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Thursday, May 25, 2023

Thirty-seventh Day

The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence, Thursday, May 25, 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 71 members present and 4 members absent as follows:

PRESENT – 71: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, 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, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Giraldo, Handy, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson and Voas.

ABSENT – 4: Representatives Diaz, Fogarty, Henries and Quattrocchi.

INVOCATION

The Honorable Speaker presents Representative Samuel A. Azzinaro 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 23, 2023, is approved.

COMMUNICATIONS

May 25, 2023

From Speaker K. Joseph Shekarchi:

I appoint the following members to a Special Legislative Commission to Study and Make Recommendations for the Placement of Solar Panels on Inter-State Highways:

Representative Robert Phillips
Representative Matthew Dawson
Representative David Morales

Representative Kathleen A. Fogarty is unable to attend session today, Thursday, May 25, 2023.

Representative Grace Diaz is unable to attend session today, Thursday, May 25, 2023.

Representative Brianna E. Henries is unable to attend session today, Thursday, May 25, 2023.

GUESTS

Representative Caldwell on behalf of Speaker Shekarchi welcomes to the House Chamber Brian Johnson who is the only athlete from Rhode Island to be selected by Special Olympics Rhode Island to represent Rhode Island at the 2023 Special Olympics World Games in Berlin Germany. Brian will be partaking in unified bocce, there will be 190 countries and 7,000 athletes with intellectual disabilities participating in the World Games. Today, Brian is accompanied by his parents Jane and Ray, and their granddaughters Calliope and Trista, his sister Kelly, brother Dan, and Edwin Pacheco President and CEO of Special Olympics Rhode Island.

Floor Manager Edwards welcomes to the House Chamber members of the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators, for their Region 1 Annual Conference in Providence, Rhode Island for the first time in more than 40 years. Region 1 President and Rhode Island Department of Motor Vehicles Administrator Bud Craddock, Regional Vice President and Director Renee Delisle of Quebec, Canada, Regional Secretary-Treasurer and Commissioner Wanda Minoli of Vermont, American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators President and CEO, Anne Ferro, Director Gabriel Robinson of the District of Columbia, Deputy Secretary of State Cathie Curtis of Maine, Administrator Christine Nizer of Maryland, Registrar Colleen Ogilvie of Massachusetts, Director John Marasco of New Hampshire, Acting MVC Chief Latrecia Littles-Floyd of New Jersey, Deputy Commissioner of Investigations and Law Enforcement Owen McShane and Commissioner Mark Schroeder, of New York, Deputy Secretary of Transportation Kara Templeton of Pennsylvania, and Registrar of Motor Vehicles Kelli Penney of Newfoundland and Labrador in Canada.

Chairman Abney welcomes to the House Chamber Rhode Island Boys & Girls Statewide Youth of the Year Daishaney Francis, along with the three nominees, from Newport County Kyle Brennan Simmons and staff member Martin DaCruz, from Pawtucket Iker Rojas and staff members Jim Hoyt, Cherima Folston and Amy Gonsalves and from Providence Rosa Delgado and staff members Dee Allen, Ashlee Atchinson and Nicole Dufresne.

Representative Cotter welcomes to the House Chamber members of the Exeter Fire Department, Deputy Chief Curt Varone, Captain Kolby Turner, Lieutenant Ryan Humeston, Fire Company President, Steve Prashaw, firefighters Jake Jodin, Asa Davis, Timothy Robinson, Rebecca Smith, Patrick O'Neil, Laurie McGunagle and Brandon Crook for their heroic efforts in battling Rhode Island's largest brush fire since 1942. Speaker Shekarchi welcomes them to the House.

CALENDAR

From the Calendar are taken:

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MAY 25, 2023:

Majority Leader Blazejewski moves item #16 to be placed on the Calendar for Thursday, June 1, 2023. There is no objection.

- 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.

Read, and by unanimous consent, placed on the Calendar for Thursday, June 1, 2023.

- 18. 2023-H 6294**
BY Tanzi
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- MERIT
SYSTEM

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

Chairman Abney moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Biah, Blazejewski, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Donovan, Felix, Fellela, Giraldo, Handy, Hull, Kazarian, Kislak, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McNamara, Messier, Potter, Serpa, ShallcrossSmith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi.

Chairman Abney, Minority Leader Chippendale, Representatives Sanchez, Knight, Serpa, and Tanzi discuss 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 Abney, 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, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

19. 2023-S 904

BY DiPalma

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

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

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

Chairman Abney discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, 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 Abney, 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, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

TRANSMITTAL

By unanimous consent, all matters on the Clerk's desk, are ordered to be transmitted to the Honorable Senate, forthwith.

GUEST

Representative Phillips welcomes to the House Chamber Rhode Island Boys & Girls Statewide Youth of the Year, Daishaney Francis and Rhode Island Boys and Girls Club of Northern Rhode Island President and Chief Executive Officer Gary Rebelo, staff members Melanie Bardsley and Ellis Cooper.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

CALENDAR**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.

