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Thursday, May 4, 2023

Thirty-first Day

The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence, Thursday, May 4, 2023, and is called to order at 4:12 o'clock P.M., by the Honorable K. Joseph Shekarchi, Speaker.

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

PRESENT – 70: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, 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, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi and Vella-Wilkinson.

ABSENT – 5: Representatives Bennett, Dawson, Fogarty, Shallcross Smith and Voas.

INVOCATION

The Honorable Speaker presents Representative Brien who delivers the Invocation and his father-in-law, Paul Bourget leads the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

(For Invocation, see Appendix, this Journal.)

GUESTS

Representative Brien welcomes to the House Chamber his father-in-law, Paul Bourget, to celebrate the birthday of Major General George Sears Greene, known as “Gettysburg’s Other Second-Day Hero”.

APPROVAL OF RECORD

By unanimous consent, the House Journal of Tuesday, May 2, 2023, is approved.

COMMUNICATIONS

May 4, 2023

Communication from Speaker K. Joseph Shekarchi:

I nominate the following to the Council of State Governments' Henry Toll Fellowship Program:

Representative Jacquelyn Baginski

Representative Justine Caldwell

Representative Raymond Hull

Representative Carol McEntee

Representative Matthew S. Dawson is unable to attend session today, Thursday, May 4, 2023.

Representative Kathleen A. Fogarty is unable to attend session today, Thursday, May 4, 2023.

Representative David A. Bennett is unable to attend session today, Thursday, May 4, 2023.

Representative Mary Ann Shallcross Smith is unable to attend session today, Thursday, May 4, 2023.

Representative Brandon T. Voas is unable to attend session today, Thursday, May 4, 2023.

GUEST

Representative Noret welcomes to the House Chamber Community College of Rhode Island President, Dr. Meghan Hughes and Interim President, Dr. Rosemary Costigan, in recognition of Community College of Rhode Island Day.

Floor Manager Edwards welcomes to the House Chamber Narragansett Council, Boy Scouts of America, Scout Executive & CEO, Tim McCandless.

Floor Manager Edwards welcomes to the House Chamber Scouts from Pack 1 Warwick, Cub Scouts: Cubmaster Patty Gomm, and Martin Gomm, Lion Pack 1, Eliza Jordan, Bear Pack 1 Rowan Kunzmann, Webelos Pack 1, Gabby Bustillos, Hawk and Andy Cronin, Wolf Pack 1, Parker DelSesto.

Floor Manager Edwards welcomes to the House Chamber Scouts from Troop 7 Buttonwoods, Warwick: Lilly Bustillos Hawk, Frankie Cronin-Sar and Caleb DelSesto.

Floor Manager Edwards welcomes to the House Chamber Scouts from Woonsocket Troop 2: Rian Losardo, and Peyton Luchuck, Troop 222G Vinceta Patridge, Troop 222G, Victoria Patridge, Troop 222G, Laurianne Whelan, Tessa Crossley, and Jo-Anne Crossley.

CALENDAR

From the Calendar are taken:

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MAY 4, 2023:**1. 2023-H 5860****BY** Tanzi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INCORPORATING THE RHODE ISLAND COMMISSION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Committee on Education recommends passage.

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

Chairman McNamara and Representative Phillips discuss the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 67 members voting in the affirmative and 1 member voting in the negative as follows:

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

NAYS - 1: Representative O'Brien.

RECUSED - 0:

2. 2023-H 6052 SUB A**BY** Cortvriend**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- COUNCIL ON ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

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

Chairman McNamara moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Speakman, Carson, McGaw, Donovan, Morales, Cortvriend, Ajello, Phillips, Edwards and Casey.

Chairman McNamara discusses the act.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, 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, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Vella-Wilkinson.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

3. 2023-H 5881 SUB A

BY Noret

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --
POLICE OFFICERS - COMMISSION ON STANDARDS AND TRAINING

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

Chairwoman Donovan moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Deputy Speaker Hull, Deputy Whip Ackerman, Representatives Corvese, McNamara, Edwards, Solomon, Casey, Ajello, Handy, Cortvriend, Vella-Wilkinson, Finkelman, Diaz, McGaw, Carson, Spears, Speakman, McEntee, Morgan and Constantino.

Chairwoman Donovan, Representatives Noret and Morales discuss the act.

