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Thursday, February 16, 2023.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, 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.

Appointment of Majority Leaders.

Under the provisions of Rule 18, the Speaker announced (on February 16, 2023) that the Majority Party Caucus had ratified the following appointments: Representative Moran of Boston, Majority Leader; Representative Hogan of Stow, Speaker *pro-tempore*, Representative Peisch of Wellesley, Assistant Majority Leader; Representative Moran of Lawrence, Second Assistant Majority Leader; and Representative Peake of Provincetown, Second Assistant Majority Leader.

Majority Leaders and Speaker *pro-tempore*.

Appointment of Assistant Minority Leaders.

Notice was received that the Republican Caucus held on Tuesday February 14, 2023, had ratified the appointments by the Minority Leader of Representatives Ferguson of Holden to the position of Assistant Minority Leader, Frost of Auburn to the position of Second Assistant Minority Leader, Gifford of Wareham and Barrows of Mansfield to the positions of Third Assistant Minority Leader and Smola of Warren as the ranking minority party member on the committee on Ways and Means.

Assistant minority leaders and ranking Ways and Means member.

Report of Committees.

By Mr. Moran of Boston, for the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches, with reference to the Senate amendment (striking out the text contained therein and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 21) of the House Order for the adoption of permanent Joint Rules for the 193rd General Court governing the 2023-2024 legislative session (House, No. 2025), reported, in part, an Order relative to Joint Rules of the Senate and House of Representatives for the 193rd General Court for the 2023-2024 legislative session, inasmuch as relates to "portions of Joint Rule 1" (House, No. 56), was considered forthwith, under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Owens of Watertown; and it was accepted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Joint Rules.

House Standing Committees.

House standing committees were appointed (by the Speaker on February 16, 2023, and by the Minority Leader on February 14, 2023) as follows:—

Rules. — Representatives Galvin of Canton, Pignatelli of Lenox, Moran of Lawrence, Hunt of Boston, Gregoire of Marlborough, Cahill of Lynn, Donato of Medford, Balsler of Newton, Peisch of Wellesley, Moran of Boston, Peake of Provincetown, Decker of Cambridge, Wong of Saugus, Frost of Auburn, and Muradian of Grafton.

Ways and Means. — Representatives Michlewitz of Boston, Ferrante of Gloucester, Haddad of Somerset, Holmes of Boston, Higgins of Leominster, Montañó of Boston, Ultrino of Malden, Silvia of Fall River, Howard of Lowell, Doherty of Taunton, Duffy of Holyoke, Kerans of Danvers, Blais of Deerfield, Biele of Boston, Vargas of Haverhill, Fernandes of Falmouth, Kilcoyne of Clinton, Ramos of Springfield, Kearney of Scituate, Lipper-Garabedian of Melrose, Tyler of Boston, LaNatra of Kingston, Williams of Springfield, Murray of Milford, Haggerty of Woburn, Hawkins of Attleboro, Barber of Somerville, Smola of Warren, D’Emilia of Bridgewater, Muratore of Plymouth, Berthiaume of Spencer, McKenna of Webster, Pease of Westfield, Sullivan-Almeida of Abington, and Xiarhos of Barnstable.

Bills in the Third Reading. — Representatives Walsh of Peabody, Ashe of Longmeadow, and D’Emilia of Bridgewater.

Ethics. — Representatives Barrett of North Adams, Robertson of Tewksbury, Moran of Lawrence, Peake of Provincetown, Balsler of Newton, Peisch of Wellesley, Gregoire of Marlborough, Barrows of Mansfield, Howitt of Seekonk, Kane of Shrewsbury, and Lombardo of Billerica.

Federal Stimulus and Census Oversight. — Representatives Lewis of Framingham, Hendricks of New Bedford, Hamilton of Methuen, Garry of Dracut, Flanagan of Dennis, Ramos of Springfield, Paulino of Methuen, LaNatra of Kingston, Cataldo of Concord, Smola of Warren, and Durant of Spencer.

Global Warming and Climate Change. — Representatives Garballey of Arlington, Mom of Lowell, Doherty of Taunton, Zlotnik of Gardner, Holmes of Boston, Fernandes of Falmouth, Armini of Marblehead, Kassner of Hamilton, Owens of Watertown, Ferguson of Holden, and Berthiaume of Spencer.

