

State of Rhode Island

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

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Thursday, May 18, 2023

Thirty-fifth Day

The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence, Thursday, May 18, 2023, and is called to order at 4:17 o'clock P.M., by the Honorable K. Joseph Shekarchi, Speaker.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 73 members present and 2 members absent as follows:

PRESENT – 73: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson and Voas.

ABSENT – 2: Representatives Abney and Fogarty.

INVOCATION

The Honorable Speaker presents Representative Scott A. Slater who delivers the Invocation and leads the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

(For Invocation, see Appendix, this Journal.)

APPROVAL OF RECORD

By unanimous consent, the House Journal of Tuesday, May 16, 2023, is approved.

COMMUNICATIONS

May 18, 2023

From Speaker K. Joseph Shekarchi:

I have granted the request of Representative William O'Brien to no longer serve on the House Committee on Special Legislation.

Representative Kathleen A. Fogarty is unable to attend session today, Thursday, May 18, 2023.
Representative Marvin L. Abney is unable to attend session today, Thursday, May 18, 2023.

GUESTS

Deputy Whip Ackerman welcomes to the House Chamber her constituent Tyler Kolek, an American college basketball player. Tyler initially attended Cumberland High School, prior to the start of his junior year he transferred to St. George's School in Middletown, where he was named the Rhode Island Gatorade Boys Basketball Player of the Year. Tyler began his college career at George Mason and was named the Atlantic 10 Conference Rookie of the Year, as a freshman. He ultimately transferred to Marquette and was named the Big East Player of the Year and first-team All-Big East as a junior and also named the Most Outstanding Player of the 2023 Big East Tournament. Tyler is joined by his parents, Kevin and Lynn Kolek, grandparents, Judy and Kenneth Kolek, aunt, Lisa Kolek and a family friend Jackie Wudkiewicz. Speaker Shekarchi congratulates Tyler and welcomes his guests to the House Chamber.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE SENATE

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

Senate Bill No. 32

BY Valverde, Mack, Sosnowski, Acosta, Murray, Pearson, Miller, Euer, DiMario, Lawson
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- HEALTH CARE FOR CHILDREN AND PREGNANT WOMEN--EQUALITY IN ABORTION COVERAGE (Provides for abortion coverage in the Medicaid program and repeals the abortion coverage exclusion for state employee insurance plans.) {LC185/1}
05/18/2023 Placed on House Calendar (05/18/2023)

CALENDAR

From the Calendar are taken:

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MAY 18, 2023:**1. 2023-H 6254****BY** Casimiro

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REPORTING AND EXPIRATION DATES OF THE 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 passage.

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

Chairman McNamara 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 Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

2. 2023-H 5423 SUB A**BY** J. Lombardi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- COOPERATIVE SERVICE AMONG SCHOOL DISTRICTS

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, Deputy Speaker Hull and Representative Kislak.

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, 72 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 72: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

3. 2023-H 5951

BY Azzinaro

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

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

Chairman Casey moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Cardillo, Morales, Speakman, Shallcross Smith, Cortvriend, Phillips, Constantino, Azzinaro, Noret, Vella-Wilkinson, Bennett and McEntee.

Chairman Casey discusses the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 73 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 73: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

4. 2023-H 5163 SUB A**BY Fellela****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- RYAN'S LAW**

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

Chairman Solomon moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Caldwell, Cardillo, Bennett and Fellela.

Chairman Solomon discusses the act.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, 73 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 73: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

5. 2023-H 5841**BY Solomon****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- PURCHASE AND SALE OF PRECIOUS METALS**

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

Chairman Solomon moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Phillips, Alzate, Cardillo, Finkelman, Constantino, Noret and Bennett.

Chairman Solomon discusses the act.

By unanimous consent, Chairman Solomon seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski offers a written motion to amend.

FLOOR AMENDMENT
TO
2023 -- H 5841

AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS --
PURCHASE AND SALE OF PRECIOUS METALS

Mr. Speaker:

I hereby move to amend 2023 -- H 5841, entitled "AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- PURCHASE AND SALE OF PRECIOUS METALS", as follows:

- 1. On page 2, lines 16 through 20, by restoring all stricken language.
- 2. On page 2, line 20, after the language "(\$500)", by inserting the language "or the property is derived from a catalytic converter".
- 3. On page 2, line 20, by deleting the letter "A".

Respectfully submitted,

Representative Solomon

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LC002066/2
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Chairman Solomon discusses the amendment.

The motion to amend prevails on a roll call vote 66 members voting in the affirmative and 1 member voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 66: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 1: Representative Lombardi.

RECUSED - 0:

Representative Newberry requests to vote on page 2, lines 22 through 24 in sections.

The Honorable Speaker rules it is divisible.

Representative Lombardi, Minority Leader Chippendale, Chairman Solomon, and Minority Whip Place, discuss the act as amended.

