

# State of Rhode Island

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# JOURNAL

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

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Wednesday, January 11, 2023

Fourth-Day

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The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence, Wednesday, January 11, 2023, and is called to order at 4:17 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, Azzinaro, Baginski, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Place, Potter, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, and Voas.

**ABSENT** – 7: Representatives Alzate, Batista, Costantino, Fenton-Fung, Marszalkowski, Perez, Quattrocchi.

## INVOCATION

The Honorable Speaker presents Representative Katherine S. Kazarian 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, January 10, 2023, is approved.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Representative Karen Alzate is unable to attend session today, Wednesday, January 11, 2023.  
Representative Barbara Ann Fenton-Fung is unable to attend session today, Wednesday, January 11, 2023.

**NEW BUSINESS****House Bill No. 5032**

**BY** Hull, O'Brien, Fogarty, Morales, Lombardi J, Bennett, Abney

**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.) {LC405/1}

01/11/2023 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 5033**

**BY** Potter, Solomon, Knight, Carson, Cortvriend

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- NET METERING (Prohibits utility companies from limiting eligibility of net metering site based on prior consumption and requires excess energy not consumed to be credited to consumer. Also amends definition of excess renewable net-metering credit.) {LC403/1}

01/11/2023 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 5034**

**BY** Edwards, McGaw, Solomon, Chippendale, Kennedy, Azzinaro

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- INSPECTION OF MOTOR VEHICLES (Provides that only facilities located within the state be eligible for permits to operate as official inspection stations for the inspection of vehicles.) {LC386/1}

01/11/2023 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 5035**

**BY** Perez, Batista, Vella-Wilkinson, Lima, Costantino, Cardillo

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- WATER SUPPLY (Prevents the forced sale of real estate owned by persons who owe fire, water, sewer, road or lighting district charges.) {LC501/1}

01/11/2023 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 5036**

**BY** Shanley, Cortvriend, Craven

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW--GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- FILING OF ASSUMED NAME (Makes amendments necessary to use the term "trade name" rather than "assumed name", for purposes of the commercial law chapter on filing an assumed name/provides for the administration/regulation of the use of trade names with a 2 yr. renewal requirement.) {LC535/1}

01/11/2023 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 5037****BY** Edwards, Abney, Cortvriend**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE -- AQUACULTURE (Requires all aquaculture leases in Sakonnet river area to be located at least one thousand feet (1,000') from the median high tide/tide line. Existing oyster farms would be exempt and this restriction would expire on July 1, 2025.) {LC455/1}

01/11/2023 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

**House Bill No. 5038****BY** Bennett, Solomon, Kazarian, Casimiro, Tanzi, Ajello, Hull, Lombardi J, Noret, Fogarty**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO RETIREMENT SYSTEM -- CONTRIBUTIONS AND BENEFITS (Restores the cost of living allowance (COLA) to state employees, and/or their beneficiaries, who retired prior to July 1, 2012.) {LC441/1}

01/11/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5039****BY** McEntee, Fogarty, Craven, O'Brien, Dawson, Abney, Phillips**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- RETIREMENT SYSTEM -- CONTRIBUTION AND BENEFITS (Increases the maximum post retirement employment earnings from eighteen thousand dollars (\$18,000) to twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) a year for certain retired educators.) {LC64/1}

01/11/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5040****BY** O'Brien, Biah, Slater, Serpa, Carson, Corvese, Azzinaro, Kazarian, Spears, DeSimone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- TEACHERS' RETIREMENT (Permits retired teachers to substitute teach in a school for up to one hundred twenty (120) days in a school year, without any loss, forfeiture, or reduction in retirement benefits, through June 30, 2025.) {LC448/1}

01/11/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5041****BY** Knight, Boylan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- FOUNDATION LEVEL SCHOOL SUPPORT (Extends the time by which the Town of Barrington must commence certain construction projects in order to qualify for an increase in the school housing aid ratio.) {LC231/1}

01/11/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5042****BY** Casimiro, Noret, Vella-Wilkinson, Solomon, Casey, Baginski, Carson, McEntee**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (Provides for an appropriation of state funds to cities and towns who are members of the Narragansett Bay marine task force (NBMTF) for the maintenance of boats providing services to Narragansett Bay.) {LC122/1}

01/11/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5043**

**BY** Hull, Speakman, Morales, Shallcross Smith, O'Brien, Fellela, Tanzi, Fogarty, Serpa, Messier  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES --  
INSURANCE BENEFITS (Provides that adjunct faculty members at any state college or university  
who teach at least 50% of the hours regularly worked by full-time faculty in a semester would be  
eligible for the same medical benefits as other state employees.) {LC404/1}  
01/11/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5044**

**BY** Edwards, Caldwell, Kazarian, Potter, Alzate, Casimiro, Kislak, Felix, Abney, Craven  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- HARM REDUCTION  
CENTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND PILOT PROGRAM (Extends the expiration date of  
the Harm Reduction Center Advisory Committee and Pilot Program by two years, from March 1,  
2024, to March 1, 2026.) {LC382/1}  
01/11/2023 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

