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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.

Reports of Committees.

Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, on House, No. 47, reported, in part, a Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2023 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (House, No. 57) [Total appropriation: \$353,200,000.00] [Bond Issue: General Obligation Bonds: \$585,300,000.00]. Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Supplemental
appropriations.

Mr. Honan of Boston, for said committee, reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

At four minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Ms. Ferguson of Holden (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House recessed until one o'clock P.M.; and at a quarter before three o'clock the House was called to order with Ms. Hogan of Stow in the Chair.

Recess.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Michlewitz 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 remarks on the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Michlewitz of Boston and others moved to amend it in section 3, in line 87, by inserting the following item:

“7002-8041 For the Massachusetts Technology Park Corporation established in section 3 of chapter 40J of the General Laws for a matching grant program that enables academic institutions, nonprofits, industry consortiums, federally funded research and development centers and other technology-based economic development organizations to compete for federal grants in technology and innovation fields, including, but not limited to, artificial intelligence and machine learning; cybersecurity, data storage and data management; quantum computing and information systems; robotics and advanced automation; high performance computing, semiconductors and advanced computer hardware; blockchain; supply chain; energy storage and batteries; food security; and advanced materials; and provided further, that the matching grant program may also

enable participation of these entities in associated workforce development federal grant programs.....\$50,000,000”;

By inserting after section 38 the following section:

“SECTION 38A. Section 21 of chapter 76 of the acts of 2021 is hereby amended by striking out the words ‘December 31, 2021’, each time they appear, and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following words:— June 30, 2023”;

By inserting after section 46 the following section:

“SECTION 46A. Subsection (h) of section 60 of chapter 176 of the acts of 2022 is hereby amended by striking out the words ‘March 31, 2023’ and inserting in place thereof the following words:— June 30, 2023.”;

By inserting after section 48 the following section:

“SECTION 48A. Item 1599-6088 of section 2A of chapter 268 of the acts of 2022 is hereby amended by striking out the words ‘provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended for the department of elementary and secondary education to aid in the disbursement of federal funds for the Local Food for Schools Program’ and inserting in place thereof the following words: provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended to Massachusetts Farm to School for the disbursement of federal funds for the Local Food for Schools Program.”;

By inserting after section 55 the following two sections:

“SECTION 55A. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the special commission established in section 76 of chapter 154 of the acts of 2018 is hereby revived and continued to April 30, 2023. The special commission shall file its findings and recommendations pursuant to said section 76 of said chapter 154 with the clerks of the senate and the house of representatives and the chairs of the senate and house committees on ways and means not later than April 30, 2023.

SECTION 55B. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the special commission established in section 94 of chapter 358 of the acts of 2020 is hereby revived and continued to December 31, 2024. The special commission shall file its findings and recommendations pursuant to said section 94 of said chapter 358 with the clerks of the senate and the house of representatives, the chairs of the senate and house committees on ways and means, the senate and house chairs of the joint committee on environment, natural resources and agriculture and the house and senate chairs of the joint committee on telecommunications, utilities and energy not later than December 31, 2024.”; and

In section 57, in line 802, by striking out the figures: “473,300,000” and inserting in the place thereof the figures: “523,300,000”.

On the question on adoption of the amendments, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, as required under the provisions of House Rule 33F; and on the roll call 153 members voted in the affirmative and 0 in the negative.

[See [Yea and Nay No. 10](#) in Supplement.]

Therefore the consolidated amendments were adopted.

On the question on passing the bill, as amended, to be engrossed, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, at the request of Mr. Michlewitz of Boston; and on the roll call 153 members voted in the affirmative and 0 in the negative.

[See [Yea and Nay No. 11](#) in Supplement.]

Therefore the bill (House, No. 58, published as amended) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Consolidated amendments adopted,— yea and nay No. 10.

Bill passed to be engrossed,— yea and nay No. 11.

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.

At eight minutes before four o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Jones of North Reading (Ms. Hogan of Stow being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following day at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.