Commission - YELLOW - Representative - PINK - House Clerk

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

### CALENDAR

**3. 2022-S 2162 SUB A as amended**

**BY** Archambault

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- REDISTRICTING OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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

Majority Leader Blazejewski moves passage of the act, seconded by, Representative Phillips and many others.

Representative Williams requests to vote separately, Section on 9. The Honorable Speaker rules it is divisible.

**Section 9 prevails**, on a roll call vote, 52 members voting in the affirmative and 11 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 52: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Baginski, Barros, Batista, Bennett, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casimiro, Cassar, Chippendale, Corvese, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Filippi, Fogarty, Giraldo, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Lima C., Marszalkowski, McEntee, McLaughlin, Messier, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tobon, Vella-Wilkinson.

NAYS - 11: Representatives Ajello, Handy, Henries, Kislak, Knight, Lombardi, McGaw, Morales, Ranglin-Vassell, Shallcross Smith, Williams.

RECUSED - 1: Representative McNamara.

**The remainder of the bill** marked Substitute "A", is read and passed, as amended, in concurrence, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, 57 members voting in the affirmative and 6 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 57: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Baginski, Barros, Batista, Bennett, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casimiro, Cassar, Chippendale, Corvese, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Filippi, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima C., Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McLaughlin, Messier, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Potter, Ranglin-Vassell, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tobon, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams.

NAYS - 6: Representatives Fenton-Fung, Henries, Morales, Place, Quattrocchi, Roberts.

RECUSED - 1: Representative McNamara.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Majority Leader Blazejewski announces there will be session this Thursday, February 17, 2022, at 4:00 p.m.

Majority Leader Blazejewski and Speaker Shekarchi wish Representative Arthur Handy a Happy Birthday!

**IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION****House Resolution No. 7474**

**BY** McGaw, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Filippi, Cortvriend, Williams, Abney, Carson, Kennedy, Solomon

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION HONORING AND CELEBRATING THE HEROIC ACTIONS OF THE 1ST RHODE ISLAND REGIMENT, BETTER KNOWN AS THE "BLACK REGIMENT", DURING THE AMERICAN REVOLUTIONARY WAR {LC4744/1

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

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative McGaw, seconded by Speaker Shekarchi and many others, 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.

**NEW BUSINESS****House Bill No. 7475**

**BY** Hull, Slater, Williams, Perez, Vella-Wilkinson, O'Brien, Bennett, Morales, Ranglin-Vassell, McLaughlin

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION (Requires all public utilities to maintain a customer service facility within the state to perform services such as addressing customer inquiries and accepting bill payments.) {LC4717/1}

02/16/2022 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 7476**

**BY** Morales, Caldwell, Kazarian, Solomon, Potter, Kennedy, Lima C, Giraldo, Lima S, Shallcross Smith

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION (Directs PUC to amend its regulations by extending utility termination moratorium period from April 15 to May 1 of each year. It wouldn't affect suspension of service termination & collection action authorized during the COVID emergency.) {LC3210/1} 02/16/2022 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 7477**

**BY** Shanley

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGULATION OF BUSINESS PRACTICES AMONG MOTOR VEHICLE MANUFACTURERS, DISTRIBUTORS, AND DEALERS {LC3483/1} 02/16/2022 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 7478**

**BY** Edwards, Azzinaro, Kennedy, Bennett

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- INSPECTION OF MOTOR VEHICLES (Exempt vehicles purchased at the end of their lease term by the current lessee that have a valid certificate of inspection affixed to the windshield from the requirement that dealers of used vehicles conduct a new inspection.) {LC3687/1} 02/16/2022 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 7479**

**BY** Quattrocchi, Fenton-Fung, Roberts

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - RHODE ISLAND CERTIFICATION STANDARDS BOARD (Amends the right to read act allowing for instruction utilizing a multi-sensory, phonics based approach, by providing teachers to have proof of having completed hours phonological awareness Orton-Gillingham training.) {LC4760/1} 02/16/2022 Introduced, referred to House Education

**House Bill No. 7480**

**BY** Amore, Fenton-Fung, Quattrocchi

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - ARIANNA'S SPEECH FLUENCY ACT (Provides that the general assembly would appropriate \$50,000 annually for a three (3) year pilot program on teacher training in the Orton-Gillingham classroom educator program.) {LC4466/1} 02/16/2022 Introduced, referred to House Education

**House Bill No. 7481**

**BY** Carson, Cortvriend, Speakman, Kislak, Potter, Fogarty, McEntee, Bennett

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- PESTICIDE CONTROL (Requires any person, business or establishment that provides or sells pesticides for home use to post the pesticide consumer protection warning or notice produced by the department of environmental management in a prominent place to protect consumers.) {LC4292/1} 02/16/2022 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