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

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

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

Majority Leader Blazejewski moves item #4 to the bottom of today's Calendar. There is no objection.

4. 2023-H 5371

BY Felix

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- MINIMUM WAGES

Committee on Labor recommends passage.

Read, and by unanimous consent placed on the bottom of today's Calendar.

5. 2023-H 5464 SUB A

BY Finkelman

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS -- RHODE ISLAND TURNPIKE AND BRIDGE AUTHORITY

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

Chairman Shanley moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives McEntee, Morales, Finkelman, Noret, Biah, Carson, Edwards, Phillips and Casey.

Chairman Shanley discusses the act.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, 70 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

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

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

6. 2023-H 5911

BY McEntee

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- INDICTMENTS, INFORMATIONS AND COMPLAINTS

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Chairman Craven moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Biah, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Giraldo, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, O'Brien, Phillips, Potter, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shanley, Slater, Speakman, Stewart, Vella-Wilkinson.

Chairman Craven and Representative Newberry discuss the act.

VOTING IN SECTIONS

Representative Newberry requests to vote on the proposed changes in section (b) separately.

The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi rules it is divisible.

Proposed changes in section (b) prevails, on a roll call 56 members voting in the affirmative and 13 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 56: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, O'Brien, Phillips, Potter, Sanchez, Serpa, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson.

NAYS - 13: Representatives Cardillo, Chippendale, Fenton-Fung, Lima, Lombardi, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, Perez, Place, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts.

RECUSED - 0:

The remainder of the act prevails, on a roll call vote, 69 members voting in the affirmative and 1 member voting in the negative as follows:

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

NAYS - 1: Representative Place.

RECUSED - 0:

The act prevails.

7. 2023-H 5262**BY** Donovan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- HISTORICAL AREA ZONING

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

Chairman Casey moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Speakman, Biah, Abney and Carson.

Chairman Casey discusses the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 70 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

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

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

8. 2023-S 114**BY** Felag**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- HISTORICAL AREA ZONING

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage in concurrence.

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

Chairman Casey discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 71 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 71: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place,

Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

9. 2023-H 6093

BY Nardone

ENTITLED, AN ACT IN AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 492 OF THE PUBLIC LAWS OF 2006 AMENDING THE CHARTER OF THE CENTRAL COVENTRY FIRE DISTRICT

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

Chairman Casey moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski and Representative Nardone.

Chairman Casey discusses the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 71 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 71: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:



State of Rhode Island

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

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

1. (Matter requiring action: i.e. Bill number) I expect to be called upon, in my capacity as State Representative to participate in the consideration of, and/or to vote upon: S 29

2. (Nature of the potential conflict) I have the following interest in the matter: To award approval of impound

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 4th day of May, 2023

[Signature]
Notary Public
State of Rhode Island
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES 03-30-2026
NOTARY PUBLIC
Commission # 57679

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

[Signature]
SPEAKER

10. 2023-S 29**BY** Felag**ENTITLED**, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AMENDMENTS TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF TIVERTON

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage in concurrence.

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

Chairman Casey discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 69 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

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

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 1: Representative Newberry.



State of Rhode Island

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

I, Katherine Kazarian, State Representative, District 63, hereby under oath depose and say:

1. (Matter requiring action: i.e. Bill number) I expect to be called upon, in my capacity as State Representative to participate in the consideration of, and/or to vote upon: H-6329

2. (Nature of the potential conflict) I have the following interest in the matter: It is a Solemnization of Marriage for my sister.

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.

Katherine Kazarian
REPRESENTATIVE

State of Rhode Island
County of: Providence

Subscribed and sworn to under the penalties for perjury before me this

4th day of May, 2023
Notary Public
State of Rhode Island
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES 03/30/2026
NOTARY PUBLIC
Commission # 37679

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

[Signature]
SPEAKER

11. 2023-H 6329**BY** Blazejewski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Special Legislation recommends passage.

Chairwoman Alzate moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Casey, Edwards, Corvese, Kislak, Handy, Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Phillips, Tanzi, Carson, Cotter, Spears, Cortvriend and Ajello.

Chairwoman Alzate discusses the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 70 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

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

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 1: Representative Kazarian.

4. 2023-H 5371**BY** Felix**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- MINIMUM WAGES

Committee on Labor recommends passage.