Page 2, lines 22 through 24 prevails, on a roll vote 44 members voting in the affirmative and 24 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 44: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Ackerman, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Corvese, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Finkelman, Giraldo, Handy, Kazarian, Lima, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Noret, O'Brien, Potter, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 24: Representatives Ajello, Brien, Cardillo, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Costantino, Felix, Fenton-Fung, Henries, Hull, Kislak, Knight, Lombardi, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Perez, Phillips, Place, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Stewart.

RECUSED - 0:

Read and passed, as amended, 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 Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

6. 2023-H 5463

BY Edwards

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- STATE PURCHASES

Committee on State Government & Elections recommends passage.

Chairman Shanley moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski and Floor Manager Edwards.

Chairman Shanley and Representative Lima discuss the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 68 members voting in the affirmative and 5 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 68: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kislak, Knight, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea,

Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 5: Representatives Cardillo, Fenton-Fung, Lima, Morgan, Roberts.

RECUSED - 0:

7. 2023-H 5127 SUB A

BY Diaz

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT--
CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT

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 Morales, Vella-Wilkinson, Majority Whip Kazarian, Representatives McEntee, Slater, Floor Manager Edwards, Bennett and Cortvriend.

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, 73 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 73: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

8. 2023-H 5667

BY Fogarty

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- COUNCIL ON ELEMENTARY
AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

Committee on Education recommends passage.

Chairman McNamara moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Carson, Spears, Speakman, Donovan, Shallcross Smith, Cortvriend, Tanzi, Deputy Whip Ackerman, Representatives Bennett, Floor Manager Edwards, McEntee and Majority Whip Kazarian.

Chairman McNamara and Minority Whip Place discuss the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 64 members voting in the affirmative and 8 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 64: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Potter, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 8: Representatives Chippendale, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Place, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts.

RECUSED - 0:

9. 2023-H 5009

BY McNamara

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - PUPIL
TRANSPORTATION VEHICLES**

Committee on Education recommends passage.

Chairman McNamara moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Noret, Kislak, Shallcross Smith, Ajello, Voas, McEntee and Phillips.

Chairman McNamara discusses the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 73 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 73: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:



State of Rhode Island

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

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

1. (Matter requiring action: i.e. Bill number) I expect to be called upon, in my capacity as State Representative to participate in the consideration of, and/or to vote upon: H 5948

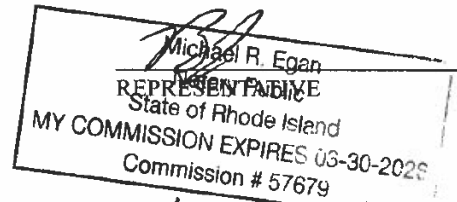
2. (Nature of the potential conflict) I have the following interest in the matter: To avoid appearance of impropriety

3. (Please select one of the following):

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

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

State of Rhode Island
County of: Providence



Subscribed and sworn to under the penalties for perjury before me this 18 day of May, 2023

[Signature]
NOTARY PUBLIC

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

[Signature]
SPEAKER

10. 2023-H 5948**BY Kazarian****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION**

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

Chairman Casey moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Dawson, Henries, Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Shallcross Smith, Cardillo, Bennett, Boylan, Biah and Azzinaro.

Chairman Casey discusses the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 72 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 72: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 1: Representative Newberry.



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: H 6165

2. (Nature of the potential conflict) I have the following interest in the matter: To avoid appearance of impropriety

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 18 day of May, 2023

Michael R. Egan
Notary Public
State of Rhode Island
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES 05-30-2026
Commission # 576, 3
[Signature]
NOTARY PUBLIC

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

[Signature]
SPEAKER

11. 2023-H 6165 SUB A**BY Kazarian****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES**

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

Chairman Casey moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Henries, Biah, Dawson, Boylan, Tanzi, Minority Leader Chippendale and Representative Ajello.

Chairman Casey discusses the act.

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

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 1: Representative Newberry.

12. 2023-H 6167**BY Speakman****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES**

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

Chairman Casey moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Biah, Speakman, Donovan and Minority Whip Place.

Chairman Casey discusses the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 73 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 73: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

GUESTS

Representative Vella-Wilkinson welcomes to the House Chamber members of the Rhode Island Brain, Spine & Tumor Foundation, Lisa D'Ambra Executive Director, Prakash Sampath, Founder and President, Vice President Jayanthi Jayapal M.A, Secretary Fran Kirby, Dr. Suriya Jeyapalan, Ariana Carcieri, Philip R. Morin, Vaishali Khamamkar and Dr. Douglas Anthony, MD, Ph.D. in recognition of Brain and Spine Tumor Foundation Day.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Newberry and Speaker Shekarchi offer condolences on behalf of the entire House of Representatives to the entire family of Donna McDonald.

Representatives Giraldo, Slater and O'Brien offer condolences to the entire family of Kelly Flynn.

Chairman Casey announces that the Committee on Municipal Government & Housing will meet today, at the rise of the House, in Room 135 of the State House.

