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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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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Thursday, April 7, 2022

Twenty-fourth Day

The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence, Thursday, April 7, 2022, and is called to order at 4:10 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, Azzinaro, Barros, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casimiro, Cassar, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Fogarty, Giraldo, Hawkins, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima S., Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McLaughlin, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Price, Quattrocchi, Ranglin-Vassell, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Tobon, Vella-Wilkinson and Williams.

ABSENT – 8: Representatives Amore, Baginski, Casey, Filippi, Handy, Lima C., McGaw, and O'Brien.

INVOCATION

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

(For Invocation, see Appendix, this Journal.)

APPROVAL OF RECORD

By unanimous consent, the House Journal of Tuesday, April 5, 2022, is approved.

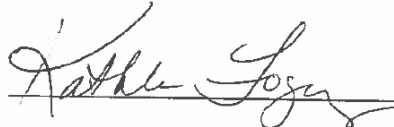
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House of Representatives

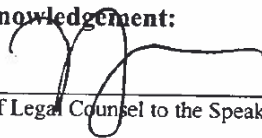
CO-SPONSORSHIP REMOVAL REQUEST
2022

Pursuant to House Rule 15(g)(ii), Representative FOGARTY
hereby requests the removal of their co-sponsorship of Bill # H-8063
entitled: AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- RIGHTS OF
NURSING HOME PATIENTS
which is currently in the House Committee on FINANCE

Signature: 

House District # 35

Date: 4/7, 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

RHODE ISLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY



House of Representatives

CO-SPONSORSHIP REMOVAL REQUEST
2022


Pursuant to House Rule 15(g)(ii), Representative Fellela
hereby requests the removal of their co-sponsorship of Bill # H- 7466
entitled: AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT
which is currently in the House Committee on Municipal Government

Signature: 

House District # 43

Date: 4-7-2022

Acknowledgement:


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

NOMINATIONS

From Speaker Shekarchi:

Nomination to the Council of State Governments' Henry Toll Fellowship, a leadership development program:

Representative Nathan Biah

Nominations to the Council of State Governments' professional development program in August in Philadelphia:

Representative Deborah Fellela
Representative Camille Vella-Wilkinson
Representative Carlos Tobon

Nominations of staff to participate in the same CSG professional development program:

Emily Martineau, Deputy Communications Director
Billy Leiva, Capitol TV

Nominations to the CSG for the Under 40 Leadership Award, recognizing outstanding work and a commitment to public service:

Representative Karen Alzate
Representative Jacquelyn Baginski
Representative José Batista
Representative Justine Caldwell
Representative Leonela Felix
Representative Joshua Giraldo
Representative Brianna Henries
Representative Katherine Kazarian
Representative Alex Marszalkowski
Representative David Morales
Representative Brandon Potter
Representative Evan Shanley
Representative Joseph Solomon Jr.
Representative Carlos Tobon

Read and placed on file.

COMMUNICATIONS

Representative Jacquelyn M. Baginski is unable to attend session today, Thursday, April 7, 2022.
Representative Michelle E. McGaw is unable to attend session today, Thursday, April 7, 2022.
Representative Stephen M. Casey is unable to attend session today, Thursday, April 7, 2022.
Representative Arthur Handy is unable to attend session today, Thursday, April 7, 2022.

CALENDAR

From the Calendar are taken:

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 7, 2022:

- 1. 2022-H 7675**
BY Diaz
ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION AMENDING THE JOINT RESOLUTION
CREATING A PERMANENT LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION ON CHILD CARE IN
RHODE ISLAND

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.

Representative Donovan moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Morales, Caldwell, Ajello, Shallcross Smith, Fogarty, Cortvriend, Cassar, McEntee, Ruggiero, Vella-Wilkinson, Ranglin-Vassell, Tanzi, Carson, McNamara, Deputy Whip Ackerman, Slater, Diaz, Bennett, Williams, Giraldo, Tobon, Felix, Whip Kazarian, Casimiro, and Edwards.

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, Azzinaro, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casimiro, Cassar, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Fogarty, Giraldo, Hawkins, Henriess, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima S., Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McLaughlin, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Price, Quattrocchi, Ranglin-Vassell, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Tobon, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

- 2. 2022-H 7732**
BY Ruggiero
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- SECRETARY OF STATE

Committee on Innovation, Internet, & Technology recommends passage.

