

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 5307

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, March 30, 2026.

The committee on Environment and Natural Resources, to whom were referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 890) of Brian M. Ashe and others relative to concrete foundations; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 895) of Bruce J. Ayers relative to the funding of waterway projects and coastal protection initiatives; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 901) of Natalie M. Blais, Samantha Montañó and others for legislation to provide funds for conserving and improving natural and working lands; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 920) of Mike Connolly, John R. Gaskey and Bud L. Williams for legislation to establish a voucher program for home water filtration equipment; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 922) of Mark J. Cusack for legislation to establish plumbing code regulations that provide building owners with guidelines for reusing greywater for toilet flushing and subsurface irrigation; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 937) of Michelle M. DuBois relative to the use of effluent water in cooling towers; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 939) of Ann-Margaret Ferrante relative to climate resiliency protection projects; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 966) of Christopher Hendricks and others for legislation to prohibit the mistreatment of birds; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 982) of Meghan K. Kilcoyne relative to right of entry of solid waste disposal facilities to prevent environmental violations; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 983) of Meghan K. Kilcoyne, Paul K. Frost and Colleen M. Garry relative to crumbling concrete prevention and protection; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 992) of Jay D. Livingstone for legislation to provide bonding for municipal water infrastructure maintenance, repair, and expansion; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1004) of Joan Meschino and others relative to climate standards in state building codes; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1006) of Joan Meschino for an investigation by a special commission relative to incentive-based approaches to increasing carbon removal and sequestration by natural and

working lands; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1022) of Edward R. Philips relative to meeting the Commonwealth's water infrastructure future; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1036) of David M. Rogers relative to residential solid waste disposal and the implementation of mandatory reporting standards for cities and towns; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1037) of David M. Rogers for legislation to further regulate solid waste facilities; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1038) of Jeffrey N. Roy relative to enhancing circularity in recycling; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1039) of Jeffrey N. Roy relative to the imposition of additional costs to cities or towns by the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1040) of Tracy Stewart for legislation to further regulate the use of tire-derived materials in playgrounds and playing fields; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1042) of Aaron L. Saunders for legislation to establish the the Quabbin host community trust fund; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1043) of Aaron L. Saunders relative to the membership of the Quabbin Watershed Advisory Committee; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1045) of Margaret R. Scarsdale relative to liability for release of hazardous materials; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1047) of Danillo A. Sena relative to requiring lead free ammunition when taking wildlife; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1049) of Danillo A. Sena relative to the quality of drinking water from private wells; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1057) of Alyson M. Sullivan-Almeida and Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr., relative to authorizing deer hunting on Sunday; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1060) of Chynah Tyler relative to solid waste disposal facilities in environmental justice communities; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1062) of David T. Vieira for legislation to authorize the hunting of coyote with artificial light; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1063) of David T. Vieira relative to the environmental protection of Joint Base Cape Cod; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1065) of David T. Vieira for legislation to further regulate bow and arrow hunting; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1066) of David T. Vieira for legislation to reimburse the Inland Fisheries and Game Fund; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1067) of Tommy Vitolo relative to water access equity through utility reporting requirements; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1071) of Susannah M. Whipps and Natalie M. Blais relative to authorizing the waiving of sporting, hunting or fishing license fees for people who use wheelchairs as their primary source

of mobility; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1072) of Christopher J. Worrell that the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs be authorized to conduct an environmental audit of environmental justice neighborhoods; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1074) of Jonathan D. Zlotnik and Susannah M. Whipps relative to certain hunting zones; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1075) of Jonathan D. Zlotnik relative to the use of shotgun ammunition for hunting; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2600) of Carol A. Doherty, David T. Vieira and James K. Hawkins for legislation to establish the PFAS research and development public safety fund; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3920) of Colleen M. Garry (by vote of the town) for legislation to provide sustainable water resources in the town of Tyngsborough; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4041) of Mike Connolly for legislation to establish an office of green zone administration within the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs; the joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4101) of Colleen M. Garry for legislation to authorize the Dracut Water Supply District to sell water to certain communities; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4110) of Patrick Joseph Kearney relative to the North River Commission; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4111) of Adrienne Pusateri Ramos and Sally P. Kerans for legislation to create a battery recycling program; the joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4191) of Hadley Luddy and Julian Cyr (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the town of Wellfleet to enact a pesticide reduction bylaw; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4513) of Adam J. Scanlon relative to fishing licenses for seniors; the joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4700) of Hadley Luddy (by vote of the town) that the town of Truro be authorized to regulate the use of pesticides in said town; the joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5076) of Hadley Luddy (by vote of the town) relative to reducing the use of toxic pesticides in the town of Eastham; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5141) of Kenneth P. Swezey relative to over-sand vehicle access and other recreational activities on beaches, reports recommending that the accompanying order (House, No. 5307) ought to be adopted.

For the committee,

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*House of Representatives, March 30, 2026.*

1           *Ordered,* That the committee on Environment and Natural Resources be authorized to sit  
2 during a recess of the General Court to make an investigation and study of House documents  
3 numbered 890, 895, 901, 920, 922, 937, 939, 966, 982, 983, 992, 1004, 1006, 1022, 1036, 1037,  
4 1038, 1039, 1040, 1042, 1043, 1045, 1047, 1049, 1057, 1060, 1062, 1063, 1065, 1066, 1067,  
5 1071, 1072, 1074, 1075, 2600, 3920, 4041, 4101, 4110, 4111, 4191, 4513, 4700, 5076 and 5141,  
6 relative to hunting, water quality and other related matters.

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