**House Bill No. 5045**

**BY** Perez, Vella-Wilkinson, Noret, Lima, Corvese, Costantino, Cardillo  
**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 Rhode Island  
license or permit holders.) {LC521/1}  
01/11/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5046**

**BY** Perez, Vella-Wilkinson, Diaz, Batista, Noret, Corvese, Lima, Costantino, Cardillo  
**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.) {LC517/1}  
01/11/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5047**

**BY** Perez, Diaz, Vella-Wilkinson, Costantino, Cardillo  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- BORN-ALIVE INFANT  
PROTECTION ACT (Provides duties/obligations of medical personnel to born-alive infants  
resulting from an abortion punishable as a felony along with a civil action for  
compensatory/punitive damages/automatic one year license suspension.) {LC514/1}  
01/11/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5048**

**BY** Perez, Diaz, Batista, Vella-Wilkinson, Lombardi J, Cardillo  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND  
TENANT ACT (Limits residential rent increases to ten percent (10%) plus the increase in the  
Consumer Price Index (CPI) annually.) {LC512/1}  
01/11/2023 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

**House Bill No. 5049****BY** Perez, Batista, Vella-Wilkinson, Noret, Corvese, Costantino, Cardillo**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, 2023, and every December 31 thereafter.) {LC513/1}

01/11/2023 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government &amp; Housing

**House Bill No. 5050****BY** Edwards, Bennett, Kazarian, Shanley, Hull, Brien, Potter, Alzate**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- LABOR AND PAYMENT OF DEBTS BY CONTRACTORS (Amends the definition of public works so that it would include any public works projects performed for any city or town or quasi-municipal entity and the state and any quasi-state entity.) {LC384/1}

01/11/2023 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government &amp; Housing

**House Resolution No. 5051****BY** Fogarty**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE YEARS 2023 AND 2024 (This resolution would adopt the Rules of the House of Representatives for the years 2023 and 2024.) {LC579/1}

01/11/2023 Introduced, referred to House Rules Committee

**House Resolution No. 5052****BY** Serpa**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION AMENDING THE RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE YEARS 2021 AND 2022 (Amends the House Rules on what matters may be debated or spoken on the House floor.) {LC500/1}

01/11/2023 Introduced, referred to House Rules Committee

**House Resolution No. 5053****BY** Vella-Wilkinson, Perez, Noret, Azzinaro, Casey, Casimiro, Hull, Lombardi J, Corvese, Serpa**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION AMENDING THE RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE YEARS OF 2021 AND 2022 (Amends the House Rules to require that bills impacting veterans' affairs as well as other subject matter only be referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs after all other committee hearings are conducted.) {LC547/1}

01/11/2023 Introduced, referred to House Rules Committee

**House Resolution No. 5054****BY** Brien, Phillips, Azzinaro, Newberry, Rea**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION AMENDING THE RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE YEARS 2021 AND 2022 (Amends Section (45)(d) of the House Rules regarding caucuses organized around a political party affiliation and membership thereto.) {LC554/1}

01/11/2023 Introduced, referred to House Rules Committee

**House Bill No. 5055**

**BY** Boylan, Serpa, Cortvriend, Kislak, Stewart, Cruz, Tanzi, Craven, Knight, Fogarty  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- GENERAL PROVISIONS (Allows individuals, who have not reached the age of eighteen (18) years, to vote in a primary election, as long as the voter will be eighteen (18), as of the date of the general or special election.) {LC121/1}  
01/11/2023 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

**House Concurrent Resolution No. 5056**

**BY** Newberry, Place, Roberts, Nardone, Chippendale, Rea  
**ENTITLED**, CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TERMINATING THE CURRENT DECLARATION OF STATE EMERGENCY AND ALL EXECUTIVE ORDERS COMMENCING ON JANUARY 11, 2023, THROUGH FEBRUARY 9, 2023 {LC544/1}  
01/11/2023 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

**House Bill No. 5057**

**BY** Donovan, Casimiro, Carson, Speakman, McNamara, Ajello, Cortvriend, Morales, McGaw, Bennett  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- LICENSING AND MONITORING OF CHILD PLACING AGENCIES, CHILD CARING AGENCIES, FOSTER AND ADOPTIVE HOMES, AND CHILDREN'S BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROGRAMS (Provides passes granting free access to state parks and beaches to persons residing in foster and adoptive homes.) {LC370/1}  
01/11/2023 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

**House Bill No. 5058**

**BY** Perez, Diaz, Batista, Vella-Wilkinson, Corvese, Costantino, Cardillo  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES (Prohibits the division of motor vehicles from placing on a motorist's driving record, a traffic violation which fine has been paid no longer than thirty (30) days after its issuance. This procedure would only be utilized twice per year.) {LC519/1}  
01/11/2023 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Representative Hull invites all members to the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. State Holiday Commission Celebration, at Ebenezer Baptist Church, in Providence on Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 4 p.m.

**GUESTS**

Minority Whip Place honors the late Nancy Binns, a former Burrillville Town Council member and welcomes her daughter, Kelly Hunt, lifelong friends Kathy and Jerry Leveille and Reverend Darin Collins to the House Chamber.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Shanley acknowledges Representative Vella-Wilkinson's sister, Conchetta Archer for her good citizenship in helping her elderly neighbor. Speaker Shekarchi thanks Conchetta for her kindness.

