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# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Seventeenth-Day

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The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence on Thursday, March 7, 2024, and is called to order at 4:16 o'clock P.M. by the Honorable K. Joseph Shekarchi, Speaker.

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

**PRESENT** – 67: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson and Voas.

**ABSENT** – 8: Representatives Brien, Cortvriend, Costantino, Fogarty, Morgan, Perez, Rea and Solomon.

## INVOCATION

The Honorable Speaker presents Representative Michelle E. McGaw 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, March 5, 2024, is approved.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Representative Joseph J. Solomon, Jr. is unable to attend session today, Thursday, March 7, 2024.  
Representative Jon D. Brien is unable to attend session today, Thursday, March 7, 2024.  
Representative Kathleen A. Fogarty is unable to attend session today, Thursday, March 7, 2024.  
Representative Terri Cortvriend is unable to attend session today, Thursday, March 7, 2024.

**CALENDAR**

From the Calendar are taken:

**IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 2024:****1. 2024-H 7039**

**BY** McEntee

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF SOUTH KINGSTOWN TO ISSUE NOT TO EXCEED \$150,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND NOTES TO FINANCE THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, IMPROVEMENT, RENOVATION, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF A NEW HIGH SCHOOL, ATHLETIC FACILITY, AND OTHER SCHOOL FACILITIES IN THE TOWN AND ALL EXPENSES INCIDENT THERETO INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, COSTS OF DESIGN, DEMOLITION, ATHLETIC FIELDS, LANDSCAPING AND PARKING AND ALL ATTENDANT EXPENSES, INCLUDING ENGINEERING, ARCHITECTURAL AND OTHER PROJECT-RELATED CONSULTING COSTS

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

Chairman Abney moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Spears, McEntee, Tanzi, and Deputy Speaker Hull.

Chairman Abney discusses the act.

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

YEAS - 67: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

Majority Leader Blazejewski moves item #2 to be placed on the Calendar for Tuesday, March 19, 2024. There is no objection.

2. **2024-H 7278**

**BY** Baginski

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF CRANSTON TO ISSUE NOT TO EXCEED \$40,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, NOTES AND OTHER EVIDENCES OF INDEBTEDNESS TO FINANCE THE PURCHASE AND/OR ACQUISITION OF LAND AND BUILDINGS, CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, IMPROVEMENT, ALTERATION, REPAIR, LANDSCAPING, FURNISHING AND/OR EQUIPPING OF SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL FACILITIES THROUGHOUT THE CITY, SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF STATE HOUSING AID AT A REIMBURSEMENT RATE OR STATE SHARE RATIO OF NOT LESS THAN 50% AT THE TIME OF ISSUANCE

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

Read and, by unanimous consent, placed on the Calendar for Tuesday, March 19, 2024.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Speaker Shekarchi wishes House Clerk Francis McCabe a Happy Birthday and acknowledges his years of service to the House of Representatives.

### GUESTS

Representative Alzate extends a warm welcome and congratulations to three outstanding female students for their remarkable academic achievements and for being selected Legislators for the day, Jillian Gagnon from Jacqueline M. Walsh High School, Melissa Korngor from Charles E. Shea High School, and Natalia Alvarado from William E. Tolman Senior High School. Their dedication to academic excellence and community involvement is truly inspiring. Speaker Shekarchi congratulates and welcomes them to the House Chamber.

Representative Carson welcomes to the House Chamber in celebration of Arts in the Schools Month, Rhode Island State Council on the Arts Education Program Director Seamus Hames and Marketing Coordinator Lisa Ramos, Tara Villanova, an art teacher from Community and Garvin Elementary School representing the Rhode Island Art Education Association. Their dedication to promoting arts education and their contributions to the artistic community are commendable.

Representative Slater welcomes to the House Chamber Peter Kasabian, who is here today to testify in Committee. Speaker Shekarchi welcomes Peter to the House Chamber and commends him for testifying.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Representative McEntee invites all members to attend The Greater Providence Chamber of Commerce reception tonight in the Bell area of the State House.

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.

Representative Giraldo and, on behalf of Senator Acosta, recognize the exceptional girls participating in middle school and high school wrestling in Rhode Island. This celebration is extraordinary as it coincides with Women's History Month and International Women's Day, highlighting the remarkable achievements of these young women in a traditionally male-dominated sport. Girls' wrestling has rapidly grown to become one of the fastest-growing school sports in the country. This year marks the inaugural season of girls' wrestling in Rhode Island, making it even more significant to celebrate the accomplishments of the top female wrestlers in the state.

