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-OF THE-

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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Tuesday, May 30, 2023

Thirty-eighth Day

The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence, Tuesday, May 30, 2023, and is called to order at 4:13 o'clock P.M., by the Honorable K. Joseph Shekarchi, Speaker.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 68 members present and 7 members absent as follows:

PRESENT—68: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Edwards, 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, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson and Voas.

ABSENT—7: Representatives Ackerman, Cotter, Donovan, Felix, Fellela, Fogarty and Solomon.

INVOCATION

The Honorable Speaker presents Representative Jacquelyn M. Baginski who delivers the Invocation and leads the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

(For Invocation, see Appendix, this Journal.)

APPROVAL OF RECORD

By unanimous consent, the House Journal of Thursday, May 25, 2023, is approved.

COMMUNICATIONS

Representative Joseph J. Solomon, Jr., is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, May 30, 2023.
Representative Susan R. Donovan is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, May 30, 2023.
Representative Kathleen A. Fogarty is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, May 30, 2023.
Representative Deborah A. Fellela is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, May 30, 2023.
Representative Megan Cotter is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, May 30, 2023.

CALENDAR

From the Calendar are taken:

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.

Chairman Craven moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Alzate, Bennett, Blazejewski, Boylan, Carson, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Dawson, Diaz, Edwards, Finkelman, Giraldo, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kislak, Lombardi, McEntee, McNamara, Messier, Morales, O'Brien, Potter, Shallcross Smith, Speakman, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson.

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

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

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

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.

Chairman Casey moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Speakman, Morales, Ajello, Cruz, Alzate, Stewart, Slater, McEntee and Kislak.

Chairman Casey, Representatives Knight, Fenton-Fung, and Newberry discuss the act.

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

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

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

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

Committee on Education recommends passage.

Chairman McNamara moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Morales, Biah, Henries, Ajello, Shallcross Smith, McGaw, Speakman, Kislak, Sanchez, Stewart, Alzate and Majority Whip Kazarian.

Chairman McNamara discusses the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 67 members voting in the affirmative and 2 members voting in the negative as follows:

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

NAYS - 2: Representatives Morgan, Quattrocchi.

RECUSED - 0:

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.

Chairman McNamara moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Biah, Morales, Ajello, Phillips, Kislak, Sanchez, Slater and Spears.

Chairman McNamara discusses the act.

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

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

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

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.

Vice-Chairman Giraldo moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Abney, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, Diaz, Edwards, Fenton-Fung, Handy, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Noret, Potter, Sanchez, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

Vice-Chairman Giraldo and Chairman Corvese discuss the act.

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

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

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

Majority Leader Blazejewski moves item #6 to be placed on the Calendar for Tuesday, June 6th, 2023. There is no objection.

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.

Read, and by unanimous consent, placed on the Calendar for Tuesday, June 6th, 2023.

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.

Vice-Chairman O'Brien moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Abney, Ajello, Alzate, Biah, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Cortvriend, Costantino, Craven, Cruz, Diaz, Fenton-Fung, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Lombardi, McEntee,

McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Perez, Phillips, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson.

Vice-Chairman O'Brien discusses the act.

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

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

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

Majority Leader Blazejewski moves item #8 to be placed on the Calendar for Tuesday, June 6th, 2023. There is no objection.

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

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

Read, and by unanimous consent, placed on the Calendar for Tuesday, June 6th, 2023.

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.

Chairman Bennett moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives McEntee, Phillips and Minority Leader Chippendale.

Chairman Bennett discusses the act.

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

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

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

10. 2023-H 6094

BY Biah

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 Biah, Ajello, Henries, Spears, Speakman and Alzate.

Chairman Casey discusses the act.

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

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

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

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.

Chairman Abney moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Marszalkowski, Noret, Serpa, Phillips, Nardone and Morgan.

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

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

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Shanley announces that the Committee on State Government & Elections will meet today, at the rise of the House, in Room 101 of the State House.

