
The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.



THURSDAY, JANUARY 4, 2024.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, January 4, 2024.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Garballey of Arlington 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. Garballey), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of
allegiance.

Communications.

Communications

From the Executive Office for Administration and Finance (see item 1599-0514 of Chapter 77 of the Acts of 2023) submitting the December 18, 2023 biweekly report on the Emergency Housing Assistance Program;

Housing,—
emergency
assistance.

From the Executive Office for Administration and Finance (see item 1599-0514 of Chapter 77 of the Acts of 2023) submitting the January 1, 2024 biweekly report on the Emergency Housing Assistance Program; and

Id.

From the State Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team (see Section 18N(b) of Chapter 6A of the General Laws) submitting its annual report for calendar year 2023;

Domestic
violence.

Severally were placed on file.

Special and Annual Reports.

A report of the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (under Section 71 of Chapter 179 of the Acts of 2022) submitting the final report of the Clean Energy Transmission Working Group;

Clean energy
transmission.

Annual reports

Of the Massachusetts Clean Water Trust (under Section 17 of Chapter 29C of the General Laws) for fiscal year ended June 30, 2023 [copies of the report forwarded to the Speaker, the Senate President, the Senate committee on Ways and Means and the House committee on Ways and Means, as required by said law]; and

Clean
Water
Trust.

Of the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (under Section 18Y of Chapter 6A of the General laws) submitting its fiscal year 2023 Sexual Assault Evidence Collection Kit (SAECK) annual summary report;

Sexual
assault
kits.

Severally were placed on file.

Petitions.

Representative Puppolo of Springfield presented a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4238) of Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr., and others (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Springfield be authorized to increase the age

Springfield,—
special
police.

limit for the appointment of special police officers in said city; and the same was referred to the committee on Public Service. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Representative Cabral of New Bedford presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Antonio F. D. Cabral for the annual issuance by the Governor of a proclamation setting apart the Friday of the third full week of September as Noah Fernandes Mitochondrial Disease awareness day; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Noah Fernandes
Mitochondrial
Disease
awareness
day.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, then reported recommending that Joint Rule 12 be suspended. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Donato of Medford, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Paper from the Senate.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2544) of Bruce E. Tarr and Ann-Margaret Ferrante (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation relative to poll locations in the city of Gloucester, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Election Laws.

Gloucester,—
poll locations.

Reports of a Committee.

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:

Authorizing the conservation commission of the town of Westford to transfer certain easements to the select board of the town of Westford (House, No. 4140) [Local Approval Received];

Westford,—
land.

Providing for alternate members of the Mattapoisett conservation commission (House, No. 4156) [Local Approval Received];

Mattapoisett,—
commission.

Amending the charter of the town of Westborough (House, No. 4202) [Local Approval Received]; and

Westborough,—
charter.

Establishing a sick leave bank for Cheryl Thouin, an employee of the Hampshire County Sheriff's Office (House, No. 4233);

Cheryl Thouin,—
sick leave.

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

Orders of the Day.

The Senate amendments of the House Bill authorizing the city of Haverhill to appoint retired police officers as detail police officers (House, No. 2677), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, were adopted, in concurrence.

Haverhill,—
police.

The House Bill relative to acceptance of certain types of identification to purchase alcohol in Massachusetts (House, No. 4131), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Third
reading
bill.

The House Bill relative to the select board of the town of Uxbridge (House, No. 3986), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Uxbridge,—
charter.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Walsh of Peabody moved to amend it in section 2, in line 8, by inserting after the word “by-laws” the words “, zoning by-laws and the charter”.

The amendment was adopted; and the bill (House, No. 3986, amended) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

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

Next
sitting.

At eight minutes after eleven o’clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o’clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

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MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2024.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Monday, January 8, 2024.

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.

Communications.

A communication from the Division of Energy Resources of the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (under the provisions of Section 12 of Chapter 25A of the General Laws) submitting 225 CMR 25.00 – Participation in the Green Communities Program for Municipalities Served by Municipal Light Plants (House, No. 4239), was referred to the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Division
of Energy
Resources,—
regulations.

Communications

From the Cape and Islands District Attorney's Office (see Section 6 of Chapter 258B of the General Laws) submitting a report on the Victim Witness Assistance program; and

Victim Witness
Assistance.

From the Department of Energy Resources (see Section 80(b) of Chapter 179 of the Acts of 2022) submitting a report and recommendations on the existing energy storage market in the Commonwealth and the potential role of mid-and long-duration energy storage technologies;

Energy
storage.

Severally were placed on file.

Petition.

Representative Mom of Lowell presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Rady Mom, Brendan P. Crighton and James B. Eldridge relative to instruction on the Cambodian and Vietnamese American refugee experience, the Cambodian genocide and the history and culture of the Hmong people; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Cambodian
genocide,—
school
curriculum.

Papers from the Senate.

Bills

Facilitating better interactions between police officers and persons with autism spectrum disorder (Senate, No. 2542) (on Senate bill No. 2204); and

Autism,—
police.

Relative to fentanyl test strips (Senate, No. 2543) (on Senate bill No. 2458);

Fentanyl.

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were read; and they were referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2545) of Patricia D. Jehlen, Christine P. Barber, Erika Uyterhoeven and Mike Connolly (with approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to authorize the city of Somerville to regulate rent in residential dwelling units, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Housing.

Somerville,—
rent.

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 Rules 12 and 9 be suspended on the petition of James Arciero that the town of Littleton be authorized to provide drinking water to the inhabitants of the town of Boxborough. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rules 12 and 9 were suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Littleton,—
drinking
water.

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 petition of Jeffrey Rosario Turco for legislation to authorize schools and students participating in certain athletic programs to seek arbitration to review athletic programs eligibility decisions. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Education. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Athletic
programs,—
arbitration.

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:

Authorizing the town of Nantucket to convey a certain parcel of land situated in the town of Nantucket held for park purposes to the Nantucket Conservation Foundation Inc. for open space, recreational, and conservation purposes (House, No. 4046) [Local Approval Received];

Nantucket,—
land.

Authorizing the town of Nantucket to convey certain land situated in the town of Nantucket held for open space, recreational or conservation purposes to the Nantucket Islands Land Bank for the purposes pursuant to its legislation (House, No. 4077) [Local Approval Received]; and

Id.

Relative to the town of Lanesborough employee training (House, No. 4158) [Local Approval Received];

Lanesborough,—
employee
training.

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.

Engrossed Bill.

The engrossed Bill authorizing the city of Haverhill to appoint retired police officers as detail police officers (see House, No. 2677, amended) (which originated in the House), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, 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 amendment of the House Bill authorizing Matthew K. Sonnabend to purchase creditable service from the Barnstable county retirement board (House, No. 3643), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was adopted, in concurrence.

Matthew
Sonnabend,—
retirement.

The Senate Bill establishing a senior property tax deferral program in the city of Taunton (Senate, No. 2517), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Third
reading
bill.

The House Bill authorizing the town of Chesterfield to continue the employment of reserve special police officer Greg Smith (House, No. 4195), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Id.

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.

At twelve minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Muradian of Grafton (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Wednesday at eleven o'clock A.M.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.



WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2024.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Wednesday, January 10, 2024.

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.

Silent Tribute.

During the session, Representative Farley-Bouvier of Pittsfield took the Chair and, at the request of Representatives Farley-Bouvier, Pignatelli of Lenox and Barrett of North Adams, the members, guests and employees stood for a moment of silent tribute in honor of United States Air Force Staff Sergeant Jacob “Jake” Michael Galliher, 24, of Pittsfield, who passed away November 29, 2023 after a CV-22 Osprey crash in Japan.

United States
Air Force Staff
Sergeant Jacob
“Jake” Michael
Galliher.

Jacob was a distinguished graduate of the Cryptologic Language Analyst course, and an Honor graduate of the Defense Language Institute’s Chinese Language Course. He was fluent in Mandarin Chinese.

Jacob is survived by his wife, Ivy Groshong-Galliher of Kirkland, Washington, along with their two perfect sons, Malcolm age 2, and Killian age 3 months old. And his parents, Jon Galliher and Virgin Galliher of Pittsfield and Kim and Tor Krautter of Lanesborough, sisters Jayden and Courtney, brothers Nicholas and Zacharie and AJ.

We can never thank Jacob enough for his service nor his family for their sacrifice.

Message from the Governor.

A message from Her Excellency the Governor recommending legislation relative to providing for the future information technology needs of Massachusetts (for message, see House, No. 4242), was filed in the office of the Clerk on Tuesday, January 9.

Information
technology,—
bonds.

The message was read; and it was referred, under Joint Rule 1F, with the accompanying draft of a bill, to the committee on Bonding, Capital Expenditures and State Assets. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Hawkins of Attleboro, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4243) of James K. Hawkins (with the approval of the mayor and city

Attleboro,—
certain
ways.

council) for legislation to validate a vote providing for the laying out and acceptance of certain ways by the city of Attleboro. To the committee on Election Laws.

By Representative Scarsdale of Pepperell and Senator Kennedy, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4244) of Margaret R. Scarsdale and Edward J. Kennedy (by vote of the town) that the town of Dunstable be authorized to change the name of the board of selectmen to the select board in said town. To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Dunstable,—
select
board.

Papers from the Senate.

A Bill amending the charter of the city of Westfield (Senate, No. 2547) (on Senate bill No. 2423) [Local Approval Received], passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Westfield,—
charter.

Mr. Honan of Boston, for said committee, then reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. O'Day of West Boylston, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

A Bill removing the residency requirement for the treasurer of the county of Dukes County (Senate, No. 1288) (on a petition) (Representative DuBois of Brockton of the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, dissenting), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Dukes County,—
treasurer.

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 petition of Ryan M. Hamilton for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Sheri Panas, an employee of the Department of Unemployment Assistance. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. O'Day of West Boylston, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Public Service. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Sheri Panas,—
sick leave.

By Mr. González of Springfield, for the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, on a petition, a Bill establishing a special commission to ensure the safety and sustainability of non-profit public events (House, No. 2415). Read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Non-profit
public events,—
study safety,
etc.

By Mr. González of Springfield, for the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, on a petition, a Bill requiring carbon monoxide alarms in all residential, governmental and commercial structures (House, No. 2292).

Carbon
monoxide
alarms.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill establishing the Massachusetts Law Enforcement Memorial Fund (House, No. 2417).

Police, etc.,—
memorial fund.

By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on a petition, a Bill relative to bidding for public construction contracts (House, No. 2995).

Public construction contracts.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to promote budget transparency and the public's right to know (House, No. 3015).

Budget transparency.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Resolve establishing a study of public safety & [sic] security facilities (House, No. 3027).

Public safety facilities.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the definition of fraud in public construction bid laws (House, No. 3030).

Public construction.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to timely public payments for work not included in original construction contracts (House, No. 3032).

Construction contracts,— payments.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a message from Her Excellency the Governor, a Bill to rename the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission, Massability, to reflect the self-determination and limitless possibilities of people with disabilities (printed in House, No. 4161).

Rehabilitation commission,— rename.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill authorizing the Massachusetts Department of Transportation to convey a certain parcel of land in the city of Pittsfield (House, No. 4174).

Pittsfield,— land.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on a petition, a Bill designating the month of October as adopt a shelter dog month (House, No. 2984).

Shelter dog month.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill directing the superintendent of state office buildings to install a permanent memorial in the Massachusetts State House in honor of Mercy Otis Warren (House, No. 3013).

State House,— Warren memorial.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill recognizing Sikh appreciation month (House, No. 3026).

Sikh month.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill designating Dysautonomia & [sic] POTS awareness month (House, No. 3043).

Dysautonomia and POTS month.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing building trades recovery week (House, No. 3058).

Building trades recovery week.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed bills

Establishing a senior property tax deferral program in the city of Taunton (see Senate, No. 2517) (which originated in the Senate); and

Bills enacted.

Authorizing Matthew K. Sonnabend to purchase creditable service from the Barnstable County Retirement Board (see House, No. 3643, amended) (which originated in the House);

Severally having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, were passed to be enacted; and they were signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

The House Bill creating a sick leave bank for Kelly Wheeler, an employee of the Department of Developmental Services (House, No. 4213), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Third
reading
bill.

Recess.

At eight minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Muradian of Grafton (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House recessed until one o'clock P.M.; and at eleven minutes before two o'clock P.M. the House was called to order with Mr. Donato in the Chair.

Recess.

Reports of Committees.

Prior to the noon recess, Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, reported that the Bill to prevent abuse and exploitation (House, No. 4115), ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a bill with the same title (House, No. 4241). Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Prevent
abuse and
exploitation.

Mr. Honan of Boston, for said committee, then reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. O'Day of West Boylston, the bill was read a second time forthwith. The amendment recommended by the committee on Ways and Means then was adopted; and the substituted bill was ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently, the noon recess having terminated, under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Day of Stoneham, the bill (having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) was read a third time.

After debate on the question on passing the bill to be engrossed (Ms. Hogan of Stow being in the Chair), Ms. Farley-Bouvier of Pittsfield moved to amend it in section 6, in line 103, by inserting after the word "meanings:" the following:

"Digitization", to create or alter visual material, including, but not limited to, through the use of computer-generated images, in a manner that would falsely appear to a reasonable person to be an authentic representation of the person depicted."

In line 119, by inserting after the word "person", the words ", including visual material produced by digitization"; and

In line 125, by striking out the words "the visual material" and inserting in place thereof the words "visual material not produced by digitization".

After remarks on the question on adoption of the amendments, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, at the request of the same member; and on the roll call 151 members voted in the affirmative and 0 in the negative.

[See [Yea and Nay No. 71](#) in Supplement.]

Therefore the 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. Day of Stoneham; and on the roll call 151 members voted in the affirmative and 0 in the negative.

[See [Yea and Nay No. 72](#) in Supplement.]

Amendments
adopted,—
yea and nay
No. 71.

Bill passed to
be engrossed,—
yea and nay
No. 72.

Therefore the bill (House, No. 4241, amended) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Engrossed Bill — Land Taking.

The engrossed Bill authorizing the town of North Reading to use a portion of conservation land for public way purposes (see House, No. 4169, amended) (which originated in the House), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was put upon its final passage.

North
Reading,—
land.

On the question on passing the bill to be enacted, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays (this being a bill providing for the taking of land or other easements used for conservation purposes, etc., as defined by Article XCVII of the Amendments to the Constitution); and on the roll call 150 members voted in the affirmative and 0 in the negative.

Bill enacted
(land taking),—
yea and nay
No. 73.

[See Yea and Nay No. 73 in Supplement.]

Therefore the bill was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

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 four minutes before three 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.

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 2024.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, January 11, 2024.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Garballey of Arlington 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. Garballey), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of
allegiance.

Silent Tribute.

At the request of Representative Domb of Amherst, the members, guests and employees stood for a moment of silence in honor of disability justice advocate and Amherst resident, Joe Tringali.

Joe Tringali.

Joe died on December 27, 2023, Joe served on the Amherst town's Disability Access Advisory Committee, creating ways to support and incentivize access to commercial spaces. He was a fierce and passionate advocate for the dignity, civil rights and accessibility for people with disabilities, and his work to create disability justice entailed building awareness and compassion, engaging people most impacted, and changing policy. He worked to improve access to equipment; to ensure transparency in wheelchair warranties; and more. He was patient and relentless. He was a treasured co-worker at Stavros Center for Independent Living in Amherst, a devoted family member, and a beloved member of the disability community.

We send our deepest condolences to the family, his community, and his co-workers for their profound loss.

Special and Annual Reports.

A report of the Department of Public Health (under Section 237 of Chapter 111 of the General Laws) submitting its 2023 Report on Priority Public Health Trends from the Public Health Data Warehouse; and

Priority public
health trends.

The annual report of the Norfolk County District Attorney's Office (under Section 99(R) of Chapter 272 of the General Laws) relative to wiretaps for calendar year 2023;

Norfolk
County,—
wiretaps.

Severally were placed on file.

Petitions.

Representative D'Emilia of Bridgewater and Senator Timilty presented a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Angelo L. D'Emilia and Walter F. Timilty for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Jonathan Corey, an employee of the Suffolk county sheriff's department; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Jonathan
Corey,—
sick leave.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, then reported recommending that Joint Rule 12 be suspended. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Donato of Medford, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Public Service. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Representative Worrell of Boston presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Christopher J. Worrell and Nick Collins that the supplier diversity office promulgate regulations for the annual collection and reporting of procurement activity as such activity relates to certified business enterprises and non-certified businesses; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Supplier diversity office,— regulations.

Papers from the Senate.

The following order was adopted, in concurrence, as follows:

Ordered, That, a convention of the two branches be held at six o'clock P.M., on Wednesday, January 17, 2024, for the purpose of receiving such communication as the Governor, Maura T. Healey, may be pleased to make to them relating to the concerns of the Commonwealth.

State of the State Address.

A Bill expanding wheelchair warranty protections for consumers with disabilities (Senate, No. 2546) (on Senate bill No. 2541), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

Wheelchair warranty protections.

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:

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Zorianna Petrosyan relative to school start times for middle and high school students. To the committee on Education.

Schools,— start times.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Paul J. Donato relative to health insurance reimbursements for services provided by advanced practice registered nurses. To the committee on Financial Services.

Advanced practice nurses.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Donato of Medford, 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 bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

The Senate Bill removing the residency requirement for the treasurer of the county of Dukes County (Senate, No. 1288); and

Dukes County,— treasurer.

House bills

Authorizing sewer and water user discounts in the town of Hopkinton (House, No. 2017) [Local Approval Received];

Hopkinton,— user discounts.

Authorizing the town of Sharon to change the use of a certain parcel of land acquired for outdoor recreational purposes to a use for general municipal purposes (House, No. 4170) [Local Approval Received]; and

Sharon,— land.

Amending the charter of the city of Chelsea (House, No. 4184) [Local Approval Received];

Chelsea,—
charter.

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

Orders of the Day.

The Senate Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Rene Perez, an employee of the Department of Developmental Services (Senate, No. 2452), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Third
reading
bill.

House bills

Directing the city of Boston police department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Wendy Pierre-Louis (House, No. 3732);

Third
reading
bills.

Granting an additional liquor license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises in the town of Chatham (House, No. 4189); and

Authorizing the city of Greenfield to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 4191);

Severally reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

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 twenty-three minutes before twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mr. Muradian of Grafton (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Tuesday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.



TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2024.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Tuesday, January 16, 2024.

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.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Representative Balser of Newton and other members of the House) recognizing International Holocaust Remembrance Day, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Holocaust.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee, reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Balser, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Communications.

Communications

From the Department of Public Utilities (see Section 12Q of Chapter 25 of General Laws) submitting the Energy Facilities Siting Board Trust Fund report of the department's financial activities from October 13, 2022 through November 21, 2023;

Energy Facilities
Siting Board
Trust Fund.

From the Department of Public Utilities (see Section 12R of Chapter 25 of General Laws) submitting the Unified Carrier Registration Trust Fund report of the department's financial activities from October 13, 2022 through November 21, 2023; and

Unified Carrier
Registration
Trust Fund.

From the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (see item 8900-0001 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting the third quarter data report of the Department of Correction for fiscal year 2023;

Department of
Correction,—
data.

Severally were placed on file.

Petition.

Representative Gordon of Bedford presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Kenneth I. Gordon relative to administrative costs of the Department of Family and Medical Leave; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Department
of Family and
Medical Leave.

Papers from the Senate.

Bills

Establishing a special purpose revolving fund in the town of North Andover (Senate, No. 2454) (on a petition) [Local Approval Received]; and

North Andover,—
fund.

To provide for the continuance of the town of Hingham's senior means-tested property tax exemption (Senate, No. 2553) (on Senate bill No. 2407) [Local Approval Received];

Hingham,—
property
taxes.

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were read; and they were referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2549) of Walter F. Timilty (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the town of Milton to use certain property for school purposes, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Milton,—
property.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2555) of Nick Collins for legislation to prevent overdoses in the Commonwealth. To the committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery.

Overdoses,—
prevention.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2556) of Michael O. Moore and Hannah Kane for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Nicole Halal, an employee of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation. To the committee on Public Service.

Nicole Halal,—
sick leave.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2557) of Nick Collins for legislation relative to equal access on DCR roadways. To the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

Boston,—
easements.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2558) of Bruce E. Tarr for legislation relative to renewable energy production technologies. To the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

Renewable
energy
technologies.

Reports of Committees.

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 the month of October as adopt a shelter dog month (House, No. 2984);

Shelter
dog month.

Increasing the membership of the select board of the town of Merrimac from 3 members to 5 members (House, No. 4097) [Local Approval Received]; and

Merrimac,—
select board.

Authorizing the administrative assistant to the board of assessors of the city of New Bedford to be a non-resident (House, No. 4201) [Local Approval Received];

New Bedford,—
residency.

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

By Mr. Cutler of Duxbury, for the committee on Labor and Workforce Development, on Senate, No. 1165 and House, No. 1927, a Bill to protect injured workers (House, No. 1927). Read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Injured
workers.

By Mr. Cutler of Duxbury, for the committee on Labor and Workforce Development, on Senate, No. 1144 and House, No. 1434, a Bill reducing barriers to employment through credit discrimination (House, No. 1434).

Employment,—
barriers.

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 1152 and House, No. 1918, a Bill relative to employment protections for victims of abusive behavior (House, No. 1918).

Employment
protections,—
abuse victims.

By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Sheri Panas, an employee of the department of unemployment assistance (House, No. 4249).

Sheri Panas,—
sick leave.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Emergency Measures.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Rene Perez, an employee of the Department of Developmental Services (see Senate, No. 2452), 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.

Rene Perez,—
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 2 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 Senate) was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill
enacted.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Seila Chhav, an employee of the Trial Court of the Commonwealth (see House bill printed as Senate, No. 2525, amended), 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.

Seila Chhav,—
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 2 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.

Engrossed Bill.

The engrossed Bill granting an additional liquor license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises in the town of Chatham (see House, No. 4189) (which originated in the House), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill
enacted.

Orders of the Day.

House bills

Relative to civil service positions in the Department of Public Works of the city of Northampton (House, No. 3719);

Third
reading
bills.

Authorizing the town of Sunderland to continue the employment of fire department member Scott Smith (House, No. 4003);

Extending the date for issuance of certain licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises in Hanover (House, No. 4009); and

Authorizing the town of Williamstown to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 4192);

Severally reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

The House Bill authorizing the town of Eastham, acting by and through its board of selectmen, to convey a conservation restriction on a certain parcel of land to the Eastham Conservation Foundation, Inc. (House, No. 4012), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Eastham,—
land.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Walsh of Peabody moved to amend it in section 2 (as published), in line 10, by inserting after the word “Eastham” the words “currently used as open space”, and in line 15, by striking out the word “deed” and inserting in place thereof the words “an order of taking for recreational purposes”.

The amendments were adopted; and the bill (House, No. 4012, amended) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet tomorrow at a quarter before six o’clock P.M.

Next
sitting.

At twelve minutes before twelve o’clock noon, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following day at a quarter before six o’clock P.M., in an Informal Session.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.



THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 2024.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, January 18, 2024.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Garballey of Arlington 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. Garballey), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of
allegiance.

Silent Tribute.

During the session, Mr. Gordon of Bedford took the Chair, and at the request of himself and Representative Kassner of Hamilton, the members, guests and employees stood for a moment of silent tribute in respect to the memory of Al Fay, who died on January 5, 2024 at 88 years old.

Al Fay.

Al received the state flag on his 84th birthday from the House of Representatives in honor of his years of service in Burlington. Mr. Fay served two terms on the Burlington select board and two on the Burlington planning board.

For almost 20 years, Al Fay organized Truck Day on Burlington Town Common, to the delight of children and families all across the area. He served for 35 years on the Burlington Fire Department, where he was Union President for a time, and maintained a vast collection of toy trucks and fire memorabilia and created the Al Fay Fire Museum to display them. His prize possession was a 1940 Ford open cab fire pumper that he used in town parades and other occasions.

Mr. Fay, who was considered Burlington's unofficial mayor, is survived by his wife Joyce, his children Al, Susan, Robert and Lynne, twelve grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

Resolutions.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Representative Howitt of Seekonk) congratulating Chief James J. Trombetta on his retirement from the Rehoboth Police Department, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

James
Trombetta.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee, reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Owens of Watertown, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Communications.

Communications

From the Department of Unemployment Assistance (see Section 14F of Chapter 151A of the General Laws) submitting the December Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund Annual Outlook Report containing updated projections for estimated contributions, benefit payments, and Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund balances for the five-year Outlook Period beginning January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2028; and

Unemployment
Insurance
Trust Fund.

From the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (see item 8900-1100 of Section 2 of Chapter 126 of the Acts of 2022) submitting a report on One Year Recidivism Rates of men released from 2013-2020;
Severally were placed on file.

Recidivism
rates.

