

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 5370

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, May 7, 2026.

The committee on Labor and Workforce Development, to whom were referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2078) of Mike Connolly, Erika Uyterhoeven and others relative to securing the right to strike for certain public employees; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2079) of Mike Connolly and Danillo A. Sena for legislation to provide paid family and medical leave benefits for educators and municipal employees; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2088) of Marjorie C. Decker relative to collective bargaining for teachers and other school employees; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2093) of Carol A. Doherty and others relative to allowing legislative employees to unionize; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2125) of Vanna Howard and others relative to paid family and medical leave for educators; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2137) of Patrick Joseph Kearney that the salaries of members of the United States Coast Guard who are residents of the Commonwealth be paid by the Commonwealth during the so-called federal government shut-down; the joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2146) of Joseph D. McKenna, Ryan C. Fattman and Alyson M. Sullivan-Almeida relative to employment protections for domestic violence victims; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2164) of Jeffrey N. Roy relative to certain payment of wages in institutions of higher education; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2185) of Andres X. Vargas and others relative to wages and benefits for employees of public institutions of higher education; and the joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4291) of Hadley Luddy (by vote of the town) relative to exempting the town of Chatham from the prevailing wage law, reports (under the provisions of House Rule 27) recommending that the accompanying order (House, No. 5370) 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 2078, 2079, 2088, 2093, 2125, 2137, 2146, 2164, 2185 and 4291, relative to collective  
4 bargaining, paid family leave and other related matters.

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