

# State of Rhode Island

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## JOURNAL -OF THE- HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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**JANUARY SESSION** of the General Assembly begun and held at the State House in the City of Providence on Tuesday, the Fourth Day of January in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty-Two.

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Tuesday, May 31, 2022

Forty-second Day

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The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence, Tuesday, May 31, 2022, 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 67 members present and 8 members absent as follows:

**PRESENT** – 67: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Baginski, Barros, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cassar, Cortvriend, Corvese, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Filippi, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Hawkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McLaughlin, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Price, Quattrocchi, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson and Williams.

**ABSENT** – 8: Representatives Chippendale, Costantino, Henries, Lima C., Lima S., Noret, Ranglin-Vassell, and Tobon.

### INVOCATION

The Honorable Speaker presents Representative Mary Duffy Messier 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, May 26, 2022, is approved.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Representative Thomas E. Noret is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, May 31, 2022.  
Representative Marcia Ranglin-Vassell is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, May 31, 2022.  
Representative Gregory J. Costantino is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, May 31, 2022.

**CALENDAR**

From the Calendar are taken:

**IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MAY 31, 2022:****1. 2022-H 8001**

**BY** Carson

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW--GENERAL  
REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- FILING OF ASSUMED NAME

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

Chairman Solomon moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 65 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 65: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Baginski, Barros, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cassar, Cortvriend, Corvese, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Filippi, Fogarty, Handy, Hawkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McLaughlin, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Price, Quattrocchi, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:



## State of Rhode Island

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

I, Joseph Solomon, State Representative, District 22, 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: 2022 H 6672 Sub A

2. (Nature of the potential conflict) I have the following interest in the matter: Although there is no conflict, out of an abundance of caution

3. (Please select one of the following): I will recuse in my capacity as a member of the Rocky Point Foundation

☐ 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 31 day of June



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

[Signature]  
SPEAKER

**2. 2022-H 6672 SUB A****BY** Shanley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES --  
REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES

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

Chairman Abney moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Marszalkowski, Shanley, Vella-Wilkinson, and Bennett.

Representative Newberry discusses the act.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, 62 members voting in the affirmative and 3 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 62: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Baginski, Barros, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cassar, Cortvriend, Corvese, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Filippi, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Hawkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McLaughlin, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Price, Quattrocchi, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Speakman, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams.

NAYS - 3: Representatives Nardone, Newberry, Roberts.

RECUSED - 1: Representative Solomon.

**3. 2022-H 7790****BY** Slater**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -  
STATE LOTTERY - LOTTERY SALES AGENT RENEWAL PERIOD

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

Chairman Abney moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, and Representative Marszalkowski.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 66 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 66: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Baginski, Barros, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cassar, Cortvriend, Corvese, Craven, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Filippi, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Hawkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McLaughlin, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan,

Nardone, Newberry, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Price, Quattrocchi, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

**4. 2022-H 8170**

**BY** Quattrocchi

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF SCITUATE TO ISSUE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND NOTES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$750,000 TO FINANCE EQUIPMENT, REPAIRS AND/OR IMPROVEMENTS AT THE SCITUATE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

Chairman Abney moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Marszalkowski, Cardillo, Quattrocchi, and Roberts.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 65 members voting in the affirmative and 1 member voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 65: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Baginski, Barros, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cassar, Cortvriend, Corvese, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Filippi, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Hawkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McLaughlin, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Price, Quattrocchi, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson.

NAYS - 1: Representative Edwards.