Annual Report.

The annual report of the Public Employee Retirement Administration Commission (under sections 21, 102 and 103 of Chapter 32 of the General Laws) relative to the per centum change in the average cost-of-living as shown by the United States consumer price index for the year 2024 compared with such index for the year 2023 (House, No. 4261), was referred to the committee on Public Service. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Cost-of-living
adjustment,—
retirees.

Reports.

A quarterly report of the Sheriff's Department of Plymouth County (under Section 40 of Chapter 126 of the General Laws) submitting the aggregate data on the population of the Plymouth County Correctional Facility for the fourth quarter of calendar year 2023; and

Plymouth
County
Correctional
Center.

Reports

Of the District Attorney of Essex County (see Section 99 of Chapter 272 of the General Laws) submitting a report relative to wiretaps for calendar year 2023; and

Essex County,—
wiretaps.

Of the Massachusetts District Attorneys Association (see item 0340-2100 of Section 2 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting its data from the District Attorneys relative to their criminal prosecutions and workloads for calendar year 2023;

District
attorneys,—
data.

Severally were placed on file.

Petitions.

Representative Decker of Cambridge presented a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4264) of Marjorie C. Decker and Sal N. DiDomenico (with the approval of the city council) that the city of Cambridge be authorized to increase the fines for failure to move parked vehicles during street cleaning in said city above certain set limits; and the same was referred to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Cambridge,—
fines.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative LeBoeuf of Worcester, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Danielle M. Alachoyan, an employee of the Department of Correction.

Danielle
Alachoyan,—
sick leave.

By Representative Vaughn of Wrentham, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Marcus S. Vaughn relative to visitation rights for grandparents.

Grandparents,—
rights.

Severally, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Papers from the Senate.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1819) of Pavel M. Payano for legislation to advance fairness, integrity, and excellence in higher education admissions. To the committee on Higher Education.

Higher education,—admissions.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2560) of Pavel M. Payano and Joanne M. Comerford for legislation relative to uniform partition of heirs property. To the committee on the Judiciary.

Property,—heirs.

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:

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Kenneth I. Gordon relative to administrative costs of the Department of Family and Medical Leave. To the committee on Labor and Workforce Development.

Department of Family and Medical Leave.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of James Arciero and Peter Barbella relative to local taxes based on personal or business income instead of local real property taxes. To the committee on Revenue.

Local taxes.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Gordon of Bedford, 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:

Recognizing Sikh appreciation month (House, No. 3026);

Sikh month.

Authorizing the city of Newton to lease the Warren Junior High School for a term of years not exceeding 99 years (House, No. 4126) [Local Approval Received];

Newton,—school lease.

Authorizing the town of Mashpee to lease certain town land to the Boys and Girls Club of Cape Cod, Inc. (House, No. 4185) [Local Approval Received]; and

Mashpee,—land.

Establishing a sick leave bank for Sheri Panas, an employee of the Department of Unemployment Assistance (House, No. 4249);

Sheri Panas,—sick leave.

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

By Mr. Cahill of Lynn, for the committee on Environment and Natural Resources, on a petition, a Bill to provide for housing within the Manuel F. Correllus State Forest (House, No. 796).

Correllus State Forest,—housing.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to helium balloons (House, No. 875).

Helium balloons.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill to create a Merrimack River collaborative (House, No. 905).

Merrimack River.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill modernizing the governance of Port Authority parks in East Boston (House, No. 3809).

Port Authority,—parks.

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, Nos. 471, 542, 551, 554 and 572 and House, Nos. 779, 823 and 871, a Bill to save recycling costs in the Commonwealth (House, No. 4263).

Recycling costs.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. Cahill of Lynn, for the committee on Environment and Natural Resources, on a petition, a Bill establishing memorial markers in the towns of Milton

Canton and Milton,—markers.

and Canton in memory of certain law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty (House, No. 786).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill amending Chapter 336 of the Acts of 1939 concerning the establishment of the Lynnfield Center Water District (House, No. 3808).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to erecting a bench in honor of Rita Walsh in the Hyde Park neighborhood of Boston (House, No. 3965).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill dedicating the boat ramp at Bicentennial Park in the city of Fall River as the State Representative Manuel Raposa Jr. Boat Ramp (House, No. 4163).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to prohibit hunting on property owned by the Department of Correction and located at 28A Union Turnpike in the town of Concord (House, No. 4200).

By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Nicole Halal, an employee of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (printed as Senate, No. 2556).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Jonathan Corey, an employee of the Suffolk County Sheriff's Department (House, No. 4250).

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Lynnfield
Center Water
District.

Boston,—
Walsh bench.

Fall River,—
boat ramp.

Concord,—
hunting.

Nicole
Halal,—
sick leave.

Jonathan
Corey,—
sick leave.

Engrossed Bill.

The engrossed Bill authorizing the town of Hull to lease certain property to promote economic development and for the more effective use of town property (see House, No. 4099) (which originated in the House), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, 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 changing the position of town clerk in the town of Wenham from an elected position to an appointed position (Senate, No. 2524), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Third
reading
bill.

House bills

Authorizing the town of Charlemont to continue the employment of fire department member Dennis Annear (House, No. 3988);

Authorizing the town of Rowe to continue the employment of fire department member Dennis Annear (House, No. 3989);

Relative to changing the term of the elected office of moderator for the town of Stoneham (House, No. 4075); and

Establishing a sick leave bank for Cheryl Thouin, an employee of the Hampshire County Sheriff's Office (House, No. 4233);

Severally reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Third
reading
bills.

The House Bill authorizing the town of Lincoln to establish a means tested senior citizen property tax exemption program (House, No. 2810), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Lincoln,—
property
taxes.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Walsh of Peabody moved to amend it by substitution of a bill with the same title (House, No. 4262), which was read.

The amendment was adopted; and the substituted bill was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

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

Next
sitting.

Representatives Finn of West Springfield and Jones of North Reading then moved that when the House adjourns today, it do so in respect to the memory of Walter A. DeFilippi, a member of the House from West Springfield from 1979 to 2000, inclusive; and the motion prevailed.

Accordingly, at thirteen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.



MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 2024.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Monday, January 22, 2024.

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.

Guests of the House.

At the beginning of the session, the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford), declared a brief recess and introduced, seated in the House Chamber, Girl Scout Troop 74893 from Westminster. At the invitation of the Chair, the girl scouts participated in the pledge of allegiance to the flag. They were the guests of Ms. Ferguson of Holden.

Westminster,—
Girl Scout
Troop 74893.

At the beginning of the session, the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford), declared a brief recess and introduced, seated in the House Chamber, the Wellesley High School girls swim team, who won the Division 2 state swim and diving championship this fall. This is their fourth consecutive win. At the invitation of the Chair, the swim team participated in the pledge of allegiance to the flag. They were accompanied by their coach Doug Curtin. They were the guests of Ms. Peisch of Wellesley.

Wellesley
High School
girls swim
team.

Communications.

Communications

From the Office of Community Corrections of the Trial Court (see Section 5 of Chapter 211F of the General Laws) submitting fiscal year 2023 annual report of the Massachusetts Probation Service, Office of Community Corrections, including a statistical report on the utilization of community corrections centers;

Trial Court,—
community
corrections
centers.

From the Department of Early Education and Care (see item 3000-6025 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting the report on the status of the Commonwealth Preschool Partnership Initiative (CPPI) implementation activities;

Preschool
Partnership
Initiative.

From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see item 4800-0015 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting the Department of Children and Families Fair Hearing report for fiscal year 2023;

Children and
Families,—
fair hearings.

From the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (see Section 2(b) of Chapter 64 of the Acts of 2023) submitting the Department of Correction No-Cost Calls report; and

Department of
Correction,—
no-cost calls.

From the Executive Office for Administration and Finance (see item 1599-0514 of Chapter 77 of the Acts of 2023) submitting the January 16, 2024 biweekly report on the Emergency Housing Assistance Program;

Housing,—
emergency
assistance.

Severally were placed on file.

Monthly Report.

A monthly report of the Executive Office of the Trial Court (under Section 15 of Chapter 239 of the General Laws, as amended 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, was placed on file.

Permanent
rental
protections.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Berthiaume of Spencer, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4272) of Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr. (by vote of the town) relative to providing for recall elections in the town of North Brookfield. To the committee on Election Laws.

North
Brookfield,—
recall elections.

By Representative Haddad of Somerset, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4273) of Patricia A. Haddad and Michael J. Rodrigues (by vote of the town) that the town of Somerset be authorized to acquire interests in certain land in said town for sewer purposes. To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Somerset,—
land.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Representative Howitt of Seekonk presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Steven S. Howitt and others relative to artificial intelligence disclosures; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Artificial
intelligence
disclosures.

Papers from the Senate.

Bills

Providing consumers with equal protection for all real estate appraisals (Senate, No. 2550) (on Senate bill No. 2476);

Real estate
appraisals.

Prohibiting inhumane feline declawing (Senate, No. 2552) (on Senate bill No. 190); and

Felines,—
declawing.

Relative to archaic laws (Senate, No. 2561) (on Senate bill No. 2551);

Archaic laws.

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were read; and they were referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

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:

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Steve Bugli for legislation to further regulate the sale of certain Chapter 40B properties purchased before the year 2010. To the committee on Housing.

Chapter 40B,—
property sales.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., for legislation to establish a special commission (including members of the General Court) to study the feasibility of joining the counseling compact. To the committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery.

Counseling
compact.

Joint petition (accompanied by bill) of Manny Cruz and Joan B. Lovely (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Salem be authorized to employ automated enforcement of speed limit violations in designated school zones within said city. To the committee on Transportation.

Salem,—
speed limits.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Peisch of Wellesley, 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 bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

The Senate Bill establishing a special purpose revolving fund in the town of North Andover (Senate, No. 2454)[Local Approval Received];

North Andover,—
revolving fund.

House bills

Establishing a sick leave bank for Nicole Halal, an employee of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (printed as Senate, No. 2556);

Nicole Halal,—
sick leave.

Amending Chapter 336 of the Acts of 1939 concerning the establishment of the Lynnfield Center Water District (House, No. 3808) [Local Approval Received]; and

Lynnfield Center
Water District.

Establishing a sick leave bank for Jonathan Corey, an employee of the Suffolk county sheriff's department (House, No. 4250);

Jonathan Corey,—
sick leave.

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

By Mr. Livingstone of Boston, for the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, asking to be discharged from further consideration

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 85) of Anne M. Gobi, Joanne M. Comerford, Jacob R. Oliveira, Hannah Kane and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to an agricultural healthy incentives program;

Healthy
incentives
program.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 150) of Mindy Domb and others for legislation to authorize agricultural healthy incentives program; and

Id.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 185) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., Hannah Kane and others relative to establishing a healthy incentives program for the purpose of ensuring the needs of SNAP recipients and farmers;

Id.

And recommending that the same severally be referred to the committee on Agriculture.

Under Rule 42, the reports severally were considered forthwith; and they were accepted. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Rogers of Cambridge, for the committee on Higher Education, on Senate, No. 838 and House, Nos. 1264, 1270 and 1280, a Bill relative to advanced placement examinations and college credit (House, No. 4265).

Advanced
placement
exams.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1255, a Bill requiring menstrual products in buildings on public higher education campuses (House, No. 4267).

Public campuses,—
menstrual
products.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1277, a Bill ensuring students' access to academic transcripts (House, No. 4268).

Academic
transcripts.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1294, a Bill to facilitate student financial assistance (House, No. 4269).

Financial
assistance.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. Rogers of Cambridge, for the committee on Higher Education, on Senate, No. 844 and House, No. 1283, a Bill protecting public higher education student information (House, No. 4266). Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Colleges,—
student
information.

Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed bills

Changing the position of town clerk in the town of Wenham from an elected position to an appointed position (see Senate, No. 2524) (which originated in the Senate);

Bills
enacted.

Authorizing the town of Reading to dissolve its Affordable Housing Trust Fund (see House, No. 1341, amended); and

Relative to the Middleborough gas and electric board of commissioners in the town of Middleborough (see House, No. 2092);

(Which severally originated in the House);

Severally having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, were passed to be enacted; and they were signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

House bills

Authorizing the town of Bernardston to continue the employment of fire chief Peter Shedd (House, No. 4064);

Third
reading
bills.

Authorizing Brandon Fredette to take the civil service examination for the position of firefighter in the city of Haverhill notwithstanding the maximum age requirement (House, No. 4147); and

Relative to the town of Lanesborough employee training (House, No. 4158);

Severally reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

The House Bill authorizing the town of Weston to grant an additional license for the sale of wines at a food store (House, No. 4190), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Weston,—
liquor
license.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Walsh of Peabody moved to amend it in section 1, in line 4, by inserting after the word “wines” the words “and malt beverages”.

The amendment was adopted; and the bill (House, No. 4190, amended) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

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

Next
sitting.

At ten minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Vieira of Falmouth (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Thursday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.



THURSDAY, JANUARY 25, 2024.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, January 25, 2024.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Garballey of Arlington 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. Garballey), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of
allegiance.

Silent Tribute.

At the request of Mr. Biele of Boston, the members, guests and employees stood in a moment of silent tribute in respect to the memory of Boston Police Officer Pierce Fitzgerald Norton of South Boston.

Boston Police
Officer Pierce
Fitzgerald
Norton.

Officer Norton was appointed to the Boston Police Department on December 9, 2013 and, after graduating from the Boston Police Academy, served as a probationary officer assigned to Districts B-3, A-1 and D-4. He was then assigned as a permanent Boston Police Officer to District A-1. In 2018 Officer Norton was assigned to the citywide bicycle unit where he was last assigned. Officer Norton received numerous commendations for his dedicated service during his career and was highly regarded by those he worked with, his supervisors and all that knew him, both within the department and by those he served.

Officer Norton is survived by his parents, Lawrence and Maureen Norton, his wife, Brittani Smith, his son, Pierce Salvatore Norton, his siblings, Lauren Wilson, Brian Norton, and Catherine Beaty, and his niece, his nephew, aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends whom he loved dearly.

Messages from the Governor.

A message from Her Excellency the Governor submitting the annual budget of the Commonwealth for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 (House, No. 2), was filed in the office of the Clerk on Wednesday, January 24.

General
Appropriations
Bill.

The message was read; and it was referred, under Rule 30, with the accompanying schedules, to the committee on Ways and Means.

A message from Her Excellency the Governor submitting requests for making appropriations for the fiscal year 2024 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (House, No. 4284), was filed in the office of the Clerk on Wednesday, January 24.

Supplemental
appropriations.

The message was read; and it was referred, under Rule 30, with the accompanying draft of a bill, to the committee on Ways and Means.

A message from Her Excellency the Governor recommending legislation relative to financing improvements to municipal roads and bridges (House, No. 4283), was filed in the office of the Clerk on Monday, January 22.

Municipal
roads and
bridges.

The message was read; and it was referred, under Rule 30, with the accompanying draft of a bill, to the committee on Transportation. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Representative Peisch of Wellesley) honoring Sheryl Strother on her retirement from the town of Wellesley;

Sheryl
Strother.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Garlick of Needham) congratulating Scott McDermott on his retirement as the town of Medfield moderator; and

Scott
McDermott.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Sullivan-Almeida of Abington) congratulating firefighter/EMT Robert Neumeister on the occasion of his retirement from the Abington Fire Department;

Robert
Neumeister.

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.

Communications

From the Department of Transitional Assistance (see Section 10 of Chapter 18 of the General Laws) submitting its annual Department of Transitional Organizational Report;

DTA,—
organizational
report.

From the Department of Transitional Assistance (see Section 2 of Chapter 18 and Section 16 of Chapter 118 of the General Laws) submitting a report entitled: Report on Economic Independence Accounts [copies of the reports were forwarded to the committee on Ways and Means, and the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, as required by said law];

DTA,—
economic
independence.

From the Executive Office of the Trial Court (see Section 131Y of Chapter 140 of the General Laws) submitting the Extreme Risk Protective Orders (ERPO) calendar year 2023 report;

Trial Court,—
ERPO report.

From the Martha's Vineyard Transit Authority (see Section 8(g) of Chapter 161B of the General Laws) submitting a report of audited financial statements for fiscal year 2023; and

Martha's
Vineyard
Transit.

From the Hampden County District Attorney's Office (see Section 99 of Chapter 272 of the General Laws) submitting a report relative to wiretaps for calendar year 2023;

Hampden
County,—
wiretaps.

Severally were placed on file.

Annual Report.

The annual report of the Chief Justice of the Trial Court (under Section 5 of Chapter 205 of the Acts of 2008) submitting the prosecution and disposition of certain cases which involved child protection offenses for fiscal year 2023, was placed on file.

Trial Court,—
child
protection.

Petitions.

Representative Zlotnik of Gardner presented a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4285) of Jonathan D. Zlotnik (with the approval of the mayor and city

Gardner,—
charter.

council) relative to the charter of the city of Gardner; and the same was referred to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Representative Arciero of Westford and Senator Cronin presented a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of James Arciero (by vote of the town) that the town of Westford be authorized to release agricultural preservation restrictions over certain land owned by Westford Gateway, LLC; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Westford,—
land.

Papers from the Senate.

A Bill to provide for competitiveness and infrastructure investment in Massachusetts (Senate, No. 2554) (on Senate bill No. 2548), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read.

Infrastructure,—
federal funds.

Mr. Lewis of Framingham moved that Rule 33 be suspended; and the motion prevailed. The bill then was referred, on further motion of the same member, to the committee on Federal Stimulus and Census Oversight.

Bills

Changing the name of the board of selectmen of the town of Rockport to the select board (Senate, No. 2459) (on a petition) [Local Approval Received]; and

Rockport,—
select board.

Establishing a sick leave bank for Danielle Marie Cruz, an employee of the Trial Court of the Commonwealth (Senate, No. 2537) (on a petition);

Danielle
Marie Cruz.

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were read; and they were referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

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:

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Kimberly N. Ferguson that the Department of Conservation and Recreation be authorized to convey a certain parcel of land in the town of Rutland;

Rutland,—
land.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Adrian C. Madaro that a certain parcel of land in the East Boston neighborhood of the city of Boston not be included within the boundaries of any designated port area; and

Boston,—
port area
boundaries.

Joint petition (accompanied by bill) of Smitty Pignatelli and Paul W. Mark relative to expense reimbursements for Mass Wildlife board members;

Mass Wildlife,—
reimbursements.

Severally to the committee Environment and Natural Resources.

Joint petition (accompanied by bill) of Daniel Cahill and Joan B. Lovely for legislation to further regulate insurance claims. To the committee on Financial Services.

Insurance
claims.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Adrian C. Madaro for legislation to establish a Massport climate resiliency trust fund to be funded by a portion of jet fuel excise taxes. To the committee on Revenue.

Massport,—
jet fuel
excise.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Howard of Lowell, 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:

Directing the superintendent of state office buildings to install a permanent memorial in the Massachusetts State House in honor of Mercy Otis Warren (House, No. 3013);

Establishing building trades recovery week (House, No. 3058);

Dedicating the boat ramp at Bicentennial Park in the city of Fall River as the State Representative Manuel Raposa Jr. boat ramp (House, No. 4163);

Relative to the charter in the town of Groton (House, No. 4194) [Local Approval Received]; and

Protecting public higher education student information (House, No. 4266);

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

State House,—
memorial.

Building trades.
Fall River,—
boat ramp.

Groton,—
charter.

Student
information.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that the following bills ought to pass:

Investigating the economic impact of certain Massachusetts laws (House, No. 263); and

Establishing a commission to study the financial abuse of elders (House, No. 632);

Severally referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Minimum
pricing.

Elderly,—
financial abuse.

By Mr. Chan of Quincy, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, on a petition, a Bill relative to cosmetic labeling (House, No. 381, changed in line 2 by striking out the figures: “237” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “514”).

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 189 and House, Nos. 284, 347 and 3564, a Bill alleviating the burden of medical debt for patients and families (House, No. 4274).

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 179 and House, No. 294, a Bill to provide increased access to hearing aids (House, No. 4275).

By Mr. Cutler of Duxbury, for the committee on Labor and Workforce Development, on Senate, No. 1117 and House, No. 1881, a Bill clarifying the wage act to protect hospital workers from being deprived of their wages (House, No. 1881).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to professional employer organizations (House, No. 1887).

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 1154 and House, No. 1924, a Bill to promote the recruitment and retention of hospital workers (House, No. 1924).

Severally referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

Cosmetics,—
labeling.

Patients,—
medical
debt.

Hearing
aids.

Hospital
workers,—
wages.

Employer
organizations.

Hospital
workers,—
recruitment.

By Mr. Chan of Quincy, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, on Senate, No. 204 and House, Nos. 270 and 289, a Bill relative to the issuance of a class 1 dealer license (House, No. 270).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to establish a pilot program to build the licensed barbering workforce (House, No. 285).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to streamlining licensure, compliance, and contracting opportunities (House, No. 349).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill concerning horse racing within the town of Plymouth (House, No. 374) [Local Approval Received].

Motor
vehicle
dealers.

Barbers,—
licensing.

Contracting
opportunities.

Plymouth,—
horse racing.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill protecting black girls from targeted toxicity (House, No. 3783).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 259, 373 and 3975, a Bill to secure while improving fans' tickets (House, No. 4276).

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 220 and House, No. 400, a Bill relative to vehicle recalls (House, No. 4277).

By Mr. Cutler of Duxbury, for the committee on Labor and Workforce Development, on House, No. 1948, a Bill amending the Massachusetts Earned Sick Time Law to provide paid pregnancy loss leave (House, No. 4278).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 3599 and 3849, a Bill relative to a four-day work week pilot program (House, No. 4279).

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 1146 and House, No. 1894, a Bill clarifying the prevailing wage law (House, No. 4280).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1855, a Bill relative to protecting wages of deceased employees (House, No. 4281).

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 1184 and House, No. 1890, a Bill relative to defense against abusive waivers (House, No. 4282).

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. Chan of Quincy, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, on a petition, a Bill relative to sales at retail (House, No. 243).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to protect innovation and entrepreneurship in the Commonwealth (House, No. 277).

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 150 and House No. 351, a Bill relative to consumer protection on online automobile franchise transactions (House, No. 351).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to telemarketer disclosures (House, No. 368).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill eliminating the residency requirement for fortune tellers (House, No. 3893).

By Mr. Cutler of Duxbury, for the committee on Labor and Workforce Development, on a petition, a Bill to provide collective bargaining rights to employees of the mosquito control projects and mosquito control districts (House, No. 1844).

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Emergency Measure.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Cheryl Thouin, an employee of the Hampshire County sheriff's office (see House, No. 4233), 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.

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 4 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.

Cosmetics,—
advertising.

Tickets,—
security.

Vehicle
recalls.

Pregnancy
loss,—
paid leave.

Four-day
work week.

Prevailing
wages.

Deceased,—
wages.

Employment
contracts.

Meats, poultry
and edible fish.

Patent
infringement.

Automobiles,—
online
transactions.

Telemarketers,—
disclosures.

Fortune
tellers.

Mosquito
control,—
employees.

Cheryl
Thouin,—
sick leave.

Bill
enacted.

Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed bills

Authorizing the city of Revere to pay a certain sum of money to the estate of George J. Rotondo, Jr. (see House, No. 2055);

Expanding and improving equity in the sewer system in the town of Provincetown (see House, No. 2096); and

Authorizing John R. Stowe, Jr. to purchase creditable service from the Barnstable County Retirement Board (see House, No. 3656);

(Which severally originated in the House);

Severally having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, were passed to be enacted; and they were signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bills
enacted.

Orders of the Day.

Senate bills

Authorizing the town of Wales to establish a department of public works (Senate, No. 1297, amended); and

Amending the charter of the city of Westfield (Senate, No. 2547);

Severally reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Third
reading
bills.

House bills

Relative to the maximum age requirement for police officers for the city of Methuen (House, No. 2548);

Exempting the police chief of the town of Wrentham from the civil service law (House, No. 2678);

Exempting the deputy police chief of the town of Wrentham from the civil service law (House, No. 2679);

Designating a certain bridge in the town of Falmouth as the Deputy John Robert Kotfila Jr. memorial bridge (House, No. 3466);

To amend the Needham charter (House, No. 3997);

Exempting William McGrath from the age restrictions for police officers in the town of Wrentham (House, No. 4041) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

Authorizing Brian Dacey to take the civil service examination for the position of police officer in the city of Haverhill notwithstanding the maximum age requirement (House, No. 4148); and

Authorizing Derek Clark to take the civil service examination for the position of firefighter in the city of Haverhill notwithstanding the maximum age requirement (House, No. 4149);

Severally reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Id.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

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

Next
sitting.

At six minutes before twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mr. Vieira of Falmouth (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.



MONDAY, JANUARY 29, 2024.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Monday, January 29, 2024.

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.

Silent Tribute.

