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**JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.**



**THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2024.**

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Thursday, April 11, 2024.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Garballey of Arlington in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Garballey), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of  
allegiance.

## *Change in Committee of Conference Membership.*

The Speaker announced that he had appointed Miss Gregoire of Marlborough to the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches, with reference to the Senate amendment (striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 2484) of the House Bill relative to salary range transparency (House, No. 4109), to fill the vacancy created by the resignation, from the House of Representatives, of Josh S. Cutler of Pembroke.

Salary range  
transparency.

The membership of the committee on the part of the House is as follows:

Representatives Gregoire of Marlborough, Fluker Oakley of Boston and Kane of Shrewsbury.

Committee of  
conference.

Notice of the change in the House membership of the committee was sent to the Senate for their information.

## *Guests of the House.*

During the session, the Chair (Mr. Garballey of Arlington), declared a brief recess and introduced the former Comptroller of the State of California, Betty T. Yee, accompanied by her husband, Rabbi Steven B. Jacobs. Also accompanying Ms. Yee were former Representative Eugene L. O'Flaherty and Messrs. Kevin Sullivan and John Donovan. They were the guests of Mr. Donato of Medford.

Betty T.  
Yee.

During the session, the Chair (Mr. Garballey of Arlington), declared a brief recess and introduced, seated in the Chamber, students from Cristo Rey Boston High School in Boston. They were the guests of Mr. Worrell of Boston.

Cristo Rey  
Boston High  
School.

## *Resolutions.*

The following resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

Resolutions (filed by Representative Kassner of Hamilton) congratulating Mary "Mae" Famiglietti on the happy occasion of her one hundredth birthday;

Mary  
Famiglietti.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Muradian of Grafton, Owens of Watertown, Lipper-Garabedian of Melrose, Rogers of Cambridge and Lawn of

Armenia  
Tree Project.

Watertown) commending the Armenia Tree Project for their more than thirty years of dedicated contributions to the environment and people of Armenia;

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Muradian of Grafton, Owens of Watertown, Lipper-Garabedian of Melrose, Rogers of Cambridge and Lawn of Watertown) commending Mary Vartanian for her contributions to the Armenian American community in the Commonwealth;

Mary  
Vartanian.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Rogers of Norwood) congratulating Liam MacLean on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout of the Boy Scouts of America; and

Liam  
MacLean.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Soter of Bellingham) congratulating George Whiting on celebrating his one hundredth birthday;

George  
Whiting.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported, in each instance, that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Owens of Watertown, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

#### *Orders.*

The following order was referred, under Joint Rule 30, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently:

Order (filed by Mr. Diggs of Barnstable) relative to extending until Wednesday, July 31, 2024 the time within which the committee on Labor and Workforce Development is authorized to report on a current House document (House, No. 4547).

Extension of  
time for  
committees  
to make  
reports.

Order (filed by Mr. Diggs of Barnstable) relative to extending until Wednesday, July 31, 2024 the time within which the committee on Labor and Workforce Development is authorized to report on current Senate and House documents (House, No. 4548).

Order (filed by Mr. Diggs of Barnstable) relative to extending until Monday, June 10, 2024 the time within which the committee on Labor and Workforce Development is authorized to report on current Senate documents (House, No. 4549).

Order (filed by Mr. Diggs of Barnstable) relative to extending until Monday, June 10, 2024 the time within which the committee on Labor and Workforce Development is authorized to report on a current House document (House, No. 4550).

Order (filed by Mr. González of Springfield) relative to extending until Wednesday, May 8, 2024 the time within which the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security is authorized to report on current House documents (House, No. 4546).

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the orders ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Donato of Medford, the orders were considered forthwith; and they were adopted. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

#### *Communications.*

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From the Cannabis Control Commission (see Section 18 of Chapter 94G of the General Laws) relative to the number, summary, and costs of performed annual audits [copy of said report was forwarded to the committee on Ways and Means, as required by said law];

Cannabis  
Control  
Commission.

From the Department of Correction (see Section 16 of Chapter 123A of the General Laws) relative to sexually dangerous persons in the custody of the department during calendar year 2023 [copies of said report were forwarded to the committee on Ways and Means and the committee on the Judiciary as required by said law];

Sexually dangerous persons.