Chairman Shanley moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Carson, Finkelman, Tanzi, Corvriend and Edwards.

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

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

GUEST

Chairman Shanley welcomes to the House Chamber his son Maxwell Tyler Shanley who is going to his first Boston Celtics game tonight.

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.

Chairman Shanley moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives McEntee, Biah, Carson and Lima.

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, 65 members voting in the affirmative and 7 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 65: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, 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 - 7: Representatives Chippendale, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Place, Rea, Roberts.

RECUSED - 0:

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.

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

Chairman Shanley, Representatives Lima and Stewart discuss 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 Abney, 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, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee,

McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Rea, Roberts, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

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.

Chairman Craven moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives McEntee, Morales, Dawson, Speakman, Tanzi, McGaw, Cortvriend, Felix, Bennett, Edwards, Kislak, Potter, Casey, Stewart, Carson, Donovan, Spears and Biah.

Chairman Craven and Minority Leader Chippendale discuss the act.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, 61 members voting in the affirmative and 10 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 61: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Potter, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 10: Representatives Chippendale, Costantino, Fenton-Fung, Lima, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Place, Rea, Roberts.

RECUSED - 0:

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.

Chairman Craven moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Corvese, Abney, Speakman, Edwards, Felix and Bennett.

Chairman Craven discusses the act.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, 61 members voting in the affirmative and 10 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 61: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Potter, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 10: Representatives Chippendale, Costantino, Fenton-Fung, Lima, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Place, Rea, Roberts.

RECUSED - 0:

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.

Chairman Craven moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Morales, Abney, Ajello, McEntee, Cotter, Biah, Cortvriend, Handy, Felix, Tanzi, Giraldo, Casey, Bennett, Edwards, Kislak, Majority Whip Kazarian, Representatives Stewart and Alzate.

Chairman Craven discusses the act.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, 64 members voting in the affirmative and 6 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 64: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, 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, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Hull, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Potter, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 6: Representatives Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Place, Rea, Roberts.

RECUSED - 0:

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.

Chairman Casey moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Azzinaro, Biah, Blazejewski, Casimiro, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Donovan, Felix, Finkelman, Giraldo, Hull, Kazarian, Kislak, Lima, Lombardi, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Noret, Potter, Sanchez, Slater, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Vella-Wilkinson.

Chairman Casey, Representatives Morgan, Newberry, Fenton-Fung, Tanzi, Lima, Biah, Carson, 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, 66 members voting in the affirmative and 2 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 66: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Edwards, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Rea, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 2: Representatives Fenton-Fung, Roberts.

RECUSED - 0:

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

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

Chairman Solomon moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Phillips, Potter, Lima, Costantino, Morales, Majority Whip Kazarian, Representatives Finkelman, Solomon, Casey and Edwards.

Chairman Solomon, discusses the act.

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

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

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

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.

Chairman Abney moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives McEntee, Finkelman, Cortvriend, Casey and Carson.

Chairman Abney discusses the act.

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

YEAS - 66: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Bennett, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

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.

Chairman Abney moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Cortvriend and McEntee.

Chairman Abney and Representative Sanchez discuss the act.

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

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

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

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.

Chairman Solomon moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Casey, Phillips, Carson, and Bennett.

Chairman Solomon discusses the act.

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

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

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

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.

Chairman Azzinaro moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Bennett, Blazejewski, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, DeSimone, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Giraldo, Handy, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Lima, Lombardi, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Potter, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

Chairman Azzinaro discusses the act.

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

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

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

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.

Chairman Azzinaro moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Bennett, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Giraldo, Handy, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Rea, Roberts, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

Chairman Azzinaro discusses the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 60 members voting in the affirmative and 2 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 60: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Hull, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Nardone, Newberry, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Rea, Roberts, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 2: Representatives Morales, Stewart.

RECUSED - 0:

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.

Chairman Azzinaro moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives McGaw, Caldwell, McEntee, Shallcross Smith, Costantino, Phillips, Corvese, Deputy Whip Ackerman, Representatives Casey, McNamara Bennett, Edwards, Fellela and Cardillo.

Chairman Azzinaro discusses the act.

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

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

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

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.

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

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

YEAS - 68: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

17. 2023-H 6061 SUB A

BY Craven

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- SUBDIVISION OF LAND

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

Chairman Craven moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski and Representative Speakman.

Chairman Craven discusses the act.

By unanimous consent, Chairman Craven seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Speakman, Dawson, Ajello, Edwards and Casey offer a written motion to amend.

**FLOOR AMENDMENT
TO
2023 -- H 6061 SUBSTITUTE A**

AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- SUBDIVISION OF LAND

Mr. Speaker:

I hereby move to amend 2023 -- H 6061 SUBSTITUTE A, entitled "AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- SUBDIVISION OF LAND", as follows:

1. On page 4, line 23, after the word "area", by inserting the language "or up to ten thousand (10,000) square feet".

2. On page 4, line 31, after the word "project", by inserting the language "of up to twenty-five thousand (25,000) square feet of gross floor area".

