

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.**



**TUESDAY, MAY 27, 2025.**

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Tuesday, May 27, 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.

## *Changes in Joint Standing Committees.*

The Speaker announced, under the provisions of House Rule 18A, that he had made the following changes and appointments to joint standing committees:

That Representative Whipps of Athol has been relieved of duty (at her own request) from the committee on Housing, and that Representative Bowen of Beverly has been appointed to the third position on said committee to fill the vacancy;

Joint standing  
committees.

That Representative Donato of Medford has been relieved of duty (at his own request) from the committee on Labor and Workforce Development, and that Representative Bowen of Beverly has been appointed to the seventh position on said committee to fill the vacancy;

That Representative Donato of Medford has been relieved of duty (at his own request) from the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, and that Representative Bowen of Beverly has been appointed to the eighth position on said committee to fill the vacancy; and

That Representative O'Day of West Boylston has been relieved of duty (at his own request) from the committee on Transportation, and that Representative Bowen of Beverly has been appointed to the fourth position on said committee to fill the vacancy.

## *Appointments of the Speaker.*

The Speaker announced that he had made the following appointments:

That Representative Plouffe of Brockton had been appointed (under the provisions of Section 79 of Chapter 154 of the Acts of 2018) to the Early Education and Care Workforce Council established to make recommendations on improving and enhancing professional development and higher education opportunities necessary for the growth and stability of a high quality early education and care workforce, replacing Representative Barber of Somerville; and

Early  
education  
and care.

That Representative Barber of Somerville had been appointed (under the provisions of Section 25 of Chapter 21A of the General Laws) to the Water Infrastructure Advisory Committee.

Water  
infrastructure.

## *Appointments of the Minority Leader.*

The Minority Leader announced that he had made the following appointments:

That Representative Kane of Shrewsbury had been appointed (under the provisions of Chapter 3 of the Resolves of 2016 and most recently revived and continued by Section 308 of Chapter 238 of the Acts of 2024) to the special commission on local and regional public health to assess the effectiveness and efficiency of municipal and regional public health systems and to make recommendations regarding how to strengthen the delivery of public health services and preventive measures;

Local and regional health.

That Representative Sweezy of Duxbury had been appointed (under the provisions of Section 4C of Chapter 21A of the General Laws) to the ocean advisory commission to assist the secretary in developing the ocean management plan, replacing former Representative Mathew J. Muratore of Plymouth; and

Ocean management.

That he had appointed Marci Bailey of Rockport (under the provisions of Section 35000 of Chapter 10 of the General Laws) to the Opioid Recovery and Remediation Fund Advisory Council.

Opioid recovery and remediation.

### *Communications.*

#### Communications

From the Office of the Comptroller (see Section 12(c) of Chapter 7A of the General Laws) submitting the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024;

Comptroller,—financial report.

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 May, 2025;

Working Training.

From the Office of the Comptroller (see item 1599-3384 of Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the Settlements and Judgements for the third quarter of fiscal year 2025;

Settlements and judgements.

From the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (see Section 99 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting its annual report on the Regional Transit Authority Performance Management Program and RTA Performance Progress Report for fiscal year 2024;

Regional transit,—performance.

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 May 1, 2025 biweekly report on the emergency housing assistance program; and

Emergency housing assistance.

From the Office for Refugees and Immigrants (see item 4003-0123 of Section 2 of Chapter 77 of the Acts of 2023) submitting the monthly Resettlement Agency Report for April, 2025;

Resettlement.

Severally were placed on file.

### *Reports.*

#### Reports

Of the Water Resources Commission (under Section 8C of Chapter 21 of the General Laws and 313 CMR 4.11(3)) relative to the approval of the Lynnfield Center Water District request for an Interbasin Transfer to purchase water from the town of Wakefield;

Lynnfield,—interbasin transfer.

Of the Water Resources Commission (under Section 8C of Chapter 21 of the General Laws and 313 CMR 4.11(3)) relative to the decision on an amendment to the conditions that the town of Plainville is subject to under a 2004 Interbasin Transfer Act decision;

Plainville,—  
interbasin  
transfer.

Of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (under Section 12A of Chapter 118E of the General Laws) submitting the Office of Medicaid's MassHealth Direct Negotiations Legislative report for fiscal year 2024; and

MassHealth,—  
direct  
negotiations.

Of the Executive Office of Veterans' Services (under Section 4 of Chapter 15 of the Acts of 2021) on the financing of the reconstruction of the Massachusetts Veterans Home at Holyoke;

Holyoke,—  
veterans  
home.

Severally were placed on file.

*Petitions.*

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Finn of West Springfield and Senator Velis, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4155) of Michael J. Finn (with the approval of the mayor and town council) that the city known as the town of West Springfield be authorized to grant 4 additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises in said town. To the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

West  
Springfield,—  
liquor  
licenses.

By Representative Decker of Cambridge, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4156) of Marjorie C. Decker (with the approval of the city council) for legislation to establish a charter for the city of Cambridge;

Cambridge,—  
charter.

