HOUSE . . . . . No. 5466

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, June 1, 2026.

The committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs, to whom were referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3819) of James Arciero and others relative to no cost hunting and fishing licenses for 100 percent disabled veterans; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3820) of James Arciero and Raymond L. Mascola relative to eligibility of non-Massachusetts origin veterans for state veteran bonus awards; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3821) of James Arciero and others for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to the feasibility of establishing a veterans' hall of fame; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3822) of James C. Arena-DeRosa relative to enhancing public service pension for veterans; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3823) of James C. Arena-DeRosa relative to authorized uses of veterans assistance funds in cities and towns; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3824) of Shirley B. Arriaga for legislation to provide for the appointment of full-time veterans' agents or directors of veterans' services in certain cities and towns; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3825) of Shirley B. Arriaga relative to the flag of the commonwealth being flown at half-staff; the petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 3826) of Shirley B. Arriaga for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) on women veterans and the long-term effects of combat on motherhood; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3830) of Natalie M. Blais, Mindy Domb and Joanne M. Comerford relative to the reimbursement of cities and towns for veterans' benefits; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3837) of David F. DeCoste relative to employment preference for veterans at the Massachusetts Port Authority; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3838) of Patricia A. Duffy and Natalie M. Blais relative to the fee for filing certificates of organization for veteran owned businesses; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3840) of Colleen M. Garry relative to fraudulent representation of an accredited veterans service officer, accredited agent or attorney; the petition

(accompanied by bill, House, No. 3841) of Colleen M. Garry relative to the calculation of benefits of veterans receiving public housing and other public assistance; the petition (accompanied by resolutions, House, No. 3843) of Carmine Lawrence Gentile, Natalie M. Higgins and Mary S. Keefe for the adoption of resolutions memorializing the Congress of the United States to pass and send to the states for ratification a constitutional amendment to restore the first amendment and fair elections to the people; the petition (accompanied by resolutions, House, No. 3844) of Carmine Lawrence Gentile and others for adoption of resolutions memorializing the Congress of the United States to admit Washington, D.C. into the Union as a state of the United States of America; the petition (accompanied by resolutions, House, No. 3845) of Carmine Lawrence Gentile and others for the adoption of resolutions memorializing the Congress of the United States to ratify the proposed amendment to the Constitution of the United States for federal regulation of child labor; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3846) of Carmine Lawrence Gentile, James B. Eldridge and Mary S. Keefe relative to reviving, continuing and further regulating the citizens commission established (under Chapter 322 of the Acts of 2018) concerning a Constitutional amendment to secure government of the people; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3847) of Jessica Ann Giannino for legislation to recognize and provide assistance for military service-related injuries from agent orange and burn pits; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3850) of Tara T. Hong and others relative to establishing a veterans service dog program; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3852) of Steven S. Howitt relative to veteran health, opportunity, notification, observance and respect; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3854) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and others relative to establishing a Vietnam War commemoration fund; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3856) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and others relative to increasing the reimbursement of burial expenses for veterans; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3857) of Patrick Joseph Kearney relative to the definition of veteran; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3858) of Patrick Joseph Kearney relative to no cost hunting and fishing licenses for 100 percent disabled veterans; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3859) of Meghan K. Kilcoyne relative to veterans' benefits; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3861) of Michael P. Kushmerek relative to enhancing burial expenses for veterans; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3863) of Kate Lipper-Garabedian relative to COLA adjustments for veteran benefits; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3864) of Kate Lipper-Garabedian relative to public

employee benefits for military service members on active duty; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3865) of Kate Lipper-Garabedian relative to reimbursement to armed service members; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3866) of Kate Lipper-Garabedian that the Board of Registration in Nursing be authorized to establish a waiver program for military personnel who satisfactorily complete medical training offered through the military; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3868) of John J. Marsi and others that veterans benefits payments shall not be considered income for determining eligibility for other state services; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3870) of Paul McMurtry relative to the definition of veteran; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3872) of Kelly W. Pease and Dennis C. Gallagher relative to the mission of the Office of the Veteran Advocate; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3874) of Bridget Plouffe relative to the Veterans' Bonus Division; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3875) of Sean Reid relative to the establishment of a veterans research trust fund; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3876) of David Allen Robertson for legislation to provide for the furnishing of headstones for deceased members of the National Guard; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3877) of David Allen Robertson relative to retirement benefits for veterans; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3879) of Adam J. Scanlon relative to providing for a prisoner of war income tax exemption; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3880) of Adam J. Scanlon that cities and towns be authorized to provide courtesy retail parking spaces designed for non-handicapped veterans; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3881) of Adam J. Scanlon relative to increasing access to medical care for veterans by providing use of commuter rail, subway, bus, shuttle and boat services at no cost; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3882) of Danillo A. Sena relative to the military family advocacy program, domestic violence and child abuse and neglect; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3883) of Alan Silvia and others relative to disability benefits for veterans; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3884) of Todd M. Smola and Steven George Xiarhos relative to emergency medical transportation provided to veterans; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3885) of Todd M. Smola relative to veterans' benefits for surviving spouses; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3887) of Jeffrey Rosario Turco and David F. DeCoste for legislation to include certain members of the National Guard in the definition of veterans; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3889) of Steven George Xiarhos and Joseph D. McKenna relative to extending

veterans benefits to surviving spouses; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4002) of Kip A. Diggs relative to benefits for disabled veterans and their families; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4479) of Lindsay N. Sabadosa for legislation to rescind all previous calls for a federal constitutional convention, reports (under the provisions of House Rule 27) recommending that the accompanying order (House, No. 5466) ought to be adopted.

For the committee,

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House of Representatives, June 1, 2026.

Ordered, That the committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs be authorized to sit during a recess of the General Court to make an investigation and study of House documents numbered 3819, 3820, 3821, 3822, 3823, 3824, 3825, 3826, 3830, 3837, 3838, 3840, 3841, 3843, 3844, 3845, 3846, 3847, 3850, 3852, 3854, 3856, 3857, 3858, 3859, 3861, 3863, 3864, 3865, 3866, 3868, 3870, 3872, 3874, 3875, 3876, 3877, 3879, 3880, 3881, 3882, 3883, 3884, 3885, 3887, 3889, 4002 and 4479, relative to veterans' benefits, prisoners of war, federal constitutional convention and other veterans and federal affairs issues.

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