Chairwoman Ruggiero moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Speakman, Carson, Shanley, McEntee, Vella-Wilkinson, Fogarty, Cortvriend, Corvese, Tanzi, Edwards, Morales, Bennett, Whip Kazarian, Ajello, Abney, and Donovan.

Representatives Quattrocchi, Ruggiero, Solomon, Corvese, and Tanzi discuss the act.

POINT OF ORDER

Representative Price rises on a point of order for Representative Tanzi to address the chair.

The Honorable Speaker upholds the point of order and requests Representative Tanzi to address the chair.

Representatives Fogarty, Quattrocchi, Ruggiero, and Knight continue the discussion on the act.

POINT OF ORDER

Representative Nardone rises on a point of order for Representative Knight to speak on the merits of the act.

The Honorable Speaker sustains the point of order.

Representatives Knight, Corvese, and Morgan continue the discussion of the act.

POINT OF ORDER

Representative Tanzi rises on a point of order for Representative Morgan to speak on the merits of the act.

The Honorable Speaker sustains the point of order for Representative Morgan to speak on the merits of the act.

Representatives Morgan and McLaughlin continue the discussion on the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 64 members voting in the affirmative and 3 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 64: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Barros, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casimiro, Cassar, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Fogarty, Giraldo, Hawkins, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima S., Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McLaughlin, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Ranglin-Vassell, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Tobon, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams.

NAYS - 3: Representatives Price, Quattrocchi, Roberts.

RECUSED - 0:

3. 2022-H 7513
BY Messier
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL
LICENSES

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

Chairman Hull moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski and Representative Barros.

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, Azzinaro, Barros, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casimiro, Cassar, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Fogarty, Giraldo, Hawkins, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima S., Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McLaughlin, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Price, Quattrocchi, Ranglin-Vassell, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Tobon, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

4. 2022-H 7580
BY Azzinaro
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL
LICENSES

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

Chairman Hull moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Azzinaro, Speaker Pro Tempore Kennedy, and Cardillo.

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, Azzinaro, Barros, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casimiro, Cassar, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Fogarty, Giraldo, Hawkins, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima S., Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McLaughlin, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Price, Quattrocchi, Ranglin-Vassell, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Tobon, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

5. 2022-H 7581

BY Knight

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

Chairman Hull moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Knight, and Speakman.

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, Azzinaro, Barros, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casimiro, Cassar, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Fogarty, Giraldo, Hawkins, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima S., Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McLaughlin, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Price, Quattrocchi, Ranglin-Vassell, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Tobon, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

6. 2022-S 2419

BY Felag

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage in concurrence.

Chairman Hull moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Speakman, and Knight.

Read and passed, in concurrence, 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, Azzinaro, Barros, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casimiro, Cassar, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Fogarty, Giraldo, Hawkins, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima S., Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McLaughlin, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Price, Quattrocchi, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Tobon, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

7. 2022-S 2495

BY Algieri

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage in concurrence.

Chairman Hull moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Azzinaro, Speaker Pro Tempore Kennedy, and Edwards.

Read and passed, in concurrence, 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, Azzinaro, Barros, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casimiro, Cassar, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Fogarty, Giraldo, Hawkins, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima S., Marszalkowski, McEntee, McLaughlin, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Price, Quattrocchi, Ranglin-Vassell, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Tobon, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

GUESTS

Representative Morales welcomes to the House as guests Cheryl Space and Ed Garcia in recognition of National Library Week.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Batista would like to recognize the historic vote in today's session of the U.S. Senate confirming the supremely qualified Ketanji Brown Jackson as the next Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court.

Chairwoman Williams announces that the Committee on Labor will meet today, at the rise of the House, in Room 101 of the State House.

GUESTS

Representative Casimiro welcomes to the House as guests Brooke Thompson, "Representative for the Day" from North Kingstown, RI, and her mother Natalie O'Neill.