Majority Leader Blazejewski announces tonight at the Rise in the House Lounge, Ethics Training will be conducted by Jason Gramitt, Executive Director of the Rhode Island Ethics Commission. Attorneys will be able to receive an Ethics MCLE credit.

As a reminder, there will be NO HOUSE SESSION tomorrow, January 12, 2023.

The House will meet in session Tuesday and Thursday next week. On Tuesday, the House will be starting ONE HOUR LATER at 5 p.m. This is due to the Governor's State of the State address at 7 p.m. There will be a dinner break at the Rise, all members are to begin returning to their seats by 6:30 p.m. to receive the members of the Senate and guests, which include the general officers, department directors and the judiciary.

The chamber will be locked on Tuesday from 4:30 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. The Lounge will remain open, and the chamber will reopen at 4:45 p.m.

Reminder, the Rules Committee will be meeting next Wednesday, January 18th. If any member has a bill they would like heard by the Rules Committee it should be submitted by this Friday.

Majority Leader Blazejewski wishes a Happy Birthday to Representative Dawson tomorrow January 12<sup>th</sup>. Also, Representatives Corvese and Cruz whose birthdays are Saturday, January 14th, and Representative Cortvriend whose birthday is Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup>.

### IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION

#### **House Resolution No. 5059**

**BY** Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Ajello, Vella-Wilkinson, Perez, Lima, Chippendale, O'Brien, Serpa, Slater

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION THANKING REPRESENTATIVE ANASTASIA P. WILLIAMS FOR HER THIRTY YEARS OF DEVOTED AND DISTINGUISHED SERVICE IN THE RHODE ISLAND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES {LC300/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representatives Ajello, Speaker Shekarchi, Lima and Diaz discuss the resolution.

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

**House Resolution No. 5060**

**BY** Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Shanley, Chippendale, O'Brien, Craven, Vella-Wilkinson, Kennedy, Diaz, Newberry

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION HONORING REPRESENTATIVE JEAN PHILIPPE BARROS FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC297/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Shanley discusses the resolution.

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

**House Resolution No. 5061**

**BY** Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Slater, Diaz, Casey, Solomon, Casimiro, Kazarian, O'Brien, Kennedy

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION HONORING REPRESENTATIVE BERNARD A. HAWKINS FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC298/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Slater discusses the resolution.

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

**House Resolution No. 5062**

**BY** Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Corvese, Azzinaro, Noret, Serpa, Brien, Phillips, Vella-Wilkinson, Batista

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION HONORING AND THANKING REPRESENTATIVE JAMES N. MCLAUGHLIN FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC299/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representatives Corvese and Diaz discuss the resolution.

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

**House Resolution No. 5063**

**BY** Donovan, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Azzinaro, Chippendale, Kennedy, Diaz, Newberry, Shallcross Smith, Tanzi

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF BRIGADIER GENERAL MICHAEL T. BYRNES, UNITED STATES ARMY, RETIRED {LC602/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Donovan discusses the resolution. Speaker Shekarchi offers his condolences to the family.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Donovan, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski and Minority Leader Chippendale, by unanimous consent, on a rising vote.

**House Resolution No. 5064**

**BY** Caldwell, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Knight, Dawson, Solomon, Shanley, Batista, Craven, Chippendale

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF OLIN WOODROW THOMPSON, III, ESQ. {LC465/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Caldwell discusses the resolution. Speaker Shekarchi offers his condolences.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Caldwell, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski and Minority Leader Chippendale, by unanimous consent, on a rising vote.

**House Resolution No. 5065**

**BY** Place, Newberry, Chippendale, Rea, Kennedy, Diaz, Shallcross Smith, Tanzi, Fogarty, Serpa

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF NANCY F. BINNS {LC499/1}

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

There is no objection.

Minority Whip Place discusses the resolution. Speaker Shekarchi offers his condolences to the family.

Read and passed, on a motion of Minority Whip Place, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski and Minority Leader Chippendale, by unanimous consent, on a rising

**House Resolution No. 5066**

**BY** Hull, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Diaz, Kislak, O'Brien, Phillips, Voas, Azzinaro  
**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE CELEBRATION OF THE BIRTH OF THE REVEREND DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. {LC588/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Hull and Speaker Shekarchi discuss the resolution.

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

**House Resolution No. 5067**

**BY** Cortvriend, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, McGaw, Donovan, Edwards, Diaz, Tanzi, Chippendale, Kennedy  
**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF LOUIS ESCOBAR {LC508/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Cortvriend discusses the resolution.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Cortvriend, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski and Minority Leader Chippendale, by unanimous consent, on a rising vote.

**House Resolution No. 5068**

**BY** Chippendale, Place, Nardone, Newberry, Rea, Roberts, Lombardi J, Fenton-Fung, Edwards, Abney  
**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION THANKING REPRESENTATIVE JUSTIN K. PRICE FOR HIS EIGHT YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF HOPKINTON, EXETER AND RICHMOND IN THE RHODE ISLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY {LC524/1}

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

There is no objection.