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

Representative Vella-Wilkinson announces that the Sons and Daughters of Italy and Italian-American War Veterans have nominated retired Rhode Island Air National Guard colonel and current president of Bishop Hendricken High School, Father Robert Marciano of Warwick, as Italian-American of the Year for his distinguished military career and public service to the State of Rhode Island.

AT EASE

At 5:09 o'clock P.M., the Honorable Speaker Shekarchi declares the House to be at ease.

ORDER

At 5:45 o'clock P.M. the Honorable Speaker Shekarchi calls the House to order.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT – 54: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Kazarian, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Place, Rea, Roberts, Shallcross Smith, Solomon, Speakman, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

CALENDAR**13. 2023-S 32**

BY Valverde

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --
HEALTH CARE FOR CHILDREN AND PREGNANT WOMEN--EQUALITY IN
ABORTION COVERAGE

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

Majority Whip Kazarian moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Carson, Tanzi, Spears, Donovan, Speakman, Henries, Biah, Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives McGaw, DeSimone, Craven, Caldwell, Morales, McEntee, Dawson, Finkelman, Batista, Shanley, Ajello, Shallcross Smith, Handy, Cortvriend, Knight, Felix, McNamara, Kislak, Bennett, Edwards, Giraldo, Voas, Stewart, Boylan, Alzate, Cruz, Potter, Messier and Casimiro.

Majority Whip Kazarian and Representative Newberry discuss the act.

POINT OF ORDER

Majority Leader Blazejewski rises on a point of order for Representative Newberry to speak on the merits of the act.

The Honorable Speaker upholds the point of order and requests Representative Newberry to speak on the merits of the act.

By unanimous consent, Representative Lima, seconded by Representative Vella-Wilkinson, Minority Whip Place, Representatives Roberts, Rea, Morgan, and Minority Leader Chippendale offers a written motion to amend.

FLOOR AMENDMENT
TO
2023 -- S 0032

AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- HEALTH CARE FOR CHILDREN AND PREGNANT WOMEN--EQUALITY IN ABORTION COVERAGE

Mr. Speaker:

I hereby move to amend 2023 -- S 0032, entitled "AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- HEALTH CARE FOR CHILDREN AND PREGNANT WOMEN--EQUALITY IN ABORTION COVERAGE", as follows:

1. On page 1, line 3, by deleting the language "person's", and by inserting in place thereof the word "woman's".
2. On page 1, line 4, by deleting the word "people", and by inserting in place thereof the word "women".
3. On page 1, line 9, after the language "immigrants,", by deleting the word "people", and by inserting in place thereof the word "women".
4. On page 1, line 9, after the word "young", by deleting the word "people", and by inserting in place thereof the word "women".
5. On page 2, line 5, by restoring the stricken word "women", and by deleting the word "persons".
6. On page 2, line 13, by restoring the stricken word "woman", and by deleting the word "person".
7. On page 2, line 16, by restoring the stricken word "woman", and by deleting the word "person".
8. On page 2, line 18, by restoring the stricken word "woman", and by deleting the word "person".
9. On page 3, line 2, by restoring the stricken word "women", and by deleting the word "persons".
10. On page 3, line 3, by restoring the stricken word "women", and by deleting the word "persons".
11. On page 3, line 12, by restoring the stricken word "women", and by deleting the word "persons".
12. On page 3, line 24, by deleting the word "person", and by inserting in place thereof the word "woman".

Respectfully submitted,

Representative Lima

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Representative Lima, Majority Whip Kazarian, Representatives Newberry, Brien, and Henries discuss the amendment.

The motion to amend fails on a roll call vote 16 members voting in the affirmative and 49 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 16: Representatives Azzinaro, Brien, Cardillo, Chippendale, Corvese, Lima, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, Phillips, Place, Rea, Roberts, Serpa, Vella-Wilkinson.

NAYS - 49: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kislak, Knight, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Potter, Sanchez, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

RECUSED - 0:

By unanimous consent, Representative Lima, seconded by Representatives Vella-Wilkinson, Roberts, Morgan, Minority Leader Chippendale, Representatives Rea, and Nardone offers a written motion to amend.

**FLOOR AMENDMENT
TO
2023 -- S 0032**

AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- HEALTH CARE FOR
CHILDREN AND PREGNANT WOMEN--EQUALITY IN ABORTION COVERAGE

Mr. Speaker:

I hereby move to amend 2023 -- S 0032, entitled "AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- HEALTH CARE FOR CHILDREN AND PREGNANT WOMEN--EQUALITY IN ABORTION COVERAGE", as follows:

1. On page 2, lines 21 through 23, by restoring all the stricken language in its entirety.
2. On page 3, line 24 through 28, by deleting all the language in its entirety.
3. On page 3, lines 29 through 34, by deleting all the language contained therein.
4. On page 4, lines 1 through 13, by deleting all the language contained therein.
5. On page 4, after line 13, by inserting the following language:

"SECTION 3. Chapter 44-30 of the General Laws entitled "Personal Income Tax" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

44-30-2.12. Refund deduction for contribution to the Medicaid abortion fund.