NOW PRESIDING

At 4:56 o'clock P.M. the Honorable Speaker Shekarchi yields the rostrum to the Honorable Speaker Pro Tempore Kennedy.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Henries wishes her Poppy a Happy 88th Birthday

Majority Leader Blazejewski announces sessions will be held next week on Tuesday, April 12th, and Wednesday, April 13th, both at 4 p.m. Committees will be held on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday next week. There will be no session and no committees next Thursday, April 14th or the following week.

The House will return from recess on Tuesday, April 26th, and will begin meeting in session every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

The deadline to return Legislative Priorities Forms them is tomorrow, April 8th.

Majority Leader Blazejewski congratulates our colleague, Representative Jose Batista, who will be honored tomorrow night with the first Latino Excellence Award selected by the Roger Williams University Law community. He is being honored for his accomplishments and positive contributions to the Latino legal community.

Majority Leader Blazejewski wishes Chairman Bennett a Happy Birthday tomorrow, April 8, 2022.

Majority Leader Blazejewski wishes Floor Manager Jay Edwards a Happy Birthday and welcomes his wife Donna and daughter Kelsey to the House.

IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION**House Resolution No. 8106**

BY Ranglin-Vassell, Alzate, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Abney, Henries, Biah, Felix, Kazarian, Diaz

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE HONORABLE KETANJI BROWN JACKSON ON BEING CONFIRMED TO THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT {LC5730/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Ranglin-Vassell discusses the resolution.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Ranglin-Vassell, seconded by Representative Alzate, Speaker Shekarchi, Majority Leader Blazejewski, Chairman Abney, and many others, by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

House Resolution No. 8107

BY Ranglin-Vassell, Cassar, Abney, Hull, Lombardi J, Henries, Williams, Felix, Shekarchi, Blazejewski

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION JOYOUSLY CELEBRATING THE 11TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE RHODE ISLAND BLACK BUSINESS ASSOCIATION {LC5716/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Ranglin-Vassell discusses the resolution.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Ranglin-Vassell, seconded by Representative Cassar, Abney, Hull, Williams, Speaker Shekarchi, Majority Leader Blazejewski, and many others, by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

House Resolution No. 8108

BY Morales, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Williams, Vella-Wilkinson, Caldwell, Solomon, Chippendale, Fenton-Fung, Abney

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING APRIL 3-9, 2022, AS "NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC5733/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Morales discusses the resolution.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Morales, seconded by Speaker Shekarchi, Majority Leader Blazejewski, Chairwoman Williams, Chairwoman Vella-Wilkinson, and many others, by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

House Resolution No. 8109

BY Williams, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Vella-Wilkinson, Alzate, Henries, Perez, Cassar, Knight

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION SUPPORTING IMPROVEMENTS IN THE CARE OF ATHEROSCLEROTIC CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE {LC5756/1}

With the agreement of the majority and the minority, Chairwoman Williams requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Chairwoman Williams, seconded by Speaker Shekarchi, Majority Leader Blazewski, Whip Chippendale, and many others, by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

RULE 7D

The following bills were received pursuant to Rule 7D:

Representative Batista -An Act relating to Criminal Offenses – General Provisions
Representative Speakman -An Act relating to Health and Safety – Office of State Fire Marshal
Representative Abney -An Act relating to Education - CCRI
Representative Shallcross Smith -An Act relating to Fingerprints
Representative Edwards -An Act relating to Courts and Civil Procedure
Representative Messier -An Act relating to Alcoholic Beverages – Retail Licenses

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

TRANSMITTAL

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

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

DESK HELD OPEN

The Honorable Speaker Pro Tempore Kennedy announces that the desk will be held open.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE SENATE

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

Senate Bill No. 2863

BY Sosnowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF ROBERTS AND ROCHA, INC. {LC5702/1}

04/08/2022 Referred to House Corporations

Senate Bill No. 2446

BY Ruggerio, McCaffrey, Goodwin, Gallo, DiMario, Kallman, Miller, Burke, Sosnowski, Lawson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - PLASTIC WASTE REDUCTION ACT (Creates the "Plastic Waste Reduction Act" designed to reduce the use of plastic bags by retail establishments by offering recyclable bag options and providing penalties for violations.) {LC5097/1}