RECUSED - 0:

**5. 2022-H 8218****BY Kennedy**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF WESTERLY TO ISSUE NOT TO EXCEED \$50,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, NOTES AND OTHER EVIDENCES OF INDEBTEDNESS TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, IMPROVEMENT, ALTERATION, REPAIR, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL FACILITIES THROUGHOUT THE TOWN, SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF STATE HOUSING AID AT A REIMBURSEMENT RATE OR STATE SHARE RATIO OF NOT LESS THAN 35% FOR EXPENDITURES ELIGIBLE FOR STATE AID AND PROVIDED THAT THE AUTHORIZATION SHALL BE REDUCED BY ANY GRANT RECEIVED FROM THE SCHOOL BUILDING AUTHORITY CAPITAL FUND

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

Chairman Abney moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Marszalkowski, Minority Leader Filippi, Azzinaro, and Speaker Pro Tempore Kennedy.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 64 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 64: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Amore, Baginski, Barros, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casimiro, Cassar, Cortvriend, Corvese, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Filippi, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Hawkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McLaughlin, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Price, Quattrocchi, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

**6. 2022-H 7468 SUB A****BY McGaw**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- BLACK REGIMENT MONUMENT COMMISSION

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

Chairman Hull moves passage of the act, seconded by Representative Abney, Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Biah, Donovan, Amore, Speakman, Carson, Ajello, Shallcross Smith, Fogarty, Handy, Morales, Ruggiero, Williams, Vella-Wilkinson, McEntee, Speaker Pro Tempore Kennedy, Cassar, Azzinaro, Cortvriend, Lombardi, Tanzi, McLaughlin, McNamara, Kislak, Slater,

Bennett, Edwards, Diaz, Solomon, Casey, Corvese, Potter, Felix, Alzate, Giraldo, Casimiro, Whip Kazarian, Barros, McGaw, Messier, Roberts, Fenton-Fung, Minority Leader Filippi, and Deputy Whip Ackerman.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, 66 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 66: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Baginski, Barros, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cassar, Cortvriend, Corvese, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Filippi, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Hawkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McLaughlin, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Price, Quattrocchi, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams.  
NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

**7. 2022-H 6604**

**BY Amore**

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

Committee on Special Legislation recommends passage.

Chairwoman Fogarty moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Biah, Amore, and Whip Kazarian.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 63 members voting in the affirmative and 2 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 63: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Baginski, Barros, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cassar, Cortvriend, Corvese, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Filippi, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Hawkins, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McLaughlin, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Price, Quattrocchi, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams.

NAYS - 2: Representatives Newberry, Roberts.

RECUSED - 0:

**8. 2022-H 6633****BY** Fogarty**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE

Committee on Special Legislation recommends passage.

Chairwoman Fogarty moves passage of the act, seconded by Representative Handy and Majority Leader Blazejewski,

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 64 members voting in the affirmative and 2 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 64: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Barros, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cassar, Cortvriend, Corvese, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Filippi, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Hawkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McLaughlin, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Price, Quattrocchi, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams.

NAYS - 2: Representatives Newberry, Roberts.

RECUSED - 0:

**9. 2022-H 7096****BY** Ruggiero**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES

Committee on Special Legislation recommends passage.

Chairwoman Fogarty moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski and Representative Handy.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 63 members voting in the affirmative and 2 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 63: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Barros, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cassar, Cortvriend, Corvese, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Filippi, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Hawkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McLaughlin, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Price, Quattrocchi, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Williams.

NAYS - 2: Representatives Newberry, Roberts.



RECUSED - 0:

**10. 2022-H 7097**

**BY** Carson

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

Committee on Special Legislation recommends passage.

Chairwoman Fogarty moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Abney, Carson, and Casey.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 63 members voting in the affirmative and 2 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 63: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Barros, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cassar, Cortvriend, Corvese, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Filippi, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Hawkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McLaughlin, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Price, Quattrocchi, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams.

NAYS - 2: Representatives Newberry, Roberts.

RECUSED - 0:

**11. 2022-H 7728**

**BY** Caldwell

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

Committee on Special Legislation recommends passage.

Chairwoman Fogarty moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Cardillo, Caldwell, Speakman, Morales, McEntee, Ajello, Shallcross Smith, Handy, Azzinaro, Speaker Pro Tempore Kennedy, Corvese, Kislak, McLaughlin, Lombardi, Hull, Casey, Felix, and McGaw.

Representative Vella-Wilkinson and Chairwoman Fogarty discuss the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 65 members voting in the affirmative and 2 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 65: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Baginski, Barros, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cassar, Cortvriend, Corvese, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Filippi, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Hawkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McLaughlin, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Price, Quattrocchi, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams.