(a) There shall be provided as a deduction from any refund from the Rhode Island personal income tax otherwise due to a taxpayer for a taxable year a contribution to the Medicaid abortion fund established in this section. The provision for the contribution shall appear on the state personal income tax return as follows: Medicaid abortion fund. Check if you wish to contribute [] \$1, [] \$5, [] \$10, or [] \$ (write in amount of your tax REFUND for this program).

(b) The tax administrator shall annually forward by August 1, all contributions made to the Medicaid abortion fund to the general treasurer. The general treasurer shall annually distribute the proceeds of the said fund to the department of human services for the funding of abortions in accordance with the provisions of chapter 8 of title 44 ("medical assistance").

(c) The provisions of this section shall commence for returns filed for the tax year ending December 31, 2023."

6. On page 4, line 14, by deleting the language "upon passage" and by inserting in place thereof the language "January 1, 2024".

Respectfully submitted,

Representative Lima

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Representative Lima and Majority Whip Kazarian discuss the amendment.

The motion to amend fails on a roll call vote 14 members voting in the affirmative and 49 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 14: Representatives Azzinaro, Brien, Cardillo, Chippendale, Hull, Lima, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Phillips, Place, Rea, Roberts, Vella-Wilkinson.

NAYS - 49: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Kazarian, Kislak, Knight, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Noret, Potter, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

RECUSED - 0:

Read and passed, in concurrence on a roll call vote, 46 members voting in the affirmative and 20 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 46: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Kazarian, Kislak, Knight, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Potter, Sanchez, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 20: Representatives Azzinaro, Brien, Cardillo, Casey, Chippendale, Corvese, Diaz, Fellela, Hull, Lima, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, Phillips, Place, Rea, Roberts, Serpa, Vella-Wilkinson.

RECUSED - 0:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Majority Leader Blazewski announces that the next House session will be held on Tuesday, May 23rd, at 4:30 p.m. There will be a Democratic Caucus in the House Lounge at 3:45 p.m.

PROXY VOTES

Majority Leader Blazewski 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 #13.

IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION**House Resolution No. 6415**

BY Spears, Shekarchi, Blazewski, Chippendale, Ajello, Felix, Shallcross Smith, Edwards, Casey, Bennett

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF THE HONORABLE BRYAN K. WILSON {LC3026/1}

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.

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

House Resolution No. 6416

BY Azzinaro, Shekarchi, Blazewski, Chippendale, Vella-Wilkinson, Abney, Shallcross Smith, McNamara, Fellela, Kennedy

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION HONORING AND CELEBRATING "ARMED FORCES DAY" ON MAY 20TH, 2023, IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC3019/1}

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

There is no objection.

Chairman Azzinaro discusses the resolution.

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

House Resolution No. 6417

BY Noret, Hull, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Finkelman, Dawson, Costantino, McEntee, Felix

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF MAY 14 THROUGH MAY 20, 2023, TO BE "NATIONAL POLICE WEEK" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND, IN REMEMBRANCE OF ALL THE POLICE AND LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS WHO HAVE LOST THEIR LIVES IN THE LINE OF DUTY {LC2939/1}

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. 6418

BY Blazejewski, Chippendale

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES {LC3027/1}

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. 6419

BY Blazejewski, Chippendale

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING CONGRATULATIONS {LC3028/1}

Majority Leader Blazejewski requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Majority Leader Blazejewski, seconded by Minority Leader Chippendale, by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

House Resolution No. 6420

BY Ackerman, Voas, Marszalkowski, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Edwards, McNamara, Felix, Ajello, Shallcross Smith

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING TYLER KOLEK OF CUMBERLAND, RHODE ISLAND, ON HIS OUTSTANDING SEASON WITH THE MARQUETTE UNIVERSITY BASKETBALL TEAM, AND FOR LEADING THE GOLDEN EAGLES INTO THE SECOND ROUND OF THE NCAA TOURNAMENT {LC2667/1}

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 and Speaker Shekarchi discuss the resolution.

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

RULE 7D

The following bills were received pursuant to Rule 7D:

Representative Casimiro-An Act relating to State Affairs and Government - Rhode Island
Department of Children, Youth and Families

Representative Edwards-An Act relating to Healthcare

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

TRANSMITTAL

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

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

DESK HELD OPEN

The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi announces that the desk will be held open.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE SENATE

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

Senate Bill No. 107

BY Cano, Miller, Gallo, Euer, Quezada, Kallman, Lawson, DiMario, Murray

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS

INSURANCE POLICIES (Mandates all insurance contracts/plans/policies provide coverage for the expense of diagnosing/treating infertility for women between the ages of 25 and 42 including preimplantation genetic diagnosis (PGD) in conjunction with in vitro fertilization (IVF).) {LC282/1} 05/19/2023 Referred to House Health & Human Services