Chairman Corvese moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Batista, Biah, Blazejewski, Carson, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Cotter, Craven, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Giraldo, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kislak, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Noret, Potter, Sanchez, Slater, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson.

Chairman Corvese, Representative Lima, Minority Leader Chippendale, Representatives Constantino, Alzate, Nardone, Carson, Morgan, Newberry, McNamara, Fenton-Fung, Minority Whip Place, Representatives Morales, Handy Felix, Cotter and Majority Leader Blazejewski discuss the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 56 members voting in the affirmative and 12 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 56: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Baginski, Batista, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Potter, Sanchez, Serpa, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson.

NAYS - 12: Representatives Cardillo, Chippendale, Costantino, Lima, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Perez, Place, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts.

RECUSED - 0:

NOW PRESIDING

At 5:35 o'clock P.M. the Honorable Speaker Shekarchi yields the rostrum to the Honorable Speaker Pro Tempore Kennedy.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

GUESTS

Representative Spears acknowledges and welcomes to the House Chamber her intern Jackson DeBorde, a student from Brown University.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Brien acknowledges that Major General George Sears Greene has a plaque in the Bell Room of the State House.

Representative Phillips congratulates Rhode Island Artillery Units for their bravery during the Civil War.

Representative Phillips and Speaker Pro Tempore Kennedy wish Larry Berman and his wife Beth a Happy 45th Anniversary!

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-Chairwoman Speakman announces that the Committee on Municipal Government & Housing will meet today, at the rise of the House, in the House Lounge of the State House.

Majority Leader Blazejewski announces the House will be meeting next Tuesday, May 9th, at 4 p.m., the State House upper parking lot will be closed for construction tomorrow.

Majority Leader Blazejewski and Speaker Pro Tempore Kennedy wish Chairwoman McEntee a Happy Birthday!

IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION

House Resolution No. 6361

BY Kislak, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Corvese, McNamara, Ackerman, Ajello, McGaw, Fellela

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF DOROTHY SHIRLEY KRAUSS LICHT {LC2929/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Kislak discusses the resolution. Speaker Shekarchi offers his condolences to the entire Licht Family.

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

House Resolution No. 6362

BY Edwards, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Casey, McNamara, Chippendale, Kennedy, Solomon, Kazarian, Ackerman

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION WELCOMING THE NARRAGANSETT COUNCIL, BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA, TO THE RHODE ISLAND STATE HOUSE FOR THE PRESENTATION OF THEIR 2022 "REPORT TO THE STATE" {LC2865/1}

With the agreement of the majority and the minority, Floor Manager Edwards requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Floor Manager Edwards and Chairman Casey discuss the resolution. Chairman Casey on behalf of the Scouts presents Chairman McNamara with an Eagle Club Coin from the Narragansett Council.

Read and passed, on a motion of Floor Manager Edwards, seconded by many others, by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

House Resolution No. 6363

BY Noret, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Ajello, McGaw, Fellela, Tanzi, Cortvriend

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION THANKING MEGHAN HUGHES, PH. D., FOR HER DEDICATED LEADERSHIP AS THE FIFTH PRESIDENT OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC2958/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Noret and Speaker Shekarchi discuss the resolution.

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

House Resolution No. 6364

BY Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Noret, Chippendale, Rea, Shallcross Smith, Cortvriend, Voas, Potter, Cruz

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MAY 4TH OF 2023, TO BE "COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF RHODE ISLAND DAY" {LC2918/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Noret discusses the resolution.

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

House Resolution No. 6365

BY Ackerman, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, McNamara, Chippendale, Cotter, Fenton-Fung, Carson, Tanzi, Boylan

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING MAY OF 2023, AS "NATIONAL SKIN CANCER AWARENESS MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC2870/1}

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

There is no objection.

Deputy Whip Ackerman discusses the resolution.

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

House Resolution No. 6366

BY Spears, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Ajello, McGaw, Fellela, Tanzi, Cortvriend
ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF REVEREND MOTHER DIANA "RED DOE" SPEARS MARS {LC2898/

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

There is no objection.

Representative Spears discusses the resolution. Speaker Pro Tempore Kennedy offers his condolences to the family.

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

House Resolution No. 6367

BY Blazejewski, Chippendale

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES {LC2949/1}

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. 6368

BY Blazejewski, Chippendale

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING CONGRATULATIONS {LC2950/1}

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.

