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**JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.**



**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2025.**

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Wednesday, November 5, 2025.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M. 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.

### *Statement of Representative Cabral of New Bedford.*

A statement of Mr. Cabral of New Bedford was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

MR. SPEAKER: I would like to call to the attention of the House the fact that I was unable to be present in the House Chamber for the sitting of October 29<sup>th</sup>. Had I been present, I would have voted in the affirmative on Yea and Nay Nos. 97, 98 and 100 to 104, inclusive, and in the negative on Yea and Nay No. 99.

Statement of  
Representative  
Cabral of New  
Bedford.

### *Statement of Representative Fiola of Fall River.*

A statement of Ms. Fiola of Fall River was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

MR. SPEAKER: I would like to call to the attention of the House the fact that I am unable to be present in the House Chamber for today's sitting due to official business outside of the State House. Had I been present, I would have voted in the affirmative on Yea and Nay Nos. 105, 106 and 107. My missing of roll calls today is due entirely to the reason stated.

Statement of  
Representative  
Fiola of  
Fall River.

### *Statement of Representative Kane of Shrewsbury.*

A statement of Mrs. Kane of Shrewsbury was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

MR. SPEAKER: I would like to call to the attention of the House the fact that I am unable to be present in the House Chamber for today's sitting due to international travel. Had I been present, I would have voted in the affirmative on Yea and Nay Nos. 105, 106 and 107. My missing of roll calls today is due entirely to the reason stated.

Statement of  
Representative  
Kane of  
Shrewsbury.

### *Statement of Representative Sangiolo of Newton.*

A statement of Mrs. Sangiolo of Newton was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

MR. SPEAKER: I would like to call to the attention of the House the fact that I am unable to be present in the House Chamber for today's sitting due to a previously scheduled family commitment. Had I been present, I would have voted in the

Statement of  
Representative  
Sangiolo of

affirmative on Yea and Nay Nos. 105, 106 and 107. My missing of roll calls today is due entirely to the reason stated.

Newton.

*Statement of Representative Schwartz of Newton.*

A statement of Mr. Schwartz of Newton was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

MR. SPEAKER: I would like to call to the attention of the House the fact that I was unable to be present in the House Chamber for today's sitting. Had I been present, I would have voted in the affirmative on Yea and Nay Nos. 105, 106 and 107.

Statement of  
Representative  
Schwartz of  
Newton.

*Remote Participation.*

Notice had been received from House Counsel that, under the provisions of House Rule 49, Representatives Barber of Somerville, Ferrante of Gloucester and Sullivan-Almeida of Abington had been approved to participate remotely for today's formal sitting.

Remote  
participation.

*Resolutions.*

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

Resolutions (filed by Representative Sabadosa of Northampton) congratulating the Williamsburg Grange "Burgy" #225 on the celebration of its one hundred and twenty-fifth anniversary; and

Williamsburg  
Grange "Burgy"  
225.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Soter of Bellingham and McKenna of Sutton) congratulating fire captain Melissa Blodgett on the occasion of her retirement;

Melissa  
Blodgett.

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

*Petition.*

Representatives Gentile of Sudbury and Cataldo of Concord presented a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4713) of Carmine Lawrence Gentile, Simon Cataldo and Michael J. Barrett (by vote of the town) relative to ranked choice voting in the town of Concord; and the same was referred to the committee on Election Laws. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Concord,—  
ranked choice  
voting.

*Papers from the Senate.*

The House Bill revising the charter of the city of Lynn (House, No. 4149, amended) (its title having been changed by the Senate committee on Bills in the Third Reading), came from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 2693. The amendment was referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

Lynn,—  
charter.

A petition (accompanied by bill) of Dylan A. Fernandes for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Jonathan Cadigan, an employee of the Bristol County Sheriff's department, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on the Public Service.

Jonathan  
Cadigan,—  
sick leave.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2695) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on the Public Service.

*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:

Joint petition (accompanied by bill) of Leigh Davis relative to the board of water commissioners of the Dalton fire district. To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Dalton,—  
fire district.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of James Arciero that a certain bridge on Gorham Street in the town of Chelmsford be designated as the Ferreira brothers bridge. To the committee on Transportation.

Chelmsford,—  
bridge.

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

By Mr. McMurtry of Dedham, for the committee on Labor and Workforce Development, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4019) of Shirley B. Arriaga relative to compensation for warranty service labor,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure. Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Warranty  
service labor,—  
compensation.

By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Senate Bill relative to affordable car rentals (Senate, No. 2616), ought to pass with an amendment by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in House document numbered 4705. Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Car rentals.

Mr. Honan of Boston, for said committee, then reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Ouellette of Westport, the bill was read a second time forthwith. The amendment recommended by the committee on Ways and Means then was adopted; and the bill (Senate, No. 2616, amended) was ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently, under suspension of the rules, on motion of the same member, the bill (having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Reading to be correctly drawn) was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence. Sent to the Senate for concurrence in the amendment.

