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**JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.**



**THURSDAY, APRIL 24, 2025.**

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Thursday, April 24, 2025.

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.

### *Appointment of the Minority Leader.*

The Minority Leader announced that (under the provisions of Section 14 of Chapter 14 of the General Laws) he had appointed Jamie Oppedisano of Hingham to serve as his designee to the Tax Expenditure Review Commission, replacing Representative Soter of Bellingham.

Tax Expenditure Review Commission.

### *Resolutions.*

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Representative Hogan of Stow) congratulating Margaret S. Braun on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout of Scouting America, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Margaret Braun.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee, reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Howard of Lowell, 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 Office of the Comptroller (see Section 2TT of Chapter 29 of the General Laws) submitting a report on the activities of the Liability Management and Reduction Fund for fiscal year 2024;

Liability management and reduction.

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 March 2025;

Working training.

From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see item 4000-0601 contained in Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the Personal Care Attendant (PCA) Working Group report regarding long-term sustainability and cost-containment; and

Personal care attendant sustainability.

From the Executive Office for Administration and Finance and the Executive Office for Housing and Livable Communities (see item 1599-0514 of Section 2 of Chapter 77 of the Acts of 2023 and Section 19 of Chapter 88 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the March 6, 2025 biweekly report on the emergency housing assistance program;

Emergency housing assistance.

Severally were placed on file.

*Report.*

A report of the Massachusetts District Attorneys Association (under item 0340-2100 of Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) relative to Disabled Persons Protection Commission (DPPC) active case referrals was placed on file.

Disabled persons protection.

*Petitions.*

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Barrett of North Adams, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4055) of John Barrett, III (by vote of the town) relative to establishing recall elections in the town of Lanesborough. To the committee on Election Laws.

Lanesborough,— recall elections.

By Representative Barrett of North Adams, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4056) of John Barrett, III (by vote of the town) for legislation to increase the membership of the select board of the town of Lanesborough; and

Lanesborough,— select board.

By Representative Vargas of Haverhill, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4057) of Andres X. Vargas (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Haverhill be authorized to increase the membership of the board of health in said city from three members to five members;

Haverhill,— board of health.

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions were presented and referred as follows:

By Representatives Honan of Boston and Michael J. Moran of Boston, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Kevin G. Honan and Michael J. Moran for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for James Caruso, an employee of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation.

James Caruso,— sick leave.

By Representative Kearney of Scituate, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Patrick Joseph Kearney for legislation to authorize the Massachusetts Fishermen's Partnership to have a seat on the Seaport Economic Council.

Massachusetts Fishermen's Partnership.

By the same member, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Patrick Joseph Kearney relative to insurance coverage for habilitative and rehabilitative care for the neurodevelopmental condition stuttering.

Insurance coverage,— stuttering.

By the same member, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Patrick Joseph Kearney relative to retirement and pensions during the COVID 19 pandemic.

COVID-19,— benefits.

By the same member, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Patrick Joseph Kearney relative to repealing the sales tax on boats built or rebuilt in the Commonwealth.

Sales tax,— boats.

By the same member, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Patrick Joseph Kearney relative to promoting zero-emission vehicles.

Zero-emission vehicles.

By the same member, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Patrick Joseph Kearney relative to the definition of veteran.

Veterans,— definition.

By Representative Pease of Westfield, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Kelly W. Pease and Lindsay N. Sabadosa relative to battery storage facility permitting and penalties for noncompliance.

Battery storage facilities.

By the same members, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Kelly W. Pease and Lindsay N. Sabadosa for legislation to establish buffer zones for battery storage facilities.

Id.

**UNCORRECTED PROOF.**

By Representative Pease of Westfield, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Kelly W. Pease, Lindsay N. Sabadosa and Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr., relative to lithium battery storage facilities.

Lithium  
battery storage  
facilities.

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

*Paper from the Senate.*

A report of the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1474) of Bruce E. Tarr, David F. DeCoste, Colleen M. Garry, Joanne M. Comerford and other members of the General Court for legislation to allow moveable tiny houses as permanent residential dwellings and accessory dwelling units,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Housing,— accepted by the Senate, was considered forthwith, under Rule 42; and it was accepted, in concurrence.

Moveable  
houses.

*Order.*

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

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

Next  
sitting.

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At four minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Soter of Bellingham (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M.