3. On page 5, line 1, before the language "The process", by inserting the language "A community can increase, but not decrease the thresholds for minor land development set forth above if specifically set forth in the local ordinance and/or regulations."

4. On page 5, line 5, after the word "section", by inserting the language "and local ordinance or regulation".

5. On page 12, line 9, after the word "board", by inserting the language "or administrative officer".

6. On page 18, line 16, after the word "officer", by inserting the language ", or, if referred to it, the planning board.".

7. On page 18, line 17, by deleting the language "The planning board shall," and by inserting in place thereof the language "A decision shall be issued".

8. On page 19, lines 14 and 15 by deleting the language "follow the same review and hearing process required for approval of preliminary plans, which shall".

9. On page 19, lines 15 and 16, by deleting the language "if originally required as part of the application".

Respectfully submitted,

Representative Craven

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Chairman Craven discusses the amendment.

The motion to amend prevails on a roll call vote 66 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

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

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, as amended, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, 59 members voting in the affirmative and 9 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 59: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Potter, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 9: Representatives Chippendale, Cotter, Fenton-Fung, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Place, Rea, Roberts.

RECUSED - 0:



State of Rhode Island
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

I, Brian Newbery, 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 885

2. (Nature of the potential conflict) I have the following interest in the matter: 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 25 day of MAY, 2023

Michael R. Egan
Notary Public
State of Rhode Island
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES 03-30-2026
Commission # 57679

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

[Signature]
SPEAKER

20. 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.

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

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

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 1: Representative Newberry.

NOW PRESIDING

At 5:43 o'clock P.M., the Honorable Speaker Shekarchi yields the rostrum to the Honorable Deputy Speaker Hull.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

GUESTS

Representative Speakman welcomes to the House Chamber Providence Country Day School senior Flavia Schofield. Representative Speakman assisted Flavia with her senior project on The Rhode Island House of Representatives.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Vella-Wilkinson explains the meaning of Memorial Day honors military personnel who died in service of their country, particularly those who died in battle or as a result of wounds sustained in battle, Veterans Day honors everyone who has served in the military, whether or not they served in wartime or died in battle and Armed Forces Day honors all who currently serve in the military. She invites all House members to attend the Memorial Day Commemoration and Flag Retirement Ceremony on Monday, May 29, 2023, at the Veterans Memorial Park, in the City of Warwick at 10:00 am.

Vice-Chairman Phillips announces that the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources will meet today, at the rise of the House, in Room 101 of the State House.

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

Chairman 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.

Representative Casey announces and congratulates the promotion of Robert Cahill as the new Fire Chief for the Woonsocket Fire Department.

Majority Leader Blazejewski announces next session will be held on Tuesday, May 30th, at 4:00 p.m. He wishes all members a safe and memorable Memorial Day weekend.

Majority Leader Blazejewski wishes Representative Scott Slater and Representative Robert Phillips a Happy Birthday!

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 #20.

IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION

House Resolution No. 6437

BY Blazejewski, Shekarchi, Chippendale, Kazarian, Dawson, Henries, Solomon, Tanzi, Shallcross Smith, Ajello

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION HONORING LUCY ROSE-CORREIA FOR RECEIVING THE "ORDEM DO DRAGOEIRO" (ORDER OF THE DRAGON TREE) ON BEHALF OF THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND FROM THE PRESIDENT OF CABO VERDE (CAPE VERDE) THE HONORABLE PRESIDENT JOSE MARIA PEREIRA NEVES {LC3007/1}

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

There is no objection.

Majority Leader Blazejewski discusses the resolution.

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

House Resolution No. 6438

BY McEntee, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Knight, Kislak, Ackerman, Finkelman, Caldwell, Craven

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST SYMPATHY ON THE PASSING OF ANNA FRIEDMAN PRAGER, HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR AND CIVIC LEADER {LC3067/1}

With the agreement of the majority and the minority, Chairwoman McEntee requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Chairwoman McEntee discusses the resolution.

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

House Resolution No. 6439

BY Roberts, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Noret, Nardone, Morgan P, Fenton-Fung, Solomon, Tanzi, Shallcross Smith

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF ARTHUR JOYAL {LC3063/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Roberts discusses the resolution.

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

House Resolution No. 6440

BY Finkelman, Ackerman, Solomon, Kislak, Boylan, Knight, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Noret

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MAY OF 2023, TO BE “JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH” IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC3042/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Finkelman discusses the resolution.

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

House Resolution No. 6441

BY Ajello, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Tanzi, Shallcross Smith, Solomon, Cortvriend, Spears, Boylan

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION HONORING AND THANKING SALLY STRACHAN FOR HER SERVICE AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE BETTERMENT OF THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC3037/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Ajello discusses the resolution.