From the Merrimack Valley Regional Transit Authority (see Section 8(g) of Chapter 161B of the General Laws) submitting financial statements, supplementary information, and a schedule of expenditures of federal awards and OMB uniform guidance auditors' reports for fiscal year 2023;

Merrimack Valley Regional transit.

From the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (see item 8900-0001 of Section 2 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting the fourth quarter data report of the Department of Correction for calendar year 2023; and

Department of Correction,— data.

From the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (see Section 223 of Chapter 69 of the Acts of 2018) submitting the Justice Involved Women's Panel report for 2024;

Justice Involved Women's Panel.

Severally were placed on file.

#### *Annual and Quarterly Reports.*

An annual report of the Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy Greenway Conservancy, Inc. (under Section 7 of Chapter 306 of the Acts of 2008) submitting audited financial statements of said conservancy for calendar year 2023, entitled "The Green Way"; and

Greenway Conservancy.

A quarterly report of the Sheriff's Department of Plymouth County (under Section 40 of Chapter 126 of the General Laws) submitting the aggregate data on the population of the Plymouth County Correctional Facility for the first quarter of calendar year 2024;

Plymouth County Sheriff.

Severally were placed on file.

#### *Petitions.*

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Giannino of Revere, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4551) of Jessica Ann Giannino and Jeffrey Rosario Turco (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to the filling of vacancies in the office of mayor of the city of Revere; and

Revere,— mayoral office vacancies.

By Representative Saunders of Belchertown and Senator Comerford, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4552) of Aaron L. Saunders and Joanne M. Comerford (by vote of the town) that the town of Wendell be authorized to extend local voting rights to certain lawful permanent residents residing in said town.

Wendell,— voting rights.

Severally to the committee on Election Laws.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Blais of Deerfield and Senator Mark, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Natalie M. Blais and Paul W. Mark for legislation to dissolve the Whately Water District.

Whately Water District.

By Representative Vaughn of Wrentham, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Marcus S. Vaughn relative to domestic abuse protection.

Domestic abuse protection.

Severally, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

*Papers from the Senate.*

The House Bill to prevent abuse and exploitation (House, No. 4241, amended), came from the Senate, passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 2710.

Abuse and exploitation,—  
prevention.

Under suspension of Rule 35, on motion of Mr. Day of Stoneham, the amendment was considered forthwith. The House then non-concurred with the Senate in its amendment; and, on motion of the same member, asked for a committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches.

Representatives Day, Barber of Somerville and Sullivan-Almeida of Abington were appointed the committee on the part of the House. Sent to the Senate to be joined.

Committee of conference.

A report from the Massachusetts Gaming Commission (pursuant to Section 9B of Chapter 128A of the General Laws) submitting proposed regulation 205 CMR 15.00: Procedures for the Approval of a Simulcast-Only Facility (Senate, No. 2726), was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Simulcasting.

*Reports of Committees.*

Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, on House, No. 2, reported, in part, a Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2025 for the maintenance of the departments, boards, commissions, institutions, and certain activities of the Commonwealth, for interest, sinking fund, and serial bond requirements, and for certain permanent improvements (House, No. 4600) [Total Appropriation: \$57,913,756,627.00]. Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

General Appropriation Bill.

Mr. Honan of Boston, for said committee, then reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, the bill was read a second time forthwith. Pending the question on ordering the bill to a third reading, further consideration thereof was postponed, on further motion of the same member, until Wednesday, April 24.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the following bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

The Senate Bill authorizing the town of Rochester to continue the employment of Scott Weigel (Senate, No. 2690) [Local Approval Received]; and

Rochester,—  
Scott Weigel.

House bills

Relative to the Massachusetts Uniform Commercial Code (House, No. 1112);

Transactions.  
Automobile insurance.

To add a compulsory death benefit to automobile liability insurance (House, No. 1114);

Relative to manufactured housing (House, No. 1302);

Housing.

Relative to the use of credit reporting in housing (House, No. 1308);

Credit reports.

Relative to electronic meetings and voting in condominiums (House, No. 1338);

Condominiums.

Relative to the Adams Fire District (House, No. 2031);

Adams.