Minority Leader Chippendale discusses the resolution.

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

**House Resolution No. 5069**

**BY** Morales, Shekarchi, Chippendale, Sanchez, Stewart, Handy, Speakman, Blazejewski, Kennedy, Diaz

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION THANKING RHODE ISLAND'S FIRST RESPONDERS FOR THEIR TIRELESS WORK AND HEROIC EFFORTS TO ASSIST PEOPLE IMPACTED BY THE SEPTEMBER 5TH, 2022, RAINSTORM AND FLOODING {LC402/1}

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 Majority Leader Blazejewski and Minority Leader Chippendale, by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

**House Resolution No. 5070**

**BY** Sanchez, Diaz, Morales, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Lombardi J, Tanzi, Giraldo, Cotter

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING PROFOUND SYMPATHY ON THE PASSING OF FATHER RAYMOND TETREALT {LC578/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Sanchez discusses the resolution. Speaker Shekarchi offers his condolences.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Sanchez, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski and Minority Leader Chippendale, by unanimous consent, on a rising vote.

**House Resolution No. 5071**

**BY** Blazejewski, Chippendale

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES {LC575/1}

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 Chippendale, by unanimous consent, on a rising vote.

**House Resolution No. 5072**

**BY** Kazarian, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Kennedy, Ajello, Corvese, Dawson, Lima, Diaz, Shallcross Smith

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND THANKING SANDY M. BARONE FOR ALL SHE HAS DONE FOR THE PEOPLE OF EAST PROVIDENCE, BARRINGTON AND THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC559/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Kazarian discusses the resolution. Speaker Shekarchi wishes Sandy Barone the best in her future endeavors.

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

**House Resolution No. 5073**

**BY** Blazejewski, Chippendale

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING CONGRATULATIONS {LC576/1}

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 Chippendale, by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

**TRANSMITTAL**

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

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

**DESK HELD OPEN**

The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi announces that the desk will be held open.

## NEW BUSINESS

**House Bill No. 5074****BY** Bennett, Edwards, Solomon, Slater, Diaz, Shanley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- STATE

PURCHASES (Provides standard specifications for public works projects based on certain dollar amounts, and would provide that crews on such projects include a number of architectural glass and metal technician-certified workers within those work crews.) {LC253/1}

01/12/2023 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 5075****BY** Edwards, Bennett, Azzinaro, Cortvriend, Diaz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- INSPECTION OF

MOTOR VEHICLES (Exempts used vehicles sold "for parts only" or purchased at 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.) {LC385/1}

01/12/2023 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 5076****BY** McGaw, Bennett, Speakman, Potter, Ajello, Kislak, Tanzi, Cotter, Stewart, Felix**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- RHODE ISLAND

PHYSICAL THERAPIST LICENSURE COMPACT ACT (Allows the state to become a member of the physical therapist licensure compact adopted by twenty-five (25) states in order to facilitate the interstate practice of physical therapy with the goal of improving public access to physical therapy services.) {LC153/1}

01/12/2023 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 5077****BY** Lombardi J, Hull, Ajello, Felix**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW - GENERAL REGULATORY

PROVISIONS - PATIENT BROKERING ACT (Prohibits the practice of patient brokering and would provide penalties and enforcement.) {LC160/1}

01/12/2023 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 5078****BY** Lombardi J, Hull, Kislak**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- CONTROL OF HIGH PRESCRIPTION

COSTS -- REGULATION OF PHARMACY BENEFIT MANAGERS (Regulates PBMs policies and practices relating to accurate costs and pricing reporting, restricts discriminatory practices and establishes consumer protections and enforcement of penalties for violations by the office of the attorney general.) {LC180/1}

01/12/2023 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 5079****BY** Lombardi J, Hull, Ajello, Kislak, Tanzi, Felix**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PHARMACEUTICAL COST TRANSPARENCY (Directs the state board of pharmacy to annually identify up to fifteen prescription drugs with increased costs and provide the list to the attorney general to obtain reasons for the cost increases.) {LC173/1}

01/12/2023 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 5080****BY** Lombardi J, Hull, Felix**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- COVID-19 PANDEMIC INSURANCE RECOVERY ACT (Allows businesses that had an insurance policy in place for business interruption as of March 9, 2020 or thereafter to recover from their insurance companies for a COVID-19 business impact.) {LC179/1}

01/12/2023 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 5081****BY** Lombardi J, Hull, Felix**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS - REGULATORY POWERS OF ADMINISTRATION (Provides that any rate increase with respect to electric distribution companies would be no greater than the increase in the Consumer Price Index or 5.5%, whichever is greater, unless there is approval of a higher rate by the general assembly.) {LC157/1}

01/12/2023 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 5082****BY** Lombardi J, Hull, Ajello, Felix**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SCHOOL COMMITTEES AND SUPERINTENDENTS (Requires school committees to provide transportation for any student who resides two (2) or more miles from school.) {LC182/1}