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

House Resolution No. 6442

BY McNamara, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Rea, Fenton-Fung, Roberts, Ackerman, Solomon, Tanzi

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE 58TH ANNUAL GASPEE DAYS CELEBRATION AND THE MOMENTOUS 251ST ANNIVERSARY OF THE BURNING OF THE GASPEE {LC24/1}

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

There is no objection.

Chairman McNamara and Speaker Shekarchi discuss the resolution.

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

House Resolution No. 6443

BY Cotter, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Casimiro, Spears, Solomon, Tanzi, Shallcross Smith, Ajello

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND THANKING MEMBERS OF THE EXETER FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR THEIR HEROIC EFFORTS LEADING THE RESPONSE TO THE WILDFIRE IN QUEEN'S RIVER PRESERVE {LC3066/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Cotter and Speaker Shekarchi discuss the resolution.

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

House Resolution No. 6444

BY Abney, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Carson, Cortvriend, Solomon, Tanzi, Shallcross Smith, Ajello

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MAY 25TH, 2023, TO BE "BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS YOUTH OF THE YEAR DAY" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC3034/1}

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

There is no objection.

Chairman Abney, Speaker Shekarchi and Representative Phillips discuss the resolution.

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

House Resolution No. 6445

BY Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Edwards, Chippendale, Ackerman, Bennett, Kennedy, Kislak, Casey, Solomon

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION WELCOMING THE REGION 1 CONFERENCE OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATORS (AAMVA) TO THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC3048/1}

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 Speaker Shekarchi discuss the resolution.

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

House Resolution No. 6446

BY Caldwell, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Craven, Chippendale, Solomon, Tanzi, Shallcross Smith, Cruz

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING BRIAN JOHNSON ON BEING CHOSEN TO REPRESENT SPECIAL OLYMPICS RHODE ISLAND AND SPECIAL OLYMPICS USA AT THE 2023 SPECIAL OLYMPICS SUMMER WORLD GAMES IN BERLIN, GERMANY {LC3068/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Caldwell and Speaker Shekarchi discuss the resolution.

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

House Resolution No. 6447

BY Blazejewski, Chippendale

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING CONGRATULATIONS {LC3078/1}

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. 6448

BY Blazejewski, Chippendale

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES {LC3077/1}

Majority Leader Blazejewski requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

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

RULE 7D

The following bills were received pursuant to Rule 7D:

Representative Casimiro-An Act relating to Taxation

Representative Cortvriend-An Act relating to State Affairs and Government-Long-Term Economic
Development

Representative Corvese An Act relating to Labor and Labor Relation-Annual Workers' Compensation
Omnibus Bill

Representative Speakman-An Act relating to Education-The Education Equity and Property Tax
Relief Act

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 Deputy Speaker Hull 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. 444

BY Mack, Quezada, Britto, Acosta, Bell, Gu, Kallman, Murray, Euer, Burke

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HOLIDAYS AND DAYS OF SPECIAL OBSERVANCE -- HOLIDAYS (Establishes June 19th as a state holiday, to be known as "Juneteenth National Freedom Day".) {LC1880/1}

05/26/2023 Referred to House Special Legislation

Senate Bill No. 667

BY Tikoian, Burke, LaMountain, Raptakis, Britto, Sosnowski, Gallo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- OPERATORS' AND CHAUFFEURS' LICENSES (Requires an Automobile Association of America (AAA) program entitled "Shifting Gears: The Blunt Truth About Marijuana and Driving" to be added to the curriculum for driver education once it has been approved by the state board of education.) {LC2546/1}

05/26/2023 Referred to House State Government & Elections

Senate Bill No. 748

(Veterans)

BY Ciccone, Lombardo, Burke, Tikoian

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PARKS AND RECREATIONAL AREAS -- GENERAL PROVISIONS (Provides free admission to any state owned recreational facility for Gold Star families with exceptions for docking slips.) {LC2295/1}

05/26/2023 Referred to House Finance

Senate Bill No. 749

(Veterans)

BY Felag

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HOLIDAYS AND DAYS OF SPECIAL OBSERVANCE -- DAYS OF SPECIAL OBSERVANCE (Provides that the fifth day in April in each year be designated as "Rhode Island Gold Star Spouses Day" with appropriate exercises in public places and with flags flown at half-staff over the state house.) {LC1574/1}

05/26/2023 Referred to House Veterans Affairs

Senate Bill No. 825**BY** Ruggerio, Pearson, Gallo, DiPalma, LaMountain, Tikoian**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- REAL JOBS RHODE ISLAND ACT (Establishes a real job Rhode Island program, which is an industry-led system to advance the skills of the state's workforce to grow the state's economy and increase sustainable employment for middle-class families.) {LC2618/1}

05/26/2023 Referred to House Finance

Senate Bill No. 1012**BY** Miller**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Socrates Barbosa to join Theresa Matos Agonia and Alexander David Miller in marriage on or about July 15, 2023, within the City of Warwick, Rhode Island.) {LC2786/1}

