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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Tuesday, January 20, 2026

Fifth Day

The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence on Tuesday, January 20, 2026, and is called to order at 4:23 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 Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hopkins, Hull, Kennedy, Kislak, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Read, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, and Voas.

ABSENT –8: Representatives Abney, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Casey, Kazarian, Knight, and Roberts,

INVOCATION

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

(For Invocation, see Appendix, this Journal.)

APPROVAL OF RECORD

By unanimous consent, the House Journal of Thursday, January 15, 2026, is approved.

COMMUNICATIONS

Representative David A. Bennett is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, January 20, 2026.
Representative Jose F. Batista is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, January 20, 2026.
Representative Marvin L. Abney is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, January 20, 2026.
Representative Jason P. Knight is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, January 20, 2026.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

GUESTS

Representative Giraldo, in honor of the life and legacy of the late Nayasia A. Gonzalez, extends a warm welcome to the House, her parents, Raisa Gonzalez and Iryan J. Aubert, and her siblings, Laiza Gonzalez and Renzell Aubert. Nayasia was a young woman of exceptional spirit and a loving heart. She was a nurse whose ambition stemmed from her unwavering desire to help others. Her other passions were dancing and music. A person of faith, she actively participated in the community of St. Joseph's Church in Pawtucket. The impact of her presence will resonate deeply with her family, friends, and all those fortunate enough to have met her. Representative Giraldo extends his heartfelt condolences to Nayasia's entire family. Speaker Shekarchi extends his condolences and welcomes Nayasia's family to the House.



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

I, Marie Hopkins, State Representative, District 21, 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: 7-165

2. (Nature of the potential conflict) I have the following interest in the matter: MY DAUGHTER IS NAMED IN THE BILL (GETTING MARRIED)

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.

[Signature]
REPRESENTATIVE

State of Rhode Island
County of: PROVIDENCE

Subscribed and sworn to under the penalties for perjury before me this 20 day of Aug, 2026

Michael R Egan
Notary Public
State of Rhode Island
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES 03-30-2026

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

[Signature]
SPEAKER

IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION**House Bill No. 7165****BY** Chippendale, Blazejewski, Shekarchi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows the Honorable Mayor Frank Picozzi to join Madeline Marie Hopkins and Cameron David Charon in Marriage on or about February 10, 2026, within the City of Warwick, Rhode Island.) {LC4368/1} 01/20/2026 House read and passed

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

There is no objection.

Minority Leader Chippendale discusses the resolution.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 62 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 62: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hull, Kennedy, Kislak, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Read, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 1: Representative Hopkins.

TRANSMITTAL

By unanimous consent, 2026 H-7165, on the Clerk's desk, is ordered to be transmitted to the Honorable Senate, forthwith.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Solomon announces that the Committee on Corporations will meet today, at the rise of the House, in the House Lounge of the State House.

Chairman Fogarty announces that the Committee on Municipal Government & Housing 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 Thursday, January 22, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.

Majority Leader Blazewski reminds all Representatives that the annual Ethics Training will be held in the House Lounge on Thursday at 3:00 p.m., before the session. Ethics Commission Executive Director Jason Gramitt will discuss various sections of the code of ethics and the newly amended regulations, and will be available to answer all your questions. Attorneys attending will receive one ethics CLE credit. Speaker Shekarchi and Majority Leader encourage all to attend.

Majority Leader Blazewski extends birthday wishes to Representative Thomas E. Noret and June S. Speakman, who are celebrating their birthdays tomorrow.

IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION

House Resolution No. 7166

BY Corvese, Shekarchi, Blazewski, Chippendale, Paplauskas, Brien, Solomon, Casey, O'Brien, McNamara

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING JANUARY 18TH-24TH, 2026, TO BE "CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE ANESTHETISTS WEEK" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC3475/1}

With the agreement of the majority and the minority, on behalf of Speaker Shekarchi and the entire House of Representatives, Chairman Corvese requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Chairman Corvese discusses the resolution.

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

House Resolution No. 7167

BY Shekarchi, Blazewski, Dawson, Chippendale, Kennedy, Newberry, Ajello, Diaz, Shallcross Smith, Fogarty

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF ASHBEL TINGLEY WALL, II {LC3484/1}

With the agreement of the majority and the minority, on behalf of Speaker Shekarchi, Representative Dawson requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Representative Dawson and Speaker Shekarchi discuss the resolution.

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

House Resolution No. 7168

BY Giraldo, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Alzate, Messier, Stewart, Cruz, Potter, Casimiro
ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION HONORING AND REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF
NAYASIA A. GONZALEZ {LC4072/1}

With the agreement of the majority and the minority, on behalf of Speaker Shekarchi, Representative Giraldo requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Representative Giraldo discusses the resolution.