NAYS - 2: Representatives Newberry, Roberts.

RECUSED - 0:

**12. 2022-S 2654**

**BY** Pearson

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS -- ABANDONMENT BY TOWNS

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage in concurrence.

Chairman Hull moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski and Deputy Whip Ackerman.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 60 members voting in the affirmative and 6 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 60: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Baginski, Barros, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cassar, Cortvriend, Corvese, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Hawkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McLaughlin, McNamara, Messier, Morgan, Nardone, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams.

NAYS - 6: Representatives Edwards, Filippi, Newberry, Price, Quattrocchi, Roberts.

RECUSED - 0:

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MAY 31, 2022:**

**1. 2022-S 2105**

**BY** DiMario

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- ABUSED AND NEGLECTED CHILDREN

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage in concurrence.

**2. 2022-S 2482****BY** Valverde**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION

Committee on Municipal Government &amp; Housing recommends passage in concurrence.

**3. 2022-S 2490****BY** Mendes**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES

Committee on Municipal Government &amp; Housing recommends passage in concurrence.

**4. 2022-S 2706****BY** Coyne**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- INTERCEPTION OF WIRE AND ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage in concurrence.

**5. 2022-S 2875****BY** Lombardo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES--TOWN OF JOHNSTON REVALUATION

Committee on Municipal Government &amp; Housing recommends passage in concurrence.

**6. 2022-S 2878****BY** Lawson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES--EAST PROVIDENCE REVALUATION

Committee on Municipal Government &amp; Housing recommends passage in concurrence.

**7. 2022-S 2885****BY** McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES -- WARWICK REVALUATION

Committee on Municipal Government &amp; Housing recommends passage in concurrence.

Majority Leader Blazejewski moves passage of the Consent Calendar, seconded by Minority Leader Filippi.

The Consent Calendar prevails in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 66 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 66: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Baginski, Barros, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cassar, Cortvriend, Corvese, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Filippi, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Hawkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McLaughlin, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Price, Quattrocchi, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

### GUESTS

Representative Diaz welcomes to the House as a guest Elaine Collazo, Miss RI USA 2022.

### NOW PRESIDING

At 4:35 o'clock P.M. the Honorable Speaker Shekarchi yields the rostrum to the Honorable Speaker Pro Tempore Kennedy.

### 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.

Representative Biah announces that his daughter Natasha Biah will be graduating this Friday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>. 2022, from La Salle Academy and heading to Providence College.

Chairman Azzinaro would like to wish House Door Keeper, Joseph Serodio a Happy Birthday!

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

Representative O'Brien wishes his Fiancé Jacqueline Celeste a Happy Birthday!

Majority Leader Blazejewski announces that the House will meet tomorrow at 4:00 p.m.

### IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION

#### House Resolution No. 8300

**BY** Cortvriend, McGaw, Donovan, Filippi, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Carson, Amore, Ajello  
**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF  
TIA SCIGULINSKY {LC6053/1}

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

There is no objection.

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

**House Resolution No. 8301**

**BY** Quattrocchi, Ajello, Cortvriend

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING NANCY FRASER ON HER RETIREMENT AFTER THIRTY-TWO YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE AS A TEACHER {LC6068/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Quattrocchi discusses the resolution.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Quattrocchi, seconded by Speaker Shekarchi, and Majority Leader Blazejewski, by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

**RULE 7D**

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

Representative Solomon -An Act relating to Schools  
Representative Biah-An Act relating to School Safety

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

**TRANSMITTAL**

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

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

**DESK HELD OPEN**

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

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES****COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT AND HOUSING**

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

**House Bill No. 7949 SUB A**

**BY** Speakman, Shekarchi, Donovan, Cortvriend, Fogarty, Hull, Casimiro, Alzate

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING (Revises the comprehensive permitting process and the appeals process in regard to low and moderate income housing. It also adds two (2) additional alternates to the state housing appeals board.) {LC5364/A/1}