**House Bill No. 7482**

(General Treasurer)

**BY** Morales, Henries, Potter, Batista, McGaw, Giraldo, Speakman, Ranglin-Vassell, Lombardi J, Knight**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC FINANCE - IDENTIFICATION OF STATE PENSION FUNDS WITH MILITARY CONTRACTORS (Requires the state investment commission to identify pension fund investments in military weapon manufacturers whether held directly and indirectly.) {LC3223/1}

02/16/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 7483****BY** Price, Casimiro**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- STATE AID (Secures general assembly appropriations in lieu of property taxes for state-owned properties within the town of Exeter.) {LC4740/1}

02/16/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 7484****BY** Morales, Williams, Felix, Alzate, Giraldo, Kazarian, Casimiro, Kislak, Diaz, Hull**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- HEALTH CARE FOR CHILDREN AND PREGNANT WOMEN (Expands the Rite Track Program to provide health care coverage to children up to age nineteen (19) funded by federal funds, if available, or if not available, by state funds.) {LC4539/1}

02/16/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 7485****BY** O'Brien, Solomon, Hull, Vella-Wilkinson, Cardillo, Noret**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT (Extends the reimbursement to a school district or municipality for the employment of newly hired school resource officers only.) {LC4710/1}

02/16/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 7486****BY** Fenton-Fung, Amore, Quattrocchi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- RHODE ISLAND SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN WITH DYSLEXIA, DYSCALCULIA, AND DYSGRAPHIA (SEE TITLE 16 CHAPTER 97 -- THE RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION ACT) {LC4464/1}

02/16/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 7487****BY** Place, Chippendale, Quattrocchi, Nardone, Roberts**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.) {LC4755/1}

02/16/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 7488****BY** Amore, Slater, Henries

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- FEDERAL AID (Requires school lunch service contracts to provide for payment to school-lunch workers and aides for one hundred eight (180) days or the length of the contract for the school year, whichever is longer.) {LC4357/1}  
02/16/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 7489****BY** Casimiro, Noret, Solomon, McEntee, Kislak, Chippendale, Kazarian, Felix, Henries, McGaw

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES - MEDICAL AND CLINICAL SERVICES PROGRAMS RATE REVIEW AND RATE SETTING PROCESS ACT OF 2022 (Provides for rate setting and review for all medical programs licensed or having a contract with the state as well as Medicaid.) {LC4421/1}

02/16/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**(Added to Co-sponsorship is Representative McGaw)****House Bill No. 7490****BY** Barros, Giraldo, Kislak, Casimiro, Solomon, Alzate, Felix, Cassar, Messier

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- PUBLIC ASSISTANCE ACT (Allows SNAP recipients to receive a minimum of \$0.50 credit on their EBT card, for each \$1.00 spent on fruits and vegetables also creates a separate SNAP fund to allocate funds from the general fund to effectuate this act.) {LC4761/1}

02/16/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 7491****BY** Tobon, Azzinaro, Vella-Wilkinson, Abney, Noret, Place, Price, Kennedy, Amore, McLaughlin

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- STATE LOTTERY (Designates a special account for veterans' causes to be funded by Keno sales, less prizes and commissions, generated on Memorial Day and Veterans Day with disbursement pursuant to legislation and appropriation by the general assembly.) {LC4746/1}

02/16/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 7492****BY** Morales, Williams, Batista, Biah, Ranglin-Vassell, Lombardi J

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- GENERAL POWERS (Authorizes municipalities to tax school tuition and school meals. Contains exemptions from taxation.) {LC4382/1}

02/16/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 7493****BY** Morales, Cortvriend, Ruggiero, McGaw, Azzinaro, Filippi, McEntee, Kennedy, Williams, Chippendale

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES -- LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Exempts from taxation the sale, storage, use, or other consumption of COVID-19 take home tests.) {LC3581/1}

02/16/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 7494****BY** O'Brien, Slater, Hull, Solomon, Vella-Wilkinson, Cardillo, Noret**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Raises the earned-income tax credit from fifteen percent (15%) to fifty percent (50%) for the tax years 2023 and beyond.) {LC4709/1}

02/16/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 7495****BY** Perez, Vella-Wilkinson, Lima C**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOTOR VEHICLE REPARATIONS ACT (Amends the fine imposed for a first offense for failure to maintain financial security, to a maximum of one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125).) {LC4317/1}

02/16/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 7496****BY** Bennett, Cortvriend, Speakman, Carson, Ajello, Kislak, Donovan, Henries, Hull, Williams**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- ECONOMIC AND CLIMATE RESILIENCE ACT OF 2022 (Establishes a fee on companies that sell fossil fuels in Rhode Island.) {LC3279/1}

