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**JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.**



**THURSDAY, JUNE 8, 2023.**

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Thursday, June 8, 2023.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Garballey of Arlington in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Garballey), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of  
allegiance.

## *Silent Tribute.*

At the request of Mr. Cutler of Duxbury, the members, guests and employees stood in a moment of silent tribute in respect to the memory of Mason Allaire, a graduating senior at Duxbury High School and a true credit to his community, who sadly passed away on June 5<sup>th</sup> of this year.

Mason  
Allaire.

Mason was diagnosed with a rare pediatric cancer in June 2022 and showed fortitude and tenacity beyond his years during his year-long fight against the disease. Possessing a strong work ethic and a passion for helping others, Mason devoted significant time this past year putting in work for his community, despite his ongoing battle with his health. A go-getter with a zest for life and learning, Mason loved sports statistics and history, competed on the track team, and was part of the investment club in school. In May, seventy friends were there to support him during his early high school graduation ceremony, a credit to his impact on and adoration from his hometown community. Mason will be dearly missed by his family, friends, community, and all who knew him.

## *Special Communications.*

The following communications, together with returns of votes and schedules therein referred to, were received from the Secretary of the Commonwealth and, there being no objection, were placed on file, to wit:—

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY  
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON 02133

June 7, 2023.

*To the Honorable House:*

I have the honor to lay before you the returns of votes cast at the special election held in this Commonwealth on the thirtieth day of May, 2023, for Representative in the General Court, Ninth Suffolk District, together with schedules showing the number of ballots which appear to have been cast for each person voted for.

Returns of votes  
for Representative  
in the Ninth  
Suffolk District.

These returns have been duly canvassed by the Governor and Council, and are now transmitted for examination by the House of Representatives, as required by the Constitution.

Very truly yours,  
WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN,  
*Secretary of the Commonwealth.*

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STATE HOUSE, BOSTON 02133

June 7, 2023.

*To the Honorable House:*

I have the honor to lay before you the returns of votes cast at the special election held in this Commonwealth on the thirtieth day of May, 2023, for Representative in the General Court, Tenth Suffolk District, together with schedules showing the number of ballots which appear to have been cast for each person voted for.

Returns of  
votes for  
Representative  
in the Tenth  
Suffolk District.

These returns have been duly canvassed by the Governor and Council, and are now transmitted for examination by the House of Representatives, as required by the Constitution.

Very truly yours,  
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*Secretary of the Commonwealth.*

*Members Qualified.*

The Speaker announced that the special committee of the House appointed at the preceding sitting, relative to the qualification of Representatives-elect John Francis Moran of Boston, member-elect from the Ninth Suffolk District and Bill MacGregor of Boston, member-elect from the Tenth Suffolk District, had completed the assignment, and that Representatives Moran and MacGregor had, on Wednesday, June 7, 2023, taken and subscribed the necessary oaths of office, and were now duly qualified as members of the House.

Representatives  
John Francis  
Moran and Bill  
MacGregor,—  
qualification.

*Guests of the House.*

During the session, the Chair (Mr. Garballey of Arlington) declared a brief recess and introduced, seated in the Chamber, the 2023 Division 1 State Hockey Champion Shrewsbury Colonials girl's ice hockey team, who were accompanied by their coaches. The team beat out top-seeded St. Mary's after a season of hard work, perseverance, and dedication. The members of the Shrewsbury girl's hockey team include 16 players from Shrewsbury High School, 7 players from Westborough High School, 1 player from Wachusett Regional High School, and 1 player from Milford High School. The Chair, on behalf of the members present, stated that they were delighted to honor them and offered congratulations on this incredible

Shrewsbury  
Colonials  
girl's ice  
hockey team.

accomplishment! They were the guests of Mrs. Kane of Shrewsbury and were accompanied by Senator Moore.

*Appointment of the Speaker.*

The Speaker announced that he had appointed Gail Ryan as his designee (under Section 26 of Chapter 260 of the Acts of 2020) to the Rare Disease Advisory Council.

Rare diseases.

*Resolutions.*

The following resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

Resolutions (filed by Representative Peisch of Wellesley) congratulating Maximilien A. Coisman on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout of the Boy Scouts of America;

Maximilien Coisman.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Peisch of Wellesley) congratulating Scott J. Crutchfield on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout of the Boy Scouts of America; and

Scott Crutchfield.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Howitt of Seekonk and Haddad of Somerset) congratulating Lieutenant Joseph A. Martin on his retirement from the Swansea Police Department;

Joseph Martin.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported, in each instance, that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Mrs. Kane of Shrewsbury, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

*Communication.*

A communication from the Office of the Comptroller (see Section 12(c) of Chapter 7A of the General Laws) submitting the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022, was placed on file.

Comptroller.

*Annual Report.*

The annual report of the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women (under Section 66 of Chapter 3 of the General Laws) for fiscal year 2023, was placed on file.

Status of Women.

*Petitions.*

The following additional petitions (having been deposited in the office of the Clerk of the House, previously to five o'clock in the afternoon on Friday, January 20, 2023) were referred, under Rule 24 and Joint Rule 13, as follows:

By Representative Whipps of Athol, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3893) of Susannah M. Whipps, Mathew J. Muratore and F. Jay Barrows relative to eliminating residency requirements for fortune tellers. To the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Fortune tellers.

By Representative Cruz of Salem, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3894) of Manny Cruz for legislation to establish a municipal education fund to be administered by the commissioner of the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. To the committee on Education.

Municipal education fund.

By Representative Flanagan of Dennis, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3895) of Christopher Richard Flanagan relative to authorizing redivision of merger lots in municipalities adopting NetZero code. To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

NetZero code.