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

House Resolution No. 7169

BY Blazejewski, Chippendale
ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES {LC4185/1}

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. 7170

BY Blazejewski, Chippendale
ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING CONGRATULATIONS {LC4184/1}

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. 7171**

BY Casimiro, Giraldo, Spears, Shallcross Smith, Potter

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PATIENT PAYMENT INFORMATION (Prohibits a healthcare provider from requiring patients to provide electronic payment information to be kept on file as a condition to receiving treatment and makes it a violation a deceptive trade practice.) {LC3731/1}

01/21/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 7172

BY Casimiro, Giraldo, Donovan, Read, Spears, Shallcross Smith, Potter, Hopkins

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- HEALTH CARE AND SOCIAL SERVICES TRANSACTION REVIEW AND SIGNIFICANT EQUITY INVESTOR DISCLOSURE ACT (Creates and establishes the Health Care and Social Services Transaction Review and Significant Equity Investor Disclosure Act designed to enhance disclosure for material changes involving significant equity investors.) {LC4043/1}

01/21/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 7173

BY Kennedy, Cotter, Fellela, Serpa, Diaz, Ackerman, Edwards, Solomon, Azzinaro, O'Brien

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- FACILITATING BUSINESS RAPID RESPONSE TO STATE DECLARED DISASTER ACT OF 2024 (Incorporates broadband, internet, and wireless means into the crime of injuring electric and communication lines and authorizes municipalities to grant zoning relief for the protection of critical infrastructure.) {LC4181/1}

01/21/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 7174

BY Paplauskas, Fascia, Hopkins, Santucci, Place, Roberts, Newberry, Brien, Quattrocchi, Nardone

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- DUTIES OF UTILITIES AND CARRIERS (Repeals the energy efficiency charge.) {LC3600/1}

01/21/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 7175

BY Chippendale, Brien, Nardone, Newberry, Place, Santucci, Paplauskas, Quattrocchi, Hopkins, Fascia

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION-NATURAL GAS SUPPLIERS (Requires Rhode Island Energy to enter into at least one long-term contract, for at least a four (4) year period, to procure natural gas pipeline capacity with an interstate pipeline operator.) {LC3576/1}

01/21/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 7176

BY Chippendale, Newberry, Nardone, Place, Santucci, Brien, Quattrocchi, Hopkins, Fascia
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- THE RENEWABLE ENERGY GROWTH PROGRAM (Repeals the renewable energy growth program.) {LC3575/1}

01/21/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 7177

BY Chippendale, Brien, Newberry, Nardone, Place, Santucci, Quattrocchi, Hopkins, Fascia
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- MORATORIUM ON NET METERING, LONG-TERM CONTRACTS AND SUBSIDIES FOR HEAT PUMPS (Places a moratorium on net metering contracts, subsidies for heat pumps and long-term contracts for the purchasing of solar or wind energy.) {LC3582/1}

01/21/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 7178

BY Phillips, Brien, Chippendale, Nardone, Place, Hull, Shanley
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- SOLAR SITING ADVISORY TASKFORCE (Creates a taskforce to provide recommendations, advice and guidance to help expedite and provide technical assistance with regard to the development of solar energy systems on property owned by the state.) {LC3928/1}

01/21/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 7179

BY Phillips, Brien, Place, Azzinaro, Shanley
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- VEHICLE BARRIERS -- THE CHARLOTTE A. VACCA ACT (Requires commercial property owners to install vehicle barriers at their retail establishment locations as part of any new construction.) {LC3939/1}

01/21/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 7180

BY Shallcross Smith, Marszalkowski, DeSimone, Kislak, Giraldo, Brien, Cruz, Potter, Fogarty, Read
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW--GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- DIGITAL ELECTRONICS RIGHT TO REPAIR ACT (Establishes a digital electronics right to repair, which allows for digital electronic equipment and parts that are sold in this state on or after January 1, 2027, to be repaired at an independent repair provider.) {LC4208/1}

01/21/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 7181

BY Phillips, Brien, Chippendale, Nardone, Place, Hull, Azzinaro, Shanley
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- UNFAIR SALES PRACTICES (Provides that health clubs must discontinue automatic deductions from the consumer's account or credit card within 30 calendar days of receiving a notice to stop from the consumer.) {LC3926/1}

01/21/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 7182**BY** Fascia, Chippendale, Quattrocchi, Santucci, Place, Perez, Fellela**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES (Limits the development of utility scale solar energy projects.) {LC3627/1}

01/21/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 7183**BY** Kislak, Fogarty, Carson, McGaw, Boylan, Speakman, Cortvriend, Handy, Bennett, Donovan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- BUILDING

BENCHMARKING AND REPORTING ACT OF 2026 (Establishes a program for the energy and water benchmarking of large buildings in Rhode Island and a standard for their energy performance.)