04/08/2022 Referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

Senate Bill No. 2048

BY Felag, Miller, DiMario, Lawson, Coyne, Seveney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES -- LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Exempts reusable bags from the state sales tax.) {LC3957/1}

04/08/2022 Referred to House Finance

Senate Bill No. 2772

BY Valverde, Raptakis

ENTITLED, AN ACT IN ACCORDANCE WITH RHODE ISLAND GENERAL LAWS § 16-7-44 APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF \$5,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, NOTES AND OTHER EVIDENCES OF INDEBTEDNESS OF THE TOWN OF EAST GREENWICH TO FINANCE THE RENOVATION, REHABILITATION, REPAIR, REPLACEMENT, IMPROVEMENT, FURNISHING, EQUIPPING AND INSTALLATION OF SCHOOL, SCHOOL FACILITIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, SAFETY AND FIRE-CODE RELATED IMPROVEMENTS, ROOFS, HEATING, VENTILATION, ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS, LANDSCAPING, GROUNDS, ATHLETIC FIELDS, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, VEHICLES AND FOOD SERVICE FACILITIES (Serves as the enabling act required by Rhode Island general laws § 16-7-44 in order for the interest on bonds issued in support of school housing projects to be eligible for state housing aid reimbursement.) {LC5571/1}

04/08/2022 Referred to House Finance

Senate Bill No. 2235

BY Cano, DiMario, Quezada, Euer, Murray, Lawson, Kallman, Anderson, Seveney, Pearson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- RHODE ISLAND EARLY EDUCATOR INVESTMENT ACT (Requires the children's cabinet, to develop a strategic plan to retain early childhood educators by creating a cross-departmental target wage scale of early educators and that of public school teaching staff or individuals with similar credentials.) {LC4086/1}

{LC4086/1}

04/08/2022 Referred to House Finance

Senate Bill No. 2243

BY Cano, DiMario, Quezada, Euer, Lawson, Anderson, Seveney, Burke, Kallman, DiPalma

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- RHODE ISLAND PARENTAL AND FAMILY MEDICAL LEAVE ACT (Increases the amount of parental or family leave available to an employee from thirteen (13) weeks to twenty-four (24) weeks in any two (2) calendar years.) {LC4265/1}

04/08/2022 Referred to House Labor

Senate Bill No. 2698**BY** Lombardo, Ciccone, Archambault, McCaffrey, Picard**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO THE TOWNS OF JOHNSTON AND SMITHFIELD -- REGIONAL JUVENILE HEARING BOARD (Amends the public law creating the Johnston/Smithfield Regional Juvenile Hearing board to allow a board member to serve more than two terms if no other person seeks appointment to the board.) {LC5479/1}

04/08/2022 Referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

Senate Bill No. 2672**BY** Ciccone, Felag, McCaffrey, Lombardo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES (Allows the city of Providence board of licenses to grant exemption from restrictions relating to the issuance of a Class BL license or Class BV alcoholic beverage retail licenses.) {LC5456/1}

04/08/2022 Referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

Senate Bill No. 2136**BY** Felag, Murray, Raptakis, Gallo, Lombardo**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.) {LC3963/1}

04/08/2022 Referred to House Special Legislation

Senate Bill No. 2770

(Dept. of Transportation)

BY Lombardo, Ciccone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- SIZE, WEIGHT, AND LOAD LIMITS (Transfers all responsibility for oversize/overweight permitting to the department of transportation and amends and increases fines for all oversize and overweight infractions.) {LC5107/1}

04/08/2022 Referred to House State Government & Elections

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**

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

House Bill No. 6673**BY** Solomon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - COMPENSATION FOR STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS (Same as 21H-5082 -- Expressly allows college athletes, while they are students, to personally profit from the use of their name, image, and likeness, and prohibits the NCAA from preventing these practices.) {LC3525/1}

04/08/2022 Placed on House Calendar (04/13/2022)

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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

House Bill No. 7134 SUB A

BY Casimiro, Noret, Shallcross Smith, Baginski, Solomon, Lima C, Alzate, Kazarian, McGaw, Donovan, Cortvriend

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- CANCER (Collects and disaggregates data on childhood cancer within the state's comprehensive cancer control program.) {LC3381/A/1}