Senate Bill No. 885

BY Lawson, Lauria, Britto

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL

TAXES (Enables the city of East Providence to offer tax amnesty for two (2) separate sixty (60) day periods for fiscal years 2023 and 2024 for waiver of interest and penalties in an amount not to exceed \$10,000 on overdue real property tax payments.) {LC2721/1}

05/22/2023 Placed on House Calendar (05/25/2023)

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. 5276 SUB A

BY Phillips, Knight, Morales, McEntee, Serpa, Costantino, Lima

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- UNFAIR SALES PRACTICES (Providers of a club, facility, or services to a consumer must stop automatic deductions from the consumer's account or credit card within thirty (30) calendar days of receiving a notice to stop from the consumer.) {LC775/A/1}

05/19/2023 Placed on House Calendar

House Bill No. 5333 SUB A

BY Edwards, Shanley, Potter, Morales, Chippendale, Messier, Fogarty, Sanchez

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- PROMPT PAYMENT BY DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION (Amends the provisions for prompt payment of monies owed by the department of administration to their contractors or subcontractors.) {LC391/A/1}

05/19/2023 Placed on House Calendar

House Bill No. 5366

BY Baginski, Solomon, Finkelman, Dawson, Brien

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- REAL ESTATE SALES DISCLOSURES (Increases the civil penalty from \$100 to a maximum of \$1,000, whenever a seller or their real estate agent fails provide a completed seller disclosure form to the buyer.) {LC807/1}

05/19/2023 Placed on House Calendar

House Bill No. 6102 SUB A

BY Casey, Chippendale, Lima, Cardillo, Phillips, Noret

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOTORCYCLE DRIVER EDUCATION PROGRAM (Requires that the motorcycle education courses provide accommodations for person's with disabilities.) {LC2101/A/1}

05/19/2023 Placed on House Calendar (05/23/2023)

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}

05/19/2023 Placed on House Calendar

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

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

Senate Bill No. 206 SUB A

BY DiPalma

ENTITLED, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF MIDDLETOWN TO ISSUE NOT TO EXCEED \$190,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, NOTES AND OTHER EVIDENCES OF INDEBTEDNESS TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF A MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL AND THE RENOVATION, IMPROVEMENT, ALTERATION, REPAIR, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF SCHOOL FACILITIES THROUGHOUT THE TOWN AND ALL ATTENDANT EXPENSES INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, DEMOLITION, ENGINEERING, ARCHITECTURAL AND LANDSCAPING COSTS (Authorizes the town of Middletown to issue not more than \$190,000,000 in bonds and notes to finance school construction and renovation.) {LC1484/A/1}

05/19/2023 Placed on House Calendar

House Bill No. 5526 SUB A

BY Cortvriend, Abney, Finkelman

ENTITLED, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF MIDDLETOWN TO ISSUE NOT TO EXCEED \$190,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, NOTES AND OTHER EVIDENCES OF INDEBTEDNESS TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF A MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL AND THE RENOVATION, IMPROVEMENT, ALTERATION, REPAIR, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF SCHOOL FACILITIES THROUGHOUT THE TOWN AND ALL ATTENDANT EXPENSES INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, DEMOLITION, ENGINEERING, ARCHITECTURAL AND LANDSCAPING COSTS (Authorizes the town of Middletown to issue not more than \$190,000,000 in bonds and notes to finance school construction and renovation.) {LC1506/A/2}

05/19/2023 Placed on House Calendar

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. 5176 SUB A

BY McGaw, Shekarchi, Ajello, Speakman, Donovan, Kislak, Tanzi, Cotter, Stewart, Felix

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES (Requires group health plans and health insurance issuers that provide prescription benefits to cover at least one type of prescribed epinephrine auto-injectors and cartridges without copay or deductible.) {LC151/A/1}

05/19/2023 Placed on House Calendar

House Bill No. 5282 SUB A

BY Vella-Wilkinson, Noret, Morales, Diaz, Lima, Donovan, Ackerman, McNamara, Bennett, Lombardi J

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PHARMACIES

(Authorizes a pharmacist to prescribe and dispense hormonal contraceptives, provided that the pharmacist has completed a training program approved by the state board of pharmacy.)

{LC1123/A/3}

05/22/2023 Placed on House Calendar (05/25/2023)

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

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

House Bill No. 5513 SUB A

BY Baginski, Potter, Dawson, Brien, McEntee

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE--PROCEDURE IN PARTICULAR ACTIONS -- DEATH BY WRONGFUL ACT (Raises the minimum recovery in a civil action to recover for a wrongful death from \$250,000 to \$365,000 and automatically increases for inflation the minimum recovery annually on January 31. The increase is based on the consumer price index.) {LC998/A/2}

05/19/2023 Placed on House Calendar

House Bill No. 5761 SUB A

BY Felix, Henries, Kislak, Giraldo, Tanzi, Morales, McNamara, Fogarty, Kazarian, Casimiro

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE AND SALE -- MEDIATION CONFERENCE (Removes the sunset provision relative to mediation coverage prior to mortgage foreclosures.) {LC1796/A/1}

05/19/2023 Placed on House Calendar

House Bill No. 6058 SUB A

BY Abney, Shekarchi, Biah, Azzinaro, Hull

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

(Increases the amount of allowable units per acre for all projects subject to inclusionary zoning as well as other incentives and subsidies to offset differential costs of below-market units.)