{LC4069/1}

01/21/2026 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

House Bill No. 7184**BY** Kislak, Handy, Fogarty, Cortvriend, McGaw, Potter**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- BUILDING PERFORMANCE STANDARDS ACT OF 2026 (Directs the office of energy resources to develop building

performance standards for large buildings in Rhode Island that would cause greenhouse gas emissions to decline in line with the act on climate requirements.) {LC4071/1}

01/21/2026 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

House Bill No. 7185**BY** Boylan, Ajello, Donovan, Kislak, Fogarty, Carson, McGaw, Cotter, Stewart, Speakman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PROTECTIONS

OF HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS ACT (Provides that the prescription label for medication abortion prescription drugs may include the name of the dispensing healthcare practice instead of the name of the dispenser.) {LC4276/1}

01/21/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7186**BY** Edwards, Bennett, Casey, Alzate, Casimiro, Potter, Kennedy, Carson, Fogarty**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- NOTIFICATION OF FIRE FIGHTERS, POLICE OFFICERS AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS AFTER

EXPOSURE TO INFECTIOUS DISEASES (Amends the definition of infectious diseases to include the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) and would include emergency medical technicians eligible for benefits.) {LC4111/1}

01/21/2026 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 7187**BY** Edwards, Bennett, Potter, Carson, Fogarty, Casimiro**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- BENEFIT DETERMINATION AND UTILIZATION REVIEW ACT {LC4118/1}

01/21/2026 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 7188

BY Kennedy, Donovan, Cotter, Fellela, Serpa, Diaz, Ackerman, Edwards, Solomon, Azzinaro
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS
INSURANCE POLICIES (Caps amount payable for 30 day supply of equipment/supplies for insulin
administration/glucose monitoring at \$25 or equipment designed to last more than 30 days with no
deductible commencing January 1, 2026.) {LC4033/1}
01/21/2026 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 7189

BY Kislak, Fogarty, McGaw, Boylan, Speakman, Donovan, Spears, Handy
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- PHARMACY FREEDOM OF CHOICE --
FAIR COMPETITION AND PRACTICES (Provides for fair pharmacy reimbursement from a
pharmacy benefit manager, and also provides anti-discrimination prohibitions in regard to non-
affiliated pharmacies or pharmacists.) {LC3517/1}
01/21/2026 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 7190

BY Donovan, Potter, Spears, Kislak, Fogarty, Casimiro, Carson, Handy, Ajello, Shallcross Smith
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- THE TRANSPARENCY AND
ACCOUNTABILITY IN ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE USE BY HEALTH INSURERS TO
MANAGE COVERAGE AND CLAIMS ACT (Promotes transparency and accountability in the use
of artificial intelligence by health insurers to manage coverage and claims.) {LC3569/1}
01/21/2026 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 7191

BY Phillips, Brien, Chippendale, Nardone, Place, Hull, Azzinaro, Shanley
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LEAD POISONING
PREVENTION ACT (Allows a clinical laboratory, that is incorporated in the State of Rhode Island,
to analyze blood samples, from children under the age of six (6) years, for blood lead levels.)
{LC3940/1}
01/21/2026 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 7192

BY Lombardi, Hull, Ajello, Potter, Cruz, Stewart
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- RHODE ISLAND FOOD,
DRUGS, AND COSMETICS ACT (Requires that all cosmetics manufactured, sold, delivered, held
or offered for sale contain a label that completely and accurately list all of their component
ingredients.) {LC3755/1}
01/21/2026 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 7193

BY Lombardi, Hull, Ajello, Potter, Cruz, Stewart
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.) {LC3765/1}
01/21/2026 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 7194

BY O'Brien, Dawson, McEntee, Serpa, Fellela, Costantino, Kennedy, Azzinaro, Corvese, Slater
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION ACT (Includes animal cruelty offenses to the domestic violence crimes committed by a family or household members against another.) {LC3870/1}
01/21/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7195

BY Kislak, McEntee, Potter, Cruz, Stewart, Caldwell, Craven, Giraldo, Ajello
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO DELINQUENT AND DEPENDENT CHILDREN -- PROCEEDINGS IN FAMILY COURT {LC3568/1}
01/21/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7196