At the request of Ms. Blais of Deerfield, the members, guests and employees stood in a moment of silent tribute to the memory of Deputy Fire Chief Robert Manners of Shelburne, who passed away on Friday, January 19, 2024, after a courageous battle against cancer.

Robert
Manners.

Bob first joined the Shelburne Fire District as a junior firefighter was named Deputy Fire Chief in 2021. Bob completed paramedic training in 1993 and served the Franklin County area for over 30 years, most recently as a Supervisor for American Medical Response. Bob's father referred to him as a "triple threat" since he not only was an active firefighter and EMT, but he also served as a law enforcement officer for the towns of Shelburne and Charlemont. Wanting to serve his community in an even broader way, he was elected to the Shelburne Selectboard in 2004 and was active in that role until the time of his passing.

Bob leaves his wife Laura, two children Ashley Boyd and Jacob Manners, stepson Keith Irish, son-in-law Ian Boyd, grandson Otto Boyd, and three sisters Penny Manners, Linda Tyler, and Wendy Manners Seaman. He will be deeply missed.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Representative Cutler of Duxbury) recognizing Hanson's Samantha Mewis; and

Samantha
Mewis.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Kushmerek of Fitchburg, Diggs of Barnstable and other members of the House) recognizing Rosa Parks Day;

Rosa Parks
Day.

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 the same member, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Communications.

Communications

From the Department of Conservation and Recreation (see Section 35BBB of Chapter 10 of the General Laws) submitting the annual report on the Douglas State Forest Maintenance Trust Fund for fiscal year 2023;

DCR,—
Douglas
State Forest.

From the Department of Conservation and Recreation (see Section 35FFF of Chapter 10 of the General Laws) submitting the annual report on the Nickerson State Forest Maintenance Trust Fund for fiscal year 2023;

DCR,—
Nickerson
State Forest.

From the Department of Conservation and Recreation (see Section 35PPP of Chapter 10 of the General Laws) submitting the annual report on the Wellfleet Hollow State Campground Trust Fund for fiscal year 2023;

Wellfleet
Hollow
Campground.

From the Department of Conservation and Recreation (see Section 35XX of Chapter 10 of the General Laws) submitting the annual report on the Horseneck Beach Reservation Trust Fund for fiscal year 2023;

DCR,—
Horseneck
Beach.

From the District Attorney of the Cape and Islands District (see Section 99 of Chapter 272 of the General Laws) submitting a report relative to wiretaps for calendar year 2023;

Cape and
Islands,—
wiretaps.

From the Executive Office of Veterans' Services Reintegration Advisory Committee (see Section 77 of Chapter 177 of the Acts of 2022) entitled: An Examination of suicide among veterans and their reintegration into society; and

Veterans,—
suicide and
reintegration.

From the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (see item 7004-9034 of Section 2 of Chapter 126 of the Acts of 2022) submitting its six month progress report entitled: After Incarceration Center Community Compass;

After
incarceration
progress.

Severally were placed on file.

Papers from the Senate.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2576) of John F. Keenan for legislation relative to expanding the newborn screening panel. To the committee on Public Health.

Newborn
screening
panel.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2577) of Michael F. Rush for legislation relative to superannuation benefits for Ann Marie O'Keefe. To the committee on Public Service.

Ann Marie
O'Keefe,—
retirement.

A communication from the Massachusetts Gaming Commission (pursuant to Section 9B of Chapter 128A of the General Laws) submitting proposed changes to 205 CMR 15.00 relative to racing meeting licensing (Senate, No. 2573), was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Racing
meeting
licensing.

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:

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Marcus S. Vaughn relative to food truck licensure. To the committee on Public Health.

Food trucks,—
licensure.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Danielle M. Alachoyan, an employee of the Department of Correction. To the committee on Public Service.

Danielle
Alachoyan,—
sick leave.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington, 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 bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

Senate bills

Establishing a sick leave bank for Danielle Marie Cruz, an employee of the Trial Court of the Commonwealth (Senate, No. 2537); and

To provide for the continuance of the town of Hingham's senior means-tested property tax exemption (Senate, No. 2553) [Local Approval Received]; and

House bills

Relative to employment protections for victims of abusive behavior (House, No. 1918); and

Designating Dysautonomia &[sic] POTS awareness month (House, No. 3043);

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

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that the bill establishing a special commission to ensure the safety and sustainability of non-profit public events (House, No. 2415), ought to pass. Referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. Schmid of Westport, for the committee on Agriculture, on a petition, a Bill relative to buffer zones on land under the APR Program (House, No. 100).

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 39 and House, No. 101, a Bill protecting our soil and farms from PFAS contamination (House, No. 4288).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 91, a Bill addressing the impact of climate change on farms and fisheries (House, No. 4289).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 98, a Bill protecting the viability of farms in the Commonwealth (House, No. 4290).

By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill relative to disability retirees and restoration to service (House, No. 2543).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the retirement benefits of the surviving beneficiary of William Manduca (House, No. 2556).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to injured correctional officers (House, No. 2648).

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. Schmid of Westport, for the committee on Agriculture, on a petition, a Bill relative to agricultural crop and property destruction (House, No. 97).

By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Public Service, on a joint petition, a Bill exempting Thomas Romeo from the 75% pension and annuity limitation for police officers hired after January 1, 1988 set forth in Chapter 32, Section 7(2)(a)(ii) of the General Laws (House, No. 4164).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 3843, a Bill authorizing the town of Deerfield to continue the employment of police department

Danielle
Marie Cruz.

Hingham,—
property taxes.

Employment
protections.

Dysautonomia
and POTS month.

Public safety,—
events.

APR Program,—
buffer zones.

PFAS
contamination,—
soil and farms.

Climate,— farms
and fisheries.

Farm
viability.

Disability
retirees.

William
Manduca,—
beneficiary.

Correctional
officers.

Crops and
property.

Thomas
Romeo,—
benefits.

Deerfield,—
police

members Michael W. Habel, Robert A. Thrasher, and Mark Jacques (House, No. 4291) [Local Approval Received].

employment.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed bills

Authorizing the town of Wales to establish a department of public works (see Senate, No. 1297, amended);

Bills
enacted.

Amending the charter of the city of Westfield (see Senate, No. 2547);

(Which severally originated in the Senate); and

Authorizing the town of Holliston to continue the employment of Mark Dellicker as deputy fire chief (see House, No. 3998) (which originated in the House);

Severally having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, were passed to be enacted; and they were signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

The Senate amendment of the House Bill relative to the select board of the town of Northborough (House, No. 3902), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was adopted, in concurrence.

Northborough,—
charter.

House bills

Relative to the charter of the town of Rockland (House, No. 4036);

Designating the Childs River Overpass Route 28 Falmouth for Marine combat veteran Kevin P. Quinn (House, No. 4044) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

Third
reading
bills.

Authorizing the conservation commission of the town of Westford to transfer certain easements to the select board of the town of Westford (House, No. 4140);

Providing for alternate members of the Mattapoissett conservation commission (House, No. 4156);

Providing for an alternate member of the town of Mattapoissett finance committee (House, No. 4159);

Authorizing the town of Westford to issue an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 4188);

Establishing a sick leave bank for Sheri Panas, an employee of the Department of Unemployment Assistance (House, No. 4249); and

Establishing a sick leave bank for Jonathan Corey, an employee of the Suffolk County sheriff's department (House, No. 4250);

Severally reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Orders.

There being no objection,— Mr. Mariano of Quincy offered an Order relative to the establishment of a special joint committee for the purpose of considering the initiative petitions transmitted to the Clerk of the House of Representatives by the

Initiative
petitions,—

Secretary of the Commonwealth in accordance with the requirements of Article XLVIII of the Amendments to the Constitution (House, No. 4294).

special joint
committee.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of the same member, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

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

Next
sitting.

At eleven minutes after one o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Soter of Bellingham (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Thursday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.



THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2024.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, February 1, 2024.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Garballey of Arlington 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. Garballey), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of
allegiance.

Resignation of Representative Cutler of Duxbury.

The following communication was read; and spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

January 25, 2024.

Honorable Steven T. James, *Clerk*
House of Representatives
State House, Room 145
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Mr. Clerk:

It's been the honor of my professional career to serve the residents of the Sixth Plymouth district in the Massachusetts Legislature for the past eleven years. It's a job that I have truly loved!

So, it is with mixed emotions but a grateful heart that I write to share that I will be stepping down as state representative to accept a position working for Governor Healey as undersecretary in the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development.

I am grateful for the privilege of serving in this historic institution under the leadership of Speaker Mariano and alongside my colleagues in the House. Your help and support over the years Mr. Clerk, as well as that of your staff, has also been so gratefully appreciated.

Please accept this letter as formal notice of my resignation as State Representative for the Sixth Plymouth District effective as of February 4, 2024 at 12:00 p.m.

Warmest regards,
Josh S. Cutler
State Representative

Resignation of
Representative
Josh S. Cutler
of Duxbury.

Appointments to a Joint Special Committee.

The Speaker announced that (under the provisions of House order No. 4294) he had appointed Representatives Peisch of Wellesley, Day of Stoneham and Gordon of Bedford to the special joint committee established for the purpose of considering the initiative petitions transmitted to the Clerk of the House of Representatives by the Secretary of the Commonwealth in accordance with the requirements of Article XLVIII of the Amendments to the Constitution.

Initiative petitions.

The Minority Leader announced that (under the provisions of House order No. 4294) he had appointed Representative Vieira of Falmouth to serve as his designee on the special joint committee established for the purpose of considering the initiative petitions transmitted to the Clerk of the House of Representatives by the Secretary of the Commonwealth in accordance with the requirements of Article XLVIII of the Amendments to the Constitution.

Id.

Appointment of the Minority Leader.

The House Minority Leader announced that (under Section 241 of Chapter 111 of the General Laws) he had appointed Representative McKenna of Webster as his designee to the Rare Disease Advisory Council.

Rare disease advisory council.

Guests of the House.

During the session, the Chair (Mr. Garballey of Arlington), declared a brief recess and introduced, seated in the House Chamber, the Weston High School Girls Volleyball Team, winners of the Division 3 State Championship this past fall, led by Coach Eileen LeBlanc. They were the guests of Representative Peisch of Wellesley.

Weston High School girls volleyball team.

During the session, the Chair (Mr. Garballey of Arlington), declared a brief recess, and introduced, seated in the House Chamber, students from the Dana Hall School in Wellesley. They were the guests of Representative Peisch of Wellesley.

Wellesley,—Dana Hall School.

Resolutions.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Representatives Ryan of Boston and Garcia of Chelsea) congratulating Bunker Hill Community College on its fiftieth anniversary, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Bunker Hill Community College.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee, reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Peisch of Wellesley, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Initiative Petitions.

Initiative petition of Diana DiZoglio and others for the passage of An Act expressly authorizing the Auditor to audit the Legislature (House, No. 4251) (received on January 16, 2024, from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, having been transmitted by him to the Clerk of the House of Representatives as required by Article XLVIII of the Amendments to the Constitution), was referred, under said Article and

Auditor,—Audit the Legislature.

Rule 24, to the special joint committee on Initiative Petitions. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Initiative petition of Deborah Therese McCarthy and others for the passage of An Act requiring that districts certify that students have mastered the skills, competencies and knowledge of the state standards as a replacement for the MCAS graduation requirement (House, No. 4252) (received on January 16, 2024, from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, having been transmitted by him to the Clerk of the House of Representatives as required by Article XLVIII of the Amendments to the Constitution), was referred, under said Article and Rule 24, to the special joint committee on Initiative Petitions. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

MCAS,—
graduation
requirement.

Initiative petition of Roxana Lorena Rivera and others for the passage of An Act giving transportation network drivers the option to form a union and bargain collectively (House, No. 4253) (received on January 16, 2024, from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, having been transmitted by him to the Clerk of the House of Representatives as required by Article XLVIII of the Amendments to the Constitution), was referred, under said Article and Rule 24, to the Special Joint Committee on Initiative Petitions. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Transportation
drivers,—
unionization.

Initiative petition of Irene S. Li and others for the passage of An Act to require the full minimum wage for tipped workers with tips on top (House, No. 4254) (received on January 16, 2024, from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, having been transmitted by him to the Clerk of the House of Representatives as required by Article XLVIII of the Amendments to the Constitution), was referred, under said Article and Rule 24, to the Special Joint Committee on Initiative Petitions. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Tipped
workers,—
minimum
wage.

Initiative petition of Sarko Gergerian and others for the passage of An Act relative to the regulation and taxation of natural psychedelic substances (House, No. 4255) (received on January 16, 2024, from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, having been transmitted by him to the Clerk of the House of Representatives as required by Article XLVIII of the Amendments to the Constitution), was referred, under said Article and Rule 24, to the Special Joint Committee on Initiative Petitions. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Psychedelic
substances,—
regulation.

Initiative petition of Charles Dewey Ellison, III and others for the passage of An Act defining and regulating the relationship between network companies and app-based drivers for purposes of the General and Special Laws (House, No. 4256) (received on January 16, 2024, from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, having been transmitted by him to the Clerk of the House of Representatives as required by Article XLVIII of the Amendments to the Constitution), was referred, under said Article and Rule 24, to the Special Joint Committee on Initiative Petitions. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Transportation
drivers,—
regulation.

Initiative petition of Charles Dewey Ellison, III and others for the passage of An Act establishing that app-based drivers are not employees, and network companies are not employers, for certain purposes of the General Laws (House, No. 4257) (received on January 16, 2024, from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, having been transmitted by him to the Clerk of the House of Representatives as required by Article XLVIII of the Amendments to the Constitution), was referred, under said Article and

Id.

Rule 24, to the Special Joint Committee on Initiative Petitions. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Initiative petition of Charles Dewey Ellison, III and others for the passage of An Act defining and regulating the relationship between network companies and app-based drivers for certain purposes of the General Laws (House, No. 4258) (received on January 16, 2024, from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, having been transmitted by him to the Clerk of the House of Representatives as required by Article XLVIII of the Amendments to the Constitution), was referred, under said Article and Rule 24, to the Special Joint Committee on Initiative Petitions. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Id.

Initiative petition of Charles Dewey Ellison, III and others for the passage of An Act establishing that app-based drivers are not employees, and network companies are not employers, for certain purposes of the General Laws (House, No. 4259) (received on January 16, 2024, from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, having been transmitted by him to the Clerk of the House of Representatives as required by Article XLVIII of the Amendments to the Constitution), was referred, under said Article and Rule 24, to the Special Joint Committee on Initiative Petitions. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Id.

Initiative petition of Charles Dewey Ellison, III and others for the passage of An Act establishing that app-based drivers are not employees, and network companies are not employers, for certain purposes of the General Laws (House, No. 4260) (received on January 16, 2024, from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, having been transmitted by him to the Clerk of the House of Representatives as required by Article XLVIII of the Amendments to the Constitution), was referred, under said Article and Rule 24, to the Special Joint Committee on Initiative Petitions. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Id.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Markey of Dartmouth, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Christopher M. Markey relative to emerging adult life sentences for first-degree murder.

Life sentences.

By Representative Moran of Lawrence, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Frank A. Moran relative to the Greater Lawrence Regional Vocational Technical High School.

Lawrence Regional Vocational School.

Severally, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Paper from the Senate.

A message from Her Excellency the Governor recommending legislation to empower municipalities and local governments (Senate, No. 2571), came from the Senate with the endorsement that it had been referred to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Municipalities,—local services.

On motion of Mr. Cusack of Braintree, the House then non-concurred with the Senate in its reference; and, on further motion of the same member, the message was referred, in non-concurrence, as follows:

So much as relates to sections 1 to 17, inclusive, 19, 20 and 21, 23, 24 and 25, 28 to 37, inclusive, 76 to 84, inclusive and 87,— to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government; and

So much as relates to sections 18, 22, 26, 27, 38 to 75, inclusive, 85 and 86,— to the committee on Revenue.

Sent to the Senate its action.

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:

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Richard M. Haggerty relative to charter school expansion. To the committee on Education.

Charter schools.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Daniel J. Hunt for legislation to provide creditable service for certain teachers for retirement purposes. To the committee on Public Service.

Teachers,— retirement.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Peisch of Wellesley, 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:

Establishing memorial markers in the towns of Milton and Canton in memory of certain law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty (House, No. 786);

Canton and Milton.

Reducing barriers to employment through credit discrimination (House, No. 1434);

Credit discrimination.

Relative to erecting a bench in honor of Rita Walsh in the Hyde Park neighborhood of Boston (House, No. 3965); and

Boston,— Walsh bench.

Exempting Thomas Romeo from the 75% pension and annuity limitation for police officers hired after January 1, 1988 set forth in Chapter 32, Section 7(2)(a)(ii) of the General Laws (House, No. 4164) [Local Approval Received];

North Reading,— Thomas Romeo.

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.

By Ms. Decker of Cambridge, for the committee on Public Health, on Senate, No. 1337 and House, No. 2129, a Bill relative to facilitating the utilization of psychologists on the health care team (House, No. 2129).

Psychologists.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to close the achievement gap by addressing disparities in children's vision (House, No. 2132).

Children's vision.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Resolve providing for an investigation and study by a special commission relative to Long COVID related needs in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (House, No. 2147).

Long COVID.

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 1453 and House, No. 2150, a Bill relative to the definition of podiatry (House, No. 2150).

Podiatry,— definition.

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 1446 and House, No. 2162, a Bill relative to acupuncture detoxification specialists (House, No. 2162).

Acupuncture.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to patient assessment and notification prior to prescribing certain medications (House, No. 2164).

Medications,—
assessment and
notification.

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 1330 and House, No. 2182, a Bill to reduce incidence and death from pancreatic cancer (House, No. 2182).

Pancreatic
cancer.

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 1465 and House, No. 2215, a Bill protecting children from harmful diet pills and muscle-building supplements (House, No. 2215).

Supplements,—
children.

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 1426 and House, No. 2234, a Bill relative to source plasma donation centers (House, No. 2234).

Plasma donation
centers.

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 1468 and House, No. 2243, a Bill relative to certified medication aides (House, No. 2243).

Medication
aides.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to videotaping, audiotaping and photographing persons receiving medical treatment (House, No. 3625).

Medical
treatments,—
videos, etc.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to improve access to breastfeeding care (House, No. 3626).

Breastfeeding,—
access.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to parental notification about student health evaluations (House, No. 3764).

Parental
notifications.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill requiring automated external defibrillators at sporting events (House, No. 4121).

Sports,—
defibrillators.

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 1333 and House, No. 2146, a Bill prohibiting nonconsensual intimate examinations of anesthetized or unconscious patients (House, No. 4293).

Patients,—
nonconsensual
examinations.

Severally referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

By Ms. Decker of Cambridge, for the committee on Public Health, on Senate, No. 1432 and House, No. 2195, a Bill relative to sexual assault counselor task force (House, No. 2195).

Sexual assault
counselors,—
task force.

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 1374 and House, No. 2222, a Bill establishing a special commission to study the youth sports industry and other related matters (House, No. 2222, changed in lines 14 and 15 by striking out the following: “the financial strains that youth sports organizations have faced because of the COVID-19 pandemic; (iv)”); and in line 16 by striking out the following: “(v)” and inserting in place thereof the following: “(iv)”.

Youth sports.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to autopsy reports by the medical examiner (House, No. 3623).

Autopsy
reports.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

By Ms. Decker of Cambridge, for the committee on Public Health, on Senate, No. 1459 and House, No. 2273, a Bill modernizing birth certificates (House, No. 4292). Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Birth
certificates.

Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed bills

Validating the results of the annual town election held in the town of Lancaster (see House, No. 3578); and

Bills
enacted.

Relative to the select board of the town of Northborough (see House, No. 3902, amended);

(Which severally originated in the House);

Severally having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, were passed to be enacted; and they were signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

The Senate Bill establishing a special purpose revolving fund in the town of North Andover (Senate, No. 2454), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Third
reading
bill.

House bills

Establishing a sick leave bank for Nicole Halal, an employee of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (printed as Senate, No. 2556);

Third
reading
bills.

Increasing the membership of the select board of the town of Merrimac from 3 members to 5 members (House, No. 4097); and

Amending the charter of the town of Westborough (House, No. 4202);

Severally reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

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

Next
sitting.

At twenty minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Soter of Bellingham (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.



MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2024.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Monday, February 5, 2024.

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.

Guests of the House.

During the session, the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford), declared a brief recess, and introduced, seated in the House Chamber, the Weston High School golf team, winners of the Division 3 State Championship this past fall, led by Coach Mary O'Brien. This is their second consecutive win. They were the guests of Representative Peisch of Wellesley.

Weston High
School Golf
Team.

Orders.

The following orders were referred, under Joint Rule 30, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently:

Extension of time
for committees
reporting.

Order (filed by Ms. Farley-Bouvier) relative to extending until Monday, April 8, 2024 the time within which the committee on Advanced Information Technology, the Internet and Cybersecurity is authorized to report on current Senate and House documents (House, No. 4299).

Order (filed by Mr. Schmid of Westport) relative to extending until Wednesday, May 1, 2024 the time within which the committee on Agriculture is authorized to report on current Senate and House documents (House, No. 4298).

Order (filed by Mr. Livingstone of Boston) relative to extending until Thursday, May 2, 2024 the time within which the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities is authorized to report on current Senate and House documents (House, No. 4303).

Order (filed by Mr. Mr. Livingstone of Boston) relative to extending until Thursday, May 2, 2024 the time within which the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities is authorized to report on current Senate and House documents (House, No. 4304).

Order (filed by Mr. Day of Stoneham) relative to extending until Tuesday, April 30, 2024 the time within which the committee on the Judiciary is authorized to report on current House documents (House, No. 4302).

Order (filed by Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett) relative to extending until Thursday, May 23, 2024 the time within which the committee on Transportation is authorized to report on current Senate and House documents (House, No. 4301).

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported, that the orders ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Ms. Peisch of Wellesley, the orders were considered forthwith; and they were adopted. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Communications.

Communications

From the Executive Office of Economic Development (see Section 16G(i) of Chapter 6A of the General Laws) submitting its Office of Performance Management report for fiscal year 2023;

Performance management.

From the Center for Health Information and Analysis (see Section 24 of Chapter 12C of the General Laws) submitting its continuous skilled nursing (CSN) care biennial report;

Continuous skilled nursing care.

From the Executive Office for Administration and Finance (see item 1599-0514 of Chapter 77 of the Acts of 2023) submitting the January 29, 2024 biweekly report on the Emergency Housing Assistance Program; and

Emergency Housing Assistance.

From the Executive Office of Veterans Services (see Section 3 of Chapter 144 of the Acts of 2022) submitting its State of the Commonwealth's Veterans Homes report;

Veterans homes.

Severally were placed on file.

Annual and Quarterly Reports.

Annual reports

Of the Executive Office of Economic Development (under Section 17 of Chapter 23D of the General Laws) submitting the Center for Employee Ownership report for calendar year 2023;

Center for Employee Ownership.

Of the Pension Reserves Investment Management Board (under Section 23 of Chapter 32 of the General Laws) relative to divestment from companies that derive certain revenues from the sale of tobacco products;

PRIM Board,— tobacco sale divestment.

Of the Pension Reserves Investment Management Board (under Section 64 (f) of Chapter 42 of the Acts of 2022) relative to divestment from Russian restricted securities;

PRIM Board,— Russian securities.

Of the Pension Reserves Investment Management Board (under Section 6 of Chapter 232 of the Acts of 2010) relative to the divestment from Iran restricted securities; and

PRIM Board,— Iran securities divestment.

Of the Pension Reserves Investment Management Board (under Section 4 of Chapter 151 of the Acts of 2007) relative to divestment from Sudan restricted securities; and

PRIM Board,— Sudan securities.

The third 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 the quarter ending October 31, 2023;

Sexual Assault Evidence Collection Kit.

Severally were placed on file.

Papers from the Senate.

A Bill authorizing the town of Norwell to establish a means tested senior citizen property tax exemption (Senate, No. 1921) [Local Approval Received], passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Norwell,— senior property taxes.

Petitions were referred, in concurrence, as follows:

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2580) of Barry R. Finegold (by vote of the town) for legislation relative to the residency requirement for the town manager of the town of Andover; and

Andover,—
town manager.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2581) of Barry R. Finegold (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the town of Andover to convert a certain parcel of land from school purposes to general municipal purposes;

Andover,—
land
conversion.

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

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:

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Frank A. Moran relative to the Greater Lawrence Regional Vocational Technical High School. To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Greater
Lawrence
high school.

Joint petition (accompanied by bill) of James Arciero (by vote of the town) that the town of Westford be authorized to release agricultural preservation restrictions over certain land owned by Westford Gateway, LLC. To the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

Westford,—
land.

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

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the Bill to establish a Massachusetts children's cabinet (House, No. 189),— and recommending that the same be referred to the House committee on Rules. Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted.