PROXY VOTES

Majority Leader Blazejewski announces pursuant to rule 33(e) authorizing Proxy Votes, he has Proxy Votes from Representative Fogarty to be recorded in the affirmative for items #1 through #11.

RULE 7D

The following bills were received pursuant to Rule 7D:

Representative Corvese -An Act relating to Elections

Representative Finkelman -An Act relating to Businesses and Professions

Representative Speakman -An Act relating to State Affairs and Government

Representative Vella-Wilkinson -An Act relating to Taxation

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.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE SENATE

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

Senate Bill No. 770

BY Euer, Cano, Mack, Murray, Lauria, Acosta, DiMario, Miller, Sosnowski, Britto
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --
ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ACT (Establishes requirements which would have to be met by an applicant prior to the issuing of permits for an activity that would have an environmental impact on or would increase the cumulative impacts on an environmental justice area.) {LC2109/1}
05/05/2023 Referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

Senate Bill No. 704

(Public Utilities Commission)

BY Sosnowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION (Amends the revenue decoupling reconciliation mechanism used by a gas distribution company for the purposes of revenue decoupling to not require that distribution be determined on a revenue-per-customer basis.) {LC2401/1}
05/05/2023 Referred to House Corporations

Senate Bill No. 771

BY Britto, Ruggerio, Lawson, Ciccone, DiPalma, DiMario

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- LABOR STANDARDS IN RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECTS (Amends the definition of "covered project" having a total nameplate capacity of three megawatts (3 MW) down to one megawatt (1 MW).) {LC1752/1}
05/05/2023 Referred to House Corporations

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE ON CORPORATIONS

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

House Bill No. 5220

BY Kislak, Solomon, Stewart, Alzate, Potter, McGaw, Morales, Voas, Handy, Spears

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGULATION OF ELECTRIC BICYCLES (Regulates electric bicycles in the same manner as human-powered bicycles, classify electric bicycles into three (3) classes, require all electric bicycles to have a label affixed to the bicycle and be equipped with a speedometer.) {LC665/1}

05/05/2023 Placed on House Calendar (05/11/2023)

House Bill No. 5494 SUB A

BY Potter, Cruz, Giraldo, Voas, McNamara

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PHYSICAL THERAPISTS (Amends the licensing statute to allow a graduate of a board approved physical therapy school to be reinstated upon a failed examination upon the filing and registering for a second examination.) {LC1413/A/2}

05/05/2023 Placed on House Calendar (05/09/2023)

House Bill No. 5730 SUB A

BY Morales

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC TRANSIT AUTHORITY (Requires the Rhode Island Public Transit Authority (RIPTA) to conduct a study on the feasibility of installing as many benches and canopies above said benches as possible in front of RIPTA bus stops with its report due on March 1, 2024.)

{LC1781/A/3}

05/05/2023 Placed on House Calendar (05/09/2023)

House Bill No. 5829

BY Slater

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- THE RHODE ISLAND CANNABIS ACT (Permits the office of cannabis regulation to provide forms, procedures and requirements with respect to the advertising of cannabis products during the transitional period.)

{LC1958/1}

05/05/2023 Placed on House Calendar (05/09/2023)

House Bill No. 6043

(Dept. of Human Services)

BY Potter, Giraldo, Stewart, McNamara

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- CHILD SUPPORT INTERCEPT ACT (Expands child support interception of insurance payments to include life insurance proceeds payable to non-custodial parents who are the beneficiaries of the policy.) {LC1314/1}

05/05/2023 Placed on House Calendar (05/11/2023)

House Bill No. 6049**BY** Shanley

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- FILING OF ASSUMED NAME (Changes the term "assumed name" to "trade name". This act would also centralize the filing, administration and regulation process to the secretary of state. This act would also require trade an annual renewal of the trade name.) {LC2092/1}
05/05/2023 Placed on House Calendar (05/09/2023)

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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

House Bill No. 5013**BY** Bennett, Baginski, McGaw, Fenton-Fung, McNamara, Corvese, Solomon

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PHYSICAL THERAPISTS (Extends the authorization for physical therapists to order diagnostic imaging as an authorized practice of physical therapy until December 31, 2025.) {LC442/1}
05/05/2023 Placed on House Calendar (05/09/2023)