04/08/2022 Placed on House Calendar (04/13/2022)

House Bill No. 7299

BY Bennett, Kislak, Baginski, Giraldo, Lima S, Solomon, Shanley, Slater, Diaz, Corvese
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS (Changes the definition of collaboration for physician assistants/increases continuing education to 50 hours/adds licensed nurse practitioners and physician assistants to the School and Youth concussion act.) {LC4301/1}

04/08/2022 Placed on House Calendar (04/12/2022)

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

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

House Bill No. 7690

(Judiciary)

BY Solomon

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE--PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- PROCEEDINGS IN AID OF EXECUTION (Requires that upon issuance of a citation, the judgment debtor is given twenty-five (25) days to contact the judgment creditor to resolve the matter prior to court intervention.) {LC5006/1}

04/08/2022 Placed on House Calendar (04/12/2022)

COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT AND HOUSING

Chairman Hull, for the Committee on Municipal Government and Housing, reports back the following measure, with recommendation of passage:

House Bill No. 7143

BY Newberry

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION - VETERANS EXEMPTIONS (Allows the town of North Smithfield town council to provide veterans' and gold star parents exemptions from real estate taxes.) {LC3805/1}

04/08/2022 Placed on House Calendar (04/12/2022)

House Bill No. 7349

(by request)

BY Kazarian, Amore, Henries, Cassar, Noret**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Allows the city of East Providence to adopt a tax exemption classification for disabled veterans who have a disability rating of less than one hundred percent (100%).) {LC4219/1}

04/08/2022 Placed on House Calendar (04/12/2022)

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. 7767

(Dept. of Revenue)

BY Edwards, Kennedy, Diaz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES (Changes the definition of "street rod" motor vehicle to reference its registration certificate and not its title. It would also change the meaning of "custom vehicle" by adding a reference to its registration certificate.) {LC5236/1}

04/08/2022 Placed on House Calendar (04/13/2022)

COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL LEGISLATION

Chairwoman Fogarty, for the Committee on Special Legislation, reports back the following measures, with recommendation of passage:

House Bill No. 7993**BY** Carson, Abney, Filippi, Azzinaro, Kennedy**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows the Honorable Judge Judith Sheindlin to join Barbara Collins and Casey Barber in marriage on or about June 11, 2022, within the Town of Westerly, Rhode Island.) {LC5448/1}

04/08/2022 Placed on House Calendar (04/12/2022)

Senate Bill No. 2106**BY** DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Anne Marie Hartwell to join Lindsay Barrow and Sean Hackbarth in marriage on or about June 4, 2022, within the Town of Narragansett, Rhode Island.) {LC3342/1}

04/08/2022 Placed on House Calendar (04/13/2022)

Senate Bill No. 2564**BY** Gallo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Dr. Ryan Matthew Marnane to join Katrina Marie Holmstedt and Robert James DiMarino in marriage on or about May 7, 2022, within the Town of South Kingstown, Rhode Island.) {LC5295/1}

04/08/2022 Placed on House Calendar (04/12/2022)

Senate Bill No. 2660**BY** Euer

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows the Honorable Judge Judith Sheindlin to join Barbara Collins and Casey Barber in marriage on or about June 11, 2022, within the Town of Westerly, Rhode Island.) {LC5498/1}

04/08/2022 Placed on House Calendar (04/12/2022)

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS

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

House Resolution No. 6606**BY** Azzinaro, Fellela, Casimiro, Noret, Place, Abney, Solomon

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR A PLAN AND THE DESIGN OF A VIETNAM MEMORIAL TO BE LOCATED IN THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND (Same as 21H-6285-Creates a 9 member commission to study and make recommendations for a plan and design of a Vietnam Memorial to be located in the City of Providence, and who would report back to the House by January 31, 2023, and expire on April 30, 2023.) {LC3463/1}

04/08/2022 Placed on House Calendar (04/13/2022)