Children's
cabinet.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3542) of Kenneth I. Gordon for legislation to revive and continue the special legislative commission established (under Section 107 of Chapter 253 of the Acts of 2020) to study and examine the civil service law,— and recommending that the same be referred to the House committee on Rules. Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence, inasmuch as relates to the discharge of the joint committee.

Civil
service
law.

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:

To provide collective bargaining rights to employees of the mosquito control projects and mosquito control districts (House, No. 1844); and

Mosquito
control.

To prohibit hunting on property owned by the Department of Correction and located at 28A Union Turnpike in the town of Concord (House, No. 4200);

Concord,—
hunting.

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

By Mr. Schmid of Westport, for the committee on Agriculture, on a petition, a Bill relative to food justice with jobs (House, No. 855).

Jobs,—
food justice.

By Mr. Cahill of Lynn, for the committee on Environment and Natural Resources, on a petition, a Bill ensuring safe drinking water in schools (House, No. 760).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill establishing the blue communities program (House, No. 792).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to funding water infrastructure and addressing economic target areas (House, No. 803).

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 534 and House, No. 847, a Bill to establish a blue economy workforce pipeline (House, No. 847).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill ensuring safe drinking water in schools (House, No. 851).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to maintaining adequate water supplies through effective drought management (House, No. 861).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill protecting the rights of municipalities and districts (House, No. 879).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill responding to the threat of invasive species (House, No. 890).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill advancing water access equity through utility reporting requirement (House, No. 922).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to protect water supplies and the environment (House, No. 3550).

By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on a petition, a Bill relative to the employment of persons with disabilities (House, No. 2990).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the technology fund (House, No. 3021).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill authorizing the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to convey certain land in the town of Lancaster to Robert F. Kennedy Community Alliance, Inc. (House, No. 3070).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill enhancing the effectiveness of nonprofits' core mission work through full cost funding (House, No. 3122).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to convey certain parcels of land to the city of Framingham (House, No. 3830).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the commissioner of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to convey certain parcels of land to the city of Lowell (House, No. 4117).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the commissioner of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to convey a certain parcel of land to the city of Cambridge (House, No. 4129).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill authorizing the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to dispose of certain parcels of land in the town of Bolton (House, No. 4183) [Local Approval Received].

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 3672, a Bill authorizing the commissioner of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to convey a certain parcel of land in the town of Lancaster (House, No. 4300) [Local Approval Received].

Schools,—
drinking
water.

Blue
communities.

Water
infrastructure.

Blue economy
workforce.

Schools,—
drinking water.

Water supplies,—
drought
management.

Municipalities
and districts.

Invasive
species.

Water
access equity.

Water
supplies.

Persons with
disabilities,—
employment.

Technology
fund.

Lancaster,—
land.

Nonprofits,—
full cost
funding.

Framingham,—
land.

Lowell,—
land.

Cambridge,—
land.

Bolton,—
land.

Lancaster,—
land.

By Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett, for the committee on Transportation, on House, Nos. 3343 and 3436, a Bill relative to vehicle inspection exemptions for vintage automobiles 45 years or older (House, No. 3343).

Vintage automobiles,—inspection.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on a petition, a Bill relative to Rosa Parks day (House, No. 3075).

Rosa Parks day.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill designating domestic workers' rights day (House, No. 3091).

Domestic workers' day.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill designating January 30 of each year as Fred Korematsu day of civil liberties and the Constitution in Massachusetts (House, No. 3119).

Fred Korematsu day.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing Massachusetts learning disability screening day (House, No. 4210).

Learning disabilities.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to establish Noah Fernandes Mitochondrial disease awareness day (House, No. 4240).

Mitochondrial disease.

By Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett, for the committee on Transportation, on a petition, a Bill relative to increasing the fine for handicap parking violations for city/town implementation and compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (House, No. 3261).

Municipalities,—handicap parking.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Emergency Measure.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Jonathan Corey, an employee of the Suffolk County sheriff's department (see House, No. 4250), 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.

Jonathan Corey,—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.

Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed bills

Establishing a special purpose revolving fund in the town of North Andover (see Senate, No. 2454) (which originated in the Senate);

Bills enacted.

Further regulating at-large town meeting members in the town of Milford (see House, No. 2089);

Increasing the membership of the select board in the town of Sterling (see House, No. 3727); and

Authorizing the city of Somerville to appoint an alternate member to the licensing commission (see House, No. 4205);

(Which severally originated in the House);

Severally having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, were passed to be enacted; and they were signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

House bills

Authorizing sewer and water user discounts in the town of Hopkinton (House, No. 2017); and

Amending Chapter 336 of the Acts of 1939 concerning the establishment of the Lynnfield Center Water District (House, No. 3808);

Severally reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Third
reading
bills.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

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

Next
sitting.

At twenty-eight minutes before twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mrs. Kane of Shrewsbury (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Thursday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.



THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2024.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, February 8, 2024.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Garballey of Arlington 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. Garballey), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of
allegiance.

Resolutions.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Representatives Haddad of Somerset and Howitt of Seekonk) commending Chief of Police Marc Haslam on his retirement from the Swansea Police Department, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Marc
Haslam.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee, reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Kerans of Danvers, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Orders.

The following orders were referred, under Joint Rule 30, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently:

Order (filed by Mr. Donahue of Worcester) relative to extending until Saturday, June 1, 2024 the time within which the committee on Cannabis Policy is authorized to report on current Senate and House documents (House, No. 4316).

Extensions of
time for
committees
to make
reports.

Order (filed by Mr. Livingstone of Boston) relative to extending until Thursday, May 2, 2024 the time within which the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities is authorized to report on a current Senate document (House, No. 4366).

Order (filed by Mr. McMurtry of Dedham) relative to extending until Wednesday, May 1, 2024 the time within which the committee on Community Development and Small Businesses is authorized to report on current Senate and House documents (House, No. 4343).

Order (filed by Mr. Chan of Quincy) relative to extending until Tuesday, April 30, 2024 the time within which the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure is authorized to report on current Senate and House documents (House, No. 4349).

Order (filed by Mr. Chan of Quincy) relative to extending until Wednesday, July 31, 2024 the time within which the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure is authorized to report on current Senate and House documents (House, No. 4347).

Order (filed by Mr. Chan of Quincy) relative to extending until Wednesday, July 31, 2024 the time within which the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure is authorized to report on current Senate and House documents (House, No. 4348).

Order (filed by Mr. Chan of Quincy) relative to extending until Tuesday, December 31, 2024 the time within which the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure is authorized to report on current Senate and House documents (House, No. 4345).

Order (filed by Mr. Chan of Quincy) relative to extending until Tuesday, December 31, 2024 the time within which the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure is authorized to report on current Senate and House documents (House, No. 4346).

Order (filed by Mr. Parisella of Beverly) relative to extending until Wednesday, May 1, 2024 the time within which the committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies is authorized to report on current Senate and House documents (House, No. 4341).

Order (filed by Ms. Garlick of Needham) relative to extending until Friday, March 15, 2024 the time within which the committee on Education is authorized to report on current Senate and House documents (House, No. 4334).

Order (filed by Ms. Garlick of Needham) relative to extending until Friday, March 15, 2024 the time within which the committee on Education is authorized to report on current Senate and House documents (House, No. 4335).

Order (filed by Ms. Garlick of Needham) relative to extending until Friday, March 15, 2024 the time within which the committee on Education is authorized to report on current Senate and House documents (House, No. 4338).

Order (filed by Ms. Garlick of Needham) relative to extending until Saturday, June 1, 2024 the time within which the committee on Education is authorized to report on current Senate and House documents (House, No. 4336).

Order (filed by Ms. Garlick of Needham) relative to extending until Sunday, June 30, 2024 the time within which the committee on Education is authorized to report on current Senate and House documents (House, No. 4337).

Order (filed by Mr. Stanley of Waltham) relative to extending until Sunday, April 7, 2024 the time within which the committee on Elder Affairs is authorized to report on current Senate and House documents (House, No. 4315).

Order (filed by Mr. Cahill of Lynn) relative to extending until Friday, April 12, 2024 the time within which the committee on Environment and Natural Resources is authorized to report on current House documents (House, No. 4368).

Order (filed by Mr. Murphy of Weymouth) relative to extending until Friday, May 17, 2024 the time within which the committee on Financial Services is authorized to report on current Senate and House documents (House, No. 4367).

Order (filed by Mr. Murphy of Weymouth) relative to extending until Wednesday, July 31 the time within which the committee on Financial Services is authorized to report on current Senate and House documents (House, No. 4369).

Order (filed by Mr. Rogers of Cambridge) relative to extending until Friday, March 1, 2024 the time within which the committee on Higher Education is authorized to report on current Senate and House documents (House, No. 4365).

Order (filed by Mr. Arciero of Westford) relative to extending until Thursday, April 18, 2024 the time within which the committee on Housing is authorized to report on current House documents (House, No. 4340).

Order (filed by Mr. Diggs of Barnstable) relative to extending until Wednesday, April 10, 2024 the time within which the committee on Labor and Workforce Development is authorized to report on current Senate and House documents (House, No. 4339).

Order (filed by Mr. Diggs of Barnstable) relative to extending until Wednesday, May 8, 2024 the time within which the committee on Labor and Workforce Development is authorized to report on current Senate and House documents (House, No. 4342).

Order (filed by Mr. Diggs of Barnstable) relative to extending until Wednesday, July 31, 2024 the time within which the committee on Labor and Workforce Development is authorized to report on current Senate and House documents (House, No. 4333).

Order (filed by Mr. Madaro of Boston) relative to extending until Wednesday, May 15, 2024 the time within which the committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery is authorized to report on current Senate and House documents (House, No. 4317).

Order (filed by Ms. Fiola of Fall River) relative to extending until Friday, June 14, 2024 the time within which the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government is authorized to report on current Senate and House documents (House, No. 4344).

Order (filed by Mr. Gordon of Bedford) relative to extending until Sunday, June 30, 2024 the time within which the committee on Public Service is authorized to report on current House documents (House, No. 4313).

Order (filed by Ms. Domb of Amherst) relative to extending until Saturday, June 1, 2024 the time within which the committee on Tourism, Arts and Cultural Development is authorized to report on current House documents (House, No. 4309).

Order (filed by Mr. Cassidy of Brockton) relative to extending until Tuesday, April 30, 2024 the time within which the committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs is authorized to report on current Senate and House documents (House, No. 4314).

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported, that the orders ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Donato of Medford, the orders were considered forthwith; and they were adopted. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Communications.

From the District Attorney of Essex County (see Section 32(e) of Chapter 12 of the General Laws) submitting its Juvenile Justice Unit annual report for calendar year 2023;

Juvenile
Justice Unit.

From the Executive Office of Economic Development (see item 7002-0040 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting its Small Business Technical Assistance Grant Program Report for fiscal year 2024;

Small Business
Assistance
Grant Program.

From the District Attorney of Essex County (see Section 6 of Chapter 258B of the General Laws) submitting its victims' rights program plan report;

Victims'
rights.

From the Executive Office of Economic Development (see Section 13T(e) of Chapter 23A of the General Laws) submitting the Regional Tourism Council State Expenditures report for fiscal year 2023; and

Tourism
Council,—
expenditures.

From the Department of Public Utilities (see Section 68 of Chapter 179 of the Acts of 2022) submitting its final report and recommendations for the Gas System Enhancement Plan (GSEP) working group;

Gas System
Enhancement
Plan.

Severally were placed on file.

Papers from the Senate.

The House Bill dissolving the Hampshire County Regional Housing Authority and incorporating its functions into the Northampton Housing Authority (House, No. 3810), came from the Senate, passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 2575. The amendment was referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

Hampshire
County,—
housing
authority.

A Bill authorizing the town of Tewksbury to lease the Louise Davy Trahan Elementary School for not more than 99 years (Senate, No. 2582) (on Senate bill No. 2485) [Local Approval Received], passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Tewksbury,—
Trahan
school.

Reports of Committees.

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:

Relative to sales at retail (House, No. 243); and

Relative to telemarketer disclosures (House, No. 368);

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

Meats, etc.
Telemarketers.

By Ms. Fiola of Fall River, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1279) of Michael D. Brady, Vanna Howard, Susannah M. Whipps, Angelo J. Puppola, Jr., and others for legislation relative to civil service adoption,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Public Service. Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Municipalities,—
civil service.

By Mr. Day of Stoneham, for the committee on the Judiciary, on Senate, No. 1010 and House, No. 1393, a Bill relative to caregiver authorization affidavits (House, No. 4318). Referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

Affidavits,—
caregivers.

By Mr. Day of Stoneham, for the committee on the Judiciary, on House, Nos. 1480 and 1481, a Bill relative to a commission to study the intentional misrepresentation of a service animal (House, No. 4329).

Service
animals,—
study.

By Ms. Domb of Amherst, for the committee on Tourism, Arts and Cultural Development, on House, No. 3247, a Bill relative to the position of poet laureate for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (House, No. 4311).

Poet
laureate.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 3252, a Bill to study the development of an underground railroad, civil rights and black heritage museum and cultural center in Springfield (House, No. 4312).

Springfield,—
museum.

Severally read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

By Mr. Day of Stoneham, for the committee on the Judiciary, on House, No. 1432, a Bill relative to escheat (House, No. 4319).

Deposits of
property.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1439, a Bill relative to clarity and consistency for the Justice Reinvestment Oversight Board (House, No. 4320).

Justice
Reinvestment
Oversight Board.

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 1022 and House, No. 1442, a Bill to protect the privacy of 911 callers (House, No. 4323).

911 callers,—
privacy.

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 995 and House, No. 1447, a Bill to modernize the roles and responsibilities of the Victim and Witness Assistance Board (House, No. 4326).

Victim and
witness board.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1459, a Bill requiring the relocation of the Cambridge District Court (House, No. 4328).	Cambridge District Court.
By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1482, a Bill relative to equitable court staffing (House, No. 4330).	Court staffing.
By Ms. Fiola of Fall River, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a petition, a Bill regarding mandatory land use board training (House, No. 3553).	Board members,—training.
By Ms. Domb of Amherst, for the committee on Tourism, Arts and Cultural Development, on Senate, Nos. 2189 and 2197 and House, No. 3245, a Bill relative to the use of elephants, big cats, primates, giraffes, and bears in traveling exhibits and shows (House, No. 3245).	Animals,—traveling shows.
By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 2191 and House, No. 3243, a Bill relative to tourism and visitation marketing and promotion grants (House, No. 4310).	Tourism grants.
Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.	
By Mr. Day of Stoneham, for the committee on the Judiciary, on Senate, No. 1004 and House, No. 1440, a Bill relative to civil rights (House, No. 4321).	Civil rights.
By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1441, a Bill concerning the arrest without a warrant of persons on probation and temporary custody (House, No. 4322).	Probation,—warrantless arrests.
By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1443, a Bill relative to the punishment of organized retail crimes (House, No. 4324).	Organized retail crimes.
By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1444, a Bill to update expungement (House, No. 4325).	Expungement.
By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 939 and House, No. 1450, a Bill to modify the rules for taking depositions outside the Commonwealth and to adopt the uniform interstate depositions and discovery act (House, No. 4327).	Interstate depositions and discovery.
By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1490, a Bill relative to authorizing electronic signatures for criminal complaints (House, No. 4331).	Electronic signatures.
By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1545, a Bill to simplify the administrative aspect of evidentiary use of medical information (House, No. 4332).	Evidence,—medical information.
By Ms. Fiola of Fall River, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a petition, a Bill to establish commonsense permitting reforms for businesses and landowners (House, No. 2064).	Permitting.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to veterans housing advantage (House, No. 2077).	Veterans housing.
By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 2086 and 3555, a Bill relative to local option for associate members of planning boards (House, No. 3555).	Planning boards,—associates.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill enhancing the Historic Beacon Hill District (House, No. 4076) [Local Approval Received].	Boston,—Beacon Hill.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the treasurer-collector of the town of Sherborn (House, No. 4224) [Local Approval Received].	Sherborn,—treasurer-collector.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to the provision of health insurance for eligible employees and retirees in the town of Worthington (House, No. 4231) [Local Approval Received].	Worthington,—health insurance.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill approving the town of Wrentham home rule charter as amended (House, No. 4237) [Local Approval Received].

Wrentham,—
charter.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill changing the board of selectmen in the town of Dunstable to the select board (House, No. 4244) [Local Approval Received].

Dunstable,—
select board.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Littleton to provide drinking water to the inhabitants of the town of Boxborough (House, No. 4246).

Littleton,—
drinking
water.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Orders of the Day.

The Senate Bill removing the residency requirement for the treasurer of the county of Dukes County (Senate, No. 1288), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Third
reading
bill.

The House Bill authorizing the city of Newton to lease the Warren Junior High School for a term of years not exceeding 99 years (House, No. 4126), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate in concurrence.

Id.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

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

Next
sitting.

At thirteen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Soter of Bellingham (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.



MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2024.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Monday, February 12, 2024.

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.

Lunar New Year.

During the Session, Mr. Chan of Quincy took the Chair, declared a brief recess and, on behalf of Representatives Wong of Saugus, Chan of Quincy, Schmid of Westport, Mom of Lowell, Nguyen of Andover, Howard of Lowell and Uytterhoeven of Somerville, paid tribute to the members of the Asian community of the Commonwealth on the occasion of Lunar New Year, as follows:

Lunar
New Year.

On this past Saturday, February 10th, the new year of the lunar calendar began. It is the beginning of the 4722nd year and is the second oldest continuously used calendar in the world. Many Asian cultures, including Chinese, Vietnamese, Korean, Laotian and many others celebrate the Lunar New Year as a time to spend with family sharing happiness and good fortune.

The lunar calendar is set in 12-year cycles using 12 different zodiac animals to symbolize each year. This year is the year of the Dragon, the 5th animal of the 12-year cycle, and is the only animal that is a mythical creature. Persons born this year are charismatic, ambitious, adventurous, and fearless in how they approach life. This year is expected to bring innovation, the expansion of ideas and horizons, and greater connection to friends and family.

Guests of the House.

At the beginning of the session, the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford), declared a brief recess and introduced, seated in the Chamber, students from the Medway Middle School. At the invitation of the Chair, the students participated in the pledge of allegiance to the flag. They were the guests of Mr. Roy of Franklin.

Medway
Middle
School.

Orders.

The following orders were referred, under Joint Rule 30, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently:

Order (filed by Mr. Ryan of Boston) relative to extending until Tuesday, March 19, 2024 the time within which the committee on Election Laws is authorized to report on current House documents (House, No. 4380).

Extensions of
time for
committees
to make
reports.

Order (filed by Mr. Ryan of Boston) relative to extending until Tuesday, May 28, 2024 the time within which the committee on Election Laws is authorized to report on current House documents (House, No. 4381).

Order (filed by Mr. Driscoll of Milton) relative to extending until Friday, March 15, 2024 the time within which the committee on Emergency Preparedness and Management is authorized to report on current Senate and House documents (House, No. 4375).

Order (filed by Mr. Cahill of Lynn) relative to extending until Friday, April 12, 2024 the time within which the committee on Environment and Natural Resources is authorized to report on a current House document (House, No. 4376).

Order (filed by Mr. Cahill of Lynn) relative to extending until Tuesday, December 31, 2024 the time within which the committee on Environment and Natural Resources is authorized to report on current House documents (House, No. 4371).

Order (filed by Mr. Diggs of Barnstable) relative to extending until Wednesday, May 8, 2024 the time within which the committee on Labor and Workforce Development is authorized to report on current House documents (House, No. 4373).

Order (filed by Ms. Decker of Cambridge) relative to extending until Tuesday, December 31, 2024 the time within which the committee on Public Health is authorized to report on current House documents (House, No. 4372).

Order (filed by Ms. Decker of Cambridge) relative to extending until Tuesday, December 31, 2024 the time within which the committee on Public Health is authorized to report on current a House document (House, No. 4383).

Order (filed by Mr. González of Springfield) relative to extending until Monday, April 8, 2024 the time within which the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security is authorized to report on current House documents (House, No. 4382).

Order (filed by Mr. Cusack of Braintree) relative to extending until Tuesday, April 30, 2024 the time within which the committee on Revenue is authorized to report on current Senate and House documents (House, No. 4379).

Order (filed by Mr. Cabral of New Bedford) relative to extending until Monday, July 1, 2024 the time within which the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight is authorized to report on current Senate and House documents (House, No. 4370).

Order (filed by Mr. Roy of Franklin) relative to extending until Sunday, April 7, 2024 the time within which the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy is authorized to report on current House documents (House, No. 4378).

Order (filed by Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett) relative to extending until Thursday, May 23, 2024 the time within which the committee on Transportation is authorized to report on current Senate and House documents (House, No. 4374).

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the orders ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Roy of Franklin, the orders were considered forthwith; and they were adopted. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions.

Representative Cruz of Salem and Senator Lovely presented a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4398) of Manny Cruz and Joan B. Lovely (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to include the city of Salem designated port area as part of the Salem Harbor Port Area; and the same was referred to the committee on Transportation. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Salem,—
port area.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Kearney of Scituate, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Patrick Joseph Kearney relative to eligibility for the emergency housing assistance program.

Emergency housing assistance.

By Representative MacGregor of Boston, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of William F. MacGregor that the commissioner of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance be authorized to release a certain sewer line easement in the West Roxbury section of the city of Boston.

Boston,—
easement.

Severally, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Papers from the Senate.

Bills

Authorizing the town of Hamilton to amend the income threshold for senior real property tax deferments (Senate, No. 2508) (on a petition) [Local Approval Received];

Hamilton,—
tax deferments.

Validating the results of the annual election held in the town of Whitman on May 20, 2023 (Senate, No. 2516) (on a petition) [Local Approval Received]; and

Whitman,—
town election.

Designating a certain bridge in the city of Leominster as the Honorable John Walter Olver memorial bridge (Senate, No. 2609) (on Senate bill No. 2221);

Leominster,—
Olver bridge.

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were read; and they were referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2623) of Cynthia Stone Creem (by vote of the town) to authorize the town of Brookline to implement rent stabilization and tenant eviction protections, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Housing.

Brookline,—
rent.

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 petition of Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr., that the Massachusetts Teachers' Retirement Board be authorized to grant creditable service to Sheila Commisso. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Chan of Quincy, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Public Service. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Sheila Commisso,—
benefits.

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

The Senate Bill relative to changing the terms board of selectmen and selectmen to the term select board in the town of Rockport (Senate, No. 2459) [Local Approval Received]; and

Rockport,—
select board.

House bills

Relative to consumer protection on online automobile franchise transactions (House, No. 351);

Online auto transactions.

Relative to veterans housing advantage (House, No. 2077); and

Veterans.

Designating domestic workers' rights day (House, No. 3091);

Domestic workers.

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

By Mr. Schmid of Westport, for the committee on Agriculture, on Senate, Nos. 85 and 496 and House, Nos. 88, 95, 96, 99 and 150, a Bill strengthening the Commonwealth's farms and food systems (House, No. 4387). Read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29 to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Farms and food systems.

By Mr. Day of Stoneham, for the committee on the Judiciary, on House, No. 1750, a Bill concerning equitable allocation of recovery proceeds for subrogation claims (House, No. 4362). Referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

Subrogation claims.

By Mr. Finn of West Springfield, for the committee on Bonding, Capital Expenditures and State Assets, on a message from Her Excellency the Governor, a Bill to provide for the future information technology needs of Massachusetts (printed in House, No. 4242) [Bond Issue: \$1,630,000,000.00]. Read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Information technology,—bonds.

By Mr. Schmid of Westport, for the committee on Agriculture, on House, No. 3556, a Bill relative to food security infrastructure grants (House, No. 4388).

Food security infrastructure.

By Mr. Day of Stoneham, for the committee on the Judiciary, on House, Nos. 1551 and 3788, a Bill to protect victims of stalking in violation of harassment prevention orders (House, No. 4351).

Stalking,—victims.

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 915 and House, No. 1561, a Bill related to indigency (House, No. 4353).

Indigency.

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 933 and House, No. 1700, a Bill to modernize the administration of registered land under Chapter 185 of the General Laws (House, No. 4357).

Registered land.

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 927 and House, No. 1728, a Bill to implement the recommendations of the special commission on facial recognition technology (House, No. 4359).

Facial recognition technology.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1731, a Bill promoting access to counsel and housing stability in Massachusetts (House, No. 4360).

Housing stability.

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 984 and House, No. 1830, a Bill relative to Gardner District Court (House, No. 4363).

Gardner District Court.

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 1083 and House, No. 1813, a Bill relative to the efficient management and operation of the registries of probate (House, No. 4364).

Registries of probate,—operations.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. Day of Stoneham, for the committee on the Judiciary, on Senate, No. 1122 and House, No. 1550, a Bill criminalizing sexual assault by fraud of a medical professional (House, No. 4350).

