

HOUSE No. 5208

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, March 12, 2026.

The committee on Labor and Workforce Development, to whom were referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2091) of David F. DeCoste, Marcus S. Vaughn and Marc T. Lombardo relative to the verification of employment eligibility of employees through the federal employment authorization e-verify program; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2136) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and others relative to employers under paid family medical leave; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2156) of Edward R. Philips relative to providing hazard pay and protection for essential workers during a declared state of emergency; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2173) of Adam J. Scanlon relative to the structure of the Commonwealth Employment Relations Board; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2186) of Marcus S. Vaughn for legislation to establish a special commission (including members of the General Court) to study and report on the policies and procedures of the Department of Unemployment Assistance to prevent and address unemployment fraud; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2187) of Marcus S. Vaughn that the Department of Unemployment Assistance online unemployment benefits portal have a status bar on every individual's profile displaying the progress of the applicant's claim; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4069) of Andres X. Vargas relative to the Department of Unemployment Assistance; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4116) of Rita A. Mendes relative to building permits and job site safety, reports recommending that the accompanying order (House, No. 5208) ought to be adopted.

For the committee,

PAUL MCMURTRY.

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1 *Ordered,* That the committee on Labor and Workforce Development be authorized to sit
2 during a recess of the General Court to make an investigation and study of House documents
3 numbered 2091, 2136, 2156, 2173, 2186, 2187, 4069 and 4116, relative to Study Order .

4 Said committee shall report to the General Court the results of its investigation and study
5 and its recommendations, if any, together with drafts of legislation necessary to carry such
6 recommendations into effect, by filing the same with the Clerk of the House of Representatives
7 on or before December 31, 2026.