Human Resources and Employee Engagement. — Representatives Hunt of Boston, Philips of Sharon, Peake of Provincetown, Saunders of Belchertown, Hogan of Stow, Kushmerek of Fitchburg, Sousa of Framingham, Haggerty of Woburn, Nguyen of Andover, McKenna of Webster, D’Emilia of Bridgewater, Gifford of Wareham, and Lombardo of Billerica.

Intergovernmental Affairs. — Representatives Puppolo of Springfield, Scanlon of North Attleborough, Kearney of Scituate, Meschino of Hull, Donaghue of Westborough, Biele of Boston, Reyes of Lawrence, Uytterhoeven of Somerville, Shand of Newburyport, Boldyga of Southwick, and D’Emilia of Bridgewater.

Operations, Facilities and Security. — Representatives McGonagle of Everett, Holmes of Boston, Hunt of Boston, Day of Stoneham, Moran of Lawrence, Ferrante of Gloucester, Elliott of Lowell, Kilcoyne of Clinton, Gregoire of Marlborough, Vaughn of Wrentham, and DeCoste of Norwell.

Post Audit and Oversight. — Representatives Mahoney of Worcester, Carey of Easthampton, Markey of Dartmouth, Connolly of Cambridge, Ramos of North Andover, Khan of Newton, LeBoeuf of Worcester, Ferrante of Gloucester, Turco of Winthrop, Durant of Spencer, and McKenna of Webster.

Steering, Policy and Scheduling. — Representatives Honan of Boston, Nguyen of Andover, Ferrante of Gloucester, Armini of Marblehead, Owens of Watertown, Vitolo of Brookline, Khan of Newton, Turco of Winthrop, Sabadosa of Northampton, Gifford of Wareham, and Howitt of Seekonk.

Floor Division Committees. — First Division Chairperson, Representative Gregoire of Marlborough; Second Division Chairperson, Representative Donato of Medford; Third Division Chairperson, Representative Balser of Newton; and Fourth Division Chairperson, Representative O’Day of West Boylston.

Joint Standing Committees.

A notice was received from the Senate relative to the appointments of Senators to joint standing committees; and House membership of joint standing committees were appointed (by the Speaker on February 16, 2023, and by the Minority Leader on February 14, 2023) as follows:—

Advanced Information Technology, the Internet and Cybersecurity. — Senators Moore, Payano, Finegold, Lewis, Mark, and Tarr; Representatives Farley-Bouvier of Pittsfield, Hawkins of Attleboro, Turco of Winthrop, Ramos of North Andover, Scarsdale of Pepperell, Sena of Acton, Mendes of Brockton, Meschino of Hull, Flanagan of Dennis, Lombardo of Billerica, and Boldyga of Southwick.

Joint standing committees.

Agriculture. — Senators Gobi, Comerford, Lovely, Robyn Kennedy, Rausch, and Fattman; Representatives Schmid of Westport, Blais of Deerfield, Arena-DeRosa of Holliston, Flanagan of Dennis, Garcia of Chelsea, Kassner of Hamilton, Silvia of Fall River, Keefe of Worcester, Duffy of Holyoke, Gifford of Wareham, and Ferguson of Holden.

Bonding, Capital Expenditures and State Assets. — Senators Edward Kennedy, Mark, Collins, Moore, Payano, Timilty, and Fattman; Representatives Finn of West Springfield, Rogers of Norwood, Doherty of Taunton, Holmes of Boston, Consalvo of Boston, Ramos of Springfield, Connolly of Cambridge, Hawkins of Attleboro, Mendes of Brockton, Reyes of Lawrence, Vieira of Falmouth, Orrall of Lakeville, and Boldyga of Southwick.

Cannabis Policy. — Senators Gomez, Robyn Kennedy, Eldridge, Moran, Payano and Fattman; Representatives Donahue of Worcester, Consalvo of Boston, Saunders of Belchertown, Garry of Dracut, Sousa of Framingham, Shand of Newburyport, Capano of Lynn, Howard of Lowell, Cruz of Salem, Berthiaume of Spencer, and Soter of Bellingham.

Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities. — Senators Robyn Kennedy, Rausch, Edwards, Eldridge, Mark, and O’Connor; Representatives Livingstone of

Boston, Giannino of Revere, Mendes of Brockton, Ciccolo of Lexington, Ramos of North Andover, Doherty of Taunton, LeBoeuf of Worcester, Shand of Newburyport, Higgins of Leominster, Berthiaume of Spencer, and Sullivan-Almeida of Abington.