05/31/2022 Placed on House Calendar (06/02/2022)

**House Bill No. 7950 SUB A**

**BY** Speakman, Shekarchi, Donovan, Fogarty, Hull, Casimiro, Alzate

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING (Provides that the Rhode Island housing resources commission would promulgate regulations for the selection and appointment of approved monitoring agents to oversee affordable housing units.) {LC5356/A/1}

05/31/2022 Placed on House Calendar (06/02/2022)

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 4:43 o'clock P.M. on motion of Representative Knight, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Arthur Hilton Richter; on motion of Representative Cortvriend, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Tia Scigulinsky; on motion of Representative Diaz, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Erika Perez; on motion of Representative Slater, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Lixandra Terrero Almonte, Johan Santana, and Jaslin Perez seconded by Leaders Blazejewski and Filippi the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

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

**APPENDIX****INVOCATION****REPRESENTATIVE MARY DUFFY MESSIER**

Gracious Lord, We are about to start the most important part of the session. Fill us with great hope, and guide us through all the challenges we face, while trying to best serve our constituents. Amen

**APPENDIX****TRANSMITTED TO GOVERNOR****Senate Bill No. 2007 SUB A**

**BY** Euer, Coyne, Quezada, McCaffrey, Goodwin, Sosnowski, Miller, Archambault, Pearson, Gallo  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- SECRETARY OF STATE -- LET RI  
VOTE ACT (Allows voting by mail without needing an excuse/improves voter roll cleanup/allows  
applying for mail ballots through online system/allows nursing home residents to receive mail ballot  
applications automatically/codifies mail ballot drop box requirements.) {LC3182/A/1}

05/31/2022 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 2091**

**BY** Lombardi F, Lombardo, Felag, DiMario, Lawson, Mack  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- CANVASSING THE LISTS OF  
QUALIFIED ELECTORS (Replaces the requirement that the notice for the final canvass be posted  
in a newspaper and instead this act would require the notice for the final canvass to be published on  
the official website maintained by the city or town.) {LC3930/1}

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**Senate Bill No. 2105**

**BY** DiMario, Coyne, Euer, Lawson, Valverde, Zurier, Murray, Burke  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- ABUSED AND NEGLECTED  
CHILDREN (Establishes a military family advocacy program to address child abuse and neglect in  
military families.) {LC3971/1}

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**Senate Bill No. 2114**

**BY** Lombardi F, Lombardo, Felag, DiMario, Lawson  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- ELECTIVE MEETINGS (Allows local  
boards of canvassers discretion to substitute the physical posting in each voting district of  
senatorial, representative district meetings/voting district meetings for the purposes of  
election/publication in a newspaper local circulation.) {LC3929/1}

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**Senate Bill No. 2119 SUB A**

**BY** Coyne, Euer, McCaffrey, Lombardi F, Ciccone, Burke, Kallman, Archambault, Miller,  
Goodwin

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- MAIL BALLOTS (Allows the board of  
elections to begin the certification of mail ballots twenty (20) days prior to election day. It also  
establishes a new and more comprehensive mail ballot voter signature verification process.)  
{LC3243/A/1}

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**Senate Bill No. 2482****BY** Valverde, DiMario**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION

(Exempts from taxation the real and tangible personal property of the Old and Ancient Rowers Society of Rhode Island located in North Kingstown.) {LC5141/1}

05/31/2022 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 2490****BY** Mendes**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES

(Amends the hours of operation for Class A liquor license holders in Pawtucket.) {LC4809/1}

05/31/2022 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 2654**

(by request)

**BY** Pearson, Picard**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS -- ABANDONMENT BY TOWNS (Allows the town of Cumberland upon request to sell the highway or driftway to the abutting owner at fair value.) {LC5086/1}

05/31/2022 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 2706****BY** Coyne**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- INTERCEPTION OF WIRE AND ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (Adds felony violations of Uniform Act on Prevention of and Remedies for Human Trafficking as a designated offense for an application for an order under the Interception of Wire and Oral Communications statute.) {LC5059/1}