01/12/2023 Introduced, referred to House Education

**House Bill No. 5083****BY** Lombardi J, Hull**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CURRICULUM (Directs the council on elementary and secondary education to develop recommendations for a high school curriculum to prepare students for successful postsecondary education and careers in computer science.) {LC174/1}

01/12/2023 Introduced, referred to House Education

**House Bill No. 5084****BY** Lombardi J, Hull, Ajello, Kislak, Felix**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CURRICULUM (Requires the department of education to develop and make available for use in all schools a mental health curriculum. School districts would be required to provide four (4) hours of mental health instruction to seventh grade students.) {LC167/1}

01/12/2023 Introduced, referred to House Education

**House Bill No. 5085****BY** Craven, Ajello, Caldwell, Shallcross Smith, Dawson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE KINDERGARTEN THROUGH GRADE TWO (2) MAXIMUM CLASS SIZE ACT (Mandates 20 students per classroom for kindergarten through second grade. Exceptions for emergencies and temporary situations, not to exceed 3 days and mid-year enrollments.) {LC549/1}

01/12/2023 Introduced, referred to House Education

**House Bill No. 5086****BY** McGaw, Cortvriend, Carson, Speakman, Donovan, Ajello, Kislak, Bennett, Tanzi, Cotter**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- ENVIRONMENTAL MARKETING ACT (Prohibits the marketing or sale of consumer products labeled as "compostable.") {LC155/1}

01/12/2023 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

**House Bill No. 5087****BY** McNamara, Bennett, Potter, Handy**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO WATER AND NAVIGATION -- CIBA-GEIGY CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN (Requires the EPA to develop a plan for flooding on the Pawtuxet River, specifically at the site of the former Ciba-Geigy Chemical Company with regard to contaminants leaching into the Pawtuxet River and neighboring wells.) {LC74/1}

01/12/2023 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

**House Bill No. 5088****BY** McNamara, Donovan, Cortvriend, Bennett, Fogarty, Potter, Handy**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY-- REFUSE DISPOSAL (Includes PVC pipe (polyvinyl chloride resin) that is abandoned, discarded, left lying on the ground or not stored in a covered facility in the definition of solid waste.) {LC135/1}

01/12/2023 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

**House Bill No. 5089****BY** Bennett, Edwards, Solomon, Chippendale**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE -- HUNTING AND HUNTING SAFETY (Requires that when a person causes an injury requiring medical assistance to a human by firearm, archery, or crossbow while hunting or trapping, the initial responding entity must immediately make a report to DEM.) {LC323/1}

01/12/2023 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

**House Bill No. 5090****BY** Bennett, Carson, Speakman, Cortvriend, McEntee, Caldwell, Shanley, Donovan, Ajello, Handy**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- DISPOSABLE FOOD SERVICE CONTAINERS (Prohibits a covered establishment from preparing, selling, processing or providing food or beverages in or on a disposable food service container that is composed in whole or in part of polystyrene foam.) {LC320/1}

01/12/2023 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

**House Bill No. 5091**

**BY** Bennett, Carson, Speakman, Cortvriend, McEntee, Caldwell, Shanley, Donovan, Ajello, Handy  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- EXTENDED PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY FOR PACKAGING (Reduces equitable relationships between packaging producers and local governments and communities by establishing the Package Reduction and Recycling Program.) {LC254/1}

01/12/2023 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

**House Bill No. 5092**

**BY** Fellela, Serpa, Hull, Messier

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- TEACHER'S RETIREMENT (Allows teachers, state and municipal employees to retire upon the earlier of reaching age sixty (60) with thirty (30) years of service or the employee's retirement eligibility date under present state statutes.) {LC223/1}

01/12/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5093**

**BY** Fellela, Messier, Serpa, Lima

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- TEACHERS' RETIREMENT (For purposes of teachers' retirement benefits, amends the definition "former spouse divorced" to include someone who was married to a deceased member 10+ yrs & deceased member was required by court order to contribute support post-divorce.) {LC224/1}

01/12/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5094**

**BY** Casimiro, Noret, Spears, Cotter, Vella-Wilkinson, Diaz, Shallcross Smith, Donovan, Hull, Lima  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- RHODE ISLAND EARLY EDUCATOR INVESTMENT ACT (Establishes the Rhode Island Early Educator Investment Act to develop and implement strategies to improve the compensation of early childhood educators.) {LC228/1}

01/12/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5095**

**BY** Morales, Baginski, Vella-Wilkinson, Carson, Speakman, Henriess, Chippendale, Potter, Tanzi, Felix

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LIBRARIES -- STATE AID TO LIBRARIES (Requires that the state's share to public libraries be fixed at twenty-five percent (25%) of the amount appropriated by the city or town in their budgets for fiscal year 2023, utilizing funds from the general fund or the American Rescue Plan Act.) {LC277/1}

01/12/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5096**

**BY** Lombardi J, Hull

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC FINANCE - REVENUE ESTIMATING CONFERENCES (Changes the dates of the Revenue Estimating Conferences meeting to the last ten (10) days of April and the first ten (10) days of November of each year.) {LC164/1}