Medical professionals,—sexual assaults.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1559, a Bill require the reporting of satisfaction of judgments awarding money damages (House, No. 4352).

Judgments awarding money .

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 1080 and House, No. 1609, a Bill increasing penalties for hit and runs with recreational vehicles in the Commonwealth to be known as the James Ward act (House, No. 4354).

Hit and runs,—
penalties.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1669, a Bill relative to the offense of assault and battery upon a transit worker (House, No. 4355).

Transit
workers.

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 956 and House, No. 1690, a Bill promoting housing opportunity and mobility through eviction sealing (HOMES) (House, No. 4356).

Evictions.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1717, a Bill relative to nonprofit board member compensation (House, No. 4358).

Nonprofits,—
compensation.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1746, a Bill relative to tort actions for latent diseases (House, No. 4361).

Tort actions,—
latent diseases.

By Ms. Domb of Amherst, for the committee on Tourism, Arts and Cultural Development, on Senate, No. 2186 and House, No. 3248, a Bill to protect Native American heritage (House, No. 3248).

Native
American
heritage.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Emergency Measure.

The engrossed Bill designating a certain bridge in the city of Leominster as the Captain Ross A. Reynolds memorial bridge (see House, No. 3334, amended), 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.

Leominster,—
Reynolds
bridge.

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 6 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed bills

Removing the residency requirement for the treasurer of the county of Dukes County (see Senate, No. 1288) (which originated in the Senate); and

Bills
enacted.

Establishing an appointed town clerk in the town of Rutland (see House, No. 3985) (which originated in the House);

Severally having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, were passed to be enacted; and they were signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

The House Bill relative to the charter in the town of Groton (House, No. 4194), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Third
reading
bill.

The House Bill dedicating the boat ramp at Bicentennial Park in the city of Fall River as the State Representative Manuel Raposa Jr. boat ramp (House, No. 4163), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Fall River,—
Raposa
boat ramp.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Walsh of Peabody moved to amend it in line 3 by striking out the words “Conversation and Recreation” and inserting in place thereof the words “fish and game”.

The amendment was adopted; and the bill (House, No. 4163, amended) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

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

Next
sitting.

At seventeen minutes after eleven o’clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Smola of Warren (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Thursday at eleven o’clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.



THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2024.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, February 15, 2024.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Ms. Giannino of Revere 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 (Ms. Giannino), the members, guests and employees joined with her in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of
allegiance.

Message from the Governor — Bill Returned with Recommendation of Amendment.

A message from Her Excellency the Governor returning with recommendation of amendment the engrossed Bill relative to authorizing the town of Holliston to continue the employment of Mark Dellicker as Deputy Fire Chief [see House, No. 3998] (for message, see House, No. 4386), was filed in the office of the Clerk on Thursday, February 8.

Holliston,—
Mark Dellicker.

The message was read; and, under the provisions of Article LVI of the Amendments to the Constitution, the bill was thereupon “before the General Court and subject to amendment and re-enactment”.

Pending the question on adoption of the amendment recommended by the Governor, the bill was referred, on motion of Mr. Walsh of Peabody, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

Order.

The following order was referred, under Joint Rule 30, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently:

Order (filed by Ms. Fiola of Fall River) relative to extending until Thursday, February 29, 2024 the time within which the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government is authorized to report on a current Senate document (House, No. 4401).

Municipalities
and Regional
Government,—
extension of time
for reporting.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the order ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Philips of Sharon, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Communications.

Communications

From the Executive Office for Administration and Finance (see Section 35VV of Chapter 10 of the General Laws) submitting the annual status report for the Social Innovation Financing Trust Fund (Pay-for-Success Contracts);

Social
Innovation
Financing Fund.

From the Office of the Norfolk County District Attorney (see Section 32(e) of Chapter 12 of the General Laws) submitting a statistical report on juvenile justice and drug diversion activities in Norfolk County for calendar year 2023;

Norfolk
County,—
drugs, etc.

From the Cape Cod Regional Transit Authority (see Section 8(g) of Chapter 161B of the General Laws) submitting financial statements, supplementary information, and a schedule of expenditures of federal awards and OMB uniform guidance auditors' reports for fiscal year ending June 30, 2023;

Cape Cod
Regional
Transit
Authority.

From the Nantucket Regional Transit Authority (see Section 8(g) of Chapter 161B of the General Laws) submitting financial statements, supplementary information, and a schedule of expenditures of federal awards and OMB uniform guidance auditors' reports for fiscal year ending June 30, 2023 and 2022;

Nantucket
Regional
Transit
Authority.

From the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (see item 0330-0613 of Section 2 of Chapter 126 of the Acts of 2022) submitting the Department of Correction and Parole Board Collaboration report for fiscal year 2023;

Parole Board
Collaboration.

From the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (see item 8900-0125 of Section 2 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting the Sex Offender Registry Board (SORB) annual report for fiscal year 2023; and

Sex Offender
Registry Board.

From the Insurance Fraud Bureau (see Section 1(k) of Chapter 338 of the Acts of 1990, as most recently amended by Section 5 of Chapter 279 of the Acts of 2002) submitting a semi-annual report containing its 2023 IFB semi-annual report [copies of said report had been forwarded to the committees on Financial Services and Labor and Workforce Development, by the bureau];

Insurance
Fraud Bureau.

Severally were placed on file.

Report.

A report of the District Attorney of Worcester County (under Section 99 of Chapter 272 of the General Laws) submitting a report relative to wiretaps for calendar year 2023, was placed on file.

Worcester
District
Attorney,—
wiretaps.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Gordon of Bedford, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4403) of Kenneth I. Gordon (by vote of the town) relative to town meeting vacancies in the town of Burlington. To the committee on Election Laws.

Burlington,—
vacancies.

By Representative Whipps of Athol and Senator Comerford, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4404) of Susannah M. Whipps and Joanne M. Comerford (by vote of the town) relative to increasing the town of Northfield Board of Sewer Commissioners from three to five members. To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Northfield,—
sewer
commissioners.

By Representative Gordon of Bedford, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4405) of Kenneth I. Gordon (by vote of the town) that the town of Burlington be authorized to appoint Ryan DeCoste as a firefighter in said town, notwithstanding the maximum age requirement. To the committee on Public Service.

Burlington,—
Ryan DeCoste.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Cusack of Braintree, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Mark J. Cusack relative to licensing of earned wage access services providers by the Division of Banks.

Division
of Banks,—
wage services.

By Representatives DuBois of Brockton and Mendes of Brockton, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Michelle M. DuBois and Rita A. Mendes (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to the police cadet program in the city of Brockton.

Brockton,—
police cadet
program.

By Representative Gordon of Bedford and Senator Brady, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Kenneth I. Gordon and Michael D. Brady for legislation to modernize civil service laws to assist in the recruiting and hiring of municipal public safety employees.

Civil service,—
public safety
employees.

By Representative LaNatra of Kingston, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Kathleen R. LaNatra relative to the transfer of real property from the Silver Lake regional school district to the town of Kingston.

Kingston,—
land.

By Representative Peake of Provincetown and Senator Cyr, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Sarah K. Peake and Julian Cyr that the roundabout at the intersection of state highways routes 28 and 39 in the town of Orleans shall be designated in honor of Dorofei Klimshuk.

Orleans,—
Klimshuk
roundabout.

By Representative Peake of Provincetown, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Sarah K. Peake and Julian Cyr that a certain bridge on state highway Route 28 in the town of Harwich be designated as the United States Army Private First Class Joseph C. Blute memorial bridge.

Harwich,—
Blute bridge.

By Representative Pignatelli of Lenox and Senator Mark, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Smitty Pignatelli and Paul W. Mark for legislation to establish the quarterly allocation of Chapter 90 funds for cities and towns.

Chapter 90
funds,—
allocations.

Severally, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Papers from the Senate.

The House Bill designating a certain bridge in the town of Dedham as the Honorable Deborah R. Cochran memorial bridge (House, No. 3382), came from the Senate, passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment, inserting before the enacting clause the following emergency preamble:

Dedham,—
Cochran
bridge.

“Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to designate forthwith a bridge in the town of Dedham, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.”

The amendment was referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

The House Bill designating a certain bridge in the town of Lexington as the Henry N. “Hank” Manz bridge (House, No. 4160) (its title having been changed by the Senate committee on Bills in the Third Reading), came from the Senate, passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with amendments striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document number 2641; and inserting before the enacting clause the following emergency preamble:

Lexington,—
Manz bridge.

“Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to designate forthwith a bridge in the town of Lexington, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.”

The amendments were referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

A Bill changing the name of the board of selectmen of the town of Charlton to select board (Senate, No. 2487) (on a petition) [Local Approval Received], passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Charlton,—
select board.

A petition of Patrick M. O'Connor for legislation to establish statewide food truck regulations, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Public Health.

Food trucks,—
regulation.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2670) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Public Health.

Reports of Committees.

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

The Senate Bill validating the results of the annual election held in the town of Whitman on May 20, 2023 (Senate, No. 2516) [Local Approval Received]; and House bills

Whitman,—
town election.

To protect innovation and entrepreneurship in the Commonwealth (House, No. 277);

Patent
infringement.

Eliminating the residency requirement for fortune tellers (House, No. 3893); and

Fortune tellers.

Relative to the provision of health insurance for eligible employees and retirees in the town of Worthington (House, No. 4231) [Local Approval Received];

Worthington,—
health insurance.

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.

By Mr. Livingstone of Boston, for the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, on Senate, No. 72 and House, No. 146, a Bill ensuring access to behavioral health services for children involved with state agencies (House, No. 146) [Representative Sullivan-Almeida of Abington dissenting].

Children,—
behavioral
health services.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to enhance hospital care for those with autism and intellectual and developmental disabilities (House, No. 172).

Developmental
disabilities.

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 1112 and House, No. 211, a Bill establishing a bill of rights for individuals experiencing homelessness (House, No. 211).

Bill of rights,—
homelessness.

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 123 and House, No. 213, a Bill to increase the safety of individuals with disabilities relying on life-support equipment (House, No. 213).

Life-support
equipment.

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, Nos. 64 and 129 and House, Nos. 166 and 173, a Bill relative to substance exposed newborns (House, No. 4392) [Representatives Berthiaume of Spencer and Sullivan-Almeida of Abington dissenting].

Substance
exposed
newborns.

Severally referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

By Mr. Livingstone of Boston, for the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, on Senate, No. 100 and House, No. 222, a Bill establishing a special commission to study women and homelessness (House, No. 222).

Women and homelessness,—study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing a special commission on two-generation approaches to childhood education (House, No. 223).

Childhood education,—study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 152, a Bill to amend the structure of the Commission of Grandparents Raising Grandchildren (House, No. 4390).

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren.

Severally read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

By Mr. Livingstone of Boston, for the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, on a petition, a Bill relative to the placement of children in foster care (House, No. 130).

Foster care,—placement.

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 76 and House, No. 135, a Bill establishing basic needs assistance for Massachusetts immigrant residents (House, No. 135) [Representatives Berthiaume of Spencer and Sullivan-Almeida of Abington dissenting].

Immigrant residents,—assistance.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to lift kids out of deep poverty (House, No. 144) [Representatives Berthiaume of Spencer and Sullivan-Almeida of Abington dissenting].

Dependent children,—benefits.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing a livable home modification grant program (House, No. 148).

Home modifications.

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 104 and House, No. 149, a Bill establishing a diaper benefits pilot program (House, No. 149).

Diaper benefits pilot program.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to education or training activities for purposes of meeting the Department of Transitional Assistance work requirement (House, No. 169).

Assistance,—work requirements.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the family medical history of adopted children (House, No. 178).

Adopted children.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to financial literacy (House, No. 184).

Financial literacy.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to foster care recruitment (House, No. 186).

Foster care recruitment.

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 117 and House, No. 187, a Bill to protect safety net access for Massachusetts residents (House, No. 187).

Safety net access.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the prevention of child sexual abuse in schools and youth organizations (House, No. 194).

Child abuse,—prevention.

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 90 and House, No. 198, a Bill relative to animal welfare and DCF regulations (House, No. 198).

Animal welfare.

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 107 and House, No. 206, a Bill relative to cueing and supervision in the PCA program (House, No. 206).

Personal care attendant program.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the use of electronic benefit transfer cards with regard to online grocery delivery services (House, No. 210).

Electronic benefit transfer cards.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill preventing funds deposited in children's savings accounts from counting against cash assistance benefits (House, No. 221).

Cash assistance benefits.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 147, a Bill providing immediate child care assistance to homeless families (House, No. 4389) [Representatives Berthiaume of Spencer and Sullivan-Almeida of Abington dissenting].

Homeless families,—child care.

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 92 and House, No. 162, a Bill relative to child fatality review (House, No. 4391).

Child fatality review.

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 96 and House, Nos. 141 and 174, a Bill updating terminology and investigative practices related to the protection of persons with disabilities (House, No. 4393).

Protection of persons with disabilities.

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 94 and House, No. 192, a Bill allowing certain minors to consent to supportive services (House, No. 4394).

Supportive services,—minors.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 203, a Bill protecting vulnerable adults from financial exploitation (House, No. 4395).

Financial exploitation.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 212, a Bill requiring universal changing stations in public buildings (House, No. 4397).

Changing stations.

By Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett, for the committee on Transportation, on a petition, a Bill [sic] a parcel of land in Winchester (House, No. 4043).

Winchester,—land.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. Livingstone of Boston, for the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, on Senate, No. 95 and House, No. 160, a Bill relative to individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities (House, No. 4396).

Individuals with disabilities.

By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill directing the city of Boston Police Department to waive the maximum age requirement for admission into the police academy for Luigi D'Addieco (House, No. 4071) [Local Approval Received].

Boston,—Luigi D'Addieco.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Engrossed Bills.

The engrossed Bill designating a certain bridge in the city of Leominster as the Captain Ross A. Reynolds memorial bridge (see House, No. 3334, amended) (which originated in the House), in respect to which the Senate had concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill enacted.

The engrossed Bill authorizing Brandon Fredette to take the civil service examination for the position of firefighter in the city of Haverhill notwithstanding the maximum age requirement (see House, No. 4147) (which originated in the House), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Id.

Orders of the Day.

Senate bills

Establishing a sick leave bank for Danielle Marie Cruz, an employee of the Trial Court of the Commonwealth (Senate, No. 2537); and

To provide for the continuance of the town of Hingham's senior means-tested property tax exemption (Senate, No. 2553);

Severally reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Third
reading
bills.

The House Bill establishing building trades recovery week (House, No. 3058), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Third
reading
bill.

The House Bill authorizing the town of Sharon to change the use of a certain parcel of land used for outdoor recreational purposes to a use for general municipal purposes (House, No. 4170) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading), reported by said committee to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Sharon,—
land.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Walsh of Peabody moved to amend it in section 1, in lines 15 and 16, by striking out the words "or the conservation commission".

The amendment was adopted; and the bill (House, No. 4170, amended) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

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 eleven minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Ms. Giannino of Revere being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Tuesday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.



THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2023.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

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, Balser 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, Montaña 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, Balser 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.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Tuesday, February 20, 2024.

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 Gordon of Bedford) congratulating John W. Parsons on his retirement as Executive Director of the Public Employee Retirement Administration Commission;

John
Parsons.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Khan of Newton, Lawn of Watertown, and Balser of Newton) honoring Matthew Jefferson on the occasion of his one hundredth birthday;

Matthew
Jefferson.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Saunders of Belchertown) congratulating the residents of the town of Ludlow on the two hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the town's founding; and

Ludlow,—
anniversary.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Smola of Warren) congratulating the Three Rivers Chamber of Commerce on its decades of dedicated service to the Greater Three Rivers and Palmer area;

Three Rivers
Chamber of
Commerce.

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. Gordon of Bedford, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Order.

The following order was referred, under Joint Rule 30, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently:

Order (filed by Mr. Madaro of Boston) relative to extending until Wednesday, May 15, 2024 the time within which the committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery is authorized to report on a current Senate document (House, No. 4407).

Mental Health,
Substance Use
and Recovery
committee,—
extension
of time for
reporting.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the order ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Madaro of Boston, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Communications.

Communications

From the Office of the Child Advocate (see Section 2A of Chapter 38 of the General Laws) submitting its fiscal year 2022 Child Fatality Review annual report;

Child fatality review.

From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see item 4000-0500 of Section 2 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting its comparative analysis of the rate differential for inpatient psychiatric and substance use hospital per diem payments report on the outcomes achieved by Accountable Care Organizations (ACOs) and Community Partners;

ACO's and community partners.

From the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (see Section 99 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting its annual report on the Regional Transit Authority Performance Management Program and RTA Performance Progress Report for fiscal year 2023;

RTA performance management.

From the Executive Office for Administration and Finance (see item 1599-0514 of Section 2 of Chapter 77 of the Acts of 2023) submitting the February 12, 2024 biweekly report on the Emergency Housing Assistance Program;

Emergency housing assistance.

From the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (see item 0330-0613 of Section 2 of Chapter 126 of the Acts of 2022) submitting its report on One Year Recidivism Rates of Men and Women released from 2017-2020 and Multi-Year Descriptive Analysis of Risk Reduction Programs; and

Recidivism rates.

From the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (see Section 6(b) of Chapter 6C of the General Laws) submitting its annual report of the project information system and performance measurement report for calendar year 2023;

MassDOT.

Severally were placed on file.

Report.

The annual report of the Fair Labor Division of the Office of the Attorney General (under item 0810-0045 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting its report on enforcement actions and violation trends in the construction industry, was placed on file.

Construction,—wages.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Garry of Dracut and Senator Kennedy, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4430) of Colleen M. Garry and Edward J. Kennedy (by vote of the town) that the town of Dracut be authorized to adopt alternative methods for notice of public hearings. To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Dracut,—public notices.

By Representative Worrell of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4431) of Christopher J. Worrell (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Boston be authorized to appoint Nuias Daveiga a police officer in said city notwithstanding the maximum age requirement. To the committee on Public Service.

Nuias Daveiga,—employment.

By Representative Worrell of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4432) of Christopher J. Worrell (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to the procurement and award of contracts for construction of a certain

Boston,—public library.

subsidized affordable housing project, including space for a branch library to be procured by the Boston Public Library, in the city of Boston. To the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Representative Biele of Boston (by request) presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Alex Mattern relative to the reporting of certain convictions to the Registrar of Motor Vehicles; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

RMV,—
conviction
reports.

Papers from the Senate.

A Bill increasing the term of office for select board members in the town of Marblehead from 1 year to 3 years (Senate, No. 2652) (on Senate bill No. 2415) [Local Approval Received], passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Marblehead,—
select board
term.

A petition (accompanied by bill) of Michael D. Brady and Josh S. Cutler for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Tiffany Brennan, an employee of the Trial Court of the Commonwealth, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on the Judiciary.

Tiffany
Brennan,—
sick leave.

The House concurred with the Senate in suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2672) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on the Judiciary.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Lewis of Framingham, for the committee on Federal Stimulus and Census Oversight, that the Senate Bill to provide for competitiveness and infrastructure investment in Massachusetts (Senate, No. 2554), ought to pass with an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in House document numbered House, No. 4414. Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, with the amendment pending.

Competitiveness
and investments
in infrastructure.

Mr. Honan of Boston, for said committee, then reported asking to be discharged from further consideration of said bill, and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Ways and Means. Under suspension of Rule 42A, on motion of Ms. Khan of Newton, the report was considered forthwith, under Rule 42; and it was accepted.

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 petition of Kenneth I. Gordon and Michael D. Brady for legislation to modernize civil service laws to assist in the recruiting and hiring of municipal public safety employees. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Khan of Newton, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Public Service. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Municipal
public safety,—
civil service.

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

The Senate Bill authorizing the town of Hamilton to amend the income threshold for senior real property tax deferments (Senate, No. 2508) [Local Approval Received]; and

Hamilton,—
tax deferments.

House bills

Relative to agricultural crop and property destruction (House, No. 97);

Property.
Deerfield,—
police.

Authorizing the town of Deerfield to continue the employment of police department members Michael W. Habel, Robert A. Thrasher, and Mark Jacques (House, No. 4291) [Local Approval Received]; and

Relative to individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities (House, No. 4396);

Developmental
disabilities.

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

By Ms. Garlick of Needham, for the committee on Education, on House, Nos. 589 and 590, a Bill to assess school integration within the Metropolitan Council for Educational Opportunity (METCO) program (House, No. 4408). Read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

METCO.

By Mr. Donahue of Worcester, for the committee on Cannabis Policy, on a petition, a Bill relative to data transparency in the cannabis industry (House, No. 105).

Cannabis
data.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to a medical marijuana pilot program (House, No. 122).

Medical
marijuana.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 117, a Bill relative to vertical integration of medical marijuana businesses (House, No. 4409).

Id.

By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Financial Services, on House, No. 1103, a Bill relative to breast cancer equity and early detection (House, No. 4410).

Breast cancer,—
early detection.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1131, a Bill relating to patient cost, benefit and coverage information, choice, and price transparency (House, No. 4411).

Patients,—
coverage.

Severally referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

By Mr. Donahue of Worcester, for the committee on Cannabis Policy, on a petition, a Bill relative to supporting sustainability in the cannabis industry (House, No. 118).

Cannabis
industry.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to create cannabis career pathways to incarcerated individuals (House, No. 123).

Incarcerated,—
employment.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 111, 113, and 3558, a Bill relative to fines for violations of cannabis advertising regulations (House, No. 3558).

Cannabis,—
advertising.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 115, a Bill to facilitate labor peace among the cannabis workforce (House, No. 4413).

Cannabis,—
unions.

By Ms. Garlick of Needham, for the committee on Education, on a petition, a Bill to improve augmentative and alternative communication opportunities for children with disabilities (House, No. 433).

Disabilities,—
communication.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill enhancing learning in the early school years through a ban on school exclusion in pre-kindergarten through 3rd grade (House, No. 453).

Schools,—
early education.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing a green and healthy schools working group and implementation plan (House, No. 469).

Healthy
schools.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to non-public school student access to the MCAS exam (House, No. 506).

MCAS,—
access.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to student and educator data privacy (House, No. 532).

Schools,—
data privacy.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 451, 558, 603, and 3993, a Bill establishing farm to school grants to promote healthy eating and strengthen the agricultural economy (House, No. 558).

Farm to school
grants.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill to establish de-escalation training in student transportation (House, No. 602) [Representative McGonagle of Everett dissenting].

Student
transportation.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 440, 444, 450, 505, 524, 531, 538, 564, 592 and 4245, a Bill to expand access to career technical education and other alternative pathways that improve student opportunities and outcomes (House, No. 4399).

Technical
education.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 478, 517, 580 and 597, a Bill to reduce exclusionary discipline for violations of rules related to student grooming and dress (House, No. 4400).

Student
discipline.

By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Financial Services, on House, Nos. 950, 1035, 1095, and 1118, a Bill to establish minimum reimbursement rate to insurance claimants (House, No. 4412).

Insurance,—
reimbursements.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

By Ms. Fiola of Fall River, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Somerset to acquire interests in land for sewer purposes (House, No. 4273) [Local Approval Received].

Somerset,—
land.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the Greater Lawrence Regional Vocational Technical high school (House, No. 4384).

Lawrence Regional
Vocational School.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Emergency Measures.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Danielle Marie Cruz, an employee of the Trial Court of the Commonwealth (see Senate, No. 2537), 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.

Danielle
Marie Cruz,—
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 Senate) was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and Sent to the Senate.

Bill
enacted.

Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed bills

To provide for the continuance of the town of Hingham's senior means-tested property tax exemption (see Senate, No. 2553) (which originated in the Senate);

Expanding the select board of the town of Sharon (see House, No. 3905 changed and amended);

Authorizing the town of West Stockbridge to continue the employment of Steven Traver as fire chief (see House, No. 4196);

Authorizing the town of Richmond to continue the employment of Steven Traver as fire chief (see House, No. 4197); and

Increasing the membership of the board of trustees of the Forbes Library in the city of Northampton (see House, No. 4221);

(Which severally originated in the House);

Severally having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, were passed to be enacted; and they were signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bills
enacted.

Orders of the Day.

The Senate amendment of the House Bill dissolving the Hampshire County Regional Housing Authority and incorporating its functions into the Northampton Housing Authority (House, No. 3810), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was adopted, in concurrence.

Northampton
Housing
Authority.

House bill

Establishing memorial markers in the towns of Milton and Canton in memory of certain law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty (House, No. 786); and

Authorizing the administrative assistant to the board of assessors of the city of New Bedford to be a non-resident (House, No. 4201);

Severally reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Third
reading
bills.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

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

Next
sitting.

At twenty-two minutes before twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Thursday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.



THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2024.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, February 22, 2024.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Garballey of Arlington 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. Garballey), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of
allegiance.