House Bill No. 5185**BY** Cortvriend, Hull, Donovan, Spears, Dawson, Knight, Noret, Solomon, Tanzi, Felix

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- POLICE OFFICERS--COMMISSION ON STANDARDS AND TRAINING (Requires police officers commission on standards and training to provide training and instructions for officers and trainees to more accurately identify complaints involving persons with cognitive or communication-related disabilities.) {LC197/1}
05/05/2023 Placed on House Calendar (05/11/2023)

House Resolution No. 5224 SUB A**BY** Carson, Azzinaro, Noret, Donovan, Kazarian, Alzate, Knight, Fogarty, Ajello

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY AND PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS PERTAINING TO SERVICES AND COORDINATION OF STATE PROGRAMS RELATING TO OLDER ADULT RHODE ISLANDERS (Creates a 16 member commission to study and provide recommendations for services and the coordination of state programs for older adult Rhode Islanders, and report back by May 7, 2024, and expire on August, 2024.) {LC184/A/3}
05/08/2023 Placed on House Calendar (05/11/2023)

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Chairman Craven, for the Committee on Judiciary, reports back the following measures, with recommendation of passage:

House Bill No. 5562

(Dept. of Corrections)

BY Diaz, Slater, Edwards, Perez, DeSimone, Batista, Voas, Giraldo, Hull, Lombardi J
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --
CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT (Provides additional earned time for good behavior or program participation or completion for prisoners not serving a life sentence.) {LC1615/1}

05/05/2023 Placed on House Calendar (05/11/2023)

House Resolution No. 6163

BY Solomon, Edwards, Kazarian, Casimiro, Spears, Casey, Potter, Cruz, Felix, Kislak
ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE TO
IMPROVE THE LONG-TERM OUTCOMES AND REDUCE RECIDIVISM OF FEMALES
WITHIN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE POPULATION (Creates a 19 member task force whose
purpose it would be to improve outcomes and reduce recidivism of females in the criminal justice
system, and who would report back by February 5, 2024, and expire on April 5, 2024.) {LC2602/1}

05/05/2023 Placed on House Calendar (05/11/2023)

House Resolution No. 6164

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

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

05/05/2023 Placed on House Calendar (05/11/2023)

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:

Senate Bill No. 923

BY Miller

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION
(Authorizes the city of Providence to enter into a thirty (30) year tax exemption agreement relating to
the Port of Providence.) {LC1803/1}

05/05/2023 Placed on House Calendar (05/11/2023)

House Bill No. 5783

(City of Providence)

BY Batista, Biah

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

(Authorizes the city of Providence to enter into a thirty (30) year tax exemption agreement relating to the Port of Providence.) {LC1802/1}

05/05/2023 Placed on House Calendar (05/11/2023)

House Bill No. 6085 SUB A

BY Casey, Shekarchi, Corvese, Brien, Noret, Speakman, Potter, Marszalkowski, Kazarian, Costantino

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- RHODE ISLAND

COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING AND LAND USE ACT (Amends the required contents of a comprehensive plan providing that the "implementation program" component of the requirements include a 5 year strategic plan to ensure that the comprehensive plan goals and policies are implemented in a timely fashion.) {LC2439/A/1}

05/05/2023 Placed on House Calendar (05/09/2023)

House Bill No. 6086 SUB A

BY Corvese, Shekarchi, Casey, O'Brien, Cardillo, Phillips, Bennett, Hull, Brien, Azzinaro

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- RHODE ISLAND

COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING AND LAND USE ACT (Amends certain notification procedures relating to comprehensive planning and land use, subdivision of land and zoning ordinances.) {LC1890/A/1}

05/05/2023 Placed on House Calendar (05/09/2023)

House Bill No. 6308

BY Donovan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES

(Exempts any proposed retailers' Class BV license to be located at 499 Hope Street, Map 9, Lot 75 in the town of Bristol from the two hundred feet (200') requirement from the premises of schools or places of worship.) {LC2857/1}

05/05/2023 Placed on House Calendar (05/09/2023)

COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT AND ELECTIONS

Chairman Shanley, for the Committee on State Government and Elections, reports back the following measures, with recommendation of passage:

House Bill No. 5456

BY Hull, Casey, O'Brien, Costantino, Slater, Lombardi J, Bennett

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- EQUIPMENT AND ACCESSORIES GENERALLY (Adds the Providence Canteen vehicles to the authorized emergency vehicles equipped with a siren, whistle or bell.) {LC605/1}

05/05/2023 Placed on House Calendar (05/09/2023)

House Bill No. 5460**BY** Baginski, Noret, Potter, Edwards**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- VOTING DISTRICTS AND OFFICIALS -
- POLLING PLACE CAP (Increases the maximum number of voters that a polling place can
accommodate from three thousand (3,000) to three thousand five hundred (3,500).) {LC832/1}
05/05/2023 Placed on House Calendar (05/11/2023)**House Bill No. 5612****BY** Serpa**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- REGISTRATION OF VOTERS (Allows
non-affiliated party voters to vote in party primaries, without becoming an affiliated party voter.)
{LC1343/1}
05/05/2023 Placed on House Calendar (05/11/2023)**House Bill No. 6309****BY** Kislak, Shekarchi, McNamara, Ackerman, Boylan, Knight, Finkelman, Corvese, Hull, Diaz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- PRIMARIES FOR ELECTION OF
DELEGATES TO NATIONAL CONVENTIONS AND FOR PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE
(Changes the primary date for the election of delegates to national conventions and for presidential
preference from the fourth Tuesday in April to April 2, 2024.) {LC2807/1}
05/05/2023 Placed on House Calendar (05/11/2023)**COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL LEGISLATION**Chairwoman Alzate, for the Committee on Special Legislation, reports back the following measures,
with recommendation of passage:**Senate Bill No. 805****BY** DiMario**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Gregory A.
Mancini, Esq., to join Semra Beric and James Silvia-Chandley in marriage on or about October 22,
2023, within the City of Newport, Rhode Island.) {LC2674/1}
05/05/2023 Placed on House Calendar (05/09/2023)**House Bill No. 5265****BY** Azzinaro, Solomon, Serpa, Casimiro, Corvese, Casey, Vella-Wilkinson, Abney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION
OF VEHICLES (Increases weight limit of those vehicles which are registerable with prisoner of war
plates, Purple Heart plates, Distinguished Service Cross plates, Bronze Star Medal plates, National
Guard plates or disabled veterans' plates to twelve thousand pounds.) {LC833/1}
05/05/2023 Placed on House Calendar (05/09/2023)

House Bill No. 5453

(Dept. of BHDDH)

BY Slater, Hull, Diaz

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- PERMANENT JOINT COMMITTEE ON NAMING ALL NEW BUILDINGS, BRIDGES, EDIFICES AND OTHER STATE CONSTRUCTIONS (Renames the "Roosevelt Benton Youth Assessment Center" as the "Roosevelt Benton Center".) {LC1408/1}

05/05/2023 Placed on House Calendar (05/11/2023)

House Bill No. 5953

BY Tanzi, Fogarty, McEntee, Craven, Spears

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- PERMANENT JOINT COMMITTEE ON NAMING ALL NEW BUILDINGS, BRIDGES, EDIFICES AND OTHER STATE CONSTRUCTIONS (Would designate a fishing site at Black Point in Narragansett as the "Stephen J. Medeiros Fishing Area at Black Point".) {LC2205/1}

05/05/2023 Placed on House Calendar (05/11/2023)

House Bill No. 5954 SUB A

BY Vella-Wilkinson, Morales, Noret, Casimiro, Finkelman, Solomon

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION FEES (Permits disabled veterans to be issued several disabled veteran plates, permits plates to be transferred to their spouse or caretaker during the veteran's life and would allow disabled veteran plates to be issued for a commercial vehicle of any size.)

{LC2237/A/1}

05/05/2023 Placed on House Calendar (05/09/2023)

NEW BUSINESS**House Bill No. 6369**

BY Corvese

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- BARBERS, HAIRDRESSERS, COSMETICIANS, MANICURISTS AND ESTHETICIANS (Adds the application or removal of eyelash extensions and the use of chemicals in the area of the eyelids to the definition of the "practice of hairdressing and cosmetic therapy".) {LC2461/1}

05/05/2023 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Resolution No. 6370

BY Phillips

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REPORTING AND EXPIRATION DATES FOR THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE PLACEMENT OF SOLAR PANELS ON INTER-STATE HIGHWAYS (This resolution would extend the reporting and expiration dates of the commission to study and make recommendations on placement of solar panels on inter-state highways from April 11, 2023, to April 11, 2024, and would expire on June 11, 2024.) {LC2831/1}

05/05/2023 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 6371**BY** Blazejewski, Chippendale**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATUTES AND STATUTORY CONSTRUCTION

(Makes a number of technical amendments to the general laws, prepared at the recommendation of the law revision office. Article I contains the reenactment of titles 7 and 27 of the general laws.