BY Perez, Fellela, Azzinaro, Phillips, Fascia, Hull, Santucci, Quattrocchi, Hopkins, Nardone
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- CHILDREN (Criminalizes the knowing and intentional failure of a physician, nurse, or other licensed medical person to provide reasonable medical care and treatment to an infant born alive as a felony.) {LC3938/1}
01/21/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7197

BY O'Brien, Dawson, Costantino, Lima, Azzinaro, Slater, Potter, Voas, Giraldo, McEntee
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- GAMBLING AND LOTTERIES (Allows social gaming in private residences and in public taverns or private clubs as long as the gambling is incidental to a bona fide social relationship between the participants and no person other than the participants receive anything of value.) {LC3869/1}
01/21/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7198

BY Felix, McEntee, Knight, Lombardi, Cruz, Morales, Alzate, Potter, Furtado, Place
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- GENERAL PROVISIONS {LC3856/1}
01/21/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7199

BY Alzate, Craven, Casimiro, Speakman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Hull, Shanley, Felix, Potter
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT -- RHODE ISLAND SURVIVOR EARLY LEASE TERMINATION ACT (Grants tenants that are the victim of various forms of abuse including, but not limited to, sexual and domestic abuse and stalking, the right to terminate a lease agreement early without penalty or liability for rent.) {LC3973/1}
01/21/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7200

BY McEntee, Shekarchi, Caldwell, Casimiro, Spears, Felix, Cortvriend, Serpa, Fellela, Knight
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE
GENERALLY -- CAUSES OF ACTION (Makes all causes of action based on sexual abuse or
exploitation of a child not subject to any statute of limitations whether the claim has lapsed or was
previously time-barred.) {LC3370/1}

01/21/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7201

BY McEntee, Spears, Caldwell, Casimiro, Felix, Craven, O'Brien
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- COMMERCIAL SEXUAL
ACTIVITY (Establishes the commercial sex buyer's accountability program which consists of an
instructional program on prostitution and human trafficking schemes.) {LC3876/1}

01/21/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7202

BY Potter, McEntee, Morales, Kislak, Sanchez, Speakman, Ajello, Stewart, Cruz, Giraldo
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE
GENERALLY -- CAUSES OF ACTION -- THE RHODE ISLAND FEDERAL CONSTITUTION
DEFENSE ACT (Creates the Rhode Island Federal Constitution defense act.) {LC4055/1}

01/21/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7203

BY Felix, McEntee, Craven, Cruz, Ajello, Morales, Potter, Alzate, Lombardi
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- BAIL AND
RECOGNIZANCE (Prohibits the courts from setting cash or surety bail on any misdemeanor offense
but permits the court to set reasonable non-monetary conditions of bail to assure the defendant's
presence in court as required and to protect the community.) {LC3852/1}

01/21/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7204

BY Lombardi, Hull, Cruz, Potter, Brien, Stewart, Kislak, Diaz, McEntee, Alzate
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.) {LC4242/1}

01/21/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7205

BY Casimiro, Shallcross Smith, Alzate, Stewart, Craven, McEntee, Giraldo, Donovan, Spears,
Sanchez

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATED TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- SENTENCING
RECONSIDERATION ACT (Allows eligible individuals serving sentences of imprisonment to seek
sentence reductions from the superior court, individuals serving life without parole or minimum
mandatory sentences pursuant to law, would not be eligible for such relief.) {LC3139/1}

01/21/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7206

BY Casimiro, Craven, McEntee, Giraldo, Donovan, Spears, Read, Shallcross Smith, Potter
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE
GENERALLY -- CAUSES OF ACTION (Grants an affirmative defense for certain privileged
communications, including communications made by an individual, without malice, regarding an
incident of sexual assault, harassment, or discrimination.) {LC3886/1}
01/21/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7207

BY Perez, Fellela, Azzinaro, Phillips, Fascia, Hull, Santucci, Quattrocchi, Diaz, Nardone
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE IN
PARTICULAR ACTIONS -- DEATH BY WRONGFUL ACT {LC3931/1}
01/21/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7208

BY Felix, Place, McEntee, Morales, Lombardi, Tanzi, Kislak, Potter, Cruz, Giraldo
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- ELECTRONIC
INFORMATION AND DATA PRIVACY ACT (Requires law enforcement agencies to obtain search
warrants for electronic information, data, location information and other identifying information of
subscribers and customers, except in specified circumstances.) {LC3862/1}
01/21/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7209

BY Perez, Corvese, Messier, Chippendale, Quattrocchi, Santucci, Shallcross Smith, Fellela,
Azzinaro, Fascia
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.) {LC3932/1}
01/21/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7210