By Ms. Domb of Amherst, for the committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery, on House, No. 2205, a Bill expanding loan repayment assistance for

Primary care  
physicians,—  
loan repayment.

primary care physicians working in integrated primary and behavioral health care settings (House, No. 4666).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 2207, a Bill building resilience and increasing access to mental health services (House, No. 4667).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 2208, a Bill to establish a perinatal behavioral health care workforce trust fund (House, No. 4668).

Severally referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

By Mr. Haggerty of Woburn, for the committee on Housing, on a petition, a Bill improving municipal access to general existing housing data (House, No. 1543) [Representative DeCoste of Norwell dissenting].

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill codifying the Massachusetts Rental Voucher Program (House, No. 1547) [Representative DeCoste of Norwell dissenting].

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to PILOT agreements on replaced public housing (House, No. 1550).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the Affordable Homes Act (House, No. 1551).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to create an interagency supportive housing finance and strategy board (House, No. 1552).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill setting a housing production goal for the Commonwealth (House, No. 1560).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill providing for pre-service training for members of mobile home rent control boards (House, No. 1565).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to promote access to housing and improve educational outcomes (House, No. 1570).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill promoting housing stability for older adults across the Commonwealth (House, No. 4015).

By Ms. Domb of Amherst, for the committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery, on House, No. 2226, a Bill relative to studying and improving the continuum of care for persons with mental health, substance use and co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders (House, No. 4669).

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

### *Emergency Measures.*

The engrossed Bill authorizing the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority to provide sewer services to a certain parcel of land in the town of Sharon (see House, No. 1024, amended), 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.

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 4 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Eric J. Iwaniec, an employee of the Trial Court of the Commonwealth (see House, No. 1590, amended),

Mental health,—  
access.

Perinatal health  
care workforce.

Housing data,—  
municipalities.

Rental voucher  
program.

Replaced public  
housing.

Public housing,—  
renovation.

Interagency  
housing board.

Housing  
production.

Rent control  
boards,—  
training.

Housing,—  
access.

Short-term  
housing.

Continuum  
of care.

Sharon,—  
land.

Eric Iwaniec,—  
sick leave.

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.

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 4 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

*Engrossed Bill.*

The engrossed Bill authorizing the town of Marblehead to establish fines related to parking violations (see Senate, No. 2528) (which originated in the Senate), 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.

*Orders of the Day.*

The House Bill to allow the town of Hingham to use municipal property as the location for a center for active living (House, No. 4314), reported by 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.

The House Bill authorizing the city of Taunton to continue the employment of police chief Edward J. Walsh (House, No. 2810), was read a second time; and was ordered to a third reading.

Second  
reading  
bill.

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The House Bill relative to employees of the Dedham Westwood Water District (House, No. 2917), reported the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Dedham  
Westwood  
Water District.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Walsh of Peabody moved to amend it in section 1, in line 3, by striking out the following: "Within 60 days after the effective date of the provisions of this act, the" and inserting in place thereof the word "The"; and

By adding the following section:

"SECTION 2. The Norfolk county retirement system shall submit its request to the public employee retirement administration commission seeking a legal determination from the commission's tax counsel pursuant to section 2 of chapter 192 of the acts of 2014 within 60 days after the effective date of this act."

The amendments were adopted; and the bill was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

*Recess.*

At twenty-nine minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Orrall of Lakeville (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House recessed until one o'clock P.M.; and seventeen minutes before two o'clock, the House was called to order with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair.

Recess.

*Reports of Committees.*

Prior to the noon recess (Mr. Donato being in the Chair), By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Senate Bill amending certain laws relative to individuals with disabilities (Senate, No. 2563), ought to pass with amendments by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in House document numbered 4704; and by striking out the title and inserting in place thereof the following title: "An Act relative to individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities". Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Individuals  
with disabilities.

Mr. Honan of Boston, for said committee, then reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House, the question being on ordering the bill to a third reading.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, the bill was considered forthwith.

Pending the question on ordering the bill to a third reading, the amendment recommended by the committee on Ways and Means was adopted; and the bill (Senate, No. 2563, amended) was ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently, the noon recess having terminated, under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Livingstone of Boston, the bill (having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) was read a third time.

After debate on the question on passing the bill, as amended, to be engrossed, in concurrence, the sense of the House was taken by the yeas and nays, at the request of the same member; and on the roll call 154 members voted in the affirmative and 0 in the negative.

Bill passed to  
be engrossed,—  
yea and nay  
No. 105.

**[See [Yea and Nay No. 105](#) in Supplement.]**

Therefore the bill (Senate, No. 2563, amended) was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence. Sent to the Senate for concurrence in the amendment.