02/16/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 7497****BY** Messier, Williams, McEntee, Casimiro, Ajello, Shallcross Smith, Donovan, Cortvriend, McGaw, Caldwell**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- RETIREMENT SYSTEM CONTRIBUTIONS AND BENEFITS (Awards all members of the pension system a three percent (3%) (COLA) if certain conditions are met.) {LC4111/1}

02/16/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 7498****BY** McLaughlin, Hull, McNamara**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- RETIREMENT SYSTEM -- MEMBERSHIP AND SERVICE CREDITS (Exempts active members of the retirement system employed as a state public safety professional and/or a municipal police officer, from the cost to purchase retirement credit for their military service and interest charges.) {LC4716/1}

02/16/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 7499**

**BY** Slater, Vella-Wilkinson, Hull, Amore, O'Brien, Diaz, Williams, Tobon, Morales, McEntee  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE TO FINANCE A CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS THE UNFUNDED PENSION LIABILITY OF THE EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE BY THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS IN A PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$515,000,000 (Authorizes the city of Providence to finance a contribution towards the unfunded pension liability of the employee retirement system of the city of Providence by the issuance of bonds in the principal amount of \$515,000,000.) {LC4719/1}

02/16/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 7500**

**BY** Cassar, McNamara, Kislak, Speakman, Lombardi J, Potter, Felix, Amore, Ajello, Donovan  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- INDIVIDUAL HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE (Requires individual health insurers, large group health insurers and small employer health insurers to provide coverage for essential health benefits listed in the act.) {LC4427/1}

02/16/2022 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

**House Bill No. 7501**

**BY** McNamara, Kislak, Ackerman, Noret

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- THE PSYCHOLOGY INTERJURISDICTIONAL COMPACT (Authorizes the governor to enter into the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact and designates an office to administer this compact.) {LC4738/1}

02/16/2022 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

**House Bill No. 7502**

**BY** McNamara, Ackerman

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENCE LICENSING ACT (Requires department of health to establish an informal dispute resolution to address any changes to department of health violations.) {LC4212/1}

02/16/2022 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

**House Bill No. 7503**

**BY** Amore, Henries

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES (Requires coverage for treatment of pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal infections and pediatric acute onset neuropsychiatric syndrome, including, but not limited to, the use of intravenous immunoglobulin therapy.) {LC4745/1}

02/16/2022 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

**House Bill No. 7504**

**BY** Cortvriend, Edwards, Solomon, Craven, Phillips, Batista

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- BY POSSESSION AND PRESCRIPTION {LC3355/1}

02/16/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary



**House Bill No. 7505**

**BY** Morales, Felix, Williams, Place, Kislak, Batista, Filippi, Speakman, Lombardi J  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT--PROHIBITION ON THE USE OF POLICE ROBOT TECHNOLOGY (Prohibits on-duty/off-duty law enforcement officer from utilizing any robot/police robot dog/UAV, whether armed/unarmed, within the scope of their employment as well as police departments from purchase/procurement of any robots/UVAs/police robot dogs.) {LC3224/1}

02/16/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

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

**House Bill No. 7506**

**BY** Quattrocchi, Nardone, Price, Place, Roberts  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- PASSING, USE OF LANES, AND RULES OF THE ROAD (Permits the practice of lane splitting by motorcycles.) {LC4557/1}

02/16/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 7507**

**BY** Solomon, Edwards, Ajello, Filippi, Casimiro  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- AUTOMATED LICENSE PLATE READERS (Provides for municipal and state police authorities to utilize automated license plate readers. Further, it identifies what data may be collected and defines how the data can be used.) {LC4728/1}

02/16/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 7508**

**BY** Perez, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams, Shanley, Lima C  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - ASSAULTS (Makes an assault on taxi drivers a felony punishable by up to three (3) years imprisonment and an assault with a dangerous weapon punishable by five (5) to twenty (20) years imprisonment.) {LC4315/1}

02/16/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 7509**

**BY** Morales, Williams, Bennett, Vella-Wilkinson, Felix, Alzate, Caldwell, Craven, Batista, Ranglin-Vassell  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- CONSUMER CREDIT HISTORY EMPLOYMENT PROTECTION ACT -- DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICES (Prohibits employers from seeking/using credit reports in making hiring decisions concerning prospective employees, asking questions about the applicant's financial past during interviews or including credit history questions in their job applications.) {LC3198/1}