Chairman Abney announces that the Committee on Finance will meet today, at the rise of the House, in Room 35 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 Newberry congratulates the Rhode Island German American Cultural Society for the 25th Anniversary of the merger of the German Dramatic Society of Olneyville and the Eintracht Singing Society of Pawtucket and announces that German American Cultural Society of Rhode Island Club is opened on Friday nights at 7:00 p.m.

PROXY VOTES

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Majority Leader Blazejewski announces next session will be held on Thursday, June 1st, at 4:00 p.m.

IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION

House Resolution No. 6456

BY Newberry, Stewart, Giraldo, Cruz, Alzate, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Felix, Messier, Chippendale
ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION HONORING THE RHODE ISLAND GERMAN AMERICAN CULTURAL SOCIETY AND THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MERGER OF THE GERMAN DRAMATIC SOCIETY OF OLNEYVILLE AND THE EINTRACHT SINGING SOCIETY OF PAWTUCKET {LC3088/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Newberry discusses the resolution.

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

House Resolution No. 6457

BY Kennedy, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Azzinaro, Edwards, O'Brien, Bennett, Ajello, Shallcross Smith
ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING TUESDAY, MAY 30, 2023, AS "COX CHARITIES DAY" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC3080/1}

With the agreement of the majority and the minority, Speaker Pro Tempore Kennedy requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Speaker Pro Tempore Kennedy discusses the resolution.

Read and passed, on a motion of Speaker Pro Tempore Kennedy, seconded by many others, by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

House Resolution No. 6458

BY Felix, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Alzate, Stewart, Kazarian, Shallcross Smith, Cruz, Messier, Ajello
ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND HONORING FORMER SUPERINTENDENT OF PAWTUCKET PUBLIC SCHOOLS DR. CHERYL MCWILLIAMS ON HER RETIREMENT AFTER MORE THAN TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO THE CHILDREN AND THE CITY OF PAWTUCKET {LC3094/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Alzate discusses the resolution.

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

RULE 7D

The following bills were received pursuant to Rule 7D:

Representative Bennett-An Act relating to Businesses and Professions-Nurses
Representative McNamara-An Act relating to Education–Apprenticeship Pathways to Earning a Bachelor’s Degree 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 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 measures:

Senate Bill No. 747

(Dept. of Revenue)

BY Raptakis, DiPalma, Lauria, Euer, Lawson, Ujifusa, Burke, McKenney, Murray, Quezada
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES (Amends the contents of what is to be displayed on a motor vehicle registration plate.) {LC2282/1}

05/30/2023 Placed on the House Consent Calendar (06/01/2023)

Senate Bill No. 979 SUB A**BY** McKenney, LaMountain, DeLuca

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.) {LC2963/A/1}

05/30/2023 Placed on the House Consent Calendar (06/01/2023)

Senate Bill No. 993**BY** Raptakis, Rogers, Morgan E, Burke, LaMountain

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.) {LC2940/1}

05/30/2023 Placed on the House Consent Calendar (06/01/2023)

Senate Bill No. 1018**BY** Ujifusa, Felag, Lauria

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES (Exempts any proposed retailers' Class BV license to be located at 499 Hope Street, Map 9, Lot 75 in the town of Bristol from the two hundred feet (200') requirement from the premises of schools or places of worship.) {LC2881/1}

05/30/2023 Placed on the House Consent Calendar (06/01/2023)

Senate Bill No. 2 SUB A**BY** Ruggerio, Goodwin, Euer, Gallo, Pearson, Miller, DiMario, Sosnowski, Gu, Burke

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LEAD POISONING PREVENTION ACT (Establishes a lead water supply replacement program for public and private service lines and requires disclosure to tenants and buyers of real property of the presence of lead service lines.) {LC226/A/1}