Authorizing the town of Concord to establish a fee for checkout bags (House, No. 2037) [Local Approval Received];	Concord,— bag fees.
Requiring automatic external defibrillators in Norfolk County public buildings (House, No. 2051);	Norfolk County.
Authorizing the town of Lincoln to establish a fee for checkout bags (House, No. 2054) [Local Approval Received];	Lincoln,— bags fee.
Relative to special education reserve funds (House, No. 2075);	Education.
Relative to a regional school assessment reserve fund (House, No. 2076);	Schools.
Providing for the establishment of sustainable water resource funds (House, No. 2099);	Water resources.
Authorizing the town of Acton to establish a minimum charge for a checkout bag (House, No. 2111) [Local Approval Received];	Acton,— bag fees.
Relative to a condominium conversion ordinance in the city of Salem (House, No. 3722) [Local Approval Received];	Salem,— condominiums.
Further defining the purposes of the affordable housing trust in the city of Somerville (House, No. 3743) [Local Approval Received];	Somerville,— housing.
Authorizing the Orleans affordable housing trust to provide for the creation and preservation of attainable housing (House, No. 3934) [Local Approval Received];	Orleans,— housing trust.
Authorizing the Provincetown year-round market rate rental housing trust to acquire year-round housing occupancy restrictions (House, No. 4092) [Local Approval Received];	Provincetown,— housing.
Providing for state financial interests flexibility (House, No. 4462); and	Retirement.
Authorizing the appointment of retired police officers to perform police details (House, No. 4464) [Local Approval Received].	Plainville,— special police.
Under suspension of Rule 7A, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the bills severally were read a second time forthwith; and they were ordered to a third reading.	
By Mr. Lawn of Watertown, for the committee on Health Care Financing, that the Bill regulating certain insurance benefits for certain officials in the town of Blackstone (Senate, No. 1296), ought to pass [Local Approval Received] [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00].	Blackstone,— insurance benefits.
By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, that the Bill relative to a commission to study the intentional misrepresentation of a service animal (House, No. 4329), ought to pass.	Service animals,— study.
Severally referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.	
By Mr. Lawn of Watertown, for the committee on Health Care Financing, that the Bill ensuring access to behavioral health services for children involved with state agencies (House, No. 146), ought to pass [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00]. Read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.	Behavioral health services.
By Mr. Lawn of Watertown, for the committee on Health Care Financing, that the following House bills ought to pass:	
Relative to data transparency in the cannabis industry (House, No. 105) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00];	Cannabis data.
Relative to a medical marijuana pilot program (House, No. 122) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00];	Opioid use disorder.
To increase the safety of individuals with disabilities relying on life-support equipment (House, No. 213) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00];	Life-support equipment.

Relative to genetic counselors (House, No. 274) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00];	Genetic counselors.
Establishing a dentist diversion program (House, No. 300) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00];	Dentist diversion.
Relative to providing dental care to senior citizens (House, No. 620) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00]; and	Dental care,—seniors.
Relative to dental hygienist reciprocal licensure (House, No. 3880) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00].	Dentists.
Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.	

By Mr. Lawn of Watertown, for the committee on Health Care Financing, on Senate, No. 1401 and House, No. 172, that the Bill to enhance hospital care for those with autism and intellectual and developmental disabilities (House, No. 172), ought to pass [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00]. Read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.	Disabled,—hospital care.
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*Engrossed Bills.*

Engrossed bills	
Providing for the designation of polling locations in the city of Gloucester (see Senate, No. 2544) (which originated in the Senate);	Bills enacted.
Amending the charter of the town of Needham (see House, No. 3997); and	
Authorizing the town of Chesterfield to continue the employment of reserve special police officer Greg Smith (see House, No. 4195);	
(Which severally originated in the House);	
Severally having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, were passed to be enacted; and they were signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.	

*Orders of the Day.*

The Senate amendment of the House Bill further amending the charter of the town of Middleton (House, No. 3970, changed and amended), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was adopted, in concurrence.	Middleton,—charter.
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The Senate amendment of the House Bill changing the name of the board of selectmen of the town of Uxbridge to the select board (House, No. 3986, amended), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was adopted, in concurrence.	Uxbridge,—select board.
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*Order.*

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—	
<i>Ordered,</i> That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Tuesday next at eleven o'clock A.M.	Next sitting.

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At twenty-eight minutes before twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mr. Vieira of Falmouth (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Tuesday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.