BY McEntee, Caldwell, Casimiro, Spears, Felix, Craven, Dawson, Speakman, O'Brien,
Marszalkowski
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- UNIFORM PARTITION OF HEIRS'
PROPERTY ACT (Adopts the uniform partition of heirs property act.) {LC3372/1}
01/21/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7211

BY Felix, Lombardi, Morales, Potter, Cruz, Giraldo, Alzate, Diaz, Craven, Speakman
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE RHODE
ISLAND COMMUNITY PROTECTION ACT (Bars police from wearing masks or disguises when
interacting with the public, require visible ID, allow limited safety and undercover exceptions, and
impose criminal penalties and civil liability for violations.) {LC4057/1}
01/21/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7212

BY Felix, Kazarian, Morales, Quattrocchi, Handy, Fogarty, Noret, Corvese, Kislak, Alzate
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ACTIONS BY AND AGAINST TOWNS (Exempts recovery claims for damages due to a town's neglect in maintaining highways or bridges from the provisions of chapter 31 of title 9 on governmental tort liability.) {LC3857/1}
01/21/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7213

BY Felix, Place, Kazarian, Morales, Alzate, Tanzi, Kislak, Fogarty
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ACTIONS BY AND AGAINST TOWNS (Limits the recovery for personal injuries actions against any town to \$3,000 retroactive to all causes of action arising after January 1, 2026, and prohibits the use of subsequent remedial measures in roadway/highway defect cases.) {LC3854/1}
01/21/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7214

BY Lombardi, Hull, Ajello, Potter, Cruz, Stewart
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.) {LC3774/1}
01/21/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7215

BY Felix, Kazarian, Place, Morales, Quattrocchi, Alzate, Tanzi, Hull, Fogarty, Kislak
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- GOVERNMENTAL TORT LIABILITY (Caps damages at \$100,000 in tort actions against Rhode Island, cities, towns, or fire districts, except for willful misconduct or extreme recklessness. It also exempts them from § 9-21-10.) {LC3860/1}
01/21/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Resolution No. 7216

BY Perez, Messier, Santucci, Quattrocchi, Shallcross Smith, Fellela, Azzinaro, Fascia, Hull, Lombardi
ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY AND PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS TO ADDRESS CONCERNS IN THE DELIVERY OF HEALTHCARE TO INMATES AND INDIVIDUALS AWAITING TRIAL IN THE CUSTODY OF THE RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS (RIDOC) (Creates a 9 member commission to study and make recommendations on the delivery of healthcare services at RIDOC, and who reports back to the House no later than January 5, 2026, and whose life would expire on March 5, 2026.) {LC3944/1}
01/21/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7217

BY Cotter, Santucci, Boylan, Stewart, Spears, Carson, Casimiro, Solomon, Potter, Tanzi
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- MERIT SYSTEM-CLASSIFICATION PLAN (Require that the classification guide to desk audit analysis and class specification development be amended so that the lack of supervision of other employees not prevent an employee from receiving a classification upgrade) {LC4133/1}
01/21/2026 Introduced, referred to House Labor

House Bill No. 7218

(City of Providence)

BY Kislak, Blazejewski, Diaz, Slater, Sanchez, Biah, DeSimone, Morales, Lombardi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS -- CROOK POINT BRIDGE AUTHORITY ACT (Creates the Crook Point Bridge Authority for the purpose of maintain the Crook Point Bascule Bridge and any property related thereto.) {LC4257/1}

01/21/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 7219

(by request)

BY Ackerman, Voas, Marszalkowski

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

(Permits, but not directs, a municipality to allow certain requirements regarding consistent statewide treatment of accessory dwelling units.) {LC3863/1}

01/21/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 7220

(by request - Barrington)

BY Boylan, Knight

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- DOGS

(Permits the town of Barrington to assess an annual dog licensing fee of seven dollars (\$7.00).) {LC4063/1}

01/21/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 7221

(by request - Barrington)

BY Boylan, Knight

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- DOGS

(Increases the fines for dog ordinance violations in the town of Barrington.) {LC4062/1}

01/21/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 7222

BY Kislak, Fogarty, Carson, McGaw, Boylan, Speakman, Cortvriend, Handy, Bennett, Donovan

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

(Creates rodent integrated pest management pilot programs for municipalities that choose to participate. Reports to be approved by the municipality's mayor or administrator and submitted to the department of environmental management.) {LC3805/1}

01/21/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 7223

BY Boylan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- PERMANENT JOINT

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

STATE CONSTRUCTIONS (Names the new coveside dog park, located at Haines Memorial State Park in Barrington "The Christine Conrad Lane Memorial Dog Park.") {LC4376/1}