05/31/2023 Referred to House Finance

Senate Bill No. 510

BY Acosta, Cano, Quezada, DiPalma, Britto, Pearson, Murray, Zurier, Sosnowski, Ciccone
ENTITLED, AN ACT AMENDING CHAPTERS 106 AND 107 OF THE LOCAL ACTS OF 2021 BOTH ENTITLED "AN ACT RELATING TO SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION AND FINANCING IN THE CITY OF CENTRAL FALLS AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF CENTRAL FALLS TO ISSUE NOT TO EXCEED \$5,760,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, NOTES AND OTHER EVIDENCES OF INDEBTEDNESS TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, IMPROVEMENT, ALTERATION, REPAIR, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL FACILITIES IN THE CITY" (Clarifies that premium received on the sale of bonds or notes shall be used for project costs.) {LC1930/1}
05/31/2023 Referred to House Finance

Senate Bill No. 562

BY Euer, DiMario, Miller, Cano, Sosnowski, Mack, Zurier, LaMountain, Gu, Lawson
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES (Requires every individual or group health insurance contract effective on or after January 1, 2024, to provide coverage to the insured and the insured's spouse and dependents for all FDA-approved contraceptive drugs, devices and other products.) {LC1964/1}
05/31/2023 Referred to House Finance

Senate Bill No. 565

BY Gallo, Quezada, Pearson, Cano, Mack, Zurier
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PROFESSIONAL LICENSING AND REGULATION OF SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS AND AUDIOLOGISTS (Establishes prevailing standards and procedures for licensing speech-language pathologists and audiologists in Rhode Island.) {LC2394/1}
05/31/2023 Referred to House Health & Human Services

Senate Bill No. 687

BY DiMario, Miller, Lawson, Lauria, Cano, Gu, Euer, Murray, Acosta
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- BENEFIT DETERMINATION AND UTILIZATION REVIEW ACT (Prohibits health benefit plans reviewing prescriptions for opioid addiction treatment.) {LC2588/1}
05/31/2023 Referred to House Health & Human Services

Senate Bill No. 720

(Office of Healthy Aging)
BY Lauria, Murray, DiMario, Lawson, Euer, Miller, Ujifusa
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- CITIZENS' COMMISSION FOR THE SAFETY AND CARE OF THE ELDERLY (Amends several sections of law relating to safety and care for the elderly.) {LC1580/1}
05/31/2023 Referred to House Health & Human Services

Senate Bill No. 725

(Division of Public Utilities and Carriers)
BY Britto, Lombardi F, Lawson, Ciccone, DiPalma, DiMario, Tikoian
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- NON-EMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION (Establishes a safe and reasonable regulatory

framework for companies and drivers providing non-emergency medical transportation services to a population of vulnerable passengers through coordination with the state's health and human service agencies.) {LC2284/1}

05/31/2023 Referred to House Judiciary

Senate Bill No. 790

BY Gallo, DiMario, Burke, Cano, Lawson, Miller, Valverde

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR MENTAL ILLNESS AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE (Requires private insurers to reimburse child care service providers for therapy services offered through EOHHS certified Kids Connect/Therapeutic Childcare Services. This coverage would be effective January 1, 2024.) {LC2195/1}

05/31/2023 Referred to House Corporations

Senate Bill No. 797

BY Miller, DiMario, Sosnowski, Ciccone, DiPalma, Murray, Pearson, Lawson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- MEDICARE SUPPLEMENT INSURANCE POLICIES (Provides special enrollment period for Medicare Part B. Prohibits carriers from imposing conditions on enrollees or discriminate on price based upon health status, claims experience or preexisting conditions. Sunsets on December 31, 2025.) {LC2598/1}

05/31/2023 Referred to House Health & Human Services

Senate Bill No. 799

BY Goodwin, Miller

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFITS (Includes any costs paid by an enrollee or on behalf of the enrollee by a third party when calculating an enrollee's overall contribution to any out-of-pocket maximum or cost sharing requirement under a health plan as of January 1, 2024.) {LC2404/1}

05/31/2023 Referred to House Corporations

Senate Bill No. 870

BY Ujifusa, Miller, Lawson, Valverde, Lauria, Kallman, Zurier, DiMario, Euer, DiPalma

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES (Prohibits healthcare entities from interfering with a patient's right to choose to obtain a clinician-administered drug from their provider or pharmacy of choice.)