05/31/2022 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 2875****BY** Lombardo, Archambault, Ciccone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL

TAXES--TOWN OF JOHNSTON REVALUATION (Grants the town of Johnston a one year extension to complete the revaluation due in 2022. The revaluation would be based on valuations as of December 31, 2022.) {LC5795/1}

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**Senate Bill No. 2878****BY** Lawson, Coyne**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL

TAXES--EAST PROVIDENCE REVALUATION (Extends the current revaluation date in the city of East Providence from December 31, 2021 to December 31, 2022.) {LC5767/1}

05/31/2022 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 2885**

**BY** McCaffrey

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES -- WARWICK REVALUATION (Delays the city of Warwick's second statistical update following the 2015 revaluation from 2021 to 2022 and would base the update on valuations as of December 31, 2022.) {LC5660/1}

05/31/2022 Transmitted to Governor

**APPENDIX****CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1, 2022:****1. 2022-H 7062****BY** McNamara**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE

Committee on Education recommends passage.

**2. 2022-H 7118 SUB A****BY** Casimiro**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY THE EFFECTS AND IMPACT THAT HYBRID AND VIRTUAL LEARNING EMPLOYED DURING THE PANDEMIC HAS HAD ON THE ACHIEVEMENT RATES OF CHILDREN IN KINDERGARTEN THROUGH 12TH GRADE

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

**3. 2022-H 7167 SUB A****BY** McNamara**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE

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

**4. 2022-H 6613 SUB A****BY** Bennett**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS - CORROSION PREVENTION AND MITIGATION WORK REQUIREMENTS

Committee on Environment and Natural Resources recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

**5. 2022-H 7499 SUB A****BY Slater**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE TO FINANCE A CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS THE UNFUNDED PENSION LIABILITY OF THE EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE BY THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS IN A PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$515,000,000

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

**6. 2022-H 7895****BY Craven**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE IN PARTICULAR ACTIONS -- RHODE ISLAND COMMERCIAL RECEIVERSHIP ACT

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

**7. 2022-H 6652****BY Noret**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- EMPLOYMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN

Committee on Labor recommends passage.

**8. 2022-H 8056 SUB A****BY Messier**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND TRAINING--DIGITAL CREDENTIALING

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

**9. 2022-H 8232 SUB A****BY Chippendale**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INCORPORATE THE FOSTER FIRE DISTRICT

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

**IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 2, 2022:****1. 2022-H 7154 SUB A****BY** Baginski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS THE RHODE ISLAND DEALERSHIP PRESERVATION AND PROTECTION ACT

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

**2. 2022-H 7597****BY** C Lima**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- CONTRACTORS' REGISTRATION AND LICENSING BOARD

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

**3. 2022-H 7611 SUB A****BY** Carson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- 2021 ACT ON CLIMATE

Committee on Environment and Natural Resources recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

**4. 2022-H 6654 SUB A****BY** O'Brien**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- THE CONSUMER PROTECTION IN EYE CARE ACT

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

**5. 2022-H 7296****BY** McNamara**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND HOSPITALS -- GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.

**6. 2022-H 7562 SUB A****BY** Shanley**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY PROSPECTIVE IMPROVEMENTS IN PATIENTS' ACCESSIBILITY TO MEDICAL CARE FROM LICENSED NATUROPATHIC PHYSICIANS

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

**7. 2022-H 7665 SUB A****BY** Noret**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT

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

**8. 2022-H 7402****BY** Ajello**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS -- SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

**9. 2022-H 8055 SUB A****BY** Cortvriend**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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

**10. 2022-H 8123****BY** Fogarty**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND (SEE TITLE 16 CHAPTER 97 -- THE RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION ACT)

Committee on State Government & Elections recommends passage.

**11. 2022-H 7949 SUB A****BY** Speakman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING

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

**12. 2022-H 7950 SUB A****BY** Speakman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING

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

**Francis McCabe**  
Clerk of the House

**Friday, May 27, 2022****Updated: Tuesday, May 31, 2022**