05/26/2023 Referred to House Special Legislation

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. 5418**BY** Solomon, Craven, Dawson, McEntee**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- UNFAIR CLAIMS SETTLEMENT PRACTICES ACT (Requires insurers to provide contact information, including email addresses of adjusters and their direct supervisors and to notify any claimant or their legal representative of the reassignment of an adjuster.) {LC1119/1}

05/26/2023 Placed on House Calendar (05/30/2023)

House Bill No. 5490 SUB A**BY** Morales, Potter, Newberry, Cortvriend, Kislak, McEntee, Knight, Hull, Stewart, McNamara**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- RATE INCREASE MEETINGS (Requires public meetings related to utility rates increases be conducted Monday-Thursday after 5:30 pm.) {LC117/A/2}

05/26/2023 Placed on House Calendar (05/30/2023)

House Bill No. 6042 SUB A**BY** Cortvriend, Spears, Edwards, Chippendale, Carson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - LAND SURVEYORS (Grants a right of entry for professional land surveyors to enter upon or cross any lands, air space or water resources necessary to perform surveying services except public utility and/or wastewater treatment facilities upon prior notice.) {LC1637/A/1}

05/26/2023 Placed on House Calendar (05/30/2023)

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Chairman McNamara, for the Committee on Education, reports back the following measures, with recommendation of passage:

House Bill No. 5222 SUB A

BY Casimiro, Donovan, Noret, Vella-Wilkinson, Fellela, Lima, Knight, Serpa, Boylan, Shanley
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE NATHAN BRUNO AND JASON FLATT ACT (Provides that in the event of the death of an educator or a student, a local educational agency be given up to five (5) days after the death to implement a flexible school schedule for teachers and students.) {LC707/A/1}

05/26/2023 Placed on House Calendar (06/01/2023)

House Bill No. 5421

BY Giraldo, McNamara, Alzate, Morales, Biah, Henries, Diaz, Abney, Hull, Sanchez
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION (Creates a committee to generate a written report of concrete proposals to attract diverse and traditionally under represented teachers to work in Rhode Island public schools.) {LC617/1}

05/26/2023 Placed on House Calendar (05/30/2023)

House Resolution No. 5424

BY Messier, Fogarty, Alzate, Kazarian, Stewart, Cortvriend, Cruz, Craven, Potter
ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY AND PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF AN ANTI-LITTERING EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS (Creates a 9 member commission to study and make recommendations for the development and implementation of an anti-littering program for students, who would report back by February 2, 2024, and expire on April 2, 2024.) {LC822/1}

05/26/2023 Placed on House Calendar (06/01/2023)

House Bill No. 5773

BY Kislak, Morales, Sanchez
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE PAUL W. CROWLEY RHODE ISLAND STUDENT INVESTMENT INITIATIVE (Requires the council on elementary and secondary education to ratify any collective bargaining agreement entered into on behalf of the Providence public school district.) {LC2033/1}

05/26/2023 Placed on House Calendar (05/30/2023)

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Chairman Bennett, for the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources, reports back the following measure, with recommendation of passage:

House Bill No. 5089

BY Bennett, Edwards, Solomon, Chippendale

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE -- HUNTING AND HUNTING SAFETY (Requires that when a person causes an injury requiring medical assistance to a human by firearm, archery, or crossbow while hunting or trapping, the initial responding entity must immediately make a report to DEM.) {LC323/1}

05/26/2023 Placed on House Calendar (05/30/2023)

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

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

House Bill No. 6296 SUB A

BY Serpa, Noret

ENTITLED, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF COVENTRY TO ISSUE NOT MORE THAN \$25,000,000 BONDS AND NOTES TO FINANCE CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, REHABILITATION, REPAIR, IMPROVEMENT, FURNISHING AND/OR EQUIPPING OF AND/OR ADDITIONS TO SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL FACILITIES THROUGHOUT THE TOWN, SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF STATE SCHOOL HOUSING AID AT A REIMBURSEMENT RATE OR STATE SHARE RATIO OF NOT LESS THAN 49.2 % FOR EXPENDITURES ELIGIBLE FOR REIMBURSEMENT (Authorizes Coventry to vote to approve a bond referendum for up to \$25,000,000.) {LC1175/A/1}

05/26/2023 Placed on House Calendar (05/30/2023)

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

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

Senate Bill No. 88 SUB A

BY Tikoian, Lombardi F, Raptakis, Felag, Britto, Ciccone

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- SPEED RESTRICTIONS (Requires those vehicles traveling on any roadway or highway to move over to the left lane or slow down upon approaching a nonemergency vehicle that is stationary on the side of any roadway or highway.) {LC1047/A/1}

05/26/2023 Placed on House Calendar (06/01/2023)

House Bill No. 5108 SUB A**BY** Solomon

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT (Increases the amount of costs for repairs that a tenant may deduct from his or her rent from one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125) to five hundred dollars (\$500).) {LC65/A/1}
05/26/2023 Placed on House Calendar (05/30/2023)