{LC1889/A/1}

05/19/2023 Placed on House Calendar

House Bill No. 6059 SUB A

BY Craven, Shekarchi, McGaw, Shanley, Dawson, O'Brien

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

(Amends certain general laws relative to zoning ordinance variances, special use permits, modifications thereto and also amends provisions relative to substandard lots of record and the merger of such lots.) {LC2094/A/1}

05/19/2023 Placed on House Calendar

COMMITTEE ON LABOR

Chairman Corvese, for the Committee on Labor, reports back the following measure, with recommendation of passage

House Bill No. 5933

BY Azzinaro, Fellela, Serpa, Noret, Place

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- POSTING OF VETERANS' BENEFITS AND SERVICES (Requires employers in the state with more than 50 employees to display a poster containing basic information on veterans' benefits and services which would be created and distributed by the DLT in consultation with the office of veterans services.)
{LC2035/1}

05/19/2023 Placed on House Calendar

COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT AND HOUSING

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

House Bill No. 5782 SUB A

(City of Providence)

BY Biah, Hull, Lombardi J, Morales, DeSimone, Batista, O'Brien, Diaz, Slater

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Subjects to taxation real property owned by nonprofit institutions of higher education/nonprofit hospitals also amends charters issued by the general assembly to nonprofit institutions/hospitals.)
{LC1798/A/1}

05/19/2023 Placed on House Calendar

House Bill No. 6292 SUB A

(by request)

BY McNamara, Shekarchi, Bennett, Vella-Wilkinson, Shanley

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Amends Warwick's ration of Class 1 and Class 2 property tax rates by reducing the minimum ratio of the Class 1 property tax rates from 75% to 57% of Class 2 property tax rates.)
{LC2827/A/1}

05/19/2023 Placed on House Calendar

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. 5190 SUB A

BY Cardillo, Costantino, Casey, Solomon, Kazarian, Chippendale, Brien, Azzinaro, Perez, Craven

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- CODE OF ETHICS (Requires a public official or employee to disclose any and all unsatisfied default judgments of credit card debt, in excess of one thousand dollars (\$1,000), on their financial statement.)
{LC660/A/2}

{LC660/A/2}

05/19/2023 Placed on House Calendar

House Bill No. 5457 SUB A**BY** Cortvriend, Carson, Donovan, McGaw, Edwards, Finkelman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- DEFINITIONS AND GENERAL CODE PROVISIONS (Establishes regulations for the registration and operation of low-speed vehicles in this state.) {LC1148/A/3}

05/19/2023 Placed on House Calendar

House Bill No. 5722 SUB A**BY** Caldwell, Shanley, Lima**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT-- OPEN MEETINGS (Amends the Open Meetings law to permit members of some public bodies to participate using videoconferencing technology.) {LC1842/A/3}

05/19/2023 Placed on House Calendar

House Bill No. 5779 SUB A

(By Request)

BY Knight, Speakman, Cortvriend**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL (Requires the executive director of the coastal resources management council to hire a hearing officer if the position is vacant for more than sixty (60) days after the effective date of this act.) {LC1792/A/1}

05/19/2023 Placed on House Calendar

House Bill No. 6104 SUB A

(Board of Elections)

BY Carson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- MAIL BALLOTS (Allows mail ballot drop boxes to be opened thirty-five (35) days prior to election day.) {LC2091/A/1}

05/19/2023 Placed on House Calendar

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}

05/19/2023 Placed on House Calendar

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS

Chairman Azzinaro, for the Committee on Veterans Affairs, reports back the following measures, with recommendation of passage:

House Bill No. 5466

(Office of Veterans Services)

BY Azzinaro, Fellela, Solomon, Abney, Donovan, Serpa, Lombardi J, Costantino, Shallcross Smith, Hull

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- RHODE ISLAND VETERANS' HOME (Requires that the administrator for the Rhode Island veterans' home be a licensed nursing home administrator and removes the requirement that the administrator be an honorably discharged veteran.) {LC1312/1}

05/19/2023 Placed on House Calendar

House Resolution No. 5467

BY Corvese, Azzinaro, Kennedy, O'Brien, Hull, Fenton-Fung

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO PASS LEGISLATION TO PROVIDE VETERANS BENEFITS TO THE HMONG/LAOTIAN VETERANS WHO SERVED THE UNITED STATES IN THE "SECRET WAR" IN LAOS {LC1285/1}

05/19/2023 Placed on House Calendar

House Bill No. 5617

BY Azzinaro, Fellela, Kennedy, Shallcross Smith, Place, Solomon, Casimiro, Serpa, Casey, Noret