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

Vice-Chairman O'Brien announces that the Committee on Corporations will meet today, at the rise of the House, in the House Lounge of the State House.

Representative Quattrocchi congratulates and recognizes the Spartans' Scituate Girls Wrestling Team for their outstanding performance and remarkable success at the recent RIIL Inaugural Girls State Wrestling Meet. Several members achieved noteworthy success while achieving significant milestones. Senior Daisey Hawkins made history by becoming the first-ever girls' state champion wrestler in the 107-pound class. Additionally, her sister, freshman Kamie Hawkins from Exeter/West Greenwich, became the second girls' state champion by securing the 120-pound championship, and junior Katelyn Egan rounded out their success by capturing the 126-pound title and Coach Serge Bouyssou for his exceptional leadership and guidance, which has undoubtedly contributed to the team's success.

Majority Leader Blazejewski announces that the House will meet on Tuesday, March 12, 2024, and Thursday, March 14, 2024, at 4:00 p.m.

Majority Leader Blazejewski wishes Representative Rebecca Kislak a Happy Birthday!

**IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION****House Resolution No. 8034**

**BY** Carson, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Kennedy, Ajello, Tanzi, Fellela, Shallcross Smith, Henries

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION CELEBRATING MARCH OF 2024, AS "ARTS IN THE SCHOOLS MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC5502/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Carson discusses the resolution.

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

**House Resolution No. 8035**

**BY** Kazarian, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Carson, Donovan, Spears, Cotter, Azzinaro, Stewart

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MARCH OF 2024, TO BE "BRAIN INJURY AWARENESS MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC5455/1}

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

There is no objection.

Majority Whip Kazarian discusses the resolution.

Read and passed, on a motion of Majority Whip Kazarian, seconded by many others, by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

**House Resolution No. 8036**

**BY** Cotter, Kazarian, Fogarty, Carson, Speakman, Donovan, Spears, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MARCH OF 2024, TO BE "WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC5250/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Cotter discusses the resolution.

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

**House Resolution No. 8037**

**BY** Tanzi, Ajello, Fogarty, Serpa, McEntee, Vella-Wilkinson, Diaz, Kazarian, Shekarchi, Blazejewski

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MARCH 8, 2024, AS "INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC5449/1}

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 voice vote.

**House Resolution No. 8038**

**BY** Blazejewski, Chippendale

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING CONGRATULATIONS {LC5667/1}

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. 8039**

**BY** Blazejewski, Chippendale

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES {LC5668/1}

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.

**RULE 7D**

**The following bills were received pursuant to Rule 7D:**

Representative Baginski-An Act relating to Residential Landlord and Tenant Act,  
An Act relating to Labor and Labor Relations–Rhode Island Noncompetition Agreement Act  
Representative Hull-An Act relating to Accident and Sickness Insurance Policies  
Representative Slater-An Act relating to Sales and Use Tax  
Representative Voas-An Act relating to Corporations, Associations, and Partnerships

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.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES  
TRANSFER OF BILLS****COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

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

**Senate Bill No. 2091**

**BY** Valverde, Sosnowski, Gu

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF SOUTH KINGSTOWN TO ISSUE NOT TO EXCEED \$150,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND NOTES TO FINANCE THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, IMPROVEMENT, RENOVATION, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF A NEW HIGH SCHOOL, ATHLETIC FACILITY, AND OTHER SCHOOL FACILITIES IN THE TOWN AND ALL EXPENSES INCIDENT THERETO, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, COSTS OF DESIGN, DEMOLITION, ATHLETIC FIELDS, LANDSCAPING AND PARKING AND ALL ATTENDANT EXPENSES, INCLUDING ENGINEERING, ARCHITECTURAL AND OTHER PROJECT-RELATED CONSULTING COSTS (Authorizes town of South Kingstown to issue not more than \$150,000,000 bonds and notes to finance the acquisition/construction/improvement/renovation/furnishing/equipping of a new high school/athletic facility/other school facilities in the town.) {LC3574/1}

03/07/2024 Placed on House Calendar (03/14/2024)

**Chairman Abney, for the Committee on Finance, reports back the following measure, with recommendation of transfer to the Committee on Municipal Government & Housing:**

**House Bill No. 7701**

**BY** Speakman, Knight, Edwards, Cortvriend, Giraldo, Potter

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- STATE BUILDING CODE -- ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT (Consolidates and transfers the duties of the state building inspector to the state building code commissioner and establish a state building code education and training academy.) {LC4788/1}

03/10/2024 Committee transferred to House Municipal Government & Housing

**COMMITTEE ON CORPORATIONS**

Chairman Solomon, for the Committee on Corporations, reports back the following measure, with recommendation of passage:

**House Bill No. 7424**

(Secretary of State)

**BY** Shanley, Edwards, Bennett, Casimiro, McNamara, Baginski, Craven, O'Brien

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- FILING OF ASSUMED NAME (Changes the term "assumed name" to "trade name" and centralizes the filing, administration and regulation process of trade names to the secretary of state and requires an annual renewal of the trade name.) {LC4668/1}

03/08/2024 Placed on House Calendar (03/12/2024)

**Chairman Solomon, for the Committee on Corporations, reports back the following measures, with recommendation of transfer to the Committee on Small Business:**

**House Bill No. 8024**

**BY** O'Brien, Slater

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- MANUFACTURING AND WHOLESALE LICENSES (Prohibits manufacturers of alcoholic beverages from holding or having any interest in a wholesaler license.) {LC5582/1}

03/11/2024 Committee transferred to House Small Business

**COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT AND HOUSING**

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

**House Bill No. 7244 SUB A**

**BY** Ackerman, Voas, Phillips, Marszalkowski

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- GENERAL POWERS

(Authorizes the town of Cumberland to require the registration of wholesale, retail, commercial, professional service or manufacturing businesses situated in Cumberland.) {LC4086/A/1}

03/08/2024 Placed on House Calendar (03/12/2024)

**House Bill No. 7321**

(by request)

**BY** Carson, Abney

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

NEWPORT -- ELECTRIC BICYCLES AND SCOOTERS (Enables the Newport city council to enact ordinances related to the operation of e-bikes and e-scooters.) {LC4273/1}

03/08/2024 Placed on House Calendar (03/14/2024)

## NEW BUSINESS

**House Bill No. 8040****BY** Knight, Craven, Chippendale**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS -- THE RHODE ISLAND SPECIAL DEPOSITS ACT (Establishes the Rhode Island Special Deposits Act to be governed by an account agreement between the bank and the depositor or its beneficiary.) {LC5629/1}

03/08/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 8041****BY** Ackerman, Donovan, Spears, Edwards, McNamara, Serpa, Kennedy, DeSimone**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, 2025.) {LC5535/1}

03/08/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 8042****BY** Newberry**ENTITLED**, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF NEW ENGLAND RACING FUEL, INC. {LC5653/1}

03/08/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 8043****BY** Bennett, Edwards, Vella-Wilkinson, Carson, Speakman, Fogarty, Cotter, McGaw, Cortvriend, Boylan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- STATE

AGENCY EMISSION REPORTING (Requires executive climate change coordinating council (EC4) to develop a template to be used by all agencies of the state to track their climate emissions to uphold the pathway to Rhode Island's act on climate legislative goals.) {LC5640/1}

03/08/2024 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

**House Bill No. 8044****BY** Hull, Lombardi J, Fogarty, Handy, Shallcross Smith, Ajello, Ackerman, Slater, Azzinaro, Bennett**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- WORKPLACE

PSYCHOLOGICAL SAFETY ACT (Protects bullying/psychological abuse in workplace inflicted upon employees by employers/co-employees/provides civil remedies to affected employees/fines against employers/imprisonment/fines against co-employees.) {LC5656/1}

03/08/2024 Introduced, referred to House Labor

**House Bill No. 8045****BY** Noret, Serpa, Azzinaro**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- PERMANENT JOINT

COMMITTEE ON NAMING ALL NEW BUILDINGS, BRIDGES, EDIFICES AND OTHER

STATE CONSTRUCTIONS (Names the intersections of Main Street with Legris Avenue and West Warwick Avenue (Route 117), in the town of West Warwick, as Veterans' Square.) {LC5674/1}

03/08/2024 Introduced, referred to House Special Legislation

**House Bill No. 8046**

**BY** Felix, Tanzi, McNamara, Kislak, Diaz, Giraldo, Stewart, Cruz, Henriess, Batista

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- GENERAL PROVISIONS (Allows citizens of a city or town who are at least sixteen (16) years of age to register to vote and to vote in school committee elections in municipalities where school committees are elected entities.) {LC5473/1}  
03/08/2024 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

**House Bill No. 8047**

**BY** Shallcross Smith, Casimiro, Diaz

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- BUILDING OPPORTUNITIES IN OUT-OF-SCHOOL TIME (Provides \$4 million to support after school and school vacation, summer learning workforce development programs for K-12 students with annual reports on status and programs.) {LC4789/1}  
03/08/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 8048**