House Bill No. 5294 SUB A**BY** Hull, Lombardi J, Tanzi, Felix, Newberry, Slater, McNamara, Bennett

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- SPEED RESTRICTIONS (Requires those vehicles traveling on any roadway or highway to move over to the left lane or slow down upon approaching a nonemergency vehicle that is stationary on the side of any roadway or highway.) {LC817/A/1}
05/26/2023 Placed on House Calendar (06/01/2023)

House Bill No. 5435 SUB A**BY** Edwards, Diaz, Ackerman, Cortvriend, Kislak, Knight, Kazarian, Alzate, Baginski, Potter

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- DNA DETECTION OF SEXUAL AND VIOLENT OFFENDERS (Requires the state crime laboratory to conduct an audit of DNA samples in the DNA databank to ascertain the rate of compliance with DNA recording requirements.) {LC1435/A/1}
05/26/2023 Placed on House Calendar (06/01/2023)

House Bill No. 5758 SUB A**BY** Noret, Casimiro, Vella-Wilkinson, Corvese, Alzate, Solomon, Craven, Lima, Casey, Lombardi J

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- CERTIFICATES OF TITLE AND SECURITY INTERESTS (Requires that all vehicle model years prior to 2002 would not be required to be issued a title certificate until ownership is transferred or the current owner creates a security interest in the vehicle.) {LC1155/A/1}
05/26/2023 Placed on House Calendar (06/01/2023)

House Bill No. 6067**BY** Cortvriend, Spears, Dawson, Carson, Shallcross Smith, Ajello

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROBATE PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE -- LIMITED GUARDIANSHIP AND GUARDIANSHIP OF ADULTS (Provides that supported decision-making pursuant to chapter 66.13 of title 42 be added to the Limited Guardianship and Guardianship of Adults forms section as one of the less restrictive alternatives to guardianship that have been explored.) {LC2216/1}
05/26/2023 Placed on House Calendar (06/01/2023)

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:

House Bill No. 5207

BY Corvese, Vella-Wilkinson, Azzinaro, Phillips, Fellela, Solomon

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- ANIMAL ABUSER REGISTRY ACT (Creates the animal abuser registry which would require all persons convicted to register with the department of public safety.) {LC20/1}

02/14/2023 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

House Bill No. 6094

BY Biah, Henries, Cardillo, DeSimone, O'Brien, Caldwell, Hull

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Exempts from taxation the real and tangible personal property of Sojourner House, a Rhode Island nonprofit corporation.) {LC2198/1}

05/26/2023 Placed on House Calendar (05/30/2023)

House Bill No. 6166 SUB A

BY Place, Newberry

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO THE CONSOLIDATION OF THE OAKLAND--MAPLEVILLE #4 AND THE NASONVILLE FIRE DISTRICTS INTO THE EAST BURRILLVILLE FIRE DISTRICT (Authorizes, subject to voter approval, the merger and consolidation of the Oakland-Mapleville Fire District #4 and the Nasonville Fire District into a district to be called the "Burrillville Fire District.") {LC2549/A/1}

05/26/2023 Placed on House Calendar (06/01/2023)

House Bill No. 6256

BY Noret, Nardone, Chippendale

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE COVENTRY FIRE DISTRICT (Allows the board of directors of the Coventry fire district to hold its annual meeting at any time during the month of November provided the date is announced by the twentieth day of October in each year.) {LC2783/1}

05/26/2023 Placed on House Calendar (06/01/2023)

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. 5955 SUB A

(Board of Elections)

BY Dawson, McEntee, O'Brien, Craven

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- MAIL BALLOTS (Establishes a three (3) day transmittal period after the deadline for local boards to accept mail ballot applications, if delivered via the postal service.) {LC2089/A/1}

05/26/2023 Placed on House Calendar (06/01/2023)

House Bill No. 5960 SUB A

(Board of Elections)

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

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- CONDUCT OF ELECTION AND

VOTING EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES (Requires a write-in candidate to file a declaration of intent with the same office at which the declaration of candidacy would be filed, and require similar residency requirements for write-in candidates that exists for declared candidates.) {LC2086/A/1}

05/26/2023 Placed on House Calendar (06/01/2023)

House Bill No. 6204 SUB A

BY Perez, Hull, Corvese, Fenton-Fung, Cardillo, Batista, Bennett, Fellela, Azzinaro, Diaz

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- PRIMARIES FOR ELECTION OF DELEGATES TO NATIONAL CONVENTIONS AND FOR PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE

(Makes it easier for candidates for the presidential preference primaries to obtain a place on the ballot.) {LC2648/A/1}

05/26/2023 Placed on House Calendar (06/01/2023)

House Bill No. 6240

BY Baginski, Noret

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- VOTING DISTRICTS AND OFFICIALS

(Requires unanimous vote of local board of canvassers for the combination of voting districts for any special election and requires unanimous vote of canvassers for combination of voting districts for any special election or presidential primary.) {LC2483/1}

