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**JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.**



**MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 2025.**

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Met according to adjournment at 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.

### *Message from the Governor.*

A message from Her Excellency the Governor recommending legislation relative to financing long-term improvements to municipal road and bridges (House, No. 53), was filed in the office of the Clerk on Friday, January 24.

Municipal roads and bridges.

The message was read; and it was referred, under Rule 30, with the accompanying draft of a bill, to the committee on Transportation. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

### *Appointments of the Minority Leader.*

Notice was received that the House Republican Caucus had ratified the appointments by the Minority Leader, pursuant to House Rule 18, of Representatives Ferguson of Holden to the position of Assistant Minority Leader, Frost of Auburn to the position of Second Assistant Minority Leader and Smola of Warren as the ranking minority party member on the committee on Ways and Means.

Assistant minority leaders and ranking Ways and Means member.

A communication was received from the Minority Leader announcing that he had appointed Jim Peyser as his designee to serve on the K-12 Statewide Graduation Council established (under Executive Order 639) to advise the Governor and the Legislature on the development of a statewide graduation requirement.

Statewide Graduation Council.

### *Guests of the House.*

At the beginning of the session, the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford), declared a brief recess and introduced, seated in the Chamber, members of the Longmeadow boy's cross-country team, who are visiting the Statehouse to celebrate a monumental achievement for the Longmeadow Boys Cross Country Team.

Longmeadow boys cross-country team.

On Saturday, November 16, 2024, they made history by securing their first-ever state title, and they did so with incredible depth and teamwork. The team's top five finishers crossed the line in 18th, 20th, 21st, 35th, and 37th, accumulating 101 points—more than 30 points ahead of runner-up Marblehead in a competitive field of 23 teams. The seven athletes who made this victory possible are Jacob Abebe (FR), Matt Cournoyer (JR), Spence Deliso (SR), Ethan Halpern (JR), Greg Keane (SR), Andrew Medeiros (SR), and Henry Sacco (SR). This remarkable accomplishment is

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a testament to their relentless dedication and teamwork. They should take immense pride in their success, knowing that their hard work and determination have truly paid off. They were the guests of Representative Ashe of Longmeadow and Senator Oliveira.

During the session, the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford), declared a brief recess and introduced, seated in the House Chamber, the Division 3 State Champion Nipmuc girls soccer team. The team, who triumphantly defeated Medfield 1-0 in the finals, was led by 100-goal scorer Kyah Montano, who scored the game-winning goal in the 67<sup>th</sup> minute of action, securing the Nipmuc program their first state title since 2014. They were guests of Representatives Muradian of Grafton and Murray of Milford and Senator Fattman.

Nipmuc girls soccer team.

*Resolutions.*

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Representative Cataldo of Concord and other members of the House) recognizing International Holocaust Remembrance Day, were referred under Rule 85, to the temporary committee on Rules.

Holocaust Remembrance Day.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee, reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Ashe of Longmeadow, the resolutions (having been certified by House Counsel to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

*Communications.*

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From the Massachusetts Permanent Commission on the Status of Persons with Disabilities (see Section 74(g) of Chapter 3 of the General Laws) submitting its annual report for fiscal year 2024;

Persons with disabilities.

From the District Attorney of the Cape and Islands District (see Section 99R of Chapter 272 of the General Laws) submitting the Barnstable County annual report relative to wiretaps for calendar year 2024;

Barnstable County,— wiretaps.

From the Hampden County District Attorney's Office (see Section 99R of Chapter 272 of the General Laws) submitting its annual report relative to wiretaps for calendar year 2024;

Hampden County,— wiretaps.

From the Executive Office for Administration and Finance (see Section 22 of Chapter 88 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the monthly Working Training for Emergency Assistance Residents report for January, 2025; and

Working training.

From the Department of Higher Education (see item 7100-4002 of Section 2 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting the Supporting Urgent Community College Equity through Student Services (SUCCESS) report for fiscal year 2023;

Community colleges,— equity.

Severally were placed on file.

*Order.*

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

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

Next sitting.

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At eight minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Muradian of Grafton (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Wednesday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.