Guests of the House.

At the beginning of the session, the Chair (Mr. Garballey of Arlington), declared a brief recess and introduced, seated in the House Chamber, the Whitman-Hanson Girl Scouts with their leaders and chaperones. At the invitation of the Chair, the Girl Scouts led the House in the reciting of the pledge of allegiance to the flag. They were the guests of Representatives DeCoste of Norwell and Sullivan-Almeida of Abington and they were accompanied by Senator Brady.

Whitman-Hanson
Girl Scouts.

Resolutions.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Representative Cabral of New Bedford) congratulating Colby Blais on his achievement of the rank of Eagle Scout of the Boy Scouts of America, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Colby
Blais.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee, reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Donato of Medford, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Order.

The following order was referred, under Joint Rule 30, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently:

Order (filed by Mr. Cusack of Braintree) relative to extending until Tuesday, April 30, 2024 the time within which the committee on Revenue is authorized to report on a current House document (House, No. 4434).

Revenue
committee,—
extension of time
for reporting.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the order ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Donato of Medford, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Communications.

Communications

From the Office of the Comptroller (see Section 12(a) of Chapter 7A of the General Laws) submitting the Statutory Basis Financial Report for fiscal year 2023;

Statutory Basis
Financial Report.

From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see Section 13D ½ of Chapter 118E the General Laws) submitting a report on comparative analysis of the Community Behavioral Health Center rates as of December 2023;

Community
behavioral
health centers.

From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see item 4000-0300 contained in Section 2 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting the MassHealth Dual Eligibles Initiative report;

MassHealth
Dual Eligibles
Initiative.

From the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (see item 7061-9813 of Section 2 of Chapter 126 of the Acts of 2022) submitting its report on Rural School Aid for fiscal year 2023; and

Rural
School
Aid.

From the Hampden County Sheriff's Office (see item 8910-1010 contained in Section 2 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting its Regional Evaluation and Stabilization Unit report for fiscal year 2023;

Hampden
Sheriff,—
ESU report.

Severally were placed on file.

Monthly Reports.

Monthly reports

Of the Department of Unemployment Assistance (under Section 14F of Chapter 151A of the General Laws) relative to the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund for January 2024; and

Unemployment
Insurance
Trust Fund.

Of the Executive Office of the Trial Court (under Section 15 of Chapter 239 of the General Laws, as amended 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;

Rental
protections.

Severally were placed on file.

Papers from the Senate.

Petitions were referred, in concurrence, as follows:

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2689) of Michael J. Rodrigues and William M. Straus (by vote of the town) for legislation to amend the Cranberry Highway Smart Growth Overlay District. To the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Rochester,—
smart growth.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2690) of Michael J. Rodrigues and William M. Straus (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the town of Rochester to continue the employment of Scott Weigel. To the committee on Public Service.

Rochester,—
Scott Weigel.

A petition (accompanied by bill) of Bruce E. Tarr, Roger E. Mercaldi, Jr., Ryan C. Fattman, Kathleen R. LaNatra and others for legislation to properly recognize merchant marine veterans, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint rule 12, to the committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs.

Veterans,—
merchant
marines.

The House then concurred with the Senate in suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2688) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs.

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 petition of Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr., and Bud L. Williams relative to real estate tax abatements for certain blind persons. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Revenue. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Blind persons,—
abatements.

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

The Senate Bill increasing the term of office for select board members in the town of Marblehead from 1 year to 3 years (Senate, No. 2652) [Local Approval Received]; and

Marblehead,—
select board.

House bills

Relative to increasing the fine for handicap parking violations for city/town implementation and compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (House, No. 3261);

ADA,—
parking.

To establish Noah Fernandes Mitochondrial disease awareness day (House, No. 4240); and

Mitochondrial,—
awareness day.

Authorizing the town of Littleton to provide drinking water to the inhabitants of the town of Boxborough (House, No. 4246);

Boxborough,—
drinking water.

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

By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Financial Services, on a petition, a Bill relative to colon cancer screening (House, No. 927).

Colon cancer
screening.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to enact the pharmacy benefit manager compensation reform (House, No. 934).

Drug benefit
managers.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill providing continuity of care for mental health treatment (House, No. 936).

Mental health
care.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to transparency of consumer health insurance rights (House, No. 937).

Health
insurance.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to breast cancer screening and early detection (House, No. 938).

Breast cancer,—
detection.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to update mental health parity (House, No. 939).

Mental health
parity.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill requiring mental health parity for disability policies (House, No. 940).

Id.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to reduce co-pays for people with chronic conditions (House, No. 943).

Chronic
conditions.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill reining in premiums through stronger rate review (House, No. 944).

Health care,—
premiums.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to ensure prescription drug cost transparency and affordability (House, No. 945).

Prescriptions,—
cost.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill requiring prospective payment system methodology for reimbursement to community health centers (House, No. 948).

Health centers,—
reimbursements.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to consumer deductibles (House, No. 953).

Consumers,—
deductibles.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill prohibiting discrimination against 340b drug discount program participants (House, No. 959).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to modernize the Massachusetts insurer's insolvency fund (House, No. 962).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to costs for treatment and management of diabetes (House, No. 963).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to ensuring treatment for genetic craniofacial conditions (House, No. 964).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill improving access to breast pumps (House, No. 967).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill requiring reimbursement for the costs of providing competent interpreter services (House, No. 968).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to promoting healthcare access and affordability for patients (House, No. 978).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the safety of autistic and Alzheimer individuals (House, No. 980).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to non-medical switching (House, No. 982).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to access to care for serious mental illness (House, No. 984).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill increasing access to postpartum home visiting services (House, No. 985).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to telehealth and digital equity for patients (House, No. 986).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill for supportive care for serious mental illness (House, No. 989).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to removing barriers to non-opioid pain management (House, No. 990).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to protect health care consumers from surprise billing (House, No. 997).

Severally referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

By Ms. Farley-Bouvier of Pittsfield, for the committee on Advanced Information Technology, the Internet and Cybersecurity, on a petition, a Bill creating a task force to study the use of the internet by sex offenders (House, No. 67).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing a special commission on blockchain and cryptocurrency (House, No. 69).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 72, a Bill establishing a task force on the use of deepfake and digital content forgery (House, No. 4406).

Severally read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

By Ms. Farley-Bouvier of Pittsfield, for the committee on Advanced Information Technology, the Internet and Cybersecurity, on a petition, a Bill establishing the Massachusetts open data standard (House, No. 62).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill related to the resiliency, public safety and quality of broadband in Massachusetts (House, No. 3780).

Drug discount program.

Insurers' insolvency fund.

Diabetes,— treatment.

Craniofacial,— conditions.

Breast pumps,— access.

Interpreter services,— reimbursement.

Healthcare,— access.

Autistic and Alzheimer.

Health plans,— prescriptions.

Mental health,— care.

Postpartum services.

Telehealth equity.

Mental health,— care.

Pain management.

Surprise billing.

Sex offenders,— internet use.

Blockchain and cryptocurrency.

Digital forgery.

Open data standard.

Broadband.

By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Financial Services, on a petition, a Bill establishing uniform safeguards and public protections for consumers conducting bank transactions at automated teller machines (House, No. 929).

Teller machine
safeguards.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to an investigation to review flood insurance rates (House, No. 931).

Flood insurance
rates.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to an investigation of flood insurance by the Attorney General (House, No. 935).

Id.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relating to modernizing business to business commercial insurance transactions (House, No. 960).

Commercial
insurance
transactions.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to protect consumers by further defining subprime loans (House, No. 974).

Subprime
loans.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to continuing education of insurance producers (House, No. 977).

Insurance,—
education.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

By Ms. Farley-Bouvier of Pittsfield, for the committee on Advanced Information Technology, the Internet and Cybersecurity, on a petition, a Bill [sic] internet access on private ways (House, No. 85).

Internet
installation,—
private ways.

By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Financial Services, on a petition, a Bill relative to modernization of insurance laws (House, No. 932).

Life
insurance.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill providing mortgage customers additional mandatory information regarding their accounts (House, No. 933).

Mortgage
account
information.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to [sic] relative to an underinsurance issue (House, No. 947).

Underinsurance.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill preserving the competitiveness of group auto and homeowners insurance plans (House, No. 957).

Insurance
plans.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to certain loans by the Federal Home Loan Bank (House, No. 958).

Federal home
loans.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to notices by insurance companies (House, No. 981).

Insurance,—
notifications.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to motor vehicle service contracts (House, No. 995).

Motor vehicle
service
contracts.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Emergency Measure.

The engrossed Bill designating a certain bridge in the towns of Belchertown and Ware as the Kenneth J. Iwasinski memorial bridge (see House, No. 4008, amended), 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.

Kenneth J.
Iwasinski
memorial
bridge.

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.

Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed bills

Relative to the Auburn Water District clerk and treasurer (see House, No. 2048);
Dissolving the Hampshire County Regional Housing Authority and incorporating its functions into the Northampton Housing Authority (see House, No. 3810, amended);

Authorizing the city of Greenfield to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (see House, No. 4191); and

Further regulating the systems of sewers in the town of Deerfield (see House, No. 4220);

(Which severally originated in the House);

Severally having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, were passed to be enacted; and they were signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bills
enacted.

Orders of the Day.

House bills

Relative to erecting a bench in honor of Rita Walsh in the Hyde Park neighborhood of Boston (House, No. 3965); and

To prohibit hunting on property owned by the Department of Correction and located at 28A Union Turnpike in the town of Concord (House, No. 4200);

Severally reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Third
reading
bills.

The House Bill authorizing the town of Canton to grant temporary and permanent easements of certain land of the town situated in the town of Stoughton for highway purposes (House, No. 3937), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Walsh of Peabody moved to amended it in section 1, in line 14, by inserting after the word "Canton" the following: "for watershed purposes as recorded in the Norfolk registry of deeds in book 706, page 308"; and in section 2, in line 32, by inserting after the word "Canton", the following: "for watershed purposes as recorded in the Norfolk registry of deeds in book 706, page 308 and".

The amendments were adopted; and the bill (House, No. 3937, amended) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Stoughton,—
land.

The House Bill exempting Thomas Romeo from the 75% pension and annuity limitation for police officers hired after January 1, 1988 set forth in Chapter 32, Section 7(2)(a)(ii) of the General Laws (House, No. 4164), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Walsh of Peabody moved to amended it by substitution of a Bill correcting the membership date of a certain police officer in the town of North Reading relative to their membership in the Middlesex County retirement system (House, No. 4437), which was read.

The amendment was adopted; and the substituted bill was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

North Reading,—
Thomas Romeo.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

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

Next
sitting.

At twenty-two minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2024.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Monday, February 26, 2024.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Garballey of Arlington 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. Garballey), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of
allegiance.

Resolutions.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Speaker Mariano of Quincy and other members of the House) recognizing and congratulating the National Conference of State Legislatures on its fiftieth anniversary in 2025, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

NCSL
anniversary.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee, reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, 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.

Order.

The following order was referred, under Joint Rule 30, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently:

Order (filed by Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett) relative to extending until Thursday, May 23, 2024 the time within which the committee on Transportation is authorized to report on a current House document (House, No. 4435).

Transportation
committee,—
extension of time
for reporting.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the order ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Communications.

Communications

From the Executive Office of Technology Services and Security (see item 1790-0100 of Section 2 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting its annual report on data collection and reporting in the criminal justice system;

Criminal
justice,—
data collection.

From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see item 4000-0005 of Section 2 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting its report entitled: Safe and Successful Youth Initiative;

Safe and
Successful
Youth Initiative.

From the Department of Mental Health (see item 5011-0100 of Section 2 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting a report on an investigation into the utility and feasibility of converting a cruise ship into a mental health and rehabilitation facility;

Cruise ship
conversion.

From the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (see item 8100-1004 of Section 2 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting the third quarterly report of the Massachusetts State Police Crime Lab for calendar year 2023; and

State Police
Crime Lab.

From the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (see item 8100-1004 of Section 2 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting the fourth quarterly report of the Massachusetts State Police Crime Lab for calendar year 2023; Severally were placed on file.

Id.

Report.

A report of the Massachusetts Housing and Shelter Alliance (under item 7004-0104 of Section 2 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting a progress report entitled: Home and Healthy for Good – A solution-driven permanent supportive housing model from July 1, 2023-February 29, 2024, was placed on file.

Supportive housing model progress.

Papers from the Senate.

The House Bill modernizing firearm law (House, No. 4139), came from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with amendments striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 2584; and striking out the title and inserting in place there of the following title: “An Act to sensibly address firearm violence through effective reform”.

Firearms laws.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the amendments were considered forthwith. The House then non-concurred with the Senate in its amendments; and, on motion of Mr. Day of Stoneham, asked for a committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches. Representatives Day, González of Springfield and McKenna of Webster were appointed the committee on the part of the House. Sent to the Senate to be joined.

Committee of conference.

The House Bill authorizing the town of Bernardston to continue the employment of fire chief Peter Shedd (House, No. 4064), came from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place there of the text contained in Senate document numbered 2671. The amendment was referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

Bernardston,—
Peter Shedd.

A Bill authorizing the continued employment of Jerry Shampang as an environmental police officer in the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (Senate, No. 2691) (on Senate bill No. 2464), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Jerry Shampang,—
employment.

A petition (accompanied by bill) of Sal N. DiDomenico for legislation relative to the development of a professional soccer stadium and a waterfront park on part of the Mystic River designated port area, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies.

Mystic River port area,—
soccer stadium.

The House concurred with the Senate in suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2692) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies.

Reports of Committees.

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

The Senate Bill authorizing the town of Norwell to establish a means tested senior citizen property tax exemption (Senate, No. 1921) [Local Approval Received]; and

House bills

Relative to Rosa Parks Day (House, No. 3075);

Directing the city of Boston Police Department to waive the maximum age requirement for admission into the police academy for Luigi D’Addieco (House, No. 4071) [Local Approval Received]; and

Modernizing birth certificates (House, No. 4292);

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

Norwell,—
property
taxes.

Rosa Parks Day.
Boston,—
Luigi
D’Addieco.

Birth
certificates.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that the Bill strengthening the Commonwealth’s farms and food systems (House, No. 4387), ought to pass. Referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Farms and
food systems.

By Mr. Driscoll of Milton, for the committee on Emergency Preparedness and Management, on a petition, a Bill relative to emergency response and preparedness in the event of a surge in pediatric or adult hospitalizations (House, No. 733). Referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

Hospitals,—
surge.

By Mr. Driscoll of Milton, for the committee on Emergency Preparedness and Management, on a petition, a Resolve providing for a special commission on the field of emergency management (House, No. 740, changed in section 2, in lines 23 to 26, inclusive, by striking out the following: “21 members: 6 members of the general court, the house and senate chairs of the joint committee on public safety and homeland security, or the chairs’ designees; the house and senate chairs of the joint committee on Covid-19 and” and inserting in place thereof the following: “17 members: 4 members of the general court, the house and senate chairs of the joint committee on”; in lines 33 and 34, by striking out the text contained in those lines; and in line 40 by inserting after the following: “(IAEM)” the following: “Region 1”). Read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Emergency
management
commission.

By Ms. Garlick of Needham, for the committee on Education, on House, No. 427, a Bill relative to air quality in public schools (House, No. 4415).

Schools,—
air quality.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 437, a Bill relative to the training, assessment, and assignment of qualified school interpreters in educational settings (House, No. 4416).

Schools,—
interpreters.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 439, 484, 545, 573, 594, 595, 598 and 608, a Bill relative to charter schools (House, No. 4417).

Charter
schools.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 443, a Bill requiring food allergen certification in vocational schools (House, No. 4418).

Schools,—
food allergens.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 470, 491, 496, 504, 576 and 3887, a Bill implementing elementary and secondary interdisciplinary climate literacy education across the Commonwealth (House, No. 4419).

Climate
literacy.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 490, 507, 539, 552 and 556, a Bill relative to emergency stock supply of epinephrine in schools (House, No. 4420).

Schools,—
epinephrine.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 530, a Bill establishing an education-to-career data center (House, No. 4421).	Education-to-career data.
By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 570, 584, 3570 and 3756, a Bill relative to school transportation (House, No. 4422).	School transportation.
By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 579, a Bill to promote high-quality early literacy instruction and improve student outcomes (House, No. 4423).	Early literacy.
By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 601, a Bill relative to food literacy (House, No. 4424).	Food literacy.
By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 3567, a Bill to provide a sustainable future for rural schools (House, No. 4425).	Rural schools.
By Mr. Ryan of Boston, for the committee on Election Laws, on a petition, a Bill enforcing accessibility for voters with disabilities (House, No. 701).	Voters with disabilities.
By Mr. Driscoll of Milton, for the committee on Emergency Preparedness and Management, on a petition, a Bill to strengthen the Commonwealth's strategic preparedness stockpiles (House, No. 732).	Strategic preparedness stockpiles.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to an emergency preparedness instructional awareness program (House, No. 735).	Emergencies,—instructions.
Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.	
By Mr. Donahue of Worcester, for the committee on Cannabis Policy, on a petition, a Bill relative to seeds (House, No. 104).	Cannabis seeds.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to establishing a minimum age of entry for cannabis (House, No. 112).	Cannabis,—minimum age.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to research by independent testing laboratories (House, No. 116).	Independent laboratories.
By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 114, a Bill prohibiting employment discrimination based on legal use of cannabis (House, No. 4426).	Cannabis,—employment discrimination.
By Ms. Garlick of Needham, for the committee on Education, on a petition, a Bill providing for alternatives to fines for failure to send (House, No. 476).	Schools,—fines.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill requiring instruction in CPR and the use of defibrillators for high school graduation (House, No. 492).	CPR and defibrillators.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill updating the accuracy of membership to the state advisory council on early education and care (House, No. 551).	State advisory council.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill concerning disposable menstrual products in schools (House, No. 563).	Menstrual products.
By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 447, a Bill relative to supporting student participation in 4-H programs (House, No. 4427).	4-H programs.
By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 466, a Bill to promote the inclusion of American Sign Language in the Commonwealth's public schools (House, No. 4428).	American Sign Language.
By Mr. Ryan of Boston, for the committee on Election Laws, on a petition, a Bill relative to gender neutral language in elections law (House, No. 660).	Gender neutral language.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill clarifying the role of Governor's Councillor on the ballot (House, No. 665).	Governor's Councillors.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill expanding ballot access for regional school district votes (House, No. 690).	Regional school district votes.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to youth voter engagement (House, No. 705).	Youth voter engagement.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill validating a certain vote taken by the city of Attleboro in Ch.228 of the Acts of 2022 (House, No. 4243) [Local Approval Received].

Attleboro,—
validate vote.

By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Financial Services, on House, No. 1107, a Bill relative to fairness in debt collection (House, No. 4429).

Debt
collection.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Emergency Measure.

The engrossed Bill designating a certain bridge in the town of Stoneham as the State Trooper Tamar A. Bucci memorial bridge (see House, No. 4123, amended), 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.

Stoneham,—
Bucci bridge.

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.

Engrossed Bills.

The engrossed Bill designating a certain bridge in the towns of Belchertown and Ware as the Kenneth J. Iwasinski memorial bridge (see House, No. 4008, amended) (which originated in the House), in respect to which the Senate had concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill
enacted.

The engrossed Bill exempting certain positions in the city of Northampton from the civil service law (see House, No. 3719) (which originated in the House), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Id.

Orders of the Day.

The Senate amendment of the House Bill designating a certain bridge in the town of Dedham as the Honorable Deborah R. Cochran memorial bridge (House, No. 3382), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was adopted, in concurrence.

Dedham,—
Cochran
bridge.

The Senate Bill changing the name of the board of selectmen of the town of Rockport to the select board (Senate, No. 2459), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Third
reading
bill.

The House Bill relative to the provision of health insurance for eligible employees and retirees in the town of Worthington (House, No. 4231), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Id.

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.

At twenty-five minutes before twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mr. McKenna of Webster (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Wednesday at eleven o'clock A.M.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.



WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2024.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Wednesday, February 28, 2024.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M. with Mr. Garballey of Arlington 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. Garballey), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of
allegiance.

Silent Tribute.

During the session, at the request of Representatives Rogers of Norwood, Philips of Sharon, McMurtry of Dedham, and Vaughn of Wrentham (Ms. Hogan of Stow being in the Chair), the members, guests and employees stood for a moment of silence in respect to the memory of Ralph William White of Walpole, who passed away on January 26th.

Ralph
White.

Ralph was a veteran of the United States Marine Corps, where he was awarded both the Bronze Star and Purple Heart for his heroic actions under enemy fire in Korea. After his military service, Ralph served as a corrections officer at Boston's Charles Street Jail and Walpole State Prison, and then as a state parole officer, where he survived an on-the-job shooting that nearly claimed his life. In 1968, Ralph co-founded the Mass Retirees Association at the age of 37, which he then helped grow into the organization it is today, advocating as its President for the rights of over 55,000 retirees until his own retirement in 2013.

In Walpole, Ralph was an institution, raising four children with his beloved wife Geraldine and serving as Commander of the Thomas H. Crowley American Legion Post 104, as well as coaching both the Legion and Walpole High School baseball teams. He will be greatly missed.

Changes in House and Joint Standing Committees.

The Minority Leader announced that, under the provisions of House Rules 18 and 18A, he had made the following changes to committees:

That Representative McKenna of Webster had been relieved of duty (at his own request) from the committee on Ways and Means, and that Representative Vaughn of Wrentham had been appointed to the thirty-fifth position on said committee to fill the vacancy; and

House Ways
and Means
committee.

That Representative McKenna of Webster had been appointed to the tenth position on the committee on the Judiciary to fill the existing vacancy.

Judiciary
committee.

Statement Concerning Representative Rogers of Cambridge.

A statement of Ms. Peisch of Wellesley concerning Mr. Rogers of Cambridge was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

MR. SPEAKER: I would like to call to the attention of the House the fact that one of our colleagues, Representative Rogers of Cambridge, was unable to be present in the House Chamber for today's sitting. If he had been present for roll call No. 74, on the question on passing to be engrossed, in concurrence, the Senate Bill to provide for competitiveness and infrastructure investment in Massachusetts, as amended, he would have voted in the affirmative.

Statement
concerning
Mr. Rogers
of Cambridge.

Guests of the House.

During the session, the Chair (Ms. Hogan of Stow), declared a brief recess and turned the gavel over to Representative Tyler of Boston. Ms. Tyler then introduced Edith Alexander, a Massachusetts Parole Board commissioner, and Boston Police Captain Leighton Facey. They were the guests of Representatives Tyler, Holmes of Boston and Williams of Springfield.

Edith Alexander
and Leighton
Facey.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Representative MacGregor of Boston) congratulating Alexander Miselis on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout; and

Alexander
Miselis.

Resolutions (filed by Representative McKenna of Webster) commending the New England Hemophilia Association on its recognition of March 2024 as Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month;

Bleeding
Disorders
Awareness
Month.

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. Zlotnik of Gardner, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Order.

The Order (filed by Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett) relative to extending until Friday, March 15, 2024 the time within which the committee on Transportation is authorized to report on a current House document (House, No. 4445), was referred, under Joint Rule 30, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Transportation
committee,—
extension
of time for
reporting.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, then reported that the order ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

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 petition of Mark J. Cusack relative to licensing of earned wage access services providers by the Division of Banks. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Reyes of Lawrence, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was

Earned wage
access services.

suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Financial Services. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. McMurtry of Dedham, for the committee on Community Development and Small Businesses, on a petition, a Bill relative to housing production (House, No. 237).

Housing
production.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to establish a commission to review equitable city planning and development (House, No. 238).

City planning,—
commission.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill encouraging smart growth and starter home zoning adoption (House, No. 241).

Smart growth,—
home zoning.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to establish the Western Massachusetts balanced sustainable development commission (House, No. 242).

Development,—
commission.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. McMurtry of Dedham, for the committee on Community Development and Small Businesses, on a petition, a Bill improving housing opportunities (House, No. 233).

Housing
opportunities.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 226, 230 and 234, a Bill encouraging the growth of small businesses (House, No. 234).

Small
business size.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to starter home school cost reimbursement (House, No. 240).

Starter homes,—
school costs.

By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill exempting the positions of police chief and fire chief in the city of Greenfield from the civil service law (House, No. 4072) [Local Approval Received].

Greenfield,—
civil service.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Danielle M. Alachoyan, an employee of the Department of Correction (House, No. 4297).

Danielle
Alachoyan,—
sick leave.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Emergency Measure.

The engrossed Bill designating a certain bridge in the town of Dedham as the Honorable Deborah R. Cochran memorial bridge (see House, No. 3382, amended), 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.

Dedham,—
Cochran
bridge.

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 4 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed bills

Changing the name of the board of selectmen of the town of Rockport to the select board (see Senate, No. 2459) (which originated in the Senate); and

Bills
enacted.