05/26/2023 Placed on House Calendar (06/01/2023)

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**TRANSFER OF BILLS**

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

House Bill No. 6453

BY Ackerman, Shallcross Smith, Costantino

ENTITLED, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF LINCOLN TO ISSUE NOT TO EXCEED \$14,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, NOTES AND OTHER EVIDENCES OF INDEBTEDNESS TO FINANCE THE DEVELOPMENT AND CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW TOWN-WIDE CENTRALIZED RESCUE STATION AND THE FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING THEREOF AND ALL COSTS RELATED THERETO (Authorizes the town of Lincoln to issue bonds and notes up to \$14 million dollars to finance the development and construction of a new town-wide centralized rescue station and the furnishing and equipping thereof and all costs related thereto.) {LC3087/1}

05/26/2023 Committee transferred to House Municipal Government & Housing

NEW BUSINESS

House Resolution No. 6449**BY** Carson

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO REVIEW AND PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR POLICIES THAT DEAL WITH NUMEROUS ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SHORT-TERM RENTALS ISSUES CONCURRENTLY (Creates a 15 member commission to review and provide recommendations for concurrent policies dealing with numerous economic and social short-term rentals issues, and report back by March 15, 2024, would expire on April 15, 2026.) {LC2990/1}
05/26/2023 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 6450**BY** Perez, Casey, Vella-Wilkinson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES (Allows Providence board of licenses to grant an exemptions relating to issuance of a Class BL or Class BV alcoholic beverage retail licenses for 566 Plainfield Street & 777 Elmwood Avenue.) {LC2806/1}
05/26/2023 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 6451**BY** Newberry, Brien

ENTITLED, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF NORTH SMITHFIELD TO FINANCE THE DEVELOPMENT AND CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW POLICE STATION OR THE RENOVATION, IMPROVEMENT, ALTERATION AND REPAIR OF AN EXISTING BUILDING TO BE USED AS A POLICE STATION, AS DETERMINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL AND THE FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING THEREOF BY THE ISSUE OF NOT MORE THAN \$18,000,000 OF BONDS AND/OR NOTES THEREFOR (Authorizes North Smithfield to issue 18,000,000 of general obligation bonds and notes to finance the construction of a new police station or the renovation, improvement, alteration and repair of an existing building to be used as a police station.) {LC3090/1}
05/26/2023 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 6452**BY** McNamara, Kazarian, Potter

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- BY POSSESSION AND PRESCRIPTION (Repeals the provisions of § 34-7-4 regarding rights of footway being acquired by adverse possession.) {LC3057/1}
05/26/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 6453**BY** Ackerman, Shallcross Smith, Costantino

ENTITLED, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF LINCOLN TO ISSUE NOT TO EXCEED \$14,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, NOTES AND OTHER EVIDENCES OF INDEBTEDNESS TO FINANCE THE DEVELOPMENT AND CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW TOWN-WIDE CENTRALIZED RESCUE STATION AND THE FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING THEREOF AND ALL COSTS RELATED THERETO (Authorizes the town of Lincoln to issue bonds and notes up to \$14 million dollars to finance the development and construction of a new town-wide centralized rescue station and the furnishing and equipping thereof and all costs related thereto.) {LC3087/1}

05/26/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 6454**BY** Ackerman, Shallcross Smith, Costantino

ENTITLED, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF LINCOLN TO ISSUE NOT TO EXCEED \$25,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND NOTES FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, REHABILITATION, REPAIR, IMPROVEMENTS, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF AND/OR ADDITIONS TO LINCOLN ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS (Authorizes the town of Lincoln to issue bonds and notes up to \$25 million dollars to finance the construction, renovation, rehabilitation, repair, improvements, furnishing and equipping of and/or additions to Lincoln elementary schools.) {LC3062/1}

05/26/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 6455**BY** Speakman, Knight, Donovan

ENTITLED, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE BRISTOL WARREN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT TO ISSUE NOT TO EXCEED TWO HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS (\$200,000,000) IN GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND NOTES TO FINANCE THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, IMPROVEMENT, RENOVATION, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF A NEW HIGH SCHOOL, ATHLETIC FACILITY, AND SCHOOL FACILITIES IN THE DISTRICT, FURNISHINGS AND EQUIPMENT AND ALL EXPENSES INCIDENT THERETO, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, COSTS OF DESIGN, DEMOLITION, ATHLETIC FIELDS, LANDSCAPING, AND PARKING AND ALL ATTENDANT EXPENSES, INCLUDING ENGINEERING, ARCHITECTURAL, SURVEYING AND OTHER PROJECT-RELATED CONSULTING COSTS (Authorizes the district to issue not more than \$200,000,000 bonds and notes to finance the acquisition, construction, improvement, renovation, furnishing and equipping of a new high school, athletic facility, and other school facilities.) {LC3045/1}