01/21/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 7224**BY** Edwards, Bennett, Kislak, Corvese, Carson, Fogarty, Casimiro**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- AWARD OF MUNICIPAL CONTRACTS (Increases the maximum municipal small purchase limits from \$10,000 to \$25,000 for construction projects and from \$5,000 to \$10,000 for all other municipal purchases.) {LC4107/1} 01/21/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing**House Bill No. 7225****BY** Lombardi, Hull, Ajello, Potter, Cruz, Stewart**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- EMERGENCY SHELTERS (Establishes rules and procedures for licensing emergency shelters for homeless persons, including setting minimum standards and prohibiting the charging of fees to the residents.) {LC3771/1} 01/21/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing**House Bill No. 7226****BY** Chippendale, Place, Nardone, Brien, Newberry, Santucci, Paplauskas, Quattrocchi, Hopkins, Fascia**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE ISLAND HOUSING AND MORTGAGE FINANCE CORPORATION (Expands Rhode Island Housing's authority to revise the qualified allocation plan to prioritize cost-efficient affordable housing production and total units, while reducing the scoring weight of non-production-related criteria.) {LC3629/1}

01/21/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 7227**BY** Lombardi, Hull, Sanchez**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES (Allows for the issuance of a Class B liquor license for the property located at 150 Broadway in the city of Providence.) {LC4393/1}

01/21/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Resolution No. 7228**BY** Handy, Fogarty, Boylan**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REPORTING AND EXPIRATION DATES OF THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY AND PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE CREATION OF A STATEWIDE WHOLE-HOME REPAIRS PROGRAM (Extends the reporting date of the special legislative commission to study and provides recommendations for the creation of a statewide whole-home repairs program from January 5, 2026, to June 30, 2026, and said commission expires on August 30, 2026.) {LC3964/1}

01/21/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 7229**BY** Fascia, Perez, Fellela, Furtado, Messier**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES (Creates a special license plate for the charity Real Access Motivates Progress, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit.) {LC3972/1}

01/21/2026 Introduced, referred to House Special Legislation

House Bill No. 7230

BY McGaw, Boylan, Handy, Fogarty, Carson, Kislak, Alzate, Cotter, Speakman
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HOLIDAYS AND DAYS OF SPECIAL OBSERVANCE
(Designates the month of May, annually, as "Rhode Island Native Plant Month," with appropriate ceremonies and activities to recognize and educate people about Rhode Island's native plants.)
{LC4074/1}

01/21/2026 Introduced, referred to House Special Legislation

(For Co-sponsorship removal request, see Journal of 1-20-2026, page 2.)

House Bill No. 7231

BY Edwards, Bennett, Ackerman, Solomon, Kennedy, Carson, Fogarty, Casimiro
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- LOCAL CANVASSING AUTHORITY
(Prohibits members of elected city/town political party committees as well as representative/senate district committees from serving on local canvassing authorities.) {LC4116/1}

01/21/2026 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 7232

BY Edwards, Kislak, Potter, Giraldo, Alzate, Stewart, Bennett, Ajello, Tanzi, Cruz
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- RHODE ISLAND FUSION VOTING ACT
(Establishes fusion voting in Rhode Island, allowing candidates to appear on ballots as nominees of multiple political parties, for the same office.) {LC4115/1}

01/21/2026 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 7233

BY Fascia, Paplauskas, Nardone, Quattrocchi, Santucci, Place, Furtado, Messier
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- REGISTRATION OF VOTERS (Allows automatic voter registration for Rhode Islanders applying for hunting and fishing licenses.)
{LC3626/1}

01/21/2026 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 7234

BY Place, Chippendale, Santucci, Newberry, Paplauskas, Fascia, Hopkins
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- PRIMARY ELECTION (Changes primary election to Wednesday if after Labor Day and does not mandate local boards of election to have voter registration drive at high school.) {LC4352/1}

01/21/2026 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 7235

BY Kennedy, Shanley, Cotter, Fellela, Serpa, Diaz, Ackerman, Edwards, Azzinaro, O'Brien
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE ISLAND COMMERCE CORPORATION (Removes nuclear plant projects from seeking the approval from the general assembly for the construction of said nuclear plant.) {LC4035/1}

01/21/2026 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 7236

BY Morales, Cruz, Giraldo, Felix, Kislak, Alzate, Stewart, Ajello, Sanchez, Potter

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- THE EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT AND BUDGET EQUITY IMPACT ACT (Establishes a two-year pilot program, from January 2027 to December 2028, to incorporate equity impact statements into the legislative process for both the House and Senate chamber.) {LC3382/1}