Community Development and Small Businesses. — Senators Payano, Collins, Gobi, Gomez, Miranda, and O'Connor; Representatives McMurtry of Dedham, Zlotnik of Gardner, Arena-DeRosa of Holliston, Scarsdale of Pepperell, Fluker Oakley of Boston, Scanlon of North Attleborough, Montañó of Boston, Mom of Lowell, Philips of Sharon, Vaughn of Wrentham, and Muratore of Plymouth.

Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure. — Senators Cronin, Moran, Edward Kennedy, Oliveira, Timilty, and Tarr; Representatives Chan of Quincy, Keefe of Worcester, Meschino of Hull, Worrell of Boston, Shand of Newburyport, Donaghue of Westborough, Reyes of Lawrence, LeBoeuf of Worcester, Sena of Acton, McKenna of Webster, and Howitt of Seekonk.

Economic Development and Emerging Technologies. — Senators Finegold, Miranda, Comerford, Cronin, Gomez, Moran, and O'Connor; Representatives Parisella of Beverly, Vargas of Haverhill, Ashe of Longmeadow, Murray of Milford, Philips of Sharon, Giannino of Revere, Biele of Boston, Williams of Springfield, LaNatra of Kingston, Diggs of Barnstable, Muradian of Grafton, McKenna of Webster, and Vaughn of Wrentham.

Education. — Senators Lewis, DiDomenico, Jehlen, Robyn Kennedy, Rausch, and O'Connor; Representatives Garlick of Needham, Ultrino of Malden, Howard of Lowell, Pignatelli of Lenox, Donaghue of Westborough, Vargas of Haverhill, Sena of Acton, Worrell of Boston, McGonagle of Everett, Ferguson of Holden, Pease of Westfield.

Elder Affairs. — Senators Jehlen, Velis, Cyr, Edward Kennedy, Miranda, and Fattman; Representatives Stanley of Waltham, Lipper-Garabedian of Melrose, DuBois of Brockton, Ayers of Quincy, Gentile of Sudbury, Ciccolo of Lexington, Montañó of Boston, Vitolo of Brookline, Uytterhoeven of Somerville, Kane of Shrewsbury, and Orrall of Lakeville.

Election Laws. — Senators Keenan, Gomez, Creem, Eldridge, Oliveira, and Fattman; Representatives Ryan of Boston, Vitolo of Brookline, Kerans of Danvers, Giannino of Revere, Silvia of Fall River, Kearney of Scituate, Doherty of Taunton, Carey of Easthampton, Kilcoyne of Northborough, Frost of Auburn, and Jones of North Reading.

Emergency Preparedness and Management. — Senators Pacheco, Timilty, Brady, Oliveira, Rausch, and Fattman; Representatives Driscoll of Milton, Owens of Watertown, Arriaga of Chicopee, Consalvo of Boston, Paulino of Methuen, Tyler of Boston, Arena-DeRosa of Holliston, Scarsdale of Pepperell, Cruz of Salem, Frost of Auburn, and Vieira of Falmouth.

Environment and Natural Resources. — Senators Rausch, Eldridge, Edward Kennedy, Moore, Rush, and Tarr; Representatives Cahill of Lynn, Fernandes of Falmouth, Kassner of Hamilton, Armini of Marblehead, Robertson of Tewksbury,

Gentile of Sudbury, Ciccolo of Lexington, Giannino of Revere, Carey of Easthampton, Orrall of Lakeville, and Boldyga of Southwick.

Financial Services. — Senators Feeney, Moore, Cronin, Edward Kennedy, Miranda, and Tarr; Representatives Murphy of Weymouth, Ayers of Quincy, Flanagan of Dennis, Lipper-Garabedian of Melrose, Hamilton of Methuen, Pignatelli of Lenox, Kerans of Danvers, Cataldo of Concord, Owens of Watertown, Soter of Bellingham, and Boldyga of Southwick.

Health Care Financing. — Senators Friedman, Cronin, Cyr, Feeney, Keenan, Lewis, and O'Connor; Representatives Lawn of Watertown, LaNatra of Kingston, Murray of Milford, Ultrino of Malden, Barber of Somerville, Sabadosa of Northampton, Duffy of Holyoke, Diggs of Barnstable, Lewis of Framingham, Worrell of Boston, Kane of Shrewsbury, Muratore of Plymouth, and Barrows of Mansfield.