{LC2496/1}

05/31/2023 Referred to House Health & Human Services

Senate Bill No. 871

BY Goodwin, Lombardo, Ruggerio, Valverde

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES (Limits the copayment or coinsurance requirement on specialty drugs to one hundred fifty dollars (\$150) for a thirty (30) day supply.) {LC1490/1}

05/31/2023 Referred to House Health & Human Services

Senate Bill No. 983

BY DiPalma, Felag

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Exempts the real and personal property of the Little Flower Home in Tiverton, Rhode Island from

taxation.) {LC3008/1}

05/31/2023 Referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

Senate Bill No. 1019

BY Sosnowski, Gu, Valverde

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

(Authorizes the town of South Kingstown to locating within 200' from the premises of schools or places of worship any retailers' Class BV license, allowing retailer to be located at 357 Main St of the applicable town of South Kingstown tax assessment map.) {LC2904/1}

05/31/2023 Referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

Senate Bill No. 1078

BY de la Cruz

ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF KEEGAN DINAGEN POST 1023 VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS {LC3058/1}

05/31/2023 Referred to House Corporations

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES
COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

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

House Bill No. 6276

BY McEntee, Spears, Tanzi, Fogarty

ENTITLED, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF SOUTH KINGSTOWN TO ISSUE NOT TO EXCEED \$125,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND NOTES TO FINANCE THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, IMPROVEMENT, RENOVATION, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF A NEW HIGH SCHOOL, ATHLETIC FACILITY, AND OTHER SCHOOL FACILITIES IN THE TOWN 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 AND OTHER PROJECT-RELATED CONSULTING COSTS, PROVIDED THAT THE AUTHORIZATION SHALL BE REDUCED BY THE AMOUNT OF CERTAIN GRANTS RECEIVED FROM STATE BOND PROCEEDS, FROM THE RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION OR FROM THE RHODE ISLAND SCHOOL BUILDING AUTHORITY (Authorizes South Kingstown to issue up to \$125,000,000 bonds and notes to finance the acquisition, construction, improvement, renovation, furnishing and equipping of a new high school, athletic facility, and other school facilities in the town.) {LC2752/1}

05/30/2023 Placed on House Calendar (06/01/2023)

House Bill No. 6335

BY Quattrocchi

ENTITLED, AN ACT IN ACCORDANCE WITH RHODE ISLAND GENERAL LAWS SECTION 16-7-44 APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,000,000 BONDS BY THE TOWN OF SCITUATE TO FINANCE A WATER PROJECT AT THE SCITUATE HIGH SCHOOL/MIDDLE SCHOOL INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, BONDS AND NOTES ISSUED PURSUANT TO FINANCING AGREEMENTS WITH THE RHODE ISLAND INFRASTRUCTURE BANK (In

accordance with § 16-7-44 approving the issuance of \$1,000,000 bonds by the town of Scituate to finance a water project at the Scituate high school/middle school.) {LC2877/1}
05/30/2023 Placed on House Calendar (06/01/2023)

House Bill No. 6376

BY Caldwell, Shanley

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

05/30/2023 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. 6385

BY Knight, Speakman

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Repeals a section of the general laws that restricts the ability of the town of Warren to enact an ordinance in order to adopt the more favorable tax classification provisions of § 44-5-11.8.) {LC2988/1}

05/30/2023 Placed on House Calendar (06/01/2023)

House Bill No. 6386

BY Edwards, Kennedy, Diaz

ENTITLED, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE STONE BRIDGE FIRE DISTRICT TO ISSUE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND/OR NOTES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED ONE MILLION TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,250,000) TO FINANCE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS TO ITS WATER SYSTEM (Authorizes the Stone Bridge Fire District in the town of Tiverton to issue bonds to an amount not exceeding one million two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$1,250,000).) {LC2986/1}

05/30/2023 Placed on House Calendar (06/01/2023)

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES
TRANSFER OF BILLS****COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

Chairman Bennett, for the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources, reports back the following measure, with recommendation of transfer to the Committee on State Government and Elections:

Senate Bill No. 62

BY Lauria, Euer, DiMario, Lawson, Britto, LaMountain, Murray, Valverde, Ujifusa, Miller
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- LONG-TERM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (Adds climate change, sea-level rise and coastal resiliency to the analysis of data of the strategic plan for economic development policy.) {LC1021/1}
05/31/2023 Committee transferred to House State Government & Elections

NEW BUSINESS**House Resolution No. 6459**

BY Cortvriend, Boylan, Speakman
ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THAT RHODE ISLAND ENERGY FACTOR INTO CONSIDERATION IN FUTURE SMART-CHARGING PILOT PROGRAMS THE BENEFIT-COST ASSESSMENT AND REDUCED COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH USING ENERGY DURING OFF-PEAK CHARGING TIMES {LC3089/1}
05/31/2023 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 6460

BY Noret, Nardone
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY -- AGRICULTURAL FUNCTIONS OF DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT (Permits residents on ponds in Coventry with a capacity in excess of 1,400 normal storage acre feet of water, to alter, repair, modify, or replace a dock on the pond by seeking approval only from DEM.) {LC3082/1}
05/31/2023 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

House Bill No. 6461

BY Corvese, Messier, Alzate, Casey, Azzinaro, Kennedy, Noret
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- WORKERS' COMPENSATION -- BENEFITS (Amends sections of law relative to workers compensation benefits and medical services to be provided by the employer, employees not entitled to compensation, and additional compensation for specific injuries.) {LC3079/1}
05/31/2023 Introduced, referred to House Labor

House Bill No. 6462

BY Casimiro, Casey, Cotter, Noret, Solomon
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Allows municipalities to establish a program providing property tax exemption to active duty individuals who volunteer services as a firefighter or emergency medical technician.) {LC3086/1}
05/31/2023 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 6463**BY** Cortvriend, Spears, Carson, Boylan, Speakman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- LONG-TERM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (Adds climate change, sea-level rise and coastal resiliency to the analysis of data of the strategic plan for economic development policy.) {LC195/1}

05/31/2023 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 6464**BY** Speakman, Spears, Donovan, Biah, Morales, McNamara, Kislak, Newberry, Cortvriend**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT (Establishes a new categorical funding category for civics education.) {LC3081/1}

05/31/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Resolution No. 6465**BY** Messier, Alzate, Stewart, Cruz, Shallcross Smith**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATION OF FIVE MILLION DOLLARS (\$5,000,000) TO COMMERCE RHODE ISLAND FOR EXPRESS PURPOSE OF PROVIDING BASE LEVEL OPERATION FUNDS FOR LOCAL VISITOR CENTERS

(Authorizes the appropriation of the sum of five million dollars (\$5,000,000) to Commerce Rhode Island for funding of local visitor centers.) {LC3126/1}

05/31/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Resolution No. 6466**BY** Boylan, Carson, Ajello, Potter, Kislak, Stewart, Cortvriend, Tanzi, Cruz, Bennett**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$1,000,000 TO THE OFFICE OF ENERGY RESOURCES TO FUND A REBATE PROGRAM IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE PASSAGE OF AN ELIGIBLE ORDINANCE THAT WOULD BAN THE USE OF GASOLINE-POWERED LEAF BLOWERS (This joint resolution would authorize an appropriation

out of the 2022-2023 budget surplus of \$1,000,000 to fund a rebate program in conjunction with the passage of an eligible ordinance that would ban the use of gasoline-powered leaf blowers.)

{LC3111/1}

05/31/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Resolution No. 6467**BY** Boylan, Carson, Ajello, Potter, Kislak, Cortvriend, Stewart, Tanzi, Cruz, Bennett**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$1,500,000 TO THE OFFICE OF ENERGY RESOURCES TO FUND GRANTS FOR SOLAR CANOPY (OR SOLAR CARPORT) PROJECTS (This joint resolution would authorize an appropriation of \$1,500,000 out of

the 2022-2023 budget surplus to review and approve grants in the amount of up \$2,000 per expected kilowatt generated for solar canopy (or solar carport) projects.) {LC3112/1}

05/31/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Resolution No. 6468**BY** Baginski, Finkelman