02/16/2022 Introduced, referred to House Labor

**House Bill No. 7510**

**BY** Morales, Felix, Williams, Alzate, Kislak, Tanzi, Speakman, Henries, Vella-Wilkinson, McEntee

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - TIP PROTECTION (Prohibits employers from receiving any portion of the tips given by customers to their tipped employees, with limited exceptions for credit card service charges.) {LC3950/1}  
02/16/2022 Introduced, referred to House Labor

**House Bill No. 7511**

**BY** Shekarchi, Ackerman, Bennett, McNamara, Shanley, Messier, Azzinaro, Kennedy, Serpa, Batista

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- MINIMUM WAGES (Repeals § 28-12-9 of the general laws which provides that the director of labor and training may approve of wages below the minimum wage for those persons whose earning capacity is impaired due to physical or mental disability.) {LC4785/1}  
02/16/2022 Introduced, referred to House Labor

**House Bill No. 7512**

**BY** Cortvriend, McGaw, Donovan, Edwards

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- GENERAL POWERS-- PORTSMOUTH MUNICIPAL COURT (Repeals the current authorization for town of Portsmouth municipal court and establishes authorization which expands the jurisdiction of Portsmouth municipal court to include a municipal housing court to adjudicate violations of the state building code.) {LC4638/1}  
02/16/2022 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

**House Bill No. 7513**

**BY** Messier, Barros, Kazarian, Alzate, Felix, Tobon

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES (Amends the hours of operation for Class A liquor license holders in Pawtucket.) {LC4533/1}  
02/16/2022 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

**House Bill No. 7514**

**BY** Edwards, Azzinaro, Williams, Vella-Wilkinson

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES (Creates a special motor vehicle registration plate for recipients of the United States Bronze Star Medal.) {LC4741/1}  
02/16/2022 Introduced, referred to House Special Legislation

**House Bill No. 7515**

**BY** Tobon, Barros, Edwards, Kennedy, Williams, O'Brien, Vella-Wilkinson, Marszalkowski

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - REGISTRATION OF VOTERS (Increases the role of the division of motor vehicles in the voter registration and address verification process, by establishing very specific obligations and responsibilities.) {LC4699/1}  
02/16/2022 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

**House Bill No. 7516****BY** Corvese

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES -- RULES (Requires that all agencies final rules, promulgated pursuant to the administrative procedures act, be approved by general assembly action, but in no case later than December 31st of the year it is promulgated before it can become effective.) {LC4329/1}

02/16/2022 Introduced, referred to House State Government &amp; Elections

**House Bill No. 7517****BY** Lima C, Williams, Cardillo, Shanley, Vella-Wilkinson, Hull, Serpa, Potter, Azzinaro, Lombardi J, Casimiro

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- RETIREMENT SYSTEM -- ADMINISTRATION -- BOARD COMPOSITION {LC4757/1}

02/16/2022 Introduced, referred to House State Government &amp; Elections

**House Resolution No. 7518****BY** Morales, Potter, Henries

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION URGING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO PURSUE A BROAD RANGE OF MEASURES TO REDUCE THE DANGER OF NUCLEAR WAR, TO SIGN AND RATIFY THE TREATY ON THE PROHIBITION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS (TPNW), TO MAKE NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT THE CENTERPIECE OF OUR NATIONAL SECURITY POLICY, AND TO SPEARHEAD A GLOBAL EFFORT TO PREVENT NUCLEAR WAR {LC4413/1}

02/16/2022 Introduced, referred to House State Government &amp; Elections

**House Resolution No. 7519****BY** Messier, Fellela, Donovan, Speakman, Lombardi J, Cortvriend, Tanzi, Cassar, McEntee, Slater

**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE -- RIGHT TO ADEQUATE EDUCATION (Adds two sections to the constitution/guarantees residents adequate education permitting learning at high levels, become lifelong learners, productive workers and responsible citizens/makes rights guaranteed under the constitution judicially enforceable.) {LC4534/1}

02/16/2022 Introduced, referred to House State Government &amp; Elections

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 5:53 o'clock P.M. on motion of Representative Shallcross Smith, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Margaret Lyons seconded by Leaders Blazejewski and Filippi the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

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

**APPENDIX****INVOCATION****REPRESENTATIVE JEAN PHILIPPE BARROS**

Gracious God: This month in our nation's character is Black history month. Help us to realize that Black History is all our history. We pray now that the day will come when Black History is so widely taught, that we no longer need to set aside a special time to tell our complete history. Amen.

**APPENDIX****TRANSMITTED TO GOVERNOR****Senate Bill No. 2162 SUB A as amended****BY** Archambault, Ruggerio, McCaffrey, Goodwin, Coyne, Felag, Quezada, Sosnowski**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.) {LC4405/A/1}

02/15/2022 Transmitted to Governor

**APPENDIX**

**CALENDAR**

**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**