Higher Education. — Senators Comerford, Gobi, Edward Kennedy, Moore, Rush, and Tarr; Representatives Rogers of Cambridge, Gentile of Sudbury, Hamilton of Methuen, Garballey of Arlington, Elliott of Lowell, Duffy of Holyoke, Armini of Marblehead, Mom of Lowell, Domb of Amherst, Pease of Westfield, and Lombardo of Billerica.

Housing. — Senators Edwards, Keenan, Barrett, Cyr, Velis, and O'Connor; Representatives Arciero of Westford, Kilcoyne of Northborough, Connolly of Cambridge, Arriaga of Chicopee, Diggs of Barnstable, Hendricks of New Bedford, Consalvo of Boston, Kearney of Scituate, LeBoeuf of Worcester, DeCoste of Norwell, and Muradian of Grafton.

The Judiciary. — Senators Eldridge, Edwards, Creem, Gobi, Velis, and O'Connor; Representatives Day of Stoneham, Barber of Somerville, Garry of Dracut, Markey of Dartmouth, Fluker Oakley of Boston, Carey of Easthampton, Hendricks of New Bedford, Scanlon of North Attleborough, Mendes of Brockton, Durant of Spencer, and Sullivan-Almeida of Abington.

Labor and Workforce Development. — Senators Jehlen, Lewis, Cronin, DiDomenico, Feeney, and O'Connor; Representatives Cutler of Pembroke, Diggs of Barnstable, Saunders of Belchertown, Garry of Dracut, Rogers of Norwood, Zlotnik of Gardner, Flanagan of Dennis, Robertson of Tewksbury, Cataldo of Concord, Wong of Saugus, and Soter of Bellingham.

Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery. — Senators Velis, Cyr, Collins, Crighton, Keenan, Robyn Kennedy and O'Connor; Representatives Madaro of Boston, DuBois of Brockton, Kerans of Danvers, Markey of Dartmouth, Kushmerek of Fitchburg, Higgins of Leominster, Cataldo of Concord, Nguyen of Andover, Donaghue of Westborough, Whipps of Athol, Sullivan-Almeida of Abington, Berthiaume of Spencer, and Xiarhos of Barnstable.

Municipalities and Regional Government. — Senators Oliveira, Edward Kennedy, Cronin, Edwards, Payano, and Tarr; Representatives Fiola of Fall River, Sabadosa of Northampton, Philips of Sharon, Connolly of Cambridge, DuBois of Brockton, Hamilton of Methuen, Shand of Newburyport, Nguyen of Andover, Scarsdale of Pepperell, Orrall of Lakeville, and Muratore of Plymouth.

Public Health. — Senators Cyr, Oliveira, Keenan, Robyn Kennedy, Payano, and O'Connor; Representatives Decker of Cambridge, Kerans of Danvers, Howard of Lowell, Arena-DeRosa of Holliston, Ashe of Longmeadow, Kassner of Hamilton, Garcia of Chelsea, Vargas of Haverhill, Khan of Newton, Kane of Shrewsbury, and Lombardo of Billerica.

Public Safety and Homeland Security. — Senators Timilty, Brady, Eldridge, Gobi, Moore, Velis, and Fattman; Representatives González of Springfield, Biele of Boston, Zlotnik of Gardner, Ayers of Quincy, Sena of Acton, Paulino of Methuen, Tyler of Boston, Arriaga of Chicopee, Ashe of Longmeadow, McGonagle of Everett, Vieira of Falmouth, Xiarhos of Barnstable, and Vaughn of Wrentham.

Public Service. — Senators Brady, Jehlen, Collins, Eldridge, Payano, and Fattman; Representatives Gordon of Bedford, Higgins of Leominster, Linsky of Natick, Saunders of Belchertown, Donaghue of Westborough, Garcia of Chelsea, Uytterhoeven of Somerville, Kushmerek of Fitchburg, Ayers of Quincy, DeCoste of Norwell, and Smola of Warren.

Racial Equity, Civil Rights, and Inclusion. — Senators Miranda, Gomez, Brownsberger, Comerford, Cyr, and Tarr; Representatives Williams of Springfield, Fluker Oakley of Boston, Scanlon of North Attleborough, Montañó of Boston, Cruz of Salem, Ramos of Springfield, Nguyen of Andover, Howard of Lowell, Sousa of Framingham, Wong of Saugus, and DeCoste of Norwell.