05/26/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:06 o'clock P.M. on motion of Representative Casey, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Paul Lozeau; on motion of Representative Roberts, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Arthur Joyal; on motion of Representative McEntee, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Anna Prager; on motion of Representative Felix, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of George Floyd seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski and Minority Whip Place the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

Diane M. DePina
Recording Clerk

APPENDIX

INVOCATION

REPRESENTATIVE SAMUEL A. AZZINARO

Gracious God: As we approach this Memorial Day weekend let us all keep in our prayers the men and women of our armed forces, past and present. We ask a special blessing on all those who have lost loved ones in the service to our country. Let us use this Memorial Day to honor their sacrifice. Amen

APPENDIX

TRANSMITTED TO GOVERNOR

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 excide \$10,000 on overdue real property tax payments.) {LC2721/1}

05/25/2023 Transmitted to Governor

Senate Bill No. 904

BY DiPalma, DiMario, Miller, Sosnowski, Murray, Zurier, Acosta, Ciccone, Gallo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- MERIT SYSTEM (Enables the governor to determine the salary of the director of the department of children, youth and families for the year 2023.) {LC2762/1}

05/25/2023 Transmitted to Governor

APPENDIX**CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MAY 30, 2023:****1. 2023-H 5108 SUB A****BY** Solomon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT

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

2. 2023-H 5204 SUB A**BY** Diaz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING

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

3. 2023-H 5421**BY** Giraldo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION

Committee on Education recommends passage.

4. 2023-H 5773**BY** Kislak**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE PAUL W. CROWLEY RHODE ISLAND STUDENT INVESTMENT INITIATIVE

Committee on Education recommends passage.

5. 2023-H 5755 SUB A**BY** Giraldo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES -- STATUTES AND STATUTORY CONSTRUCTION

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

6. **2023-H 6042 SUB A**
BY Cortvriend
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - LAND SURVEYORS

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

7. **2023-H 5490 SUB A**
BY Morales
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- RATE INCREASE MEETINGS

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

8. **2023-H 5418**
BY Solomon
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- UNFAIR CLAIMS SETTLEMENT PRACTICES ACT

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

9. **2023-H 5089**
BY Bennett
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE -- HUNTING AND HUNTING SAFETY

Committee on Environment and Natural Resources recommends passage.

10. **2023-H 6094**
BY Biah
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

11. 2023-H 6296 SUB A**BY** Serpa

ENTITLED, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF COVENTRY TO ISSUE NOT MORE THAN \$25,000,000 BONDS AND NOTES TO FINANCE CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, REHABILITATION, REPAIR, IMPROVEMENT, FURNISHING AND/OR EQUIPPING OF AND/OR ADDITIONS TO SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL FACILITIES THROUGHOUT THE TOWN, SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF STATE SCHOOL HOUSING AID AT A REIMBURSEMENT RATE OR STATE SHARE RATIO OF NOT LESS THAN 49.2 % FOR EXPENDITURES ELIGIBLE FOR REIMBURSEMENT

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

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 1, 2023:**1. 2023-H 5435 SUB A****BY** Edwards

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- DNA DETECTION OF SEXUAL AND VIOLENT OFFENDERS

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

2. 2023-H 5955 SUB A**BY** Dawson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- MAIL BALLOTS

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

3. 2023-H 5960 SUB A**BY** Vella-Wilkinson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- CONDUCT OF ELECTION AND VOTING EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES

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

4. 2023-H 6204 SUB A**BY** Perez

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- PRIMARIES FOR ELECTION OF DELEGATES TO NATIONAL CONVENTIONS AND FOR PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE

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

5. **2023-H 6240**
BY Baginski
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- VOTING DISTRICTS AND OFFICIALS

Committee on State Government & Elections recommends passage.

6. **2023-H 5758 SUB A**
BY Noret
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- CERTIFICATES OF TITLE AND SECURITY INTERESTS

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

7. **2023-H 6067**
BY Cortvriend
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROBATE PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE -- LIMITED GUARDIANSHIP AND GUARDIANSHIP OF ADULTS

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

8. **2023-H 5222 SUB A**
BY Casimiro
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE NATHAN BRUNO AND JASON FLATT ACT

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

9. **2023-H 5424**
BY Messier
ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY AND PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF AN ANTI-LITTERING EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS

Committee on Education recommends passage.

10. **2023-H 5294 SUB A**
BY Hull
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- SPEED RESTRICTIONS

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

11. 2023-S 88 SUB A**BY** Tikoian**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- SPEED RESTRICTIONS

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

12. 2023-H 6256**BY** Noret**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE COVENTRY FIRE DISTRICT

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

13. 2023-H 6166 SUB A**BY** Place**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO THE CONSOLIDATION OF THE OAKLAND--MAPLEVILLE #4 AND THE NASONVILLE FIRE DISTRICTS INTO THE EAST BURRILLVILLE FIRE DISTRICT

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

14. 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.

Francis McCabe
Clerk of the House

Thursday, May 25, 2023

Updated: Friday, May 26, 2023