Prior to the noon recess (Mr. Donato being in the Chair), By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill to improve Massachusetts home care (House, No. 4306), ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a bill with the same title (House, No. 4706). Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Home care.

Mr. Honan of Boston, for said committee, then reported recommending that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Ouellette of Westport, the bill was read a second time forthwith.

The amendment recommended by the committee on Ways and Means then was adopted; and the substituted bill was ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently, the noon recess having terminated, under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Stanley of Waltham, the bill (having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) was read a third time.

After remarks on the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Kushmerek of Fitchburg and other members of the House moved to amend it by inserting after section 2 the following:

"SECTION 2A. (a) There shall be established a special legislative commission, pursuant to section 2A of chapter 4 of the General Laws, to conduct a comprehensive study on family caregiving policy in the commonwealth, including (i) an evaluation



of all state-funded efforts in caregiving research, clinical care, institutional and home-based and community-based services and supports, and (ii) an investigation into the potential fiscal, access and quality impacts of allowing spouses to serve as paid caregivers in the MassHealth program.

(b) The special legislative commission shall consist of the chairs of the joint committee on aging and independence, who shall serve as co-chairs; 1 member of the senate to be appointed by the senate president; 1 member of the house of representatives to be appointed by the speaker; 1 member of the senate appointed by the minority leader of the senate; 1 member of the house of representatives appointed by the minority leader of the house of representatives; the secretary of aging and independence, or a designee; the secretary of health and human services, or a designee; the commissioner of public health, or a designee; the commissioner of the department of mental health, or a designee; the commissioner of the department of developmental services, or a designee; the assistant secretary for MassHealth, or a designee; the secretary of labor and workforce development, or a designee; and 12 persons to be appointed by the governor in a manner that promotes geographic and demographic diversity, 1 of whom shall be a family caregiver advocate, 1 of whom shall be a family caregiver, 1 of whom shall be a health care provider, 2 of whom shall be representatives of state-based academic institutions, including 1 representative who shall be a gerontologist, 1 representative from the Association for Behavioral Healthcare, Inc., 1 of whom shall be a representative from the Massachusetts chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons, 1 of whom shall be a representative from the Massachusetts Council for Adult Foster Care, Inc., 1 of whom shall be a representative from Massachusetts Aging Access Associating, Inc., 1 of whom shall be a representative from the Association of Developmental Disabilities Providers, Inc., 1 of whom shall be a representative from the Seven Hills Foundation, Inc., and 1 of whom shall be a representative from ARC Massachusetts, Inc.

(c) (1) The study shall include, but not be limited to, an analysis of the following: (i) the anticipated costs of allowing spouses to serve as paid caregivers in the MassHealth program; (ii) the potential savings from supporting home-based care in lieu of institutional care; (iii) the anticipated impact of allowing spouses to serve as paid caregivers in the MassHealth program to access to care, quality of care, and quality of life; (iv) the policies of other states regarding spousal caregivers and the costs, savings, access, quality of care, and quality of life impacts associated with such policies; and (v) any federal approvals, statutory changes and regulatory changes necessary for the commonwealth to allow spouses to serve as paid caregivers in the MassHealth program.

(2) The special legislative commission shall consult with the health policy commission established under chapter 6D of the General Laws. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the special legislative commission and the health policy commission may request from the division of medical assistance, the center for health information and analysis and the executive office of aging and independence any information necessary to conduct the study required under this section, and each such agency shall provide the requested information.

(d) The special commission shall submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the clerks of the senate and house of representatives, the senate and house committees on ways and means, the joint committee on health care financing and the joint committee on aging and independence by not later than December 1, 2026.”.



After remarks on the question on adoption of the amendment, the sense of the House was taken by the yeas and nays, at the request of the same member; and on the roll call 154 members voted in the affirmative and 0 in the negative.

[See [Yea and Nay No. 106](#) in Supplement.]

Therefore the amendment was adopted.

On the question on passing the bill, as amended, to be engrossed, the sense of the House was taken by the yeas and nays, at the request of Mr. Stanley of Waltham; and on the roll call 153 members voted in the affirmative and 1 in the negative.

[See [Yea and Nay No. 107](#) in Supplement.]

Therefore the bill (House, No. 4706, amended) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Amendment  
adopted,—  
yea and nay  
No. 106.

Bill passed to  
be engrossed,—  
yea and nay  
No. 107.

*Order.*

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

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

Next  
sitting.

Representatives Donato of Medford, Barber of Somerville and Garballey of Arlington moved that when the House adjourns today, it do so in respect to the memory of George L. Sacco, Jr., a member of the House from Medford from 1963 to 1974, inclusive; and the motion prevailed.

Accordingly, at twenty-four minutes after three o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Jones of North Reading (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following day at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.