Revenue. — Senators Moran, Brady, Edwards, Moore, Rausch, and Fattman; Representatives Cusack of Braintree, Linsky of Natick, Garry of Dracut, Paulino of Methuen, Whipps of Athol, Uytterhoeven of Somerville, Turco of Winthrop, Markey of Dartmouth, Fluker Oakley of Boston, Soter of Bellingham, and Muradian of Grafton.

State Administration and Regulatory Oversight. — Senators Collins, Lovely, DiDomenico, Miranda, Pacheco, Velis, and Tarr; Representatives Cabral of New Bedford, Tyler of Boston, Markey of Dartmouth, Reyes of Lawrence, Gentile of Sudbury, Ciccolo of Lexington, Keefe of Worcester, Garcia of Chelsea, Elliott of Lowell, Barrows of Mansfield, and Durant of Webster.

Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy. — Senators Barrett, Pacheco, Cyr, Finegold, Mark, and Tarr; Representatives Roy of Franklin, Haggerty of Woburn, Sousa of Framingham, Lipper-Garabedian of Melrose, Owens of Watertown, Fernandes of Falmouth, Meschino of Hull, Hawkins of Attleboro, Robertson of Tewksbury, Jones of North Reading, and Howitt of Seekonk.

Tourism, Arts and Cultural Development. — Senators Mark, Oliveira, Barrett, Edward Kennedy, Moran, and Fattman; Representatives Domb of Amherst, Kushmerek of Fitchburg, Pignatelli of Lenox, Worrell of Boston, Keefe of Worcester, Ramos of North Andover, Vitolo of Brookline, Diggs of Barnstable, Blais of Deerfield, Wong of Saugus, and Vieira of Falmouth.

Transportation. — Senators Crighton, Mark, Keenan, Robyn Kennedy, Moran, Timilty, and O'Connor; Representatives Straus of Mattapoisett, Murray of Milford,

Kerans of Danvers, Blais of Deerfield, Cruz of Salem, Whipps of Athol, Capano of Lynn, Sabadosa of Northampton, Fluker Oakley of Boston, Mom of Lowell, Howitt of Seekonk, Orrall of Lakeville, and DeCoste of Norwell.

Veterans and Federal Affairs. — Senators Velis, Rush, Brady, Gobi, Mark, and Fattman; Representatives Cassidy of Brockton, Capano of Lynn, Philips of Sharon, Reyes of Lawrence, Kilcoyne of Northborough, Arriaga of Chicopee, Duffy of Holyoke, Silvia of Fall River, Elliott of Lowell, Xiarhos of Barnstable, and Pease of Westfield.

Communications.

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From the Commissioner of the Department of Mental Health (see Section 35 of Chapter 123 of the General Laws) submitting its annual report of facilities other than the Massachusetts Correctional Institution at Bridgewater being used for treatment of certain males and the number of persons so committed to such facilities for calendar year 2022;

MCI-
Bridgewater,—
treatment
of males.

From the Massachusetts District Attorneys Association (see item 0340-2100 of Chapter 126 of the Acts of 2022) submitting its data from the District Attorneys relative to their criminal prosecutions and workloads for calendar year 2022;

District
Attorneys,—
prosecutions.

From the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (see item 1595-6368 of Chapter 126 of the Acts of 2022) submitting a report on ferry service use between Lewis Mall Wharf and Long Wharf in the city of Boston; and

MBTA,—
Boston ferry
service.

From the Executive Office for Administration and Finance (see item 1599-2051 of Section 2A of Chapter 102 of the Acts of 2021) providing a status report update regarding immediate Covid-19 recovery needs for the fourth quarter of calendar year 2022;

Covid-19
recovery needs.

Severally were placed on file.

Quarterly Report.

The first quarterly report of the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (under Section 2 of Chapter 35 of the Acts of 2021) submitting its Sexual Assault Evidence Collection Kit (SAECK) report for February, 2023, was placed on file.

Sexual assault
collection kits.

Departmental Recommendations, House Petitions and concurrence in Senate Petitions to be inserted here.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

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

Next
sitting.

At five minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Ms. Gifford of Wareham (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Tuesday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.