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Monday, October 2, 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.

## *Resolutions.*

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

Resolutions (filed by Representative Jones of North Reading) commending the AADC Family Network in acknowledging October 23, 2023 as AADC Deficiency Awareness Day in Massachusetts;

AADC  
Deficiency  
Awareness Day.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Cataldo of Concord and Gentile of Sudbury) commending the Concord–Nanae Network on its twenty-fifth anniversary of sister city relations;

Concord–Nanae  
Network.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Consalvo of Boston) commending United Ostomy Associations of America, Inc. for its recognition of October 7, 2023 as Ostomy Awareness Day in the Commonwealth;

Ostomy  
Awareness  
Day.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Hawkins of Attleboro and Scanlon of North Attleborough) commending the Attleboro Area Interfaith Collaborative on the occasion of serving its one millionth meal to those in need through the Food N' Friends Program; and

Attleboro  
Area Interfaith  
Collaborative.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Owens of Watertown and Lawn of Watertown) commending the Watertown Community Foundation, Inc. for twenty years of dedicated service to the city of Watertown;

Watertown  
Community  
Foundation.

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

## *Communications.*

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From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see Section 2SSSS of Chapter 29 of the General Laws) submitting the third quarter of fiscal year 2023 legislative report for the MassHealth Delivery System Reform Incentive Platform (DSRIP);

MassHealth,—  
delivery system  
platform.

From the University of Massachusetts Medical School (see Section 43(f) of Chapter 75 of the General Laws) submitting a report of the activities of the MassBiologics Laboratories for fiscal year 2023; and

MassBiologics  
Laboratories.

From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see Section 138 of Chapter 126 of the Acts of 2022) submitting a report from the Department of Public Health entitled: “An Examination of Opioid-Related Overdose Deaths among Massachusetts Residents: 2019-2020”;

Opioid-related  
overdoses.

Severally were placed on file.

#### *Annual and Special Reports.*

##### *Annual reports*

Of the Massachusetts Legal Assistance Corporation (under Section 10 of Chapter 221A of the General Laws) submitting its annual report for fiscal year 2023; and

Legal  
Assistance  
Corporation.

Of the Massachusetts Port Authority (under item 6720-1340 of Section 2C of Chapter 219 of the Acts of 2016) submitting the annual report for fiscal year 2023 on improvements at the Paul W. Conley Terminal [copies of the report were forwarded to the committee on Bonding, Capital Expenditures and State Assets, as required by said law]; and

MassPort,—  
Conley  
Terminal.

A report of the Executive Office of the Trial Court (under Section 15 of Chapter 239 of the General Laws, as added by Section 64 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting its report on filings, actions, and dispositions of summary process cases relative to permanent rental protections;

Permanent  
rental  
protections.

Severally were placed on file.

#### *Papers from the Senate.*

Petitions severally were referred, in concurrence, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, as follows:

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2451) of Cynthia Stone Creem, Liz Miranda and Estela A. Reyes for legislation to further regulate professional and occupational licensing. To the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Licensing,—  
regulations.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2450) of Cynthia Stone Creem for legislation relative to forfeiture reform. To the committee on the Judiciary.

Forfeiture,—  
reforms.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2452) of Jacob R. Oliveira and Brian M. Ashe for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Rene Perez, an employee of the Department of Developmental Services. To the committee on Public Service.

Rene Perez,—  
sick leave.

#### *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 Dylan A. Fernandes and Julian Cyr (by vote of the town) that the county of Nantucket be authorized to convey certain parcels of land to the town of Nantucket. To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Nantucket,—  
land.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Russell E. Holmes for legislation to require automated external defibrillators at sporting events. To the committee on Public Health.

Sports,—  
defibrillators.

Joint petition (accompanied by bill) of Dylan A. Fernandes and Julian Cyr (by vote of the town) that the town of Nantucket be authorized to issue pension obligation bonds or notes. To the committee on Public Service.

Nantucket,—  
bonds.

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

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the following House bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

Designating a certain bridge in the town of Dedham as the Honorable Kelly A. Timilty memorial bridge (House, No. 3383);

Dedham,—  
bridge.

Amending the act authorizing the town of Deerfield to construct and operate systems of sewers (House, No. 3841) [Local Approval Received]; and

Deerfield,—  
sewers.

Amending the board of works in the town of Lee (House, No. 3890) [Local Approval Received];

Lee,—  
board.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the bills severally were read a second time forthwith; and they were ordered to a third reading.

#### *Emergency Measure.*

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Paul O'Brien, an employee of the Trial Court of the Commonwealth (see House, No. 4083), 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.

Paul  
O'Brien,—  
sick leave.

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 3 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Subsequently, the Senate having concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, the bill (which originated in the House) 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 Senate Bill authorizing the town of Rutland to increase the membership of the town's board of selectmen (Senate, No. 2371), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Rutland,—  
selectmen.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, in concurrence, Mr. Walsh of Peabody moved to amend it by striking out section 3.

The amendment was adopted; and the bill (Senate, No. 2371, amended) was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence. Sent to the Senate for concurrence in the amendment.

#### *Order.*

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

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

Next  
sitting.

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At twenty-four minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Soter of Bellingham (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Wednesday at eleven o'clock A.M.