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$400,000 TO COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF RHODE ISLAND FOR THE GWO CERTIFICATION PROGRAM AT THE FLANAGAN CAMPUS (This resolution would authorize the appropriation of the sum of \$400,000 to Community College of Rhode Island for a GWO Certification Program at the Flanagan campus.) {LC3106/1}

05/31/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Resolution No. 6469**BY** Slater, Diaz

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$800,000 TO HIGHER GROUND INTERNATIONAL TO SUPPORT A ONE-TIME CAPITAL CONTRIBUTION TOWARD THE CONSTRUCTION AND RENOVATIONS OF HIGHER GROUND INTERNATIONAL'S NEW HEADQUARTERS (This resolution would authorize the appropriation of the sum of \$800,000 to Higher Ground International for the construction and renovations of HGI's new headquarters.) {LC3104/1}

05/31/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

ADJOURNMENT

At 4:45 o'clock P.M. on motion of Representative Shallcross Smith, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Kenneth W. Shorten; on motion of Representative Diaz, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Christine Vargas seconded by Leaders Blazejewski and Chippendale the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

Diane M. DePina
Recording Clerk

APPENDIX

INVOCATION

REPRESENTATIVE JACQUELYN M. BAGINSKI

Holy God: We ask you to give us the insight to solve the challenges we face as a state and a nation. Enable us to seize the opportunities before us and to always respect and appreciate the differing points of view that our colleagues may have. Amen.

APPENDIX

CALENDAR

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.

15. 2023-H 6276**BY** McEntee**ENTITLED**, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF SOUTH KINGSTOWN TO ISSUE NOT TO EXCEED \$125,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND NOTES TO FINANCE THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, IMPROVEMENT, RENOVATION, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF A NEW HIGH SCHOOL, ATHLETIC FACILITY, AND OTHER SCHOOL FACILITIES IN THE TOWN 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 AND OTHER PROJECT-RELATED CONSULTING COSTS, PROVIDED THAT THE AUTHORIZATION SHALL BE REDUCED BY THE AMOUNT OF CERTAIN GRANTS RECEIVED FROM STATE BOND PROCEEDS, FROM THE RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION OR FROM THE RHODE ISLAND SCHOOL BUILDING AUTHORITY

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

16. 2023-H 6335**BY** Quattrocchi

ENTITLED, AN ACT IN ACCORDANCE WITH RHODE ISLAND GENERAL LAWS SECTION 16-7-44 APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,000,000 BONDS BY THE TOWN OF SCITUATE TO FINANCE A WATER PROJECT AT THE SCITUATE HIGH SCHOOL/MIDDLE SCHOOL INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, BONDS AND NOTES ISSUED PURSUANT TO FINANCING AGREEMENTS WITH THE RHODE ISLAND INFRASTRUCTURE BANK

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

17. 2023-H 6376**BY** Caldwell

ENTITLED, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF EAST GREENWICH TO FINANCE THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, IMPROVEMENT, RENOVATION, ALTERATION, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL FACILITIES IN THE TOWN AND ALL EXPENSES INCIDENT THERETO INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, COSTS OF DESIGN, DEMOLITION, ATHLETIC FIELDS, LANDSCAPING, PARKING AND COSTS OF FINANCING AND TO ISSUE NOT MORE THAN \$180,000,000 BONDS AND/OR NOTES THEREFOR

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

18. 2023-H 6385**BY** Knight

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

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

19. 2023-H 6386**BY** Edwards

ENTITLED, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE STONE BRIDGE FIRE DISTRICT TO ISSUE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND/OR NOTES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED ONE MILLION TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,250,000) TO FINANCE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS TO ITS WATER SYSTEM

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

Francis McCabe
Clerk of the House

Thursday, May 25, 2023

Updated: Tuesday, May 30, 2023

APPENDIX

CONSENT CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 1, 2023:

1. 2023-S 747

BY Raptakis

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

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

2. 2023-S 979 SUB A

BY McKenney

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

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

3. 2023-S 993

BY Raptakis

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

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

4. 2023-S 1018

BY Ujifusa

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

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

Francis McCabe
Clerk of the House