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**JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.**



**THURSDAY, MAY 25, 2023.**

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Thursday, May 25, 2023.

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.

## *Guests of the House.*

During the session, the Chair (Mr. Garballey of Arlington), declared a brief recess, and introduced, seated in the House Chamber members of the Tri-County Cheer Team.

Tri-County  
Cheer Team.

The Tri-County Cheer Team is the 2023 Winter Massachusetts Game Day State Champions, which was held on March 5th at Shepherd Hill against 13 other teams. As a regional school, these athletes come from all different backgrounds and some have never cheered before 2021. Along with academics, these athletes participate in their shop classes learning their trade and must maintain certain grades to be allowed to participate and compete on the team.

In addition, they are always running youth clinics or volunteering in youth programs to help younger athletes. The team also finished 2nd at the International Cheer competition in Florida held on March 18th and 19th. They were the guests of Mr. Roy of Franklin.

During the session, the Chair (Mr. Garballey of Arlington), declared a brief recess, and introduced, seated in the House Chamber women from the Distinguished Young Women Program.

Distinguished  
Young Women.

The Distinguished Young Women Program is a scholarship program for high school juniors focused on empowering young women to be their best selves through challenging themselves in the areas of scholarship, leadership, talent, public speaking and interview. The Chair (Mr. Garballey) then recognized Aimee Alston, DYW of Massachusetts 2023; Nijara Lijan, DYW of Tri-Valley 2023; Juliet Modena, DYW of Norfolk 2023; and Olivia Wentzell, DYW of Metro West 2023. They were the guests of Mr. Roy of Franklin.

## *Appointment of the Speaker.*

The Speaker announced that he had appointed Mr. Williams of Springfield as his designee (under Section 72 of Chapter 3 of the General Laws) as Chair of the Commission on the Status of African Americans.

Status of  
African  
Americans.

## *Appointment of the Chair of Elder Affairs.*

Mr. Stanley of Waltham, for the committee on Elder Affairs, announced that he had appointed Ms. Lipper-Garabedian of Melrose as his designee (under Section 71 of Chapter 3 of the General Laws) to the LGBT Aging Commission.

LGBT Aging Commission.

*Resolutions.*

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

Resolutions (filed by Representative McMurtry of Dedham) congratulating Adam Benoit on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout with the Boy Scouts of America;

Adam Benoit.

Resolutions (filed by Representative McMurtry of Dedham) congratulating William Bierden on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout with the Boy Scouts of America;

William Bierden.

Resolutions (filed by Representative McMurtry of Dedham) congratulating Cole Clare on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout with the Boy Scouts of America;

Cole Clare.

Resolutions (filed by Representative McMurtry of Dedham) congratulating Benjamin Hallahan on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout with the Boy Scouts of America;

Benjamin Hallahan.

Resolutions (filed by Representative McMurtry of Dedham) congratulating Dylan Mullen on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout with the Boy Scouts of America;

Dylan Mullen.

Resolutions (filed by Representative McMurtry of Dedham) congratulating Charles Resker on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout with the Boy Scouts of America;

Charles Resker.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Soter of Bellingham) congratulating Gerard L. Daigle, Jr., on the occasion of his retirement from the Bellingham Police Department; and

Gerard Daigle, Jr.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Vieira of Falmouth and Fernandes of Falmouth) commending Falmouth Volunteers in Public Schools, Inc. on its fortieth anniversary;

Falmouth Volunteers in Public Schools.

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. Wong of Saugus, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

*Communications.*

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From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see Section 151 of Chapter 126 of the Acts of 2022) submitting its report on the needs of MassHealth enrollees with a diagnosis of sickle cell disease and the adequacy of available covered medications, treatments and health care services; and

Sickle cell disease.

From the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (see Section 85 of Chapter 179 of the Acts of 2022) submitting its report on the advantages and disadvantages of using or participating in regional or multi-state market-based mechanisms, structures, systems or competitive solicitations to facilitate the development of clean energy generation resources;

Clean Energy Markets Report.

Severally were placed on file.