Establishing the position of town manager in the town of Belchertown (see House, No. 3960) (which originated in the House);

Severally having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, were passed to be enacted; and they were signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Recess.

At a half past eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. McKenna of Webster (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House recessed until one o'clock P.M.; and at seven minutes after one o'clock the House was called to order with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair.

Recess.

Reports of Committees.

Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair,—

Prior to the noon recess, Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, reported that the Bill to provide for competitiveness and infrastructure investment in Massachusetts (Senate, No. 2554), ought to pass with an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in House document numbered 4446; and by striking out the emergency preamble and inserting in place thereof the following emergency preamble:

Infrastructure,—
Investments.

“Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purposes, which are to enhance the competitiveness of the commonwealth in winning federal funds and to provide for the infrastructure needs of the commonwealth, each of which is immediately necessary to accomplish important public purposes, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.”.

Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, with the amendment previously recommended by the committee on Federal Stimulus and Census Oversight,— to amend the bill by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in House document numbered 4414,— and the amendments recommended by the committee on Ways and Means pending.

Mr. Honan of Boston, for said committee, then reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House, with the amendments pending.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, the bill was read a second time forthwith.

The amendment previously recommended by the committee on Federal Stimulus and Census Oversight was rejected.

The amendments recommended by the committee on Ways and Means then were adopted; and the bill (Senate, No. 2554, amended) was ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently, the noon recess having terminated (Ms. Hogan of Stow being in the Chair), under suspension of the rules, on motion Mr. Lewis of Framingham, the bill (having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) was read a third time.

After debate 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. Hendricks of New Bedford; and on the roll call 154 members voted in the affirmative and 0 in the negative.

Bill passed to
be engrossed,—
yea and nay
No. 74.

[See [Yea and Nay No. 74](#) in Supplement.]

Therefore the bill (Senate, No. 2554, amended) was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence. Sent to the Senate for concurrence in the amendments [for text of House amendments, see House document numbered 4446].

Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair,—

By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill authorizing the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to convey a certain portion of the Gardner Heritage State Park to the city of Gardner (House, No. 3133), ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a bill with the same title (House, No. 4447). Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Gardner,—
land.

Mr. Honan of Boston, for said committee, then reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House, with the amendment pending.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. O'Day of West Boylston, the bill was read a second time forthwith.

The amendment recommended by the committee on Ways and Means then was adopted; and the substituted bill was ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently, under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Cahill of Lynn, the bill (having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Reading to be correctly drawn) was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed. The bill (House, No. 4447) then was sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill authorizing the city of Lynn to use certain park land for school purposes (House, No. 4127), ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a bill with the same title (House, No. 4448) [Local Approval Received]. Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Lynn,—
land.

Mr. Honan of Boston, for said committee, reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House, with the amendment pending.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. O'Day of West Boylston, the bill was read a second time forthwith. The amendment recommended by the committee on Ways and Means then was adopted; and the substituted bill was ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently, under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Cahill of Lynn, the bill (having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Reading to be correctly drawn) was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed. The bill (House, No. 4448) then was sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill relative to equitable court staffing (House, No. 4330), ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a bill with the same title (House, No. 4449). Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Courts,—
staffing.

Mr. Honan of Boston, for said committee, reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House, with the amendment pending.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. O'Day of West Boylston, the bill was read a second time forthwith. The amendment recommended by the committee on Ways and Means then was adopted; and the substituted bill was ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently, under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Cahill of Lynn, the bill (having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Reading to be correctly

drawn) was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed. The bill (House, No. 4449) then was sent to the Senate for concurrence.

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.

Mr. Wong of Saugus then moved that the House adjourn; and the motion prevailed. Accordingly, without proceeding to consideration of the matters in the Orders of the Day, at twenty minutes before three o'clock P.M. (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following day at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.



THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2024.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, February 29, 2024.

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.

Silent Tribute.

At the request of Representative Zlotnik of Gardner, the members, guests and employees stood in a moment of silence to honor the life of Gardner City Councillor Ron Cormier, who passed away on Sunday, January 28, 2024.

Ron Cormier.

Ron was born in Gardner on September 19, 1942. After receiving both his B.S. in Education and Master of Education from Fitchburg State College, he began a life dedicated to education. Ron was a teacher at Reingold Elementary School in Fitchburg from 1971 to 1996, when he became Vice Principal of Fitchburg's Crocker Elementary School until retiring in 2002. Ultimately, he and his wife Marcelle would unretire for two years to become co-principals of the former Our Lady of the Holy Rosary School in Gardner.

Ron was an active member of Annunciation Parish of Gardner and was also an active member of numerous organizations, including the Acadien Social Club, Lions Club, Knights of Columbus, and American Legion, all in Gardner. He was also a member of the Massachusetts Teachers Association, the National Education Association, and Retired Educators Association of Massachusetts.

Above all, Ron took pride in being an active leader in the City of Gardner. Ron was currently serving in his 36th year as a City Councillor.

Communications.

Communications

From the Northwestern District Attorney's Office (see Section 99 of Chapter 272 of the General Laws) submitting a report relative to wiretaps for calendar year 2023; and

Northwestern
D.A.,—
wiretaps.

From the Executive Office for Administration and Finance (see item 1599-0514 of Section 2 of Chapter 77 of the Acts of 2023) submitting the February 22, 2024 biweekly report on the Emergency Housing Assistance Program;
Severally were placed on file.

Emergency
housing
assistance.

Annual Report.

The annual report of the Community Behavioral Health Promotion and Prevention Commission for 2023 and 2024 (under Section 219 of Chapter 6 of the

Community
behavioral
health.

General Laws) relative to preventing substance use and promoting behavioral health in the Commonwealth, was placed on file.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Boldyga of Southwick, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4454) of Nicholas A. Boldyga (by vote of the town) that the town of Huntington be authorized to establish the appointed office of town clerk in said town. To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Huntington,—
town
clerk.

By Representative Parisella of Beverly, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4455) of Jerald A. Parisella and Joan B. Lovely (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to the retirement classification of certain employees of the city of Beverly. To the committee on Public Service.

Beverly,—
retirement
classification.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Boldyga of Southwick and Senator Mark, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Nicholas A. Boldyga and Paul W. Mark that the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance and the town of Southwick be authorized to enter into a license for a renewable term of 5-years to use the North Pond boat ramp on Point Grove Road in the town of Southwick for parking purposes.

Southwick,—
North Pond
boat ramp.

By Representative Donato of Medford, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Paul J. Donato for legislation to authorize the Middlesex District Attorney's Office to establish a pilot program to improve communications between local law enforcement and victims in Middlesex County.

Middlesex
County,—
communications
program.

Severally, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Reports of Committees.

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:

Encouraging the growth of small businesses (House, No. 234);

Businesses.

Exempting the positions of police chief and fire chief in the city of Greenfield from the civil service law (House, No. 4072) [Local Approval Received];

Greenfield,—
civil service.

Enhancing the Historic Beacon Hill District (House, No. 4076) [Local Approval Received];

Boston,—
Beacon Hill.

Establishing a sick leave bank for Danielle M. Alachoyan, an employee of the Department of Correction (House, No. 4297); and

Danielle
Alachoyan.

Relative to the Greater Lawrence Regional Vocational Technical High School (House, No. 4384);

Greater
Lawrence
school.

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.

By Mr. Stanley of Waltham, for the committee on Elder Affairs, on a petition, a Bill relative to providing dental care to senior citizens (House, No. 620).

Elders,—
dental care.

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 383 and House, No. 629, a Bill to improve Alzheimer's' [sic] and dementia care in senior care options programs (House, No. 629).

Alzheimer's
and dementia.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 614, a Bill to expand access for those living with younger onset Alzheimer's, dementia and other disabilities (House, No. 4433).

By Mr. Diggs of Barnstable, for the committee on Labor and Workforce Development, on a petition, a Bill relative to the small necessities leave act (House, No. 1847).

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 1147 and House, No. 1867, a Bill clarifying mandatory overtime protections (House, No. 1867).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to worker compensation protections for certified medical cannabis patients and their caregivers (House, No. 1949) [Representative Soter of Bellingham dissenting].

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to adding efficiency to paid family and medical leave (House, No. 4270).

Severally referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

By Mr. Stanley of Waltham, for the committee on Elder Affairs, on a petition, a Bill establishing a special commission on a statewide long-term care insurance program (House, No. 652).

By Mr. Diggs of Barnstable, for the committee on Labor and Workforce Development, on House, Nos. 1856 and 1905, a Bill relative to WorkShare working better (House, No. 1856).

Severally read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

By Mr. Stanley of Waltham, for the committee on Elder Affairs, on a petition, a Bill supporting seniors' financial stability (House, No. 638).

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 366 and House, No. 644, a Bill protecting vulnerable elders from abuse (House, No. 644).

By Mr. Diggs of Barnstable, for the committee on Labor and Workforce Development, on a petition, a Bill requiring OSHA training (House, No. 1842).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to provide economic security for fishing industry participants (House, No. 1850).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to workforce training (House, No. 1851).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing the re-entry works fund (House, No. 1854).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill updating DUA notice procedures (House, No. 1861).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to prevailing wages (House, No. 1900).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill protecting the employment benefits of Civil Air Patrol and Coast Guard Auxiliary members (House, No. 1930).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to labor rights of chief probation officers (House, No. 1954).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to establishing a prevailing wage for security officers (House, No. 1956).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1837, a Bill relative to the creation of an advisory group on minority workers and business enterprises (House, No. 4438).

Id.

Adoptions,—
family leave.

Overtime.

Cannabis,—
patient
protections.

Paid family
leave.

Long-term
care insurance.

WorkShare,—
study.

Elders,—
finances.

Vulnerable
elders.

OSHA
training.

Fishing
industry.

Workforce
training.

Re-entry
works fund.

DUA notice
procedures.

Prevailing
wages.

Civil Air
Patrol and
Coast Guard.

Chief probation
officers.

Security
officers.

Minority
enterprises.

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, Nos. 1179 and 1180 and House, Nos. 1864 and 1865, a Bill relative to a just transition to clean energy (House, No. 4439).

Transition to clean energy.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1869, a Bill updating overtime protections to protect the Commonwealth's middle class workers (House, No. 4440).

Overtime protections.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1908, a Bill providing for payment by the Commonwealth of wages for members of the United States Coast Guard during the shut-down, so-called, of the United States Government (House, No. 4441).

United States Coast Guard,— payment.

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 1182 and House, No. 1944, a Bill clarifying the process for paying the wages of dismissed employees (House, No. 4443).

Dismissed employees,— wages.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. Stanley of Waltham, for the committee on Elder Affairs, on a petition, a Bill relative to councils on aging (printed as Senate, No. 398).

Councils on aging.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to councils on aging (House, No. 624).

Id.

By Mr. Diggs of Barnstable, for the committee on Labor and Workforce Development, on a petition, a Bill relative to youth soccer referees (House, No. 1852).

Youth soccer referees.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill prohibiting employment discrimination based on the legal use of cannabis (House, No. 1955) [Representative Soter of Bellingham dissenting].

Cannabis use,— discrimination.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Orders of the Day.

The Senate amendments of the House Bill designating a certain bridge in the town of Lexington as the Henry N. "Hank" Manz bridge (House, No. 4160), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, were adopted, in concurrence.

Lexington,— Manz bridge.

Senate bills

Authorizing the appointment of special police officers in the town of Charlton (Senate, No. 2416); and

Third reading bills.

Authorizing the town of Hamilton to amend the income threshold for senior real property tax deferments (Senate, No. 2508);

Severally reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

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

Next sitting.

At eight minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Muratore of Plymouth (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.



MONDAY, MARCH 4, 2024.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Monday, March 4, 2024.

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.

Message from the Governor.

A message from Her Excellency the Governor recommending legislation relative to strengthening Massachusetts' economic leadership (House, No. 4459), was filed in the office of the Clerk on Friday, March 1.

Economic
leadership.

The message was read; and it was referred, under Rule 30, with the accompanying draft of a bill, to the committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Change in Address of a Member.

Notice was received that the home town of record for Representative Joseph D. McKenna, formerly of Webster, has been changed (effective for General Court records as of Friday, March 1, 2024) to the town of Sutton.

Representative
McKenna of
Sutton.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Representative Garlick of Needham) congratulating Jack Dudley on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout of the Boy Scouts of America;

Jack
Dudley.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Linsky of Natick) congratulating Brian Arthur on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout of the Boy Scouts of America;

Brian
Arthur.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Linsky of Natick) congratulating Tucker Higgins on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout of the Boy Scouts of America; and

Tucker
Higgins.

Resolutions (filed by Representative McGonagle of Everett) congratulating Concetta Mary Parisi on her one hundredth birthday;

Concetta
Parisi.

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. Owens of Watertown, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Order.

The Order (filed by Mr. Arciero of Westford) relative to extending until Friday, April 12, 2024 the time within which the committee on Housing is authorized to report on current Senate and House documents (House, No. 4377), was referred, under Joint Rule 30, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Housing
committee,—
extension
of time for
reporting.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, then reported that the order ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Owens of Watertown, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

The House Bill modernizing firearm law (House, No. 4139), came from the Senate with the endorsement that said branch had insisted on its amendments (striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 2584; and striking out the title and inserting in place thereof the following title: “An Act to sensibly address firearm violence through effective reform”) (in which the House had non-concurred).

Firearms
laws.

The bill bore the further endorsement that said branch had concurred with the House in appointment of a committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches; and that Senators Creem, Lovely and Tarr had been joined as the committee on the part of the Senate

Committee of
conference.

The House Order (House, No. 4401) relative to extending until Thursday, February 29, 2024, the time within which the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government be granted to make its final report on current Senate document numbered 2549, came from the Senate with the endorsement that it had been adopted, in concurrence, with an amendment in line 2, striking out the date: “February 29” and inserting in place thereof the following date: “ March 7”.

Municipalities
and Regional
Government
committee,—
extension of time
for reporting.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Owens of Watertown, the amendment was considered forthwith; and it was adopted, in concurrence.

The House Order (House, No. 4365) relative to extending until Friday, March 1, 2024, the time within which the committee on Higher Education be granted to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 816, 818 and 823 and House documents numbered 1260, 1265, 1286 and 3761, came from the Senate with the endorsement that it had been adopted, in concurrence, with an amendment in line 2, striking out the figure: “1” and inserting in place thereof the figure: “8”.

Higher
Education
committee,—
extension
of time for
reporting.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Owens of Watertown, the amendment was considered forthwith; and it was adopted, in concurrence.

The following order, having been approved by the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, came from the Senate with the endorsement that it had been adopted by said branch, as follows:

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Election Laws be granted until May 28, 2024, within which time to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 470, 471 and 475 and House documents numbered 410, 418, 422, 423, 428, 436, 437, 2444, 2500, and 2511, relative to election laws matters.

Election Laws
committee,—
extension
of time for
reporting.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Owens of Watertown, the order (Senate, No. 2608) was considered forthwith; and it was adopted, in concurrence.

A report of the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, that the communication from the Massachusetts Gaming Commission pursuant to Section 9B of Chapter 128A of the General Laws) submitting proposed regulations for 205 CMR 15.00 relative to racing meeting licensing (Senate, No. 2573), recommending that the same be placed on file, accepted by the Senate, was considered forthwith, under Rule 42; and it was accepted, in concurrence.

Massachusetts
Gaming
Commission,—
regulations.

Reports of Committees.

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

The Senate Bill authorizing the town of Tewksbury to lease the Louise Davy Trahan Elementary School for not more than 99 years (Senate, No. 2582) [Local Approval Received];

Tewksbury,—
lease.

House bills

Designating January 30 of each year as Fred Korematsu Day of civil liberties and the Constitution in Massachusetts (House, No. 3119);

Fred Korematsu
Day.

Relative to local option for associate members of planning boards (House, No. 3555);

Planning
boards.

Establishing Massachusetts Learning Disability Screening Day (House, No. 4210);

Learning
disabilities.

Relative to the treasurer-collector of the town of Sherborn (House, No. 4224) [Local Approval Received]; and

Sherborn,—
treasurer, etc.

Relative to authorizing electronic signatures for criminal complaints (House, No. 4331);

Criminal
complaints.

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

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the House Bill to establish commonsense permitting reforms for businesses and landowners (House, No. 2064), be scheduled for consideration by the House; and it was placed in the Orders of the Day for the next sitting for a second reading.

Permitting.

By Mr. Madaro of Boston, for the committee of Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery, on a petition, a Bill ensuring access to addiction services (House, No. 1966) [Representative Xiarhos of Barnstable dissenting].

Addiction
services.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill regarding consistent care for addiction rooted in evidence (House, No. 1967) [Representative Xiarhos of Barnstable dissenting].

Incarcerated
persons,—
treatment.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to PANDAS/PANS (House, No. 1975) [Representative Xiarhos of Barnstable dissenting].

PANDAS/
PANS,—
criteria.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to educate on prescription opioids (House, No. 1983) [Representative Xiarhos of Barnstable dissenting].

Prescription
opioids,—
education.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 1984, 1995 and 1996, a Bill to expand equitable perinatal mental health services (House, No. 1984) [Representative Xiarhos of Barnstable dissenting].

Perinatal
mental health.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to benzodiazepines and non-benzodiazepine hypnotics (House, No. 2000) [Representative Xiarhos of Barnstable dissenting].	Benzodiazepines.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to discharge from substance use disorder treatment (House, No. 3600) [Representative Xiarhos of Barnstable dissenting].	Substance use disorder treatment.
Severally referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.	
By Mr. Parisella of Beverly, for the committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies, on a petition, a Resolve providing for an investigation and study by a special commission relative to protein innovation in Massachusetts (House, No. 402) [Representative Vaughn of Wrentham dissenting].	Alternative proteins,—study.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the rural policy advisory commission (House, No. 403).	Rural policy,—study.
By Mr. Madaro of Boston, for the committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery, on a petition, a Bill creating a commission to reform Section 12 (House, No. 2012) [Representative Xiarhos of Barnstable dissenting].	Involuntary commitment,—study.
By Mr. Cassidy of Brockton, for the committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs, on a petition, a Resolve establishing a commission to study veterans' transportation issues (House, No. 3528).	Veterans' transportation,—study.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Resolve to study women veterans and the long-term effects of combat on motherhood (House, No. 3710).	Motherhood,—combat effects.
By Mr. Diggs of Barnstable, for the committee on Labor and Workforce Development, on House, No. 1913, a Bill creating a special legislative commission to study barriers to job retention for low-income workers (House, No. 4442).	Job retention,—low income workers.
Severally read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committee on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.	
By Mr. Parisella of Beverly, for the committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies, on a petition, a Bill to strategically plan for the commercial fishing industry (House, No. 407).	Commercial fishing industry.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to designated port areas (House, No. 408).	Designated port areas.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to supporting veterans organizations (House, No. 417).	Video games.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to rail-trail construction (House, No. 422).	Rail-trail construction.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing the Abigail Adams entrepreneurial program for women (House, No. 423).	STEM workforce.
By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 3565, a Bill establishing boxer protection (House, No. 4444).	Boxers,—protection.
By Mr. Madaro of Boston, for the committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery, on a petition, a Bill relative to preventing overdose deaths and increasing access to treatment (House, No. 1981) [Representatives Markey of Dartmouth, Sullivan-Almeida of Abington, Berthiaume of Spencer, and Xiarhos of Barnstable dissenting].	Overdoses,—prevention.
By Mr. Cassidy of Brockton, for the committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs, on a petition, a Bill relative to veterans benefits (House, No. 3501).	Veterans benefits.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to veteran health, opportunity, notification, observance and respect (House, No. 3508).	Veterans.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to dependent eligibility for Chapter 115 benefits (House, No. 3516).	Dependents,— eligibility.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to enhancing outreach for women veterans (House, No. 3711).	Women veterans.
Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.	
By Mr. Parisella of Beverly, for the committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies, on a petition, a Bill relative to the town of Avon (House, No. 409).	Brockton Economic Target Area.
By Mr. Madaro of Boston, for the committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery, on a petition, a Bill relative to student mental health (House, No. 1999) [Representative Xiarhos of Barnstable dissenting].	Students,— mental health.
By Mr. Cassidy of Brockton, for the committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs, on a petition, a Resolve relative to recognition for the Naval Armed Guard Service (House, No. 3505)	Naval Armed Guard Service.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill increasing access to medical care for veterans (House, No. 3527).	Veterans,— medical care.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to courtesy retail parking spaces designed for non-handicapped veterans (House, No. 3533).	Non-handicapped veterans,— parking.
Severally read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.	
By Mr. Cassidy of Brockton, for the committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs, on a petition, Resolutions memorializing the Congress of the United States to declare the city of Quincy as the most patriotic city in America (House, No. 3484).	Quincy,— most patriotic city.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, Resolutions urging the Congress of the United States to update the Drug Addiction Treatment Act of 2000 and remove excessive training requirements mandated for obtaining a waiver to prescribe buprenorphine (House, No. 3486).	Buprenorphine.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, Resolutions for a United States constitutional amendment and a limited amendment proposing convention (House, No. 3502) [Senator Mark dissenting].	Convention.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, Resolutions condemning political oppression and encouraging free and fair elections in Cambodia (House, No. 3507).	Cambodia,— elections.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, Resolutions calling on Article V of the United States Constitution for the convening of a convention of the states (House, No. 3541) [Senator Mark and Representative Arriaga of Chicopee dissenting].	Convention of states.
Severally referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.	
<i>Emergency Measure.</i>	
The engrossed Bill designating a certain bridge in the town of Lexington as the Henry N. “Hank” Manz bridge (see House, No. 4160, amended), having been	Lexington,— Manz bridge.

certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was considered, the question being on adopting the emergency preamble.

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.

Engrossed Bills.

The engrossed Bill designating a certain bridge in the town of Dedham as the Honorable Deborah R. Cochran memorial bridge (see House, No. 3382, amended) (which originated in the House), in respect to which the Senate had concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill
enacted.

Engrossed bills

Authorizing the appointment of special police officers in the town of Charlton (see Senate, No. 2416); and

Bills
enacted.

Authorizing the town of Hamilton to amend the income threshold for senior real property tax deferments (see Senate, No. 2508);

(Which severally originated in the Senate); and

Authorizing the board of selectmen of the town of Rockland to serve as cemetery commissioners for the town (see House, No. 4010) (which originated in the House);

Severally having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, were passed to be enacted; and they were signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

House bills

Relative to the Auburn Water District (House, No. 2049, changed);

To establish Noah Fernandes mitochondrial disease awareness day (House, No. 4240); and

Third
reading
bills.

Authorizing the town of Littleton to provide drinking water to the inhabitants of the town of Boxborough (House, No. 4246);

Severally reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

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.

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

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2024.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Wednesday, March 6, 2024.

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.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Day of Stoneham, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Michael S. Day that the Massachusetts Department of Transportation be authorized to convey a certain parcel of land in the town of Stoneham for the purposes of reconstructing an off-ramp from Interstate Route 93 northbound.

Stoneham,—
land.

By Representative Pignatelli of Lenox and Senator Mark, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Smitty Pignatelli and Paul W. Mark relative to the development of affordable housing in cities and towns with affordable housing trusts.

Affordable
housing.

By Representative Puppolo of Springfield, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr., for legislation to authorize the continued employment of Anthony Tranghese as an environmental police officer in the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs.

Anthony
Tranghese,—
employment.

Severally, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Papers from the Senate.

A Bill relative to healthy youth (Senate, No. 2694) (on Senate bill No. 2686), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Schools,—
sexual health
education.

A Bill providing for the designation of polling locations in the city of Gloucester (Senate, No. 2544) (on a petition) [Local Approval Received], passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Gloucester,—
polling
places.

A report of the Massachusetts Capital Resource Company (under the provisions of Section 20 of Chapter 816 of the Acts of 1977) submitting its forty-seventh annual report (Senate, No. 2695), was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Revenue.

Capital
Resource
Company.

Reports of Committees.

Report of the committee on Public Health, ought NOT to pass (under Joint Rule 10), on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4296) of Marcus S. Vaughn relative to food truck licensure.

Food trucks,—
licensing.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Decker of Cambridge, the report was considered forthwith. Pending the question on acceptance of the report, the petition was recommitted, on further motion of the same member.

By Mr. Arciero of Westford, for the committee on Housing, on a message from Her Excellency the Governor, a Bill [sic] the Affordable Homes Act (printed in House, No. 4138) [Representative DeCoste of Norwell dissenting]. Referred, under Joint Rule 1F, to the committee on Bonding, Capital Expenditures and State Assets.

Affordable
homes.

By Mr. Rogers of Cambridge, for the committee on Higher Education, on a petition, a Bill relative to community colleges and the career technical initiative (House, No. 1254).

Community
colleges,—
technology.