01/21/2026 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 7237

BY Casimiro, Giraldo, Shallcross Smith, Read, Spears, Potter

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- PERMANENT JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES OVERSIGHT (Establishes a permanent joint committee to oversee the department of children, youth and families.) {LC3732/1}

01/21/2026 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Resolution No. 7238

BY Lombardi, Hull, Sanchez

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, Section 1, that would create four (4) year terms for general assembly members and impose term limits of three (3) full four (4) year terms on said members commencing with the 2028 election.) {LC3767/1}

01/21/2026 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 7239

(City of Providence)

BY Kislak, Slater, Diaz, Biah, DeSimone, Lombardi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- CITY OF PROVIDENCE: TRANSFER OF PORTION OF STATE INCOME TAXES OF NEW EMPLOYEES OF NOT-FOR-PROFIT HEALTH CARE INSTITUTIONS AND EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS (Provides that a portion of state income taxes from employees working at not-for-profit healthcare institutions, health service institutions, and educational institutions be allocated to the city of Providence.) {LC4260/1}

01/21/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7240

BY Chippendale, Place, Nardone, Newberry, Santucci, Paplauskas, Brien, Quattrocchi, Hopkins, Fascia

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- ESTATE AND TRANSFER TAXES -- ENFORCEMENT AND COLLECTION (Generates an estate tax discharge upon the recording of a statement by the executor or other estate representative that the value of the decedent's gross estate does not require a state or federal tax filing.) {LC3577/1}

01/21/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7241

BY Donovan, Cotter, Spears, Kislak, Giraldo, Fogarty, Casimiro, Carson, Boylan, Handy

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- THE RHODE ISLAND FAMILY

CAREGIVER TAX CREDIT ACT (Establishes a tax credit against income tax based on eligible expenses incurred for care and support of an eligible family member.) {LC3491/1}
01/21/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7242

BY McGaw, Fogarty, Potter, Sanchez, Hull, Diaz, Giraldo, Stewart, Boylan, Cotter

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION

(Exempts certain urban and small farmers from sales taxes, real, tangible and personal property taxes and income taxes. This act would also define urban and small farmers and urban farmland.)

{LC4065/1}

01/21/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7243

BY Cotter, Santucci, Chippendale, Stewart, Spears, Casimiro, Potter, Place, Tanzi, Speakman

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY -- STATE FORESTS

AND FORESTRY PROJECTS (Directs the general assembly to fund ten full time equivalent positions in FY 2027 to support DEM's efforts in the areas of forestry and forestry projects.)

{LC4379/1}

01/21/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7244

BY McGaw, Cortvriend, Craven, Cotter, DeSimone, Donovan, Shallcross Smith, Kislak, Boylan, Potter

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS -- RELOCATION OF UTILITY SERVICES

(Utility relocation costs related to highway construction to be partially or fully paid for by the state.)

{LC3513/1}

01/21/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7245

BY Donovan, Speakman, Potter, Cotter, Spears, Kislak, Fogarty, Casimiro, Boylan, Caldwell

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND

PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT (Amends State funding calculations for special education, revising extraordinary cost calculations for FY 2028-2029, and providing additional funds for excess costs when special education students move into a district after the budget is approved.) {LC3572/1}

01/21/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7246

BY Place

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

(Disregards the limitations on trusts if the person has purchased long-term-care-insurance with a coverage payout amount equal to the average cost of long-term care in the State of Rhode Island.)

{LC3596/1}

01/21/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7247**BY** Lombardi, Hull

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC FINANCE -- REVENUE ESTIMATING CONFERENCES (Changes the timeframe of the Revenue Estimating Conferences meeting to within the last ten (10) days of April and the first ten (10) days of November of each year.) {LC3768/1}
01/21/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7248

(by request)

BY Cortvriend, McGaw

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- STATE AID (Reinstates general revenue sharing of state aid among the 39 cities and towns in Rhode Island. The initial amount is based upon population, and increased annually thereafter based on the increase in the Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers.) {LC3191/1}
01/21/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7249**BY** Cortvriend, Finkelman

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- STATE AID (Provides that any facility operated by the federal Department of Defense would be eligible for payment in lieu of taxes.) {LC4076/1}
01/21/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7250**BY** Nardone, Quattrocchi, Fascia, Santucci, Paplauskas, Chippendale, Place, Hopkins

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC FINANCE -- STATE BUDGET (Requires the general assembly to cap expenditures based on a five (5) year increase in personal income or the annual rate of inflation based on the consumer price index.) {LC3598/1}
01/21/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7251**BY** Chippendale, Nardone, Place, Santucci, Paplauskas, Brien, Quattrocchi, Hopkins, Fascia