01/12/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5097**

**BY** Morales, Tanzi, Cotter, Kazarian, Giraldo, Kislak, Edwards, McEntee, Handy, Vella-Wilkinson  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- HEALTH CARE FOR ELDERLY AND DISABLED RESIDENTS ACT (Increases the income eligibility limit for medical assistance coverage for seniors and disabled individuals from one hundred percent (100%) to one hundred thirty-eight percent (138%) of the federal poverty level.) {LC43/1}  
01/12/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5098**

**BY** Bennett, Diaz, Shanley  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- RHODE ISLAND PATHWAYS PROJECT (Requires the executive office of health and human services (EOHHS) to utilize current Medicaid waiver funds to provide coverage for supporting housing for the homeless.) {LC319/1}  
01/12/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5099**

**BY** McNamara, Diaz, Biah, Donovan, Sanchez, Shallcross Smith, McGaw, Felix  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- RHODE ISLAND HOPE SCHOLARSHIP PILOT PROGRAM ACT (Establishes the Rhode Island hope scholarship pilot program to provide two-year scholarships to junior and seniors at Rhode Island college.) {LC60/1}  
01/12/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5100**

**BY** Abney, Carson  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- HISTORIC PRESERVATION TAX CREDITS (Provides that projects previously approved for historic tax credits funded through the cultural arts and the economy grant program would continue to qualify for tax credits until June 30, 2026.) {LC292/1}  
01/12/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5101**

**BY** Corvese, O'Brien, Hull  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF NORTH PROVIDENCE TO ISSUE NOT TO EXCEED \$125,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, NOTES AND OTHER EVIDENCES OF INDEBTEDNESS TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, REHABILITATION, REPAIR, IMPROVEMENTS, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF AND/OR ADDITIONS TO SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL FACILITIES IN THE TOWN, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE CONSTRUCTION OF THREE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS, THE RENOVATION OF TWO MIDDLE SCHOOLS AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF NEW ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES, SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF STATE HOUSING AID AT A REIMBURSEMENT RATE OR STATE SHARE RATIO OF NOT LESS THAN 79.8% FOR EXPENDITURES ELIGIBLE FOR REIMBURSEMENT (Authorizes the Town of North Providence to issue bonds and notes in an amount not exceeding \$125,000,000.) {LC564/1}  
01/12/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5102**

**BY** Casimiro, Noret, Vella-Wilkinson, Roberts, Solomon, Kislak, Chippendale, Serpa, Spears, Cotter

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT – DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES (Establishes general caseload limits for DCYF workers similar to those contained in the Council on Accreditation standards.) {LC17/1} 01/12/2023 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

**House Bill No. 5103**

**BY** Lombardi J, Hull, Ajello, McGaw, Kislak, Felix

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- POLICE OFFICERS - COMMISSION ON STANDARDS AND TRAINING (Requires mandatory training standards for police officers and trainees, in identifying, responding, and handling all incidents involving any person with a developmental disability.) {LC165/1} 01/12/2023 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

**House Bill No. 5104**

**BY** Lombardi J, Hull, Ajello, Kislak, Tanzi

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- RHODE ISLAND FOOD, DRUGS, AND COSMETICS ACT (Requires that all cosmetics manufactured, sold, delivered, or held for offering to be sold contain a label that completely and accurately lists all of their component ingredients.) {LC166/1} 01/12/2023 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

**House Bill No. 5105**

**BY** Lombardi J, Hull, Ajello, McGaw, Kislak, Felix

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- BROADBAND DEPLOYMENT AND INVESTMENT ACT (Establishes a statewide broadband community outreach coordinator to assist state residents interested in learning more and/or applying for the federal Affordable Connectivity Program.) {LC255/1} 01/12/2023 Introduced, referred to House Innovation, Internet, & Technology

**House Bill No. 5106**

**BY** Vella-Wilkinson, Noret, Hull, Corvese, Lombardi J, Diaz, Azzinaro, Kazarian, Solomon, Shanley

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENTS OF STATE GOVERNMENT (State websites to comply with WCAG 2.1 standards by July 1, 2028.) {LC213/1} 01/12/2023 Introduced, referred to House Innovation, Internet, & Technology

**House Bill No. 5107**

**BY** Carson, Morales

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT (Prohibits the use of hazardous waste or solid waste as fill on any construction site project and renders the use of such material as fill a felony.) {LC144/1} 01/12/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5108****BY** Solomon

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT (Increases the amount of costs for repairs that a tenant may deduct from his or her rent from one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125) to five hundred dollars (\$500).) {LC65/1}  
01/12/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5109****BY** Lombardi J, Hull, Ajello, McGaw, Kislak

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT (Permits those other residents of a residential dwelling unit to extend the term of the rental agreement for a period not to exceed three (3) months after the death of the lessee.) {LC171/1}  
01/12/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5110****BY** Lombardi J, Hull, Ajello, Tanzi, Felix

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- THE RHODE ISLAND FIRST STEP ACT (Establishes Rhode Island First Step program requiring DOC to assist offenders with reintegration into society, counseling, medical care, education, early sentence termination or pre-release confinement for elderly and terminally ill offenders.) {LC163/1}  
01/12/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5111****BY** Lombardi J, Hull, Tanzi, Felix