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- RHODE ISLAND VETERANS' HOME (Changes the service requirement for admissions to RI Veterans' Home from 90 days to 2 years, and gives priority to veterans defined as war veterans.) {LC1718/1}

05/19/2023 Placed on House Calendar

NEW BUSINESS**House Bill No. 6421**

BY Casey, Fenton-Fung, Bennett, Baginski, Boylan, Messier, Cruz, Voas, Casimiro, Kislak

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOTORIZED BICYCLES (Requires helmets be worn by all riders, regardless of age, while riding any electric bicycle or electric motorized bicycle.) {LC3013/1}

05/19/2023 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Resolution No. 6422

BY Boylan, Stewart, McNamara, Cruz, Knight, Tanzi, Felix, Alzate, Donovan, Spears

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION CREATING A LEGISLATIVE STUDY COMMISSION TO EVALUATE AND PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS ON MANDATED SAFETY PROTOCOLS FOR RHODE ISLAND SCHOOLS (Creates a 21 member commission to evaluate and provide recommendations on mandated safety protocols for RI schools, and who would report back to the House by February 28, 2024, and expire on April 30, 2024.) {LC2903/1}

05/19/2023 Introduced, referred to House Education

House Resolution No. 6423

BY Stewart, Baginski, Carson, Morales, Boylan, Alzate, McEntee, Spears, Handy, Shanley
ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION AND THE OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY TO REVIEW AND EVALUATE THE USE AND DEVELOPMENT OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI) AND AUTOMATED DECISION SYSTEMS AND PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING ONGOING AND UPCOMING PLANS TO EXPAND THEIR USE AND CURRENT SECURITY AND IMPLEMENTATION PROCEDURES {LC3032/1}

05/19/2023 Introduced, referred to House Innovation, Internet, & Technology

House Bill No. 6424

BY Noret, Chippendale, Nardone, Roberts, Serpa
ENTITLED, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AMENDMENTS TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF COVENTRY (Would validate and ratify amendments to the Home Rule Charter of the town of Coventry.) {LC3029/1}

05/19/2023 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 6425

BY Craven
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows the Honorable Arkadiusz Z. Smigielski to join Danielle St. Pierre and Michael Smigielski in marriage on or about October 27, 2023, within the City of Newport, Rhode Island.) {LC3036/1}

05/19/2023 Introduced, referred to House Special Legislation

House Bill No. 6426

BY Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Ackerman, Solomon, Edwards, Kazarian, Hull, Baginski
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- THE RHODE ISLAND LIFE SCIENCE HUB ACT (Creates the Rhode Island Life Science Hub, a quasi-public corporate body and agency of the state to coordinate life science initiatives on behalf of Rhode Island.) {LC3031/1}

05/19/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 6427

BY Casimiro, Craven
ENTITLED, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF NORTH KINGSTOWN TO ISSUE NOT MORE THAN \$25,000,000 BONDS AND NOTES TO FINANCE AN INDOOR RECREATION CENTER/EMERGENCY SHELTER (Authorizes the town of North Kingstown to issue bonds in the amount of twenty five million dollars (\$25,000,000) to finance an indoor recreation center/emergency shelter upon voter approval.) {LC3011/1}

05/19/2023 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Resolution No. 6428

BY Casimiro, Craven
ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$5,000,000 TO THE QUONSET DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION FOR WATERFRONT INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS (This resolution would authorize the appropriation of the sum of \$5,000,000 to the Quonset Development Corporation for waterfront infrastructure improvements.) {LC3038/1}

05/19/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 6429**BY** Casimiro, Craven

ENTITLED, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF NORTH KINGSTOWN TO ISSUE NOT MORE THAN \$222,460,000 OF BOND AND NOTES OF WHICH (1) UP TO \$167,460,000 IS FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW MIDDLE SCHOOL, AND (2) UP TO \$55,000,000 IS FOR A NEW PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX (Authorizes the town of North Kingstown to issue bonds in the amount of \$222,460,000 for the construction of a new middle school.) {LC3012/1}

05/19/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:13 o'clock P.M. on motion of Representative Newberry, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Donna McDonald; on motion of Representative Spears, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Bryan Wilson; on motion of Representative Hull, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Det. Roy McGowan PPD; on motion of Representatives Giraldo and Slater, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Kelly Flynn seconded by Leaders Blazejewski and Chippendale the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

Diane M. DePina
Recording Clerk

APPENDIX

INVOCATION

REPRESENTATIVE SCOTT A. SLATER

Dear God, we thank you for giving us another day to serve your people. Send your spirit this day, and every day, to guide us as we work to make life better for all Rhode Islanders. Amen

APPENDIX

TRANSMITTED TO GOVERNOR

Senate Bill No. 32

BY Valverde, Mack, Sosnowski, Acosta, Murray, Pearson, Miller, Euer, DiMario, Lawson
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- HEALTH CARE FOR CHILDREN AND PREGNANT WOMEN--EQUALITY IN ABORTION COVERAGE (Provides for abortion coverage in the Medicaid program and repeals the abortion coverage exclusion for state employee insurance plans.) {LC185/1}
05/18/2023 Transmitted to Governor