*Quarterly Report.*

A quarterly report of the Office of the State Auditor (under item 0710-0200 of Chapter 126 of the Acts of 2022) submitting its third quarter fiscal year report of the Bureau of Special Investigations from January 1, 2023 to March 31, 2023, was placed on file.

Bureau  
of Special  
Investigations.

*Petitions.*

The following additional petition (having been deposited in the office of the Clerk of the House, previously to five o'clock in the afternoon on Friday, January 20, 2023) was referred, under Rule 24 and Joint Rule 13, as follows:

By Representative Connolly of Cambridge, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3873) of Mike Connolly and Lindsay N. Sabadosa relative to the development of mixed income social housing to be administered by the Massachusetts Housing Finance Authority. To the committee on Housing. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Mixed income  
social housing.

Petitions severally were presented and referred, as follows:

By Representative Donaghue of Westborough, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3874) of Kate Donaghue (by vote of the town) that the town of Southborough be authorized to provide voting rights in municipal elections in said town for residents aged 17 years old. To the committee on Election Laws.

Southborough,—  
voting age.

By Representative Flanagan of Dennis and Senator Cyr, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3875) of Christopher Richard Flanagan and Julian Cyr (by vote of the town) that the town of Brewster be authorized to transfer a certain parcel of land in said town to the conservation commission of said town for conservation and open space purposes. To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Brewster,—  
land.

By Representative Elliott of Lowell, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3876) of Rodney M. Elliott and Simon Cataldo (by vote of the town) that the town of Chelmsford be authorized to restrict certain motor vehicles from traveling on Ledge Road in said town. To the committee on Transportation.

Chelmsford,—  
Ledge Road  
restrictions.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred, as follows:

By Representative Khan of Newton, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Kay Khan relative to pharmacists as healthcare providers.

Pharmacists,—  
providers.

By Representative Madaro of Boston, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Adrian C. Madaro that a certain parcel of land in the East Boston neighborhood of the city of Boston not be included within the boundaries of any designated port area.

East Boston,—  
port area.

By the same member, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Adrian C. Madaro for legislation to establish a Massport climate resiliency trust fund to be funded by a portion of jet fuel excise taxes.

Massport,—  
fuel tax.

By Representative Puppolo of Springfield, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr., and Bud L. Williams relative to real estate tax abatements for certain blind persons.

Blind,—  
real estate  
taxes.

By Representatives Sena of Acton and McMurtry of Dedham, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Danillo A. Sena and Paul McMurtry relative to access to specialty medications.

Specialty  
medications,—  
access.

By Representative Williams of Springfield, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Bud L. Williams for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Maritza Miranda, an employee of the Department of Children and Families.  
Severally, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Maritza  
Miranda,—  
sick leave.

### *Reports of Committees.*

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the following petitions:

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Tackey Chan and Michael D. Brady relative to dental hygienist reciprocal licensure. To the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Dental  
hygienists,—  
licensing.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Tackey Chan and others relative to increasing interest rate deductions. To the committee on Revenue.

Income,—  
interest rate.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Jack Patrick Lewis for legislation to designate a certain bridge in the town of Ashland as the Harold Wadhams Gates memorial bridge. To the committee on Transportation.

Ashland,—  
bridge.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Vieira of Falmouth, the report were considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended, in each instance. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Ryan of Boston, for the committee on Election Laws, on a petition, a Bill relative to district city council election in the city of Boston (House, No. 3872) [Local Approval Received]. Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Boston,—  
city council  
election.

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. Vieira of Falmouth, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the House Bill authorizing the town of Mansfield to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 3828) [Local Approval Received], be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Mansfield,—  
liquor license.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

### *Orders of the Day.*

#### House bills

To extend the time for the issuance of alcoholic beverage licenses in the city of Woburn (House, No. 316); and

Third  
reading  
bills.

Authorizing the town of Wakefield to establish a means tested senior citizen property tax exemption (House, No. 3807);

Severally reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

*Order.*

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

*Ordered,* 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 twelve minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., 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.