House Bill No. 6607**BY** Azzinaro, Fellela, Hull, Corvese, Casey, Solomon

ENTITLED, AN ACT TO AMEND THE LANGUAGE OF THE LEASE OF THE BENEFIT STREET ARMORY BETWEEN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND THE PROVIDENCE MARINE CORPS OF ARTILLERY (Same as 21H-5669 -- Authorizes the Department of Administration to amend lease to Providence Marine Corps of Artillery to use hall for promotion of the arsenal and to sublease the rented space.) {LC3464/1}

04/08/2022 Placed on House Calendar (04/13/2022)

NEW BUSINESS**House Bill No. 8110****BY** Lima S**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- CASUALTY INSURANCE GENERALLY -- LIQUID FUEL COVERAGE (Requires that casualty insurance provide coverage for property damage on the insured's property caused by or in response to a release of heating oil from a residential liquid fuel tank.) {LC5633/1}

04/08/2022 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 8111**BY** Lima S**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- BUSINESS CORPORATION TAX (Exempts new entities in the first two (2) years of existence from paying the minimum tax if annual net taxable income is less than five thousand dollars (\$5,000).) {LC5632/1}

04/08/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 8112**BY** Tanzi, Morales, Cortvriend, Edwards, Carson, Donovan, Kislak, Cassar, Fogarty, Henries**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM -- 2022 BOND REFERENDA (Submits 2022 capital development program requesting the issuance of \$100,000,000 in general obligation bonds to the voters for approval at the November 8, 2022, general election.) {LC5753/1}

04/08/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 8113**BY** Tanzi, Morales, Ruggiero, Carson, Donovan, Kislak, Cassar, Fogarty, Cortvriend, Henries**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM -- 2022 BOND REFERENDA (Submits 2022 capital development program requesting the issuance of \$25,000,000 in general obligation bonds to the voters for approval at the November 8, 2022, general election.) {LC5758/1}

04/08/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 8114**BY** Cortvriend, Ruggiero, Edwards, McGaw, Carson, Donovan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- NATIONAL SECURITY INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT FUND (Requires the general assembly to provide grants and loans to improve, maintain and operate Burma Road in Middletown and Portsmouth which is owned by the United States government, along with an additional \$50,000 for an economic impact study.) {LC5718/1}

04/08/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 8115**BY** Slater, Diaz, O'Brien**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- STATE AID (Prohibits commissioner of elementary and secondary education, notwithstanding any provisions of law to the contrary, from withholding aid for infraction of laws and regulations during an intervention or other exercise of control pursuant to § 16-7.1-5.) {LC5676/1}

04/08/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 8116**BY** Slater, Diaz, O'Brien**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- STATE AID (Prohibits withholding aid for infraction of laws and regulation during an intervention or other exercise of control. Would be retroactive to 1/1/21 for orders under section 16-5-30.) {LC5675/1}

04/08/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 8117**BY** Slater, Diaz, O'Brien**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE PAUL W. CROWLEY RHODE ISLAND STUDENT INVESTMENT INITIATIVE (Eliminates the requirement that a city or town's educational funding (maintenance of effort) be increased by the same percentage as the total state aid provided and applies retroactively to January 1, 2019.) {LC5678/1}

04/08/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 8118**BY** Cardillo, Costantino, Lima C, Corvese, Azzinaro, O'Brien, Hawkins, Filippi, Quattrocchi, Solomon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES (Mandates that no fee or surcharge, other than the fees and charges authorized pursuant to § 39-18.1-4, be added to any motor vehicle registration as a result of the issuance of any new registration plate.) {LC5707/1}

04/08/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 8119**BY** Morales, Henries, Felix, Giraldo, McGaw, Potter, Lombardi J, Batista, Ranglin-Vassell, Tanzi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM (Establishes a universal, comprehensive, affordable single-payer health care insurance program and helps control health care costs, which would be referred to as, "the Rhode Island Comprehensive Health Insurance Program" (RICHIP).) {LC5714/1}

04/08/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 8120**BY** Alzate, Kazarian, Henries, Giraldo, Morales, Felix, Potter, McEntee, Williams, Batista**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES (Mandates insurance policies, provides coverage to diagnose & treat infertility for women between 25 & 42 years, including preimplantation genetic diagnosis (PGD) in conjunction with in vitro fertilization (IVF).) {LC5717/1}