Article II includes the statutory construction provisions) {LC2603/1}

05/05/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 6372**BY** Solomon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS -- CONSTRUCTION AND STATE

MAINTENANCE OF STATE ROADS (Requires DOT to notify any surrounding residential property owners and commercial businesses of any proposed temporary or permanent closure to

vehicular traffic of any street, highway or bridge, and to hold a public meeting in regards to closure.)

{LC2933/1}

05/05/2023 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Resolution No. 6373**BY** Noret, Casimiro, Costantino**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REPORTING AND EXPIRATION

DATES OF THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY AND REVIEW THE

COST AND STATUS OF THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND OWNED, VACANT, AND

ABANDONED PROPERTIES AND PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR METHODS TO

MITIGATE THE ASSOCIATED EXPENSES (Extends the reporting and expiration dates of the commission to study and review the cost and status of the State of Rhode Island owned, vacant, and

abandoned properties, from May 1, 2023, to May 31, 2024, and would expire on June 30, 2024.)

{LC2956/1}

05/05/2023 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 6374**BY** Speakman, Casey, Phillips, Brien, Chippendale**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- HISTORIC PRESERVATION TAX

CREDITS 2013 (Extends the commencement of substantial construction activities date, completion

date or placed in service date, to December 31, 2026 and no project shall be deemed idle between

March 9, 2020 and December 31, 2024.) {LC2930/1}

05/05/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 6375**BY** Donovan, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Cotter, Caldwell, McEntee, Morales, Cortvriend**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION -- DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND

FAMILIES (Establishes a new, temporary process in the department of children, youth and families,

for the hiring of social workers and child protective investigators at the department for a one year period commencing August 1, 2023.) {LC2957/1}

05/05/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

(For Co-sponsorship removal request, see Journal of 5-11-2023, page 3.)

House Bill No. 6376**BY** Caldwell, Shanley

ENTITLED, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF EAST GREENWICH TO FINANCE THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, IMPROVEMENT, RENOVATION, ALTERATION, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL FACILITIES IN THE TOWN AND ALL EXPENSES INCIDENT THERETO INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, COSTS OF DESIGN, DEMOLITION, ATHLETIC FIELDS, LANDSCAPING, PARKING AND COSTS OF FINANCING AND TO ISSUE NOT MORE THAN \$180,000,000 BONDS AND/OR NOTES THEREFOR (Authorizes the town of East Greenwich to issue not more than \$180,000,000 bonds and notes to finance the acquisition, construction, improvement, renovation, alteration, furnishing and equipping of public schools and school facilities in the town.) {LC2888/1}

05/05/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Resolution No. 6377**BY** Carson

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$600,000 FOR AN INDEPENDENT STATE OMBUDSMAN OFFICE TO FACILITATE AN INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PROGRAM (IEP)/504 SERVICE PROGRAM (Authorizes the appropriation of the sum of \$600,000 for an independent State Ombudsman office to provide for a facilitated Individualized Education Program.) {LC2942/1}

05/05/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:45 o'clock P.M. on motion of Representative Kislak, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Dorothy Licht; on motion of Representative Spears, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Rev. Mother Diana "Red Doe" Spears Mars seconded by Leaders Blazejewski and Chippendale the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

Diane M. DePina
Recording Clerk

APPENDIX**INVOCATION****REPRESENTATIVE JON D. BRIEN**

Dear Lord: Today we honor Rhode Island Independence Day. Rhode Island was the first state to renounce allegiance to Britain. Although small in size and population, Rhode Island has always played a major part in American History. From the battle of Newport through the Civil War RI has answered the call to serve. One of the first States' to respond to President Lincoln's call for volunteers through the exploits of Brig Gen George Greene. His actions and leadership at Little Roundtop and Culps' Hill at Gettysburg helped determine the outcome of the civil war. Let us take this moment to honor all Rhode Islanders who have sacrificed so much throughout our state's history. Amen.