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 819 and House, No. 1257, a Bill relative to tuition waivers for children raised by a grandparent or other relative (House, No. 1257) [Representative Pease of Westfield dissenting].

Tuition
waivers,—
children.

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 813 and House, No. 1261, a Bill improving access to affordable higher education (House, No. 1261, changed in line 28 by striking out the year: “2023” and inserting in place thereof the year: “2025”).

Affordable
higher
education,—
access.

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 825 and House, Nos. 1263 and 1267, a Bill relative to college athlete compensation (House, No. 1263).

College
athletes,—
pay.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1253, a Bill relative to social work uplifting practices and exam removal (House, No. 4451) [Representative Pease of Westfield dissenting].

Social work
practices,—
exam removal.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1272, a Bill relative to higher education financial literacy counseling (House, No. 4452).

Financial
literacy.

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 835 and House, No. 1293, a Bill establishing the hunger-free campus initiative (House, No. 4453).

Hunger-free
campuses.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. Rogers of Cambridge, for the committee on Higher Education, on a petition, a Bill relative to the Honorable George V. Kenneally, Jr. (House, No. 1269).

George
Kenneally.

By Mr. Arciero of Westford, for the committee on Housing, on House, Nos. 1333 and 3551, a Bill facilitating site plan review (House, No. 3551) [Representative DeCoste of Norwell dissenting].

Site plan
review.

By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the appointment of special police officers in the city of Waltham to allow said special police officers to serve until the age of 70 (House, No. 4141) [Local Approval Received].

Waltham,—
special police
officers.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Engrossed Bills.

The engrossed Bill validating the actions taken at the Princeton annual town meeting (see House bill printed in House, No. 4067) (which originated in the House), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be enacted (more than two thirds of the members having agreed to pass the same); and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill
enacted.

Engrossed bills

Authorizing the town of Hopkinton to offer an income-eligible discount program for sewer and water rates (see House, No. 2017); and

Bills
enacted.

Separating the positions of town clerk and treasurer-collector in the town of Southwick (see House, No. 4079);

(Which severally originated in the House);

Severally having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, were passed to be enacted; and they were signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Recesses.

At thirteen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. McKenna of Sutton (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House recessed until one o'clock P.M.; and at seventeen minutes after one o'clock the House was called to order with Mr. Donato in the Chair.

Recesses.

The House thereupon took a further recess, on motion of Mr. Jones of North Reading, subject to the call of the Chair; and at two minutes before three o'clock the House was called to order with Ms. Hogan of Stow in the Chair

Reports of Committees.

Mr. Donato being in the Chair,—

Prior to the noon recess, Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, on House, No. 4284, reported, in part, a Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2024 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (House, No. 4460) [Total Appropriation: \$260,000,000.00] [Representatives Berthiaume of Spencer, Sullivan-Almeida of Abington and Xiarhos of Barnstable dissenting]. Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Supplemental
appropriations.

Mr. Honan of Boston, for said committee, then 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.

Subsequently, the noon recess having terminated (Ms. Hogan of Stow being in the Chair), under further suspension of the rules, on motion Mr. Michlewitz, 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. Frost of Auburn and other members of the House moved to amend it by adding the following section:

“SECTION 25. The first paragraph of section 30 of chapter 23B of the General Laws, as amended by section 120 of chapter 7 of the acts of 2023, is hereby further amended by adding the following sentence:— Notwithstanding any general or special

law, rule or regulation to the contrary, the emergency housing assistance program established herein shall be available only to residents of the commonwealth who have resided within the commonwealth for no less than six months, provided however that this provision shall not apply to a victim of domestic violence or a person whose living situation has been affected by a fire or other natural disaster that occurred in Massachusetts.

The department shall require applicants to provide proof of residency for a period of no less than six months. The department may require applicants to submit documentation including, but not limited to, federal and state issued identification documents, mail, financial statements, and bills to meet the requirements of this section.

This section shall apply to applications submitted for the emergency housing assistance program on or after the effective date of this act.”.

After debate on the question on adoption of the amendment, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays at the request of the Mr. Frost; and on the roll call 29 members voted in the affirmative and 125 in the negative.

[See [Yea and Nay No. 75](#) in Supplement.]

Therefore the amendment was rejected.

Representatives Fernandes of Falmouth and Garry of Dracut then moved to amend the bill in section 3, in lines 109, 110 and 111, by striking out the following: “or (v) satisfying any additional criteria the secretary of housing and livable communities deems necessary pursuant to said guidance in paragraph (2) issued by the secretary of housing and livable communities on October 31, 2023” and inserting in place thereof the following: “(v) meeting the criteria to be considered a veteran, as defined in clause Forty-third of section 7 of chapter 4; or (vi) satisfying any additional criteria the secretary of housing and livable communities deems necessary pursuant to said guidance in paragraph (2) issued by the secretary of housing and livable communities on October 31, 2023”.

After remarks on the question on adoption of the amendment, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays at the request of Mr. Fernandes; and on the roll call 154 members voted in the affirmative and 0 in the negative.

[See [Yea and Nay No. 76](#) in Supplement.]

Therefore the amendment was adopted.

Pending the question on passing the bill, as amended, to be engrossed, Representatives Moran of Lawrence and Nguyen of Andover moved to amend it in section 3, in line 92, by inserting after the word “program”, the second time it appears, the following: “; provided, that each family and pregnant woman shall receive notice not less than 90 days prior to the termination of benefits pursuant to this section; provided further, that not more 150 families shall be terminated from the emergency housing assistance program in any week; and”; and by inserting after the following: “(vi)” (inserted by amendment) the following: “being at imminent risk of harm due to domestic violence; or (vii);

In section 16, in lines 461 and 486, by inserting after the word “communities”, in each instance, the words “, office for refugees and immigrants”; and

In section 19, in line 530, by striking out the word “April” and inserting in place thereof the word “July”.

After remarks on the question on adoption of the amendments, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays at the request of Mr. Moran of Lawrence; and on the roll call 129 members voted in the affirmative and 25 in the negative.

[See [Yea and Nay No. 77](#) in Supplement.]

Amendment
rejected,—
yea and nay
No. 75.

Amendment
adopted,—
yea and nay
No. 76.

Amendments
adopted,—
yea and nay
No. 77.

Therefore the amendments were adopted.

Mr. Finn of West Springfield and other members of the House then moved to amend the bill by inserting after section 17 the following section:

“SECTION 17A. Not later than July 30, 2024, the executive office of administration and finance, in consultation with the executive office of housing and livable communities and the department of elementary and secondary education, shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means with data on students in the emergency housing assistance program pursuant to section 30 of chapter 23B of the General Laws, during the 2023-2024 school year, including, but not limited to: (i) the total number of students in the emergency housing assistance program enrolled in public schools, broken down by district; (ii) the total number of students in the emergency housing assistance program who required transportation services to a school district outside of the district in which they were sheltered and the total associated costs of the transportation services, broken down by district; (iii) the total number of students per district that required language services, broken down by language; (iv) MCAS score data for school districts with students enrolled in the emergency housing assistance program within the last 3 school years, broken down by district; and (v) a per pupil cost analysis of all expenditures made by school districts with students enrolled in the emergency assistance housing program, broken down by district.”.

After remarks on the question on adoption of the amendment, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays at the request of the same member; and on the roll call 154 members voted in the affirmative and 0 in the negative.

[See [Yea and Nay No. 78](#) in Supplement.]

Therefore the amendment was adopted.

Representatives Jones of North Reading and other members of the House then move to amend the bill in section 6, in lines 166 to 175, inclusive, by striking out the paragraph contained in those lines and inserting in place there of the following paragraph:

“‘Qualified trainee’, an individual who is a Massachusetts resident that is considered low income, pursuant to Section 1 of Chapter 40T of the General Laws as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, or an individual receiving benefits through the emergency housing assistance program pursuant to section 30 of chapter 23B and 760 CMR 67.00 or an individual in an overflow emergency shelter site established in response to the capacity limitation on said program pursuant to a declaration issued by the secretary of housing and livable communities dated October 31, 2023, the extension of the declaration dated February 28, 2024 and any subsequent extensions, issued pursuant to 760 CMR 67.10, as inserted by emergency regulations issued by the executive office of housing and livable communities on October 31, 2023 and accompanying guidance issued pursuant to said declaration and 760 CMR 67.10, who: (i)(A) has not received work authorization; or (B) is currently unemployed; and (ii) is participating in an authorized training program.”;

In section 7, in lines 220 to 229, inclusive, by striking out the paragraph contained in those lines and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:

“‘Qualified trainee’, an individual who is a Massachusetts resident that is considered low income, pursuant to Section 1 of Chapter 40T of the General Laws as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, or an individual receiving benefits through the emergency housing assistance program pursuant to section 30 of chapter 23B and 760 CMR 67.00 or an individual in an overflow emergency shelter site established in response to the capacity limitation on said program pursuant to a declaration issued by the secretary of housing and livable communities dated October 31, 2023, the

Amendment
adopted,—
yea and nay
No. 78.

extension of the declaration dated February 28, 2024 and any subsequent extensions, issued pursuant to 760 CMR 67.10, as inserted by emergency regulations issued by the executive office of housing and livable communities on October 31, 2023 and accompanying guidance issued pursuant to said declaration and 760 CMR 67.10, who: (i)(A) has not received work authorization; or (B) is currently unemployed; and (ii) is participating in an authorized training program.”; and

In section 14, in lines 369 to 378, inclusive, by striking out the paragraph contained in those lines and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:

“‘Qualified trainee’, an individual who is a Massachusetts resident that is considered low income, pursuant to Section 1 of Chapter 40T of the General Laws as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, or an individual receiving benefits through the emergency housing assistance program pursuant to section 30 of chapter 23B and 760 CMR 67.00 or an individual in an overflow emergency shelter site established in response to the capacity limitation on said program pursuant to a declaration issued by the secretary of housing and livable communities dated October 31, 2023, the extension of the declaration dated February 28, 2024 and any subsequent extensions, issued pursuant to 760 CMR 67.10, as inserted by emergency regulations issued by the executive office of housing and livable communities on October 31, 2023 and accompanying guidance issued pursuant to said declaration and 760 CMR 67.10, who: (i)(A) has not received work authorization; or (B) is currently unemployed; and (ii) is participating in an authorized training program.”.

After debate on the question on adoption of the amendments, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays at the request of Ms. Ferguson of Holden; and on the roll call 25 members voted in the affirmative and 129 in the negative.

[See [Yea and Nay No. 79](#) in Supplement.]

Therefore the amendments were rejected.

After remarks on the question on passing the bill, as amended, to be engrossed, Mr. Jones of North Reading and other members of the House moved to amend it by adding the following section:

“SECTION 25. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, any funds expended for the purpose of providing food through the emergency housing assistance program shall be subject to a competitive bidding process.”.

On the question on adoption of the amendment, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays at the request of Mr. Jones; and on the roll call (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair) 154 members voted in the affirmative 0 in the negative.

[See [Yea and Nay No. 80](#) in Supplement.]

Therefore the amendment was 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 121 members voted in the affirmative and 33 in the negative.

[See [Yea and Nay No. 81](#) in Supplement.]

Therefore the bill (House, No. 4466, published as amended) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Prior to the noon recess, Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, reported that the Bill authorizing the continued employment of Jerry Shampang as an environmental police officer in the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (Senate, No. 2691), ought to pass with amendments striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in

Amendments
rejected,—
yea and nay
No. 79.

Amendment
adopted,—
yea and nay
No. 80.

Bill passed to
be engrossed,—
yea and nay
No. 81.

Jerry
Shampang,—
employment.

House document numbered 4461; and inserting before the enacting clause the following emergency preamble:

“Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to provide forthwith for the continued employment of a certain environmental police officer, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.”.

Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Mr. Honan of Boston, for said committee, then reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House, with the amendments pending.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Barrows of Mansfield, the bill was read a second time forthwith. The amendments recommended by the committee on Ways and Means then were adopted; and the bill (Senate, No. 2691, amended) was ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently, under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Stanley of Waltham, the bill (having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Reading to be correctly drawn) was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence. Sent to the Senate for concurrence in the amendments adopted by the House.

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.

Mr. Jones of North Reading then moved that the House adjourn; and the motion prevailed. Accordingly, without proceeding to consideration of the matters in the Orders of the Day, at eleven minutes after five o'clock P.M. (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following day at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

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THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 2024.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, March 7, 2024.

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.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Representatives Driscoll of Milton and Owens of Watertown) commending the American Red Cross on American Red Cross Day, March 12, 2024, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

American
Red Cross.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee, reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Owens of Watertown, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Day of Stoneham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4469) of Michael S. Day (by vote of the town) that the town of Winchester be authorized to establish a building permit surcharge and special revenue fund in said town. To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Winchester,—
surcharge.

By Representative Barber of Somerville and Senator Jehlen, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4465) of Christine P. Barber and Patricia D. Jehlen (with the approval of the mayor and the city council) that the city of Somerville be authorized to continue the employment of Charles J. Femino as acting chief of police in said city. To the committee on Public Service.

Somerville,—
Charles
Femino.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Chan of Quincy and Senator Feeney, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Tackey Chan and Paul R. Feeney for legislation to clarify self-storage laws.

Self-storage.

By Representative Diggs of Barnstable, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Kip A. Diggs for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Tamara M. Luciani, an employee of the Trial Court.

Tamara
Luciani,—
sick leave.

Severally, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Reports of Committees.

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:

Relative to certain loans by the Federal Home Loan Bank (House, No. 958);

Relative to motor vehicle service contracts (House, No. 995);

Bank.
Car contracts.

Approving the town of Wrentham home rule charter as amended (House, No. 4237) [Local Approval Received];

Changing the board of selectmen in the town of Dunstable to the select board (House, No. 4244) [Local Approval Received];

Relative to civil rights (House, No. 4321);

Concerning the arrest without a warrant of persons on probation and temporary custody (House, No. 4322);

Relative to the punishment of organized retail crimes (House, No. 4324);

To update expungement (House, No. 4325);

To modify the rules for taking depositions outside the Commonwealth and to adopt the uniform interstate depositions and discovery act (House, No. 4327); and

To simplify the administrative aspect of evidentiary use of medical information (House, No. 4332);

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.

By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Financial Services, on a petition, a Bill empowering health care consumers (House, No. 999).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill providing living organ donor protections (House, No. 1000).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to step therapy and in vitro fertilization insurance coverage (House, No. 1001).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to cognitive rehabilitation for individuals with an acquired brain injury (House, No. 1004).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to insurance coverage of mobile integrated health (House, No. 1007).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to ambulance service reimbursement (House, No. 1010).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to fair and equitable compensation for medical services (House, No. 1011).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill regarding cervical cancer and women's preventative health (House, No. 1013).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to improve child and adolescent mental health services (House, No. 1014).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill providing for certain health insurance coverage (House, No. 1015).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to enact pharmacy benefit manager duties (House, No. 1016).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to pediatric care appointments (House, No. 1017).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill concerning the safety of autistic and Alzheimer individuals (House, No. 1021).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill providing coverage for hearing aids (House, No. 1024).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to promote cancer screenings for firefighters (House, No. 1025).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to human donor milk coverage (House, No. 1030).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to increasing consumer access to licensed rehabilitation counselors (House, No. 1036).

Wrentham,—
charter.

Dunstable,—
select board.

Civil rights.

Probation,—
arrests.

Retail crimes.

Expungement.

Depositions.

Evidence,—
medical
information.

Health care
regulation.

Organ donors,—
protections.

In vitro
fertilization.

Cognitive
rehabilitation.

Mobile health
coverage.

Ambulance
reimbursement.

Medical
reimbursement.

Cervical cancer
and health.

Children,—
mental health.

External
formulas.

Pharmaceutical
managers.

Pediatric care
appointments.

Autism and
Alzheimers.

Hearing aids,—
coverage.

Firefighters,—
cancer screens.

Human milk,—
donors.

Mental health,—
counselors.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to mental health providers (House, No. 1038).

Severally referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Financial Services, on a petition, a Bill requiring licensed auto insurance damage appraisers to provide safety notices to the owners of damaged motor vehicles (House, No. 1008).

By Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett, for the committee on Transportation, on a petition, a Bill relative to providing improved access to taxicabs for persons with disabilities (House, No. 3265).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to enhance agricultural operations (House, No. 3269).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing an auction or online transfer for low number registration plates in the Registry of Motor Vehicles (House, No. 3309).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to interstate highway noise abatement in certain cities and towns (House, No. 3328).

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 2243 and House, Nos. 3333 and 3339, a Bill relative to license plate year of manufacture registration (House, No. 3339).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relating to road building equipment classifications (House, No. 3347).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to hot box detectors (House, No. 3364).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill promoting personal access of driving records (House, No. 3381).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill providing for a study of noise impacts from the confluence of Interstates 93 and 495 (House, No. 3385).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill providing for motor vehicles transfer on death (House, No. 3403).

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 2308 and House, Nos. 3256, 3325 and 3429, a Bill relative to unmanned aerial systems (House, No. 3429).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to duplicate license plates (House, No. 3433).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to all-electronic tolling data privacy (House, No. 3434).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to wrong-way driving (House, No. 3435).

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 2275 and House, Nos. 3306, 3336, 3375 and 3440, a Bill concerning the safety of school children embarking and disembarking school buses (House, No. 4450).

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett, for the committee on Transportation, on a petition, a Bill prohibiting the practice of coal rolling (House, No. 1698).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill regarding municipal truck routes (House, No. 3279).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing a pilot program allowing for in-person payment of daily parking fees at certain

Mental health,—
providers.

Auto
appraisers,—
safety notices.

Taxicabs,—
disabled
access.

Vehicles,—
agriculture.

Low number
registration
plates.

Highway noise
abatement.

Antique cars,—
registration.

Trucks,—
weight.

Trains,—
detectors.

Online driving
records.

Andover,—
highway noise.

Vehicles,—
registrations.

UAVs,—
regulations.

Duplicate
license plates.

Tolling data
privacy.

Wrong-way
driving.

School buses,—
safety.

Diesels,—
exhaust soot.

Municipal
truck routes.

Commuter
rail stations,—

commuter rail stations operated by the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (House, No. 3316).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill protecting motorists and emergency personnel (House, No. 3370).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the enhancement of child safety (House, No. 3471).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill increasing the penalties for passing a stopped school bus (House, No. 3475).

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

parking fees.

Speeding,—
fines.

Ice cream
truck safety.

School buses,—
passing.

Orders of the Day.

The Senate Bill increasing the term of office for select board members in the town of Marblehead from 1 year to 3 years (Senate, No. 2652), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Third
reading
bill.

The House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Danielle M. Alachoyan, an employee of the Department of Correction (House, No. 4297), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Id.

The House Bill in the town of Hanson local licenses and permits; denial, revocation or suspension for failure to comply with conditions of approval (House, No. 3984), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Hanson,—
licensing.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Walsh of Peabody moved to amend it by substitution of a bill with the same title (House, No. 4467), which was read.

The amendment was adopted; and the substituted bill was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

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

Next
sitting.

At nine minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. McKenna of Sutton (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

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MONDAY, MARCH 11, 2024.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Monday, March 11, 2024.

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.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Speaker Mariano of Quincy) honoring Mildred Moulton Cox on her one hundredth birthday, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Mildred
Cox.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee, reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Mariano, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Orders.

The following orders were referred, under Joint Rule 30, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently:

Order (filed by Ms. Fiola of Fall River) relative to extending until Friday, June 14, 2024 the time within which the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government is authorized to report on a current Senate document (House, No. 4470).

Extensions of
time for
committees to
make reports.

Order (filed by Ms. Decker of Cambridge) relative to extending until Tuesday, December 31, 2024 the time within which the committee on Public Health is authorized to report on a current House document (House, No. 4468).

Order (filed by Mr. Cusack of Braintree) relative to extending until Friday, June 14, 2024 the time within which the committee on Revenue is authorized to report on a current Senate document (House, No. 4471).

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the orders ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the orders were considered forthwith; and they were adopted. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petition.

Representative O'Day of West Boylston presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of James J. O'Day and Robyn K. Kennedy for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Joel Larochelle, an employee of the Department of Correction; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Joel
Larochelle,—
sick leave.

Papers from the Senate.

A Bill amending the charter of the city of Easthampton (House, No. 3959, amended), came from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 2696. The amendment was referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

Easthampton,—
charter.

A message from Her Excellency the Governor (pursuant to the provisions of Article II, Section 8, Paragraph 1, Clause (2) of the Amendments to the Constitution, as appearing in Article LXXXIX of said Amendments) recommending legislation to validate the results of the annual election held in the town of Whitman on May 20, 2023 (Senate, No. 2698), was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Election Laws.

Whitman,—
annual
election.

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:

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Sarah K. Peake and Julian Cyr that a certain bridge on state highway Route 28 in the town of Harwich be designated as the United States Army Private First Class Joseph C. Blute memorial bridge; and

Harwich,—
Blute bridge.

Joint petition (accompanied by bill) of Sarah K. Peake and Julian Cyr that the roundabout at the intersection of state highways routes 28 and 39 in the town of Orleans shall be designated in honor of Dorofei Klimshuk;

Orleans,—
Klimshuk
roundabout.

Severally to the committee on Transportation.

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 bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

The Senate Bill designating a certain bridge in the city of Leominster as the Honorable John Walter Olver memorial bridge (Senate, No. 2609) [Local Approval Received];

Leominster,—
Olver bridge.

House bills

To protect Native American heritage (House, No. 3248);

Indians.
Medical
professionals.

Criminalizing sexual assault by fraud of a medical professional (House, No. 4350);

Require the reporting of satisfaction of judgments awarding money damages (House, No. 4352);

Monetary
judgments.

Increasing penalties for hit and runs with recreational vehicles in the Commonwealth to be known as the James Ward act (House, No. 4354);

RV accidents,—
penalties.

Relative to the offense of assault and battery upon a transit worker (House, No. 4355);

Transit
workers.

Promoting housing opportunity and mobility through eviction sealing (HOMES) (House, No. 4356);

Housing,—
evictions.

Relative to nonprofit board member compensation (House, No. 4358);

Nonprofits.

Relative to tort actions for latent diseases (House, No. 4361); and Relative to fairness in debt collection (House, No. 4429); 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.	Tort actions. Debt collection.
By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, asking to be discharged from further consideration: Of the Bill relative to the position of poet laureate for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (House, No. 4311); Of the Bill to study the development of an underground railroad, civil rights and black heritage museum and cultural center in Springfield (House, No. 4312); and Of the Bill relative to a commission to study the intentional misrepresentation of a service animal (House, No. 4329); And recommending that the same severally be referred to the House committee on Rules. Under Rule 42, the reports severally were considered forthwith; and they were accepted.	Poet laureate. Springfield,— museum. Service animals.
By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that the Bill to amend the structure of the Commission of Grandparents Raising Grandchildren (House, No. 4390), ought to pass. Referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.	Grandparents Raising Grandchildren.
By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, that the Bill to establish a Massachusetts children's cabinet (House, No. 189), ought to pass. Referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.	Children's cabinet.
By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on a petition, a Bill transferring Bridgewater State Hospital from the Department of Correction to the Department of Mental Health (House, No. 2985). By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing the psychology interjurisdictional compact (House, No. 2986). Severally referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.	Bridgewater State Hospital. Psychology,— compact.
By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on a petition, a Resolve establishing a commission on infrastructure resilience (House, No. 3128). By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing a special commission to study the effectiveness of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (House, No. 3669). Severally read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29 to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.	Infrastructure. EOHHS,— effectiveness.
By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on a petition, a Bill to preserve early education support for families (House, No. 2988).	Childcare,— contracts.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to the Cobble Mountain Reservoir in the towns of Blandford, Granville, and Russell (House, No. 2992).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to civil asset forfeiture data reporting (House, No. 2993).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill further regulating access to public records (House, No. 2994).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to public procurement and inclusive entrepreneurship (House, No. 2997).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the timely and consistent payment of law enforcement personnel (House, No. 3001).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill requiring a prevailing wage for the construction of certain parking facilities to be capable of supporting electric vehicle charging stations (House, No. 3007).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill reducing certificate of organization fees for limited liability companies (House, No. 3010).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill reducing filing fees for single member LLCs (House, No. 3011).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing the executive office of food resources and security (House, No. 3029).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill ensuring uniformity in education discrimination complaint procedures (House, No. 3042).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing the executive office of structural racism (House, No. 3047).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the fair participation of minority and women-owned businesses on public construction projects (House, No. 3048).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill improving government accountability (House, No. 3050).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to timely decisions by awarding authorities (House, No. 3057).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the state property zoning exemption (House, No. 3059).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relating to fair pay and safe workplaces (House, No. 3060).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to online posting of CMRs (House, No. 3064).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to fairness in public contracting (House, No. 3072).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill promoting governmental