By the same member, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4157) of Marjorie C. Decker (with the approval of the city council) for legislation to further regulate procurements by the city of Cambridge; and

Cambridge,—  
procurements.

By Representative Peisch of Wellesley and Senator Barrett, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4158) of Alice Hanlon Peisch (by vote of the town) that the town of Weston be authorized to expand its select board from three to five members.

Weston,—  
select board.

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Representative Roy of Franklin presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Jeffrey N. Roy relative to legal protections for victims of childhood sexual abuse; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Abuse  
prevention.

*Papers from the Senate.*

The following notice was received from the Clerk of the Senate, to wit:—

April 29, 2025.

Honorable Timothy Carroll  
*Clerk of the House of Representatives*  
Room 145 State House  
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Mr. Clerk:

I have the honor to inform you that the Honorable Karen E. Spilka, President of the Senate made the following appointments:

Senators Robyn K. Kennedy and Nick Collins (pursuant to Section 42 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) to the Massachusetts-Ireland Trade Commission;

Ireland trade commission.

Jessica Roscio (pursuant to Section 20 of Chapter 6 of the General Laws) to the permanent Art Commission;

Permanent Art Commission.

Senator Cynthia Stone Creem (pursuant to Section 213 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) to the special commission to conduct a comprehensive study relative to current law and practice around the collection of delinquent property tax revenue by cities and towns;

Delinquent property taxes.

Senator Barry Finegold (pursuant to Section 68 of Chapter 23K of the General Laws) to the Gaming Policy Advisory Committee;

Gaming policy.

Senator Nick Collins (pursuant to Section 70 of Chapter 3 of the General Laws) to the Metropolitan Beaches Commission;

Metropolitan beaches.

Senator Barry R. Finegold (pursuant to Section 305 of Chapter 238 of the Acts of 2024) to the Special Working Group on Youth Sports.

Youth Sports Working Group.

Respectfully,

MICHAEL D. HURLEY,  
*Clerk of the Senate.*

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*Clerk of the House of Representatives*  
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Dear Mr. Clerk:

I have the honor to inform you that the Honorable Bruce E. Tarr, Minority Leader of the Senate made the following commission appointment:

Senator Ryan C. Fattman (pursuant to Section 305 of Chapter 238 of the Acts of 2024) to the Special Working Group on Youth Sports;

Youth Sports Working Group.

Senator Peter J. Durant (pursuant to Section 126 of Chapter 150 of the Acts of 2024) to the special commission to study and make recommendations on creating affordable and healthy senior housing;

Senior housing.

Andrew DeFranza, executive director of Harborlight Homes (pursuant to Section 128 of chapter 150 of the acts of 2024) to the special commission to study and make recommendations on expanding the supply of housing available and affordable to tenants with a household income of not more than 30 percent of the area median income, adjusted for household size, as periodically determined by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development;

Housing supply.

Wayne Capolupo (pursuant to Section 4 of Chapter 239 of the Acts of 2024) to the embodied carbon intergovernmental coordinating council;

Embodied Carbon council.

Senator Patrick M. O'Connor (under Chapter 1 of the Resolves of 2024) to the special commission to investigate and study the feasibility of establishing a statewide

Cabo Verdean cultural center.

Massachusetts Cabo Verdean cultural center in the city of Boston to represent the over 200 years of Cabo Verdeans in the commonwealth; and

Ernie Gates (under Section 36 of Chapter 285 of the Acts of 2024) to the special commission to study and make recommendations on ways to address the public health and safety concerns posed by the proliferation of xylazine as an additive to illicit drugs, including but not limited to, fentanyl.

Xylazine.

Respectfully,

MICHAEL D. HURLEY,  
*Clerk of the Senate.*

A report of the committee on the Judiciary, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1190) of Mark C. Montigny, John F. Keenan, Michael O. Moore, Michael D. Brady and other members of the General Court for legislation to enhance the issuance of citations for cruel conditions for animals,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government,— accepted by the Senate, was considered forthwith, under Rule 42; and it was accepted, in concurrence.

Animals,—  
cruelty.

A petition of Cindy F. Friedman and Andrea Joy Campbell, Attorney General for legislation to strengthen health care protections in the Commonwealth, came from the Senate with the endorsement that it had been referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

Health care,—  
protections.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and, on motion of Mr. Day of Stoneham, the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2522) was referred, in non-concurrence, to the committee on the Judiciary. Sent to the Senate its action.

#### *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 Colleen M. Garry for legislation to establish an opt-out admissions lottery process for charter schools. To the committee on Education.

Charter  
schools,—  
admissions.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Colleen M. Garry relative to income tax deductions for certain school expenses. To the committee on Revenue.

Schools,—  
tax deductions.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Owens of Watertown, the reports were considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended, in each instance. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

#### *Recess.*

At two minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Pease of Westfield (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House recessed subject to the call of the Chair; and at twenty-nine minutes before two o'clock P.M., the House was called to order with Mr. Garballey in the Chair.

Recess.

*Order.*

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

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

Next  
sitting.

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At twenty-seven minutes before two o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Pease of Westfield (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Thursday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.