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**JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.**



**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2024.**

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Thursday, October 31, 2024.

Met at six minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Donato of Medford 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. Donato), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of allegiance.

### *Silent Tribute.*

At the request of Representatives Ramos of North Andover and Shand of Newburyport, the members, guests and employees stood in a moment of silent tribute in respect to the memory of Ken Gray, a visionary public servant, who died October 22, 2024, at the age of 74.

Ken Gray.

The Honorable Ken Gray served as mayor of Amesbury (2014-2020). He led the city to adopt green energy sources and to make strategic transportation improvements along the I-495 corridor. He convinced the city to invest in its public school infrastructure, which led to the building of the Sgt. Jordan M. Shay Memorial Lower Elementary School. Through these vital initiatives, Gray's legacy lives in modern-day Amesbury.

Gray was also an active member of the Finance Committee in North Andover. A graduate of Northeastern University, Gray was a business leader in the semiconductor manufacturing industry.

He will be greatly missed.

### *Communications.*

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From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see item 4510-0811 of Section 2 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting the Department of Public Health's report entitled 'Children's Advocacy Centers FY24';

Child Advocacy Centers.

From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see item 4513-2020 of Section 2 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting the Department of Public Health's report entitled 'School Telebehavioral Health Pilot Program'; and

School telebehavioral health.

From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see Section 9 of Chapter 41 of the Acts of 2019) submitting the Department of Public Health's report entitled 'Revenues and Expenditures from the Massachusetts Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (CLPPP) Trust Fund' for fiscal year 2023;

Childhood lead poisoning prevention.

Severally were placed on file.

### *Monthly Report.*

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The monthly report of the Department of Revenue (under Section 5(e) of Chapter 62F of the General Laws) on year-to-date net state tax revenue for September, 2024, was placed on file.

Net state  
tax revenue.

*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 petition of John H. Rogers that the Department of Public Health be authorized and directed to maintain the provision of health care services in the towns of Norwood and Foxborough. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Garcia of Chelsea, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended; and petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on the Public Health. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Norwood and  
Foxborough,—  
health care  
services.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the House bill changing the Holyoke treasurer position from elected to appointed (House, No. 5062) [Local Approval Received], be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Holyoke,—  
treasurer.

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

By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Public Service, on House, No. 5060, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Public Service to make an investigation and study of a certain House document relative to the city of Boston retirement board be authorized to increase the accidental disability retirement allowance payable for Richard Lopez (House, No. 5087). Referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Accidental  
disability  
retirement  
allowance  
payable for  
Richard Lopez,—  
study.

Subsequently, Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committees, reported asking to be discharged from further consideration of the order; and recommending that the same be referred to the House committee on Rules.

Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted.

By Ms. Fiola of Fall River, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a recommitted petition, a Bill relative to the Regional Commissions on the Status of Women (House, No. 5051). Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Regional  
Commissions  
on the Status  
of Women.

*Orders of the Day.*

The Senate amendment of the House Bill relative to medically necessary breast screenings and exams for equity and early detection (see House, No. 4918), having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was adopted, in concurrence.

Breast  
screenings  
and exams.

The House Bill allowing the town of Williamstown to expand age eligibility for senior property tax exemption (House, No. 5005, changed), reported from the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Third  
reading  
bill.

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The Senate Bill authorizing the city of Everett to grant 2 additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises and 1 additional license for the sale of wine and malt beverages not to be drunk on the premises (Senate, No. 2471), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time. Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, in concurrence,

Everett,—  
liquor licenses.

Mr. Walsh of Peabody moved that it be amended by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in House document numbered 5088.

The amendment was adopted; and the bill (Senate, No. 2471, amended) was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence. Sent to the Senate for concurrence in the amendment.

*Emergency Measure.*

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Mary Katherine Sheehan, an employee of the Trial Court of the Commonwealth (see Senate, No. 2966), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was considered, the question being on adopting the emergency preamble.

Mary Katherine  
Sheehan,—  
sick leave.

A separate vote was taken, as required by the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXVII) of the Amendments to the Constitution; and the preamble was adopted, by a vote of 6 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Bill  
enacted.

Subsequently, the Senate having concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, the bill (which originated in the Senate) was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

*Engrossed Bill.*

The engrossed Bill relative to medically necessary breast screenings and exams for equity and early detection (see House, No. 4918, amended), (which originated in the House); having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill  
enacted.

*Order.*

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

*Ordered*, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next  
sitting.

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Representative Jones of North Reading, Speaker Mariano of Quincy, and all the members of the House moved that when the House adjourns today, it do so in

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respect to the memory of Susan Williams Gifford, a member of the House from Wareham from 2003 to 2024; and the motion prevailed.

Accordingly, at eighteen minutes before twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mr. Smola of Warren (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.