By Representative Arciero of Westford, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3896) of James Arciero relative to mobile amusement equipment restraints; and

Amusement equipment.

By Representative Domb of Amherst, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3897) of Mindy Domb that the Department of State Police be authorized to establish a voluntary assault weapon buyback program.

Assault weapons,— buyback.

Severally to the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security.

By Representative Lewis of Framingham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3898) of Jack Patrick Lewis relative to creditable service for retirement purposes for certain employees who served in more than one retirement group. To the committee on Public Service.

Retirement,— creditable service.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Philips of Sharon and Senator Feeney, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3899) of Edward R. Philips (by vote of the town) that the town of Sharon be authorized to grant local voting rights for permanent resident aliens in said town. To the committee on Election Laws.

Sharon,— voting rights.

By Representatives Donaghue of Westborough and Kilcoyne of Clinton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3902) of Kate Donaghue, Meghan Kilcoyne and Robyn K. Kennedy (by vote of the town) that the town of Northborough be authorized to change the name of the board of selectmen in said town to select board;

Northborough,— select board.

By the same members, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3903) of Kate Donaghue, Meghan Kilcoyne and Robyn K. Kennedy (by vote of the town) that the town of Northborough be authorized to amend the charter of said town;

Northborough,— town charter.

By Representative Gentile of Sudbury and Senator Eldridge, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3904) of Carmine Lawrence Gentile and James B. Eldridge (by vote of the town) that the town of Sudbury be authorized to establish a fee for retail establishment checkout bags in said town; and

Sudbury,— checkout bag fee.

By Representative Philips of Sharon and Senator Feeney, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3905) of Edward R. Philips (by vote of the town) that the town of Sharon be authorized to increase the membership of the select board in aid town.

Sharon,— select board.

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

By Representative Kane of Shrewsbury and Senator Moore, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3906) of Hannah Kane and Michael O. Moore (by vote of the town) that the town of Shrewsbury be authorized to grant abatement of certain real estate taxes for the daughter of fallen firefighter Christopher Roy. To the committee on Revenue.

Shrewsbury,— Christopher Roy.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Consalvo of Boston, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Rob Consalvo that the Department of Conservation and Recreation be authorized to erect a bench in the Hyde Park neighborhood of the city of Boston in honor of Rita Walsh.

Boston,—  
Rita Walsh  
bench.

By Representative Lipper-Garabedian of Melrose, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Kate Lipper-Garabedian relative to assisted living facilities.

Assisted living  
facilities.

Severally, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

*Papers from the Senate.*

The House Bill financing improvements to municipal roads and bridges (House, 3547), came from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 2375.

Municipal  
roads and  
bridges.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mrs. Kane of Shrewsbury, the amendment was considered forthwith. The House then non-concurred with the Senate in its amendment; and, on motion of Mr. Straus of Mattapoissett, asked for a committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches. Representatives Straus, Murray of Milford and Howitt of Seekonk were appointed the committee on the part of the House. Sent to the Senate to be joined.

Committee of  
Conference.

Subsequently notice was received from the Senate that said branch had insisted on its amendment, concurred with the House in the appointment of a committee of conference; and that Senators Crighton, Mark and O'Connor had been joined as the committee on the part of the Senate.

Id.

Petitions were referred, in concurrence, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, as follows:

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2398) of Joan B. Lovely for legislation relative to the well-being of new mothers and infants. To the committee on the Judiciary.

Defendants,—  
perinatal  
issues.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2399) of Nick Collins for legislation relative to pension parity. To the committee on Public Service.

Pension  
parity.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2401) of Joanne M. Comerford and Susannah M. Whipps for legislation to provide veteran annuity benefits to Raymond Steele. To the committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs.

Raymond  
Steele,—  
annuity.

A report of the committee on Transportation, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2294) of Bruce E. Tarr for legislation to promote motor vehicle safety,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on the Judiciary,— accepted by the Senate was considered forthwith, under Rule 42; and it was accepted, in concurrence.

Habitual  
traffic  
offenders.

The following notice was received from the Clerk of the Senate, to wit:—

June 7, 2023

Honorable Steven T. James  
Clerk of the House of Representatives  
Room 145 State House  
Boston, MA. 02133

Dear Mr. Clerk:

I have the honor to inform you that the Honorable Bruce E. Tarr, Minority Leader of the Senate made the following commission appointment:

•Senator Patrick M. O'Connor (pursuant to Section 76 of Chapter 154 of the Acts of 2018) to the Brain Injury Commission.

Brain Injury  
Commission.

Respectfully,



Clerk of the Senate

*Reports of Committees.*

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the petition of Andres X. Vargas and Ryan M. Hamilton relative to expanding licensure opportunities for school counselors. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mrs. Kane of Shrewsbury, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

School  
counselors,—  
licensing.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the Senate Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Amelia Alex, an employee of the Department of Children and Families (Senate, No. 2383), be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Amelia Alex,—  
sick leave.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of the same member, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

*Orders of the Day.*

The House Bill authorizing the town of Berlin to grant up to two additional all alcoholic beverages licenses not to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 345), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Third  
reading  
bill.

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The House Bill creating the offices of select board and town manager in the town of Sandisfield (House, No. 2100, changed), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Sandisfield,—  
charter.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Walsh of Peabody moved to amend it by substitution of a bill with the same title (House, No. 3907), which was read.

The amendment was adopted; and the substituted bill was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

*Order.*

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

*Ordered,* That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next  
sitting.

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At twenty-three minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mrs. Kane of Shrewsbury (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.