**BY** Shallcross Smith, Casimiro, Diaz, Alzate, Ackerman, McNamara, Fogarty, Kazarian

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- STUDENT LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM (Creates the Rhode Island Student Loan Authority which would allow eligible individual to discharge student loan debt.) {LC5223/1}  
03/08/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 8049**

**BY** Biah, DeSimone, Hull, Diaz, Slater, Morales, Lombardi J, Kislak, Baginski, McNamara

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT IN ACCORDANCE WITH RHODE ISLAND GENERAL LAWS SECTION 16-7-44 APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF \$125,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, NOTES AND OTHER EVIDENCES OF INDEBTEDNESS OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, IMPROVEMENT, ALTERATION, REPAIR, LANDSCAPING, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL FACILITIES THROUGHOUT THE CITY AND ALL COSTS RELATED THERETO (This act serves as the enabling act required by § 16-7-44 of the general laws in order for the principal and interest on bonds issued in support of school housing projects to be eligible for state housing aid reimbursement.) {LC5052/1}  
03/08/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 8050**

**BY** Biah, DeSimone, Hull, Diaz, Slater, Lombardi J, Kislak, Baginski, McNamara, Batista

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE TO ISSUE NOT TO EXCEED \$400,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND NOTES TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION, RELATED DEMOLITION, RENOVATION, IMPROVEMENT, ALTERATION, REPAIR, LANDSCAPING, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL FACILITIES THROUGHOUT THE CITY AND ALL COSTS RELATED THERETO, SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF STATE HOUSING AID AT A REIMBURSEMENT RATE OR STATE SHARE RATIO OF NOT LESS THAN 75% AT THE TIME OF ISSUANCE AND PROVIDED THAT THE AUTHORIZATION SHALL BE REDUCED BY THE AMOUNT OF CERTAIN GRANTS RECEIVED FROM STATE BOND PROCEEDS, FROM THE RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION OR FROM THE RHODE ISLAND SCHOOL BUILDING AUTHORITY (Authorizes Providence to issue not more than \$400,000,000 general

obligation bonds & notes to finance the construction, related demolition, renovation, improvement, alteration, repair, landscaping, furnishing and equipping of schools throughout the city.) {LC5054/1} 03/08/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 4:40 o'clock P.M., on motion of Majority Leader Blazejewski seconded by Minority Leader Chippendale, the House adjourns on a unanimous voice vote.

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

**APPENDIX**

**INVOCATION**

**REPRESENTATIVE MICHELLE E. MCGAW**

Gracious God: Today is International Women's Day. We ask you to guide all our leaders to focus on empowering young women to create a brighter, more inclusive world. It is essential we invest in their education and also provide equal opportunities for women, which, in the end, benefits us all.  
Amen

**APPENDIX****CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2024:**

1. **2024-H 7244 SUB A**  
**BY** Ackerman  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- GENERAL POWERS

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

2. **2024-H 7424**  
**BY** Shanley  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- FILING OF ASSUMED NAME

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

**IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 2024:**

1. **2024-H 7321**  
**BY** Carson  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- CITY OF NEWPORT -- ELECTRIC BICYCLES AND SCOOTERS

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

2. **2024-S 2091**  
**BY** Valverde  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF SOUTH KINGSTOWN TO ISSUE NOT TO EXCEED \$150,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND NOTES TO FINANCE THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, IMPROVEMENT, RENOVATION, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF A NEW HIGH SCHOOL, ATHLETIC FACILITY, AND OTHER SCHOOL FACILITIES IN THE TOWN AND ALL EXPENSES INCIDENT THERETO, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, COSTS OF DESIGN, DEMOLITION, ATHLETIC FIELDS, LANDSCAPING AND PARKING AND ALL ATTENDANT EXPENSES, INCLUDING ENGINEERING, ARCHITECTURAL AND OTHER PROJECT-RELATED CONSULTING COSTS

Committee on Finance recommends passage in concurrence.

**IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2024:**

**1. 2024-H 7278**

**BY** Baginski

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF CRANSTON TO ISSUE NOT TO EXCEED \$40,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, NOTES AND OTHER EVIDENCES OF INDEBTEDNESS TO FINANCE THE PURCHASE AND/OR ACQUISITION OF LAND AND BUILDINGS, CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, IMPROVEMENT, ALTERATION, REPAIR, LANDSCAPING, FURNISHING AND/OR EQUIPPING OF SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL FACILITIES THROUGHOUT THE CITY, SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF STATE HOUSING AID AT A REIMBURSEMENT RATE OR STATE SHARE RATIO OF NOT LESS THAN 50% AT THE TIME OF ISSUANCE

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

**Francis McCabe**  
Clerk of the House