

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**JOURNAL OF THE SENATE.**



**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2025.**

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Monday, February 10, 2025.

Met at twenty-nine minutes past eleven o'clock A.M. (Mr. Brownsberger in the Chair).

The Chair (Mr. Brownsberger), members, guests and staff then recited the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of allegiance.

Distinguished Guests.

There being no objection, the Chair (Mr. Brownsberger) handed the gavel to Mr. Tarr for the purpose of an introduction. Mr. Tarr, along with Representatives Jones of North Reading, Kassner of Hamilton, Kerans of Danvers, and staff from the offices of Representatives Nguyen of Andover and Ramos of North Andover, then introduced in the rear of the Chamber, the Masconomet Regional High School girls varsity soccer team. The team was recognized for winning the MIAA Division 2 state championship title and for their hard work and determination throughout the season. The team was accompanied by Head Coach Alison Lecesse, Assistant Coaches Dan Bisceglia, Krista Marcoulier and Scott Marcoulier, Manager Emerson Davis and Athletic Trainer Tamar Changelian. The Senate applauded their accomplishments and they withdrew from the Chamber.

Masconomet Regional High School girls varsity soccer team.

Reports.

The following reports were severally received and placed on file, to wit:

Report of the Executive Office for Administration and Finance (pursuant of Section 2A of Chapter 102 of the Acts of 2021) submitting its report detailing transfers from line item 1599-2051 as of the fourth quarter ending December 31, 2024 (a copy having been forwarded to the Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means) (received February 6, 2025);

A&F,-- Oversight Reserve . fourth quarter 2024 report. SD2648

Report of the Executive Office for Administration and Finance (pursuant to Section 81 of Chapter 102 of the Acts of 2021) submitting its report detailing the planned source of revenue matched to each item in Chapter 102 as of the fourth quarter ending December 31, 2024.(a copy having been forwarded to the Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means) (received February 6, 2025);

A&F,-- Coronavirus Recovery Fund Report Fourth Quarter 2024 SD2649

Report of the Disabled Persons Protection Commission (pursuant to line item 1107-2501 of Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting its DPPC FY2025 quarterly report - October to December 2024 (a copy having been forwarded to the Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means) (received February 4, 2025);

DPPC,-- FY2025 quarterly report. SD2650

Report of the Office of the Auditor (pursuant to line item 0710-0225 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting its Medicaid Audit Unit 2025 annual report (a copy having been forwarded to the Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means) (received February 7, 2025);

Auditor,-- Medicaid Audit Unit 2025 report. SD2651

Report of MassHealth (pursuant to Section 13L of Chapter 118E of the General Laws) submitting its 340B/High-Cost Drugs Impact report (copies having been

MassHealth,-- High-Cost Drugs Impact

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forwarded to the Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Chair of the Joint Committee on Health Care Financing) (received February 7, 2025); and

report.  
SD2652

Report of MassHealth (pursuant to line item 4000-0500 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting its 2022 Accountable Care Organizations Legislative report (a copy having been forwarded to the Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means) (received February 10, 2025).

MassHealth,-- ACO  
2022 report.  
SD2654

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE.

Notice was received from the House of Representatives announcing the following appointment by the Speaker:

Representative Luddy of Orleans has been appointed to serve as his designee (under Section 32 of Chapter 23B(c) of the General Laws) to the Seasonal Communities Advisory Council.

Seasonal  
Communities  
Advisory Council,--  
appt.

*Moment of Silence.*

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Brownsberger), the members, guests and staff stood in a moment of silence and reflection to the memory of Christian Jose Fidalgo Barros.

Moment of Silence.

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE.

A Bill making appropriations for fiscal year 2025 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (House, No. 58,-- on House, No. 51, in part),-- was read.

Supplemental  
appropriations.

There being no objection, the rules were suspended on the motion, of Mr. Tarr, and the bill was further considered.

Mr. Rodrigues moved that the bill be amended by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text of Senate documents numbered 16.

*Order Adopted.*

Mr. Rodrigues offered the following order, to wit:

*Ordered*, that notwithstanding Senate Rule 7 or any other rule to the contrary, the House Bill making appropriations for fiscal year 2025 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (House, No. 58) (Mr. Rodrigues having recommended that the bill be amended by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text of Senate document numbered 16) shall be placed in the Orders of the Day for a second reading on Wednesday, February 12, 2025.

Procedural order.

All amendments shall be filed electronically in the office of the Clerk of the Senate by 2:00 o'clock P.M., on Tuesday, February 11, 2025. All such amendments shall be second-reading amendments to the proposed new text (Rodrigues) (Senate, No. 16), but further amendments in the third degree to such amendments shall be in order. The Clerk shall further specify the procedure and format for filing all amendments, consistent with this order.

After the bill as amended is ordered to a third reading, it shall immediately be read a third time and the question shall then immediately be on passing it to be engrossed, and no amendments shall be in order at the third reading of the bill unless recommended by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Tarr, and the order was considered forthwith and adopted.

The bill will be placed in the Orders of the Day for Wednesday, February 12, 2025, for a second reading with the amendment pending.

*Order Adopted.*

On motion of Mr. Tarr,--

*Ordered,* That when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn to meet again on Wednesday next at eleven o'clock A.M. in a full formal session with a calendar.

Time of meeting.

*Adjournment in Memory of Mr. Christian Jose Fidalgo Barros.*

The Senator from the First Suffolk, Mr. Collins moved that when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourns in memory of Mr. Christian Jose Fidalgo Barros.

Mr. Christian Jose Fidalgo Barros was born on December 27, 2022. He was baptized and consecrated to Our Blessed Mother Mary, three days later December 30th.

He is the youngest of five children. Almost a month after he turned one, Christian was diagnosed with a rare form of high-risk neuroblastoma cancer.

On October 23, 2024, he was declared cancer-free.

His family took advantage of this moment to create amazing memories, thinking they had defeated a monstrous disease, but less than a month after this date, the cancer returned more aggressively. He continued to fight with all his might, but his body started to wear down. He courageously fought for almost one year and on Monday, January 13, 2025, surrounded by his loving family he left this world to meet his Lord.

During his short life on Earth, Christian impacted so many lives, and his courage and strength continue to inspire so many more.

Christian leaves behind his parents, his siblings, numerous aunts, uncles and cousins. He will be missed deeply.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect to the memory of Mr. Christian Jose Fidalgo Barros, at three minutes before twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mr. Tarr, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Wednesday next at eleven o'clock A.M.