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- PRICE GOUGING OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS PROHIBITED (Makes it a felony to price gouge prescriptions or pharmaceuticals in time of a shortage.) {LC162/1}  
01/12/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5112****BY** Lombardi J, Hull

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES (Increases the penalties for driving so as to endanger, death resulting, by increasing the maximum term of imprisonment from ten (10) years to twenty (20) years, and the maximum term of license suspension from five (5) years to ten (10) years.) {LC168/1}  
01/12/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5113****BY** Lombardi J, Hull, Ajello, McGaw

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- THEFT, EMBEZZLEMENT, FALSE PRETENSES, AND MISAPPROPRIATION (Makes possession of a used catalytic converter a felony and requires recycling service providers to maintain certain records relative to catalytic converters.) {LC176/1}  
01/12/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5114****BY** Lombardi J, Hull, Ajello, McGaw, Kislak, Tanzi, Felix**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS -- DOMESTIC ABUSE PREVENTION (Permits the family court to award custody of household pets to the plaintiff in a domestic abuse complaint, including the enforcement remedy of a restraining order or other injunctive relief.) {LC181/1}

01/12/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5115****BY** Lombardi J, Hull, Ajello, McGaw, Kislak, Felix, Tanzi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- EXPUNGEMENT OF CRIMINAL RECORDS (Allows expungement of multiple felony convictions for non-violent felonies 10 years after sentence completed.) {LC169/1}

01/12/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5116****BY** McNamara, Donovan, Cortvriend, Fogarty, Potter, Handy**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- SHORE DEVELOPMENT (Permits the director of the department of environmental management to recognize and identify public rights-of-way to shoreline and water access over land owned by a private party.) {LC206/1}

01/12/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5117****BY** Solomon, Edwards, Bennett, Casey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- REAL ESTATE SALES DISCLOSURES (Establishes separate disclosure requirements for the sale of vacant land and for the sale of real property and improvements consisting of a house or building containing one to four (4) dwelling units.) {LC566/1}

01/12/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5118****BY** Knight, McNamara, Serpa, Donovan, Speakman, Biah, Boylan, Kazarian, Messier, Dawson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Exempts real and tangible personal property of a municipal and school district employee, with ten (10) years of employment, at a rate of fifty percent (50%) of the property tax bill or \$5,000, whichever is greater.) {LC148/1}

01/12/2023 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government &amp; Housing

**House Bill No. 5119****BY** Lombardi J, Hull, Ajello, Tanzi, Felix, Sanchez**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- EMERGENCY SHELTERS (Establishes rules and procedures for licensing emergency shelters, including setting minimum standards and prohibiting the charging of fees to the residents.) {LC183/1}

01/12/2023 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government &amp; Housing

**House Bill No. 5120****BY** Lombardi J, Hull, Ajello, Felix, Sanchez**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- HOMELESS BILL OF RIGHTS (Creates a commission to establish homeless shelter standards through regulations.) {LC172/1}

01/12/2023 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government &amp; Housing

**House Bill No. 5121****BY** Cotter, Spears, Speakman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO THE RATIFICATION OF THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF RICHMOND (Validates and ratifies amendments to the Home Rule Charter of the town of Richmond, which amendments were adopted and approved by the electors of the Town of Richmond on November 4, 2008 and November 8, 2022.) {LC563/1}

01/12/2023 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government &amp; Housing

**House Bill No. 5122****BY** Bennett, Solomon, Diaz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- STATE EMBLEMS (Designates as the state music, the genre of rhythm and blues which contains elements of pop, soul, funk, hip-hop, and electronic music.) {LC321/1}

01/12/2023 Introduced, referred to House Special Legislation

**House Bill No. 5123****BY** McGaw, Donovan, Cortvriend, Ajello, Kislak, Tanzi, Cotter, Stewart, Spears, Felix**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- RHODE ISLAND CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS AND EXPENDITURES REPORTING (Includes electronic mail or text, which can be received by two thousand (2,000) or more persons, to those independent expenditures that must be reported by candidates under this act.) {LC249/1}

01/12/2023 Introduced, referred to House State Government &amp; Elections

**House Bill No. 5124****BY** Lombardi J, Hull, Felix**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE RHODE ISLAND LOBBYING REFORM ACT (Prohibits lobbyists from making any political contributions to any member of the general assembly from January 1 through July 1 in any year, unless the general assembly adjourns for the year prior to July 1.) {LC175/1}

01/12/2023 Introduced, referred to House State Government &amp; Elections

**House Bill No. 5125****BY** Lombardi J, Hull, Ajello, McGaw, Kislak, Felix, Tanzi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC TRANSIT AUTHORITY (Enables the Rhode Island public transit authority (RIPTA) to work with the Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority (MBTA) to allow commuter rail passes to be used as dual passes for both RIPTA and MBTA.) {LC178/1}

01/12/2023 Introduced, referred to House State Government &amp; Elections

**House Resolution No. 5126****BY** Lombardi J, Hull, Vella-Wilkinson**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE, PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE - - FOUR YEAR TERMS AND TERM LIMITS FOR REPRESENTATIVES AND SENATORS

(Proposes an amendment to the State Constitution, Article IV, to allow for term limits for the general assembly members.) {LC170/1}

01/12/2023 Introduced, referred to House State Government &amp; Elections

**House Bill No. 5127****BY** Diaz, Hull, Lombardi J, Slater, Edwards, Vella-Wilkinson, Caldwell, Morales, Bennett, Felix**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT-- CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT (Directs the department of corrections to collect information from individuals entering its custody: sex, race, nativity (country of origin), religion, and level of education.) {LC407/1}

01/12/2023 Introduced, referred to House State Government &amp; Elections

**House Bill No. 5128****BY** Vella-Wilkinson, Noret, Donovan, Hull, Corvese, Lombardi J, Diaz, Azzinaro, Casimiro, Kazarian**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- RHODE ISLAND VETERANS' HOME (Allows cold war, veteran administration connected disability, and RI national guard with less than 90 days service admission into veterans' home.) {LC217/1}

01/12/2023 Introduced, referred to House Veterans Affairs

**House Bill No. 5129****BY** Vella-Wilkinson, Noret, Hull, Corvese, Lombardi J, Diaz, Azzinaro, Casimiro, Kazarian, Solomon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- VETERANS' AFFAIRS (Provides that every city and town must maintain a municipal veterans' service officer. Also authorizes a \$100,000 appropriation to be used for support and outreach for veterans.) {LC215/1}

01/12/2023 Introduced, referred to House Veterans Affairs

**House Resolution No. 5130****BY** Kennedy, Azzinaro, Edwards, Casimiro, Kazarian, Casey, Diaz, Shanley, Ackerman, McNamara**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION AMENDING THE RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE YEARS 2021 AND 2022 (This resolution would amend the house rules to use the electronic voting system to electronically record any member seconding a motion when multiple members second any motion.) {LC618/1}

01/12/2023 Introduced, referred to House Rules Committee

**House Resolution No. 5131**

**BY** Costantino, Bennett, Lima, Corvese, Finkelman, Shallcross Smith, Hull, Donovan, Cardillo, Baginski

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION AMENDING THE RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE YEARS 2021 AND 2022 (Amends the House Rules to permit a member to vote by proxy when the member is unable to be physically present due to a health condition.) {LC546/1}

01/12/2023 Introduced, referred to House Rules Committee

**House Resolution No. 5132**

**BY** Newberry, Place

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION AMENDING THE RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE YEARS 2021 AND 2022 (This resolution would amend the house rules to provide for the electronic recording of members seconding a motion or action when there are more than five (5) members seconding the motion or action.) {LC597/1}

01/12/2023 Introduced, referred to House Rules Committee

**House Resolution No. 5133**

**BY** Newberry, Carson, Place

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION AMENDING THE RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE YEARS 2021-2022 (Requires that all legislative grants allocated to the senate be distributed in accordance with the rules of the Senate and that all legislative grants allocated to the House of Representatives be divided equally among the 75 legislative districts.) {LC600/1}

01/12/2023 Introduced, referred to House Rules Committee

**House Resolution No. 5134**

**BY** Newberry, Place

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION AMENDING THE RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE YEARS 2021 AND 2022 (This resolution would permit any committee member to hold a substitute bill which is moved for consideration for a period of twenty-four (24) hours.) {LC641/1}

01/13/2023 Introduced, referred to House Rules Committee

**House Resolution No. 5135**

**BY** Newberry, Place

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION AMENDING THE RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE YEARS 2021 AND 2022 (This resolution would require the Clerk of the House to prepare and publish in the House Journal an index of all rulings made by the Speaker.) {LC642/1}

01/13/2023 Introduced, referred to House Rules Committee

**House Resolution No. 5136****BY** Newberry, Place**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION AMENDING THE RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE YEARS 2021 AND 2022 (Require the House Clerk to publish certain information regarding decisions made by the Speaker and appeals by members to the decisions.) {LC643/1}

01/13/2023 Introduced, referred to House Rules Committee

**House Resolution No. 5137****BY** Tanzi**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION AMENDING THE RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE YEARS 2021 AND 2022 (This resolution would amend the House Rules to enable any member to have up to 3 bills during the 2nd year of a legislative session held for further study either substituted in committee or a committee vote for potential placement on the floor calendar.) {LC629/1}

01/13/2023 Introduced, referred to House Rules Committee

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 4:57 o'clock P.M. on motion of Representative Edwards, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Donald Machado, Jr.; on motion of Representative Donovan, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Brigadier General Michael T. Byrnes; on motion of Representative Place and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Councilwoman Nancy F. Binns; on motion of Representative Caldwell, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Olin Woodrow Thompson, III Esq; on motion of Representative Sanchez, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Father Raymond Tetreault; on motion of Representative Cortvriend, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Louis Escobar; seconded by Leaders Blazejewski and Chippendale the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

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

**APPENDIX**

**INVOCATION**

**REPRESENTATIVE KATHERINE S. KAZARIAN**

Gracious God: You have sent us 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. Help us to always strive to enhance the lives of those we serve. Amen.