Senate Bill No. 313

BY de la Cruz, Morgan E
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HARRISVILLE FIRE DISTRICT (Amends the Harrisville fire district charter to allow the district to provide rescue services in addition to fire suppression, medical and ambulance services.) {LC1923/1}
05/18/2023 Transmitted to Governor

Senate Bill No. 751

(Dept. of Revenue)
BY Britto, Lombardi F, Lawson, Ciccone, DiPalma, Acosta, DiMario, Tikoian
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES -- DRIVER PRIVILEGE CARDS AND PERMITS (Reduces the fee for an original driver privilege card from fifty dollars (\$50.00) to twenty-five dollars (\$25.00).) {LC2281/1}
05/18/2023 Transmitted to Governor

APPENDIX

CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MAY 23, 2023:

1. **2023-H 5176 SUB A**

BY McGaw

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES

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

2. **2023-H 5933**

BY Azzinaro

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- POSTING OF VETERANS' BENEFITS AND SERVICES

Committee on Labor recommends passage.

3. **2023-H 5779 SUB A**

BY Knight

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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

4. **2023-H 6373**

BY Noret

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

Committee on State Government & Elections recommends passage.

5. **2023-H 5333 SUB A**

BY Edwards

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- PROMPT PAYMENT BY DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

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

6. 2023-H 5276 SUB A**BY Phillips****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- UNFAIR SALES PRACTICES**

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

7. 2023-H 6102 SUB A**BY Casey****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOTORCYCLE DRIVER EDUCATION PROGRAM**

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

8. 2023-H 5513 SUB A**BY Baginski****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE-- PROCEDURE IN PARTICULAR ACTIONS -- DEATH BY WRONGFUL ACT**

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

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MAY 25, 2023:**1. 2023-H 6058 SUB A****BY Abney****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES**

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

2. 2023-H 6059 SUB A**BY Craven****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES**

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

3. 2023-H 5761 SUB A**BY Felix****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE AND SALE -- MEDIATION CONFERENCE**

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

4. 2023-H 5782 SUB A**BY Biah****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION**

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

5. 2023-H 5457 SUB A**BY Cortvriend****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- DEFINITIONS AND GENERAL CODE PROVISIONS**

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

6. 2023-H 5722 SUB A**BY Caldwell****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT-- OPEN MEETINGS**

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

7. 2023-H 5190 SUB A**BY Cardillo****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- CODE OF ETHICS**

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

8. 2023-H 5366**BY Baginski****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- REAL ESTATE SALES DISCLOSURES**

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

9. 2023-H 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**

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

10. **2023-H 5617**
BY Azzinaro
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- RHODE ISLAND VETERANS' HOME
- Committee on Veterans` Affairs recommends passage.
11. **2023-H 5467**
BY Corvese
ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO PASS LEGISLATION TO PROVIDE VETERANS BENEFITS TO THE HMONG/LAOTIAN VETERANS WHO SERVED THE UNITED STATES IN THE "SECRET WAR" IN LAOS
- Committee on Veterans` Affairs recommends passage.
12. **2023-H 5466**
BY Azzinaro
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- RHODE ISLAND VETERANS' HOME
- Committee on Veterans` Affairs recommends passage.
13. **2023-H 5526 SUB A**
BY Cortvriend
ENTITLED, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF MIDDLETOWN TO ISSUE NOT TO EXCEED \$190,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, NOTES AND OTHER EVIDENCES OF INDEBTEDNESS TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF A MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL AND THE RENOVATION, IMPROVEMENT, ALTERATION, REPAIR, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF SCHOOL FACILITIES THROUGHOUT THE TOWN AND ALL ATTENDANT EXPENSES INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, DEMOLITION, ENGINEERING, ARCHITECTURAL AND LANDSCAPING COSTS
- Committee on Finance recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.
14. **2023-S 206 SUB A**
BY DiPalma
ENTITLED, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF MIDDLETOWN TO ISSUE NOT TO EXCEED \$190,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, NOTES AND OTHER EVIDENCES OF INDEBTEDNESS TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF A MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL AND THE RENOVATION, IMPROVEMENT, ALTERATION, REPAIR, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF SCHOOL FACILITIES THROUGHOUT THE TOWN AND ALL ATTENDANT EXPENSES INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, DEMOLITION, ENGINEERING, ARCHITECTURAL AND LANDSCAPING COSTS

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

15. 2023-H 6292 SUB A

BY McNamara

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES

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

16. 2023-H 5282 SUB A

BY Vella-Wilkinson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PHARMACIES

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

17. 2023-S 885

BY Lawson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

Francis McCabe
Clerk of the House

Friday, May 19, 2023

Updated: Monday, May 22, 2023