04/08/2022 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 8121**BY** Slater, Diaz, Felix**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- HOUSING MAINTENANCE AND OCCUPANCY CODE (Amends the Housing Maintenance and Occupancy Code to allow the enforcing officer to undertake repairs and corrective action and securing a lien against the property.) {LC5691/1}

04/08/2022 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 8122**BY** Tanzi, McEntee**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- GENERAL POWERS -- TOWN OF NARRAGANSETT-- LANDING FEE (Increases the landing fee at the Port of Galilee in the town of Narragansett from thirty-five cents (\$.35) to seventy-five cents (\$.75).) {LC5731/1}

04/08/2022 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 8123**BY** Fogarty, McEntee, McGaw, Tanzi, Carson, Speakman, Donovan, Ranglin-Vassell, Amore, Craven**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND (SEE TITLE 16 CHAPTER 97 -- THE RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION ACT)

(Allows URI board of trustees to make small procurements up to \$50,000 for construction/\$10,000 for all other purchases with annual increases in the federal CPI.)

{LC4577/1}

04/08/2022 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 8124**BY** Fogarty, McEntee, McGaw, Tanzi, Carson, Speakman, Ranglin-Vassell, Donovan, Amore, Craven**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND (Modifies appointment/removal process for URI board of trustees with all appointments by governor for 3 yr-terms with advice/consent of senate/URI president appoints faculty member/student to serve in non-voting/ex officio capacity.) {LC5703/1}

04/08/2022 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 8125**BY** Potter, Alzate, Biah, Felix, Bennett, O'Brien, Ranglin-Vassell, Shallcross Smith, Donovan, Lombardi J**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- PERMANENT JOINT COMMITTEE ON NAMING ALL NEW BUILDINGS, BRIDGES, EDIFICES, AND OTHER STATE CONSTRUCTIONS (Names the student academic counseling center located in the athletic complex sector of campus at Rhode Island college in Providence, the "Ann Cullen student-athlete success center.") {LC5559/1}

04/08/2022 Introduced, referred to House Special Legislation

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:04 o'clock P.M. on motion of Representative Azzinaro, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Deacon William "Carl" Lafleur seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski and Minority Whip Chippendale the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

Diane M. DePina
Recording Clerk

APPENDIX

INVOCATION

REPRESENTATIVE JULIE A. CASIMIRO

Gracious God: You have sent us out into our communities to preserve and protect the ideals on which our country was founded. May we not take lightly the responsibility we have in representing our constituents, and help us enhance the lives of those we serve. Amen

APPENDIX**CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 2022:**

- 1. 2022-H 7299**
BY Bennett
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.
- 2. 2022-H 7690**
BY Solomon
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE-- PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- PROCEEDINGS IN AID OF EXECUTION

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.
- 3. 2022-H 7349**
BY Kazarian
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.
- 4. 2022-H 7143**
BY Newberry
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION - VETERANS EXEMPTIONS

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.
- 5. 2022-H 7993**
BY Carson
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Special Legislation recommends passage.
- 6. 2022-S 2564**
BY Gallo
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Special Legislation recommends passage in concurrence.

7. **2022-S 2660**
BY Euer
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Special Legislation recommends passage in concurrence.

IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13, 2022:

1. **2022-H 6673**
BY Solomon
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - COMPENSATION FOR STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS

Committee on Education recommends passage.

2. **2022-H 7134 SUB A**
BY Casimiro
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- CANCER

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

3. **2022-H 6606**
BY Azzinaro
ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR A PLAN AND THE DESIGN OF A VIETNAM MEMORIAL TO BE LOCATED IN THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

Committee on Veterans` Affairs recommends passage.

4. **2022-H 6607**
BY Azzinaro
ENTITLED, AN ACT TO AMEND THE LANGUAGE OF THE LEASE OF THE BENEFIT STREET ARMORY BETWEEN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND THE PROVIDENCE MARINE CORPS OF ARTILLERY

Committee on Veterans` Affairs recommends passage.

5. **2022-H 7767**
BY Edwards
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES

Committee on State Government & Elections recommends passage.

- 6. 2022-S 2106**
BY DiPalma
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Special Legislation recommends passage in concurrence.

Francis McCabe
Clerk of the House

Friday, April 8, 2022