

HOUSE No. 4578

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, May 6, 2024.

The committee on Advanced Information Technology, the Internet and Cybersecurity, to whom were referred the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 27) of James B. Eldridge and Jason M. Lewis for legislation to protect private electronic communication, browsing and other activity; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 28) of James B. Eldridge for legislation to ensure a free and open internet in the commonwealth; the petition (accompanied by resolve, Senate, No. 38) of Walter F. Timilty that provisions be made for an investigation and study by a special commission to review advancements in educational technology, digital/online learning and related programs in order to provide the Commonwealth with the most current research and information; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 59) of John Barrett, III and Smitty Pignatelli relative to the oversight of cable contracts; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 61) of Tackey Chan and Denise C. Garlick relative to filing actions of slander against anonymous parties on the internet; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 65) of Carlos González and Bud L. Williams relative to access to the affordable connectivity program; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 68) of David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf relative to internet service outages; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 70) of Kate Lipper-Garabedian, Josh S. Cutler and Thomas M. Stanley that the Office of the State Treasurer develop and periodically review and update a digital module and resources on cryptocurrencies and digital assets; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 71) of Kate Lipper-Garabedian and Thomas M. Stanley for legislation to establish and implement a pilot program to examine the use of blockchain technology; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 73) of Christopher M. Markey relative to the interception of wire and oral communications; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 75) of Frank A. Moran and Estela A. Reyes for legislation to provide financial assistance to certain residents to expand the availability of broadband internet connectivity;

the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 78) of David Allen Robertson and Andres X. Vargas relative to the awarding of money to municipal agencies for the purpose of expanding, founding, advertising or maintaining of publicly-administered broadband internet service providers; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 79) of David M. Rogers and Andres X. Vargas for legislation to provide for net neutrality and consumer protection; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 81) of Danillo A. Sena and others for an investigation by the Department of Public Health of broadband internet access and its relation to the public health objectives; the petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 86) of Thomas P. Walsh for an investigation by a special commission relative to advancements in educational technology, digital and online learning, and related programs; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3831) of David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf for legislation to establish a Commonwealth internet service provider to be known as Commonwealth ISP, reports recommending that the accompanying order (House, No. 4578) ought to be adopted.

For the committee,

TRICIA FARLEY-BOUVIER.

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1 *Ordered,* That the committee on Advanced Information Technology, the Internet and
2 Cybersecurity be authorized to sit during a recess of the General Court to make an investigation
3 and study of Senate documents numbered 27, 28 and 38 and House documents numbered 59, 61,
4 65, 68, 70, 71, 73, 75, 78, 79, 81, 86 and 3831, relative to advanced information technology, the
5 internet, and cybersecurity.

6 Said committee shall report to the General Court the results of its investigation and study
7 and its recommendations, if any, together with drafts of legislation necessary to carry such
8 recommendations into effect, by filing the same with the Clerk of the House of Representatives
9 on or before December 31, 2024.