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC FINANCE -- STATE BUDGET (Limits growth in state spending from exceeding the amount of growth in inflation or personal income growth, whichever is greater.) {LC3654/1}
01/21/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7252**BY** McGaw, Cortvriend, Diaz, Kislak, Tanzi, Stewart, Alzate, Boylan, Potter, Handy

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC FINANCE -- STATE INVESTMENT COMMISSION (Requires the state investment commission to create a capital access initiative to expand potential investment opportunities for the state's pension fund and engage qualified but traditionally underrepresented investment managers.) {LC4064/1}
01/21/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7253**BY** Edwards, Bennett, Kislak, O'Brien, Donovan, Fellela, Kennedy, Carson, Fogarty, Casimiro

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES --

RETIREMENT SYSTEM -- ADMINISTRATION (Changes the teacher and state employees' retirement benefit calculations' cutoff date from July 1, 2024, to July 1, 2012, for all retirement members eligible to and who retire on or after the new July 1, 2012, cutoff date.) {LC4112/1}
01/21/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7254

BY Read, Noret, Azzinaro, Fascia, Casey, Corvese, Bennett, O'Brien, Hull
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES --
RETIREMENT SYSTEM -- MEMBERSHIP AND SERVICE CREDITS (Allows members of the retirement system who served in the national guard or reserves and qualify as veterans, to purchase retirement service credits based on their years of service in the National guard or reserves.)
{LC3874/1}
01/21/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7255

BY Diaz, Giraldo, Slater, Quattrocchi, Hull, Lombardi
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES --
RETIREMENT SYSTEM -- CONTRIBUTIONS AND BENEFITS (Adds the administrator of community confinement and the home confinement coordinator to the state retirement system.)
{LC4102/1}
01/21/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7256

BY Edwards, Bennett, Azzinaro, Kennedy, Carson, Fogarty, Casimiro
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- DEFINITIONS
AND GENERAL CODE PROVISIONS (Allows for trucks with a gross vehicle weight of eight thousand five hundred pounds (8,500 lbs.) or less to have passenger registration license plates.)
{LC4110/1}
01/21/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Resolution No. 7257

BY Chippendale, Nardone, Place, Santucci, Paplauskas, Brien, Quattrocchi, Hopkins, Fascia
ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE
ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION -- ESTABLISHING
A STATE SPENDING GROWTH LIMIT BASED ON INFLATION OR PERSONAL INCOME
GROWTH (Proposes a constitutional amendment to establish a state spending growth limit based on
inflation or personal income growth.) {LC3657/1}
01/21/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Resolution No. 7258

BY Donovan, Kislak, Spears, Boylan, Giraldo, Fogarty, Casimiro, Caldwell, Handy, Ajello
ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$200,000 TO BE USED
FOR INCENTIVES FOR FRUITS AND VEGETABLES SOLD AT PARTICIPATING BONUS
BUCKS OUTLETS IN RHODE ISLAND (Authorizes the appropriation of the sum of \$200,000 for
incentives for the Farm Fresh Bonus Bucks Program.) {LC4080/1}
01/21/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Resolution No. 7259**BY** Slater, Diaz, Sanchez, Morales**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$3,000,000 TO THE RHODE ISLAND FOOD BANK (This resolution would authorize the appropriation of the sum of \$3,000,000 to the RhodeIsland Food Bank.) {LC4176/1}

01/21/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

ADJOURNMENT

At 4:40 o'clock P.M. on motion of Representative Giraldo, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Nayasia A. Gonzalez; on motion of Representative Dawson, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Ashbel Tingley Wall, II; seconded by Leaders Blazejewski and Chippendale, the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

Diane M. DePina
Recording Clerk

APPENDIX

INVOCATION

REPRESENTATIVE JULIE A. CASIMIRO

Almighty God: We pray today for the members of this body who have been given the privilege and responsibility of conducting the people's business. Be with them this day, and every day as they serve the needs of their communities. Amen.

APPENDIX

CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, JANUARY 22, 2026:

1. 2026-H 7028

BY Read

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REPORTING AND EXPIRATION DATES, AND AMENDING THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE SPECIAL HOUSE COMMISSION TO STUDY AND PROVIDE FINDINGS AND POTENTIAL SOLUTIONS TO ADDRESS THE FLOODING OF THE PAWTUXET RIVER

Committee on Environment and Natural Resources recommends passage.

Francis McCabe
Clerk of the House

Friday, January 16, 2026