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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**JOURNAL OF THE SENATE.**



**MONDAY, MARCH 31, 2025.**

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

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

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Pledge of  
allegiance.

### *Distinguished Guests.*

There being no objection, the Chair (Mr. Driscoll) handed the gavel to Mr. Rodrigues for the purpose of an introduction. Mr. Rodrigues then introduced, in the rear of the Chamber, the Somerset Berkley Regional High School boys basketball team and girls field hockey team. Both teams were recognized for winning the MIAA Division 2 state championship titles. The boys basketball team defeated Malden Catholic in a 65-44 victory, the team's first championship title since 1954. The girls field hockey team defeated Norwood High School in a 2-1 victory. The Senate applauded their successful seasons and they withdrew from the Chamber.

Somerset Berkley  
Regional High  
School basketball  
and field hockey  
teams.

### *Reports.*

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

Report of the Department of Public Health (pursuant to 105 CMR 451.403) submitting the inspection report for the Berkshire County Jail and House of Correction, the Plan of Correction (POC) from the facility and the POC acceptance letter from the Division of Environmental Health Regulations and Standards (EHRS) (received March 27, 2025);

DPH,-- Berkshire  
County Jail and  
House of  
Correction  
Inspection report.  
SD2794

Report of the Executive Office for Administration and Finance (pursuant to Section 2EEEEEE of Chapter 29 of the General Laws) submitting its Commonwealth Match and Debt Reduction Fund Report (copies having been forwarded to the Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Chair of the Joint Committee on Advanced Information Technology, the Internet and Cybersecurity) (received March 27, 2025); and

EOAF,-- State  
Match & Debt  
Reduction Fund  
report.  
SD2795

Report of the Cannabis Control Commission (pursuant to Section 18 of Chapter 94G of the General Laws) submitting its 2025 Audit report (a copy having been forwarded to the Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means) (received March 28, 2025).

CCC,-- Audit  
report 2025.  
SD2797

### *Petitions.*

Petitions were severally presented and referred as follows

By Mr. Montigny, a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Mark C. Montigny and Mark D. Sylvia for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Andrew Setera, an employee of the trial court;

Andrew Setera,--  
sick leave.  
SD2796

By Mr. Payano, a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Pavel M. Payano for legislation relative to travel insurance; and

Travel insurance.  
SD2792

By the same Senator, a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12)

Credible service,--

of Pavel M. Payano for legislation to establish credible service for eligible police officers and firefighters;

police officers and  
firefighters.  
SD2793

**Severally, under Senate Rule 20, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.**

*Committees Discharged.*

Mr. Payano, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, reported, asking to be discharged from further consideration

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 197) of Cynthia Stone Creem, Rebecca L. Rausch, Michael O. Moore, Joanne M. Comerford and other members of the General Court for legislation to protect reproductive health access, LGBTQ lives, religious liberty, and freedom of movement by banning the sale of cell phone location information,-- and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Advanced Information Technology, the Internet and Cybersecurity.

Cell phone,--  
location  
information.

Ms. Jehlen, for the committee on Elder Affairs, reported, asking to be discharged from further consideration

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 482) of Mark C. Montigny, Patricia D. Jehlen, Christopher Richard Flanagan, Jacob R. Oliveira and other members of the General Court for legislation to increase the personal care allowance for long term care residents,-- and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Health Care Financing.

Long term care,--  
allowance.

**Severally, under Senate Rule 36, the reports were considered forthwith and accepted.**

**Severally sent to the House for concurrence.**

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

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

Representative David T. Vieira of Falmouth has been appointed to serve as his designee on the special commission established (under Chapter 1 of the Resolves of 2024) to investigate and study the feasibility of establishing a statewide Massachusetts Cabo Verdean cultural center in the city of Boston.

Cabo Verdean  
cultural center  
commission,--  
appt.

The following petitions, having been timely filed by five o'clock P.M. on January 17, 2025, were referred in concurrence as follows:

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3938) of Amy Mah Sangiolo and others for legislation to establish the Massachusetts Flood Management and Mitigation Authority to coordinate flood management and mitigation efforts;

MA Flood  
Management and  
Mitigation  
Authority.

**To the committee on Environment and Natural Resources.**

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3937) of Joan Meschino and others for legislation to create a climate bank to facilitate innovative financing solutions for climate and clean energy innovations in the public, private, and non-profit sectors;

Climate bank.

**To the committee on Financial Services.**

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3893) of Michelle L. Ciccolo (by vote of the town) that the town of Lexington be authorized to grant ten additional licenses for the sale of wine and malt beverages to be drunk on the premises,-- **was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.**

Lexington,-- liquor  
licenses.

*Reports of Committees.*

By Ms. Lovely, for the committees of Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the Senate petition of Bruce E. Tarr for legislation to ensure information management integrity by the office of the child advocate.

Child Advocate,--  
integrity.  
SD2647

**Senate Rule 36 was suspended, on motion of Mr. O'Connor, and the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.**

By Ms. Lovely, for the committees of Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the Senate petition of Bruce E. Tarr and Bradley H. Jones, Jr. for legislation relative to meeting and charge of the Foundation Budget Review Commission.

Foundation Budget  
Review  
Commission.  
SD2619

**Senate Rule 36 was suspended, on motion of Mr. O'Connor, and the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Education.**

By Ms. Lovely, for the committees of Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the Senate petition of Bruce E. Tarr and Colleen M. Garry for legislation to provide alternative compliance for multi-family zoning requirement for MBTA communities.

MBTA  
communities,--  
zoning  
requirements.  
SD2616

**Senate Rule 36 was suspended, on motion of Mr. O'Connor, and the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.**

**Severally sent to the House for concurrence.**

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE.

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3980) of Carmine Lawrence Gentile, Liz Miranda and Samantha Montañó for legislation to establish LGBTQIA+ parent advisory councils in public schools,-- **was referred, in concurrence, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Education.**

Schools,--  
LGBTQIA+  
council.

*Order Adopted.*

On motion of Mr. O'Connor,--

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

Time of meeting.

On motion of the same Senator, at twenty-four minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., the Senate adjourned to meet again on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.