APPENDIX

TRANSMITTED TO GOVERNOR

Senate Bill No. 29

BY Felag, DiPalma

ENTITLED, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AMENDMENTS TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF TIVERTON (Validates and ratifies amendments to the Home Rule Charter of the town of Tiverton, adopted and approved on November 8, 2022.)

{LC325/1}

05/04/2023 Transmitted to Governor

APPENDIX**CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MAY 9, 2023:****1. 2023-H 6085 SUB A****BY Casey****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- RHODE ISLAND
COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING AND LAND USE ACT**

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

2. 2023-H 6086 SUB A**BY Corvese****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- RHODE ISLAND
COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING AND LAND USE ACT**

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

3. 2023-H 5013**BY Bennett****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PHYSICAL
THERAPISTS**

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.

4. 2023-H 5494 SUB A**BY Potter****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PHYSICAL
THERAPISTS**

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

5. 2023-H 5829**BY Slater****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- THE RHODE ISLAND
CANNABIS ACT**

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

6. 2023-H 5730 SUB A**BY Morales**

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC TRANSIT AUTHORITY

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

7. 2023-H 6049

BY Shanley

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

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

8. 2023-H 5456

BY Hull

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- EQUIPMENT AND ACCESSORIES GENERALLY

Committee on State Government & Elections recommends passage.

9. 2023-H 5954 SUB A

BY Vella-Wilkinson

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

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

10. 2023-H 5265

BY Azzinaro

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

Committee on Special Legislation recommends passage.

11. 2023-H 6308

BY Donovan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

12. 2023-S 805

BY DiMario

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Special Legislation recommends passage in concurrence.

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MAY 11, 2023:**1. 2023-H 5185****BY** Cortvriend**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --
POLICE OFFICERS--COMMISSION ON STANDARDS AND TRAINING

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.

2. 2023-H 5783**BY** Batista**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO
TAXATION

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

3. 2023-S 923**BY** Miller**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO
TAXATION

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage in concurrence.

4. 2023-H 6309**BY** Kislak**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- PRIMARIES FOR ELECTION OF
DELEGATES TO NATIONAL CONVENTIONS AND FOR PRESIDENTIAL
PREFERENCE

Committee on State Government & Elections recommends passage.

5. 2023-H 5612**BY** Serpa**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- REGISTRATION OF VOTERS

Committee on State Government & Elections recommends passage.

6. 2023-H 5460**BY** Baginski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- VOTING DISTRICTS AND
OFFICIALS -- POLLING PLACE CAP

Committee on State Government & Elections recommends passage.

7. 2023-H 6043**BY** Potter**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- CHILD SUPPORT INTERCEPT ACT

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

8. 2023-H 5220**BY** Kislak**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGULATION OF ELECTRIC BICYCLES

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

9. 2023-H 5562**BY** Diaz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

10. 2023-H 6163**BY** Solomon**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE TO IMPROVE THE LONG-TERM OUTCOMES AND REDUCE RECIDIVISM OF FEMALES WITHIN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE POPULATION

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

11. 2023-H 6164**BY** Solomon**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE FROM THE RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES (DHS) IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS (DOC) ON CURRENT AND POTENTIAL SERVICES AND PROGRAMS FOR TRANSITIONING FEMALES IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM THROUGH PRE- AND POST-RELEASE

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

12. 2023-H 5453**BY** Slater**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- PERMANENT JOINT COMMITTEE ON NAMING ALL NEW BUILDINGS, BRIDGES, EDIFICES AND OTHER STATE CONSTRUCTIONS

Committee on Special Legislation recommends passage.

13. **2023-H 5953**

BY Tanzi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- PERMANENT JOINT COMMITTEE ON NAMING ALL NEW BUILDINGS, BRIDGES, EDIFICES AND OTHER STATE CONSTRUCTIONS

Committee on Special Legislation recommends passage.

14. **2023-H 5224 SUB A**

BY Carson

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY AND PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS PERTAINING TO SERVICES AND COORDINATION OF STATE PROGRAMS RELATING TO OLDER ADULT RHODE ISLANDERS

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

Francis McCabe
Clerk of the House

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