

State of Rhode Island

JOURNAL -OF THE- HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Thursday, March 16, 2023

Nineteenth-Day

The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence, Thursday, March 16, 2023, and is called to order at 4:13 o'clock P.M., by the Honorable K. Joseph Shekarchi, Speaker.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 70 members present and 5 members absent as follows:

PRESENT – 70: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson and Voas.

ABSENT – 5: Representatives Baginski, Costantino, Cotter, Fenton-Fung, and Handy.

INVOCATION

The Honorable Speaker presents Representative Arthur J. Corvese who delivers the Invocation and leads the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

(For Invocation, see Appendix, this Journal.)

APPROVAL OF RECORD

By unanimous consent, the House Journal of Thursday, March 9, 2023, is approved.

COMMUNICATIONS

Representative Arthur B. Handy is unable to attend session today, Thursday, March 16, 2023.
Representative Megan Cotter is unable to attend session today, Thursday, March 16, 2023.
Representative Barbara Ann Fenton-Fung is unable to attend session today, Thursday, March 16, 2023.

CALENDAR

From the Calendar are taken:

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 2023:**1. 2023-H 5075**

BY Edwards

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES --
INSPECTION OF MOTOR VEHICLES

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

Chairman Solomon moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski,
Representatives Casey and Edwards.

Chairman Solomon discusses the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 68 members voting in the affirmative and 2 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 68: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 2: Representatives Cardillo, Nardone.

RECUSED - 0:

2. 2023-H 5264 SUB A

BY McEntee

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

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

Chairwoman McEntee moves passage of the act, seconded by the Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Craven, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lombardi, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Speakman, Spears, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson.

Chairwoman McEntee and Representative Tanzi discuss the act.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, 69 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 69: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:



State of Rhode Island

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

I, Brian C. Neuberg State Representative, District 48, hereby under oath depose and say:

1. (Matter requiring action: i.e. Bill number) I expect to be called upon, in my capacity as State Representative to participate in the consideration of, and/or to vote upon: H 5206
2. (Nature of the potential conflict) I have the following interest in the matter: Abundance of Catran
3. (Please select one of the following):

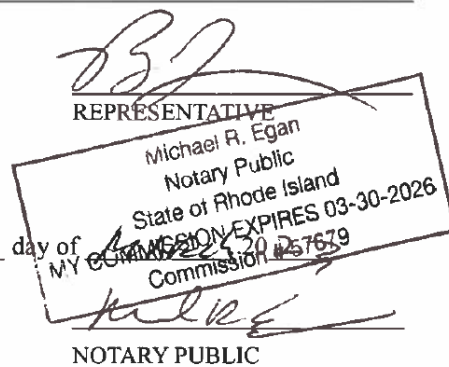
☐ A. In compliance with Section 36-14-6(1) of the General Laws I hereby state that, despite the potential conflict stated above, I am able to vote and otherwise participate fairly, objectively and in the public interest regarding the matter described in paragraph 1 above for the following reason(s).

☒ B. In compliance with Section 36-14-6(1) & (2)A of the General Laws, I hereby request the Speaker of the House of Representatives to excuse me from voting on or participating in the consideration of the matter described in paragraph 1 above.

State of Rhode Island

County of: Providence

Subscribed and sworn to under the penalties for perjury before me this 16 day of March



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

[Signature]
SPEAKER

3. 2023-H 5206**BY** Kazarian**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- SIZE, WEIGHT AND LOAD LIMITS -- WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS ON ROUTE 114 A EAST PROVIDENCE

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

Chairman Casey moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Biah, Bennett, Deputy Whip Ackerman, Dawson and Perez.

Chairman Casey discusses the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 65 members voting in the affirmative and 3 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 65: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 3: Representatives Lima, Morgan, Phillips.

RECUSED - 1: Representative Newberry.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

ADDRESS

Chairman McNamara addresses the members in recognition of St. Patrick's Day and shares an Irish poem called "Yakoke".

(For the St. Patrick's Day Poem, see Appendix, this Journal.)

GUESTS

Representative Noret welcomes to the House Chamber his wife, Julie, Dr. Anthony Caldamone, and his wife Barbara, and congratulates Dr. Caldamone on his retirement from Pediatric Urology.

Chairman McNamara congratulates and welcomes to the House Chamber his friend, John Houle on his debut novel "King Makers of Providence".

Representative Batista welcomes Roger Williams University Law School interns, Nana Amma Ankrah, Rafael Rodriguez and Amanda Rotimi to the House Chamber.

Representative Tanzi welcomes to the House Chamber Thomas DiSanto and his daughters Lydia and Charlotte, Linda Finn, and Matthew Jerzyk in memory of Karrie DiSanto.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Majority Leader Blazejewski announces that the next House session will be held on Tuesday, March 21st, at 4:00 p.m. The committee on Corporations and Committee on State Government and Elections will be meeting tomorrow, Friday, March 17, 2023.

Chairman Casey announces that the Committee on Municipal Government & Housing will meet today, at the rise of the House, in Room 101 of the State House.

IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION

House Resolution No. 6152

BY Tanzi, Boylan, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Knight, Cortvriend, Fogarty, Shallcross Smith, Ajello, Felix

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF KARRIE ANN DISANTO {LC2622/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Tanzi discusses the resolution.

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

House Resolution No. 6153

BY Hull, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Roberts, Alzate, Fogarty, Ajello, Kennedy, Speakman

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE RHODE ISLAND COLLEGE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM ON THEIR OUTSTANDING 2022-2023 SEASON, AND WISHING THEM CONTINUED SUCCESS AT THE NCAA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL DIVISION III CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL FOUR {LC2576/1}

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

There is no objection.

Deputy Speaker Hull and Speaker Shekarchi discuss the resolution.

Read and passed, on a motion of Deputy Speaker Hull, seconded by many others, by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

House Resolution No. 6154

BY Noret, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, O'Brien, Finkelman, Place, Casey, Kazarian, Solomon, Corvese
ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION HONORING DR. ANTHONY A. CALDAMONE ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT {LC399/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Noret and Speaker Shekarchi discuss the resolution.

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

House Resolution No. 6155

BY Costantino, Lombardi J, Azzinaro, Cortvriend, Cardillo, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, DeSimone, Perez, Chippendale
ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE CELEBRATION OF ST. JOSEPH'S DAY {LC2499/1}

With the agreement of the majority and the minority, Chairman Azzinaro requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Chairman Azzinaro discusses the resolution.

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

House Resolution No. 6156

BY Blazejewski, Chippendale
ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES {LC2593/1}

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. 6157**BY** Blazejewski, Chippendale**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING CONGRATULATIONS {LC2594/1}

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.

House Resolution No. 6158**BY** Kennedy, Craven, McNamara, Casey, Edwards, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, McEntee, O'Brien, Chippendale**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION CELEBRATING ST. PATRICK'S DAY AND THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GOOD FRIDAY AGREEMENT {LC2498/1}

With the agreement of the majority and the minority, Speaker Pro Tempore Kennedy requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Speaker Pro Tempore discusses the resolution.

Read and passed, on a motion of Speaker Pro Tempore Kennedy, seconded by 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 State Affairs and Government–Rhode Island Police Officers Commission on Standards and Training

Representative Casimiro-An Act relating to Education–Tuition Waiver Program for Children in Rhode Island Foster Care

Representative Dawson-An Act relating to Business Corporation Tax

Representative Donovan-An Act relating to Medicare Supplement Insurance Policies

Representative Felix-An Act relating to State Affairs and Government–Corrections Department

Representative Fogarty-An Act relating to Agriculture and Forestry-Protection of Trees and Plants Generally

Representative Knight-An Act relating to Towns and Cities-Low and Moderate-Income Housing

Representative Newberry-An Act relating to Child and Slave Labor in Manufacturing of Green Energy Projects

Representative Potter-An Act relating to Rebuild Rhode Island Tax Credit

Representative Shanley-An Act relating to Elections-General Provisions

Representative Slater-An Act relating to Quality Self-Directed Services

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.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE SENATE

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

Senate Bill No. 130

BY Euer, Pearson, Gallo, Sosnowski, Lombardi F, Felag, Raptakis, Miller, LaMountain, Lauria
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- ELECTIVE MEETINGS (Mandates that on each primary for election of national convention delegates and elections for presidential preference primaries, that all public elementary and secondary schools be closed.) {LC1221/1}
03/17/2023 Referred to House State Government & Elections

Senate Bill No. 177

BY Gallo, Pearson, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Valverde, Lawson, Zurier
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.) {LC882/1}
03/17/2023 Referred to House Education

NEW BUSINESS

House Bill No. 6159

BY Ackerman, Spears, Bennett, Kennedy, Kazarian, Hull, Edwards, Serpa, McNamara, Messier
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFITS (Includes any costs paid by an enrollee or on behalf of the enrollee by a third party when calculating an enrollee's overall contribution to any out-of-pocket maximum or cost sharing requirement under a health plan as of January 1, 2024.) {LC2392/1}
03/17/2023 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 6160

BY Noret, McNamara, Vella-Wilkinson, O'Brien, Baginski, Corvese, Fenton-Fung, Costantino, Fellela, Cardillo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- PESTICIDE CONTROL

(Amends the definition of "under the direct supervision" to include a competent person acting under the control of a certified or licensed applicator who is available when needed, even though not physically present when pesticide is applied.) {LC2444/1}

03/17/2023 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

(For Co-sponsorship removal request, see Journal of 4-4-2023, page 2.)

(Added to Co-sponsorship is Representative Cardillo)

House Bill No. 6161

BY Felix, Cruz, Craven, Batista, Vella-Wilkinson, Caldwell, Ajello, Kazarian, Morales

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- SOLITARY

CONFINEMENT REFORM ACT (Establishes the restrictive housing oversight committee

("committee") for the purpose of monitoring the use of restrictive housing (solitary confinement), as well as disciplinary and administrative confinement at the department of corrections.) {LC2181/1}

03/17/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 6162

BY Vella-Wilkinson, Craven, Felix, Batista, Knight, Edwards, Morales, Slater, Shanley

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- UNIFORM CONTROLLED

SUBSTANCES ACT (Amends the uniform controlled substances act and reclassifies simple possession of 28 grams or less of certain controlled substances as a misdemeanor.) {LC2563/1}

03/17/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Resolution No. 6163

BY Solomon, Edwards, Kazarian, Casimiro, Spears, Casey, Potter, Cruz, Felix, Kislak

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE TO IMPROVE THE LONG-TERM OUTCOMES AND REDUCE RECIDIVISM OF FEMALES

WITHIN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE POPULATION (Creates a 19 member task force whose purpose it would be to improve outcomes and reduce recidivism of females in the criminal justice system, and who would report back by February 5, 2024, and expire on April 5, 2024.) {LC2602/1}

03/17/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Resolution No. 6164

BY Solomon, Kazarian, Casimiro, Spears, Carson, Caldwell

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE FROM THE RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES (DHS) IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS (DOC) ON CURRENT AND POTENTIAL SERVICES AND PROGRAMS FOR TRANSITIONING FEMALES IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM THROUGH PRE- AND POST-RELEASE {LC2601/1}

03/17/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 6165**BY** Kazarian, Boylan, Dawson, Henries**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION – LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Enables the city of East Providence to offer tax amnesty for two (2) separate sixty (60) day periods for fiscal years 2023 and 2024 for waiver of interest and penalties on overdue real property tax payments.) {LC2377/1}

03/17/2023 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 6166**BY** Place, Newberry**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO THE CONSOLIDATION OF THE OAKLAND--MAPLEVILLE #4 AND THE NASONVILLE FIRE DISTRICTS INTO THE BURRILLVILLE FIRE DISTRICT (Authorizes, subject to voter approval, the merger and consolidation of the Oakland-Mapleville Fire District #4 and the Nasonville Fire District into a district to be called the "Burrillville Fire District.") {LC2549/1}

03/17/2023 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 6167**BY** Speakman, Donovan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Allows Bristol to adopt tax classification plan for tax relief for taxes assessed on 12/31/23 and any tax year thereafter.) {LC2596/1}

03/17/2023 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 6168**BY** Speakman, Shekarchi, Morales, Boylan, Cruz, Potter, Alzate, Felix**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- HOUSING PRODUCTION REVOLVING FUND (Creates the Housing Production Revolving Fund through the issuance of \$50,000,000 in housing bonds by the department of housing to provide affordable housing for low income households and provide a \$500,000 annual appropriation from the general assembly.) {LC2564/1}

03/17/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 6169**BY** Diaz, Shallcross Smith, Casimiro, McNamara, DeSimone, Messier, Cruz, Kislak, Donovan, Caldwell**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- THE RHODE ISLAND WORKS PROGRAM (Permits a parent or caretaker relative of a family applying for child care assistance to qualify for child care assistance without first establishing paternity, or enforcing child support and medical support orders.) {LC2556/1}

03/17/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 6170**BY** Giraldo, Alzate, Potter, Voas, Morales, Cruz, O'Brien**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- POSTSECONDARY TUITION ASSISTANCE FOR SHORTAGE TEACHING FIELDS (Creates a postsecondary tuition assistance for shortage teaching fields.) {LC2558/1}

03/17/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 6171**BY** Ajello, Kislak, Speakman, Alzate, Potter, Cruz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX -- CAPITAL GAINS (Amends the capital gains tax rates and holding period from 5 years to 1 year. Imposes a non-owner occupied tax on homes assessed at more than \$1,000,000.) {LC2562/1}

03/17/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Resolution No. 6172**BY** Ajello, Shallcross Smith, Tanzi, Cortvriend, Donovan, Spears, Carson, Speakman, Henries, McGaw**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$3,000,000 TO SOJOURNER HOUSE IN RHODE ISLAND (Authorizes the appropriation of the sum of \$3,000,000 to Sojourner House to support its permanent housing development program that provides safe, secure housing to individuals and families fleeing from dangerous situations.) {LC2579/1}

03/17/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**TRANSFER OF BILLS****Chairman Casey, for the Committee on Municipal Government and Housing, reports back the following measure, with recommendation of transfer to the Committee on Labor:****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}

03/17/2023 Committee transferred to House Labor

COMMITTEE ON CORPORATIONS**Chairman Solomon, for the Committee on Corporations, reports back the following measures, with recommendation of passage:****House Bill No. 5337 SUB A****BY** Handy, Serpa, Cortvriend, Messier, Fenton-Fung, Solomon, Fogarty, Caldwell, Chippendale**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- CASUALTY INSURANCE RATING (Prevents insurance companies from treating widowed persons differently than married persons when establishing or maintaining an insured's rate or classification respecting the operation of a personal motor vehicle. Effective 1/1/24) {LC836/A/1}

03/17/2023 Placed on House Calendar (03/21/2023)

House Bill No. 5419

(RI Airport Corporation)

BY Kennedy, Azzinaro, Ackerman, McNamara**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO AERONAUTICS -- AIRPORTS AND LANDING FIELDS

(Designates the appropriate authority on air space issues as the president and CEO of the Rhode Island airport corporation and aligns certain job titles with their proper responsibilities relative to aeronautics.) {LC736/1}

03/17/2023 Placed on House Calendar (03/23/2023)

House Bill No. 5420

(RI Airport Corporation)

BY Kennedy, Ackerman, Azzinaro**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO AERONAUTICS -- UNPILOTED AERIAL VEHICLES

(Provides for the regulation of unpiloted aircraft systems in accordance with Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) requirements.) {LC1331/1}

03/17/2023 Placed on House Calendar (03/23/2023)

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

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

House Bill No. 5040 SUB A**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/A/1}

03/17/2023 Placed on House Calendar (03/21/2023)

Senate Bill No. 20 SUB A**BY** Valverde, Pearson, DiMario, Acosta, Zurier, DiPalma, Gu, Britto**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- TEACHERS' RETIREMENT (Adds a section which allows substitute teachers and post-retirement employees to exceed the ninety-day (90) cap on post-retirement employment if certain conditions are met.) {LC672/A/1}

03/17/2023 Placed on House Calendar (03/21/2023)

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Chairwoman Donovan, for the Committee on Health, Education and Services, reports back the following measures, with recommendation of passage:

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}

03/17/2023 Placed on House Calendar (03/23/2023)

House Bill No. 5349

BY Casey, Fenton-Fung, Kazarian, Chippendale, Craven, Bennett, Messier, Kislak, O'Brien, Dawson
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- NURSES (Amends the conditions upon which a nurse would be exempt from certain licensing requirements to include eligibility to practice before taking and receiving results of the NCLEX exam.) {LC239/1}
03/17/2023 Placed on House Calendar (03/21/2023)

House Bill No. 5506

BY Ackerman, McNamara, Bennett, Shallcross Smith, Diaz, Edwards, Kennedy, Giraldo, Fogarty
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LICENSING OF
HEALTHCARE FACILITIES (Allows health care facility to conduct research on patients subject to
21 C.F.R. Pt 50 and/or 45 C.F.R. Pt 46 (relating to the informed consent in clinical trials).)
{LC1017/1}
03/15/2023 Committee recommends passage

House Bill No. 5682 SUB A

(Dept. of Health)

BY Giraldo, Potter

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- OFFICE OF STATE
MEDICAL EXAMINERS (Provides DOH multidisciplinary team review of drug overdose deaths
may gather info of deaths from family willing to do so to help identify prevention/intervention
strategies.) {LC1618/A/1}
03/17/2023 Placed on House Calendar (03/23/2023)

COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT AND HOUSING

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

Senate Bill No. 239

BY Pearson, Picard

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION
(Authorizes the town of Cumberland to exempt or stabilizes tax payments for real/personal property
related to environmental remediation, historic preservation, affordable housing, manufacturing,
commercial, residential, or mixed-use purposes.) {LC801/1}
03/17/2023 Placed on House Calendar (03/21/2023)

ADJOURNMENT

At 4:54 o'clock P.M. on motion of Representative Tanzi, and as a further mark of respect to the
memory of Karrie Ann DiSanto seconded by Leaders Blazejewski and Chippendale the House
adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

Diane M. DePina
Recording Clerk

APPENDIX**INVOCATION****REPRESENTATIVE ARTHUR J. CORVESE**

Dear Lord: Today we start our session by honoring Saint Joseph. The patron Saint of working men everywhere. We further honor Saint Patrick, the Patron Saint of Ireland. Both men came from humble beginnings but dedicated their lives to serving others. Let these Men be our guide as we work to serve the needs of all who call Rhode Island home. Amen

APPENDIX

REPRESENTATIVE MCNAMARA, ST. PATRICK'S DAY POEM

YAKOKE

(Thank You)

The Choctaw Nation was forced to march the 500 miles "Trails of Tears"
Starvation and disease were their constant fears

Thousands were lost on that deadly jaunt
The survivors arrived in Oklahoma Weakened and gaunt

Memories of hunger and stolen land scared their soul
Tribal survival was their goal

Sixteen years later, they heard from across the sea
An Irish famine was causing death and misery

They heard of a child crying for a piece of corn to stop the pain
His cries were all in vain

His mother whispered in his ear
Maybe tomorrow my dear

More news arrived from that foreign shore
Irish deaths were starting to soar

Memories of starvation and stolen land
Were all that it took for the Choctaw to take a stand

The Irish hardship and famine were beyond belief
The Choctaw organized to send relief

The Choctaw people dug very deep
It was one of the largest donations the Irish would reap

The country was grateful and overcome with joy
For the Choctaw Nations' benevolent ploy

One hundred-seventy years later
The Navajo and Hopi Nations saw COVID spreading fast
The pandemic reminded the Irish of charitable acts of their past

Choctaw empathy was in the Irish DNA
Their counties organized to send relief to keep the pandemic at bay

Funds were sent for water, food and medical care
Creating a bond based on the fragile humanity
For nations both far and near

Food should never be a weapon of war
As kindred spirits, we all should do more

Dark pasts should lead the way to a world that ends hunger and greed
And we should always remember
The Choctaw's generous deed

Sláinte
(Cheers)

Happy St. Patrick's Day



APPENDIX**CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 2023:**

1. **2023-H 5040 SUB A**
 BY O'Brien
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- TEACHERS' RETIREMENT

Committee on Finance recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A in concurrence.

2. **2023-H 5337 SUB A**
 BY Handy
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- CASUALTY INSURANCE RATING

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

3. **2023-H 5349**
 BY Casey
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- NURSES

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.

4. **2023-S 20 SUB A**
 BY Valverde
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- TEACHERS' RETIREMENT

Committee on Finance recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A in concurrence.

5. **2023-S 239**
 BY Pearson
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage in concurrence.

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 23, 2023:**1. 2023-H 5044****BY** Edwards**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- HARM REDUCTION CENTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND PILOT PROGRAM

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.

2. 2023-H 5682 SUB A**BY** Giraldo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- OFFICE OF STATE MEDICAL EXAMINERS

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

3. 2023-H 5419**BY** Kennedy**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO AERONAUTICS -- AIRPORTS AND LANDING FIELDS

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

4. 2023-H 5420**BY** Kennedy**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO AERONAUTICS -- UNPILOTED AERIAL VEHICLES

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

Francis McCabe
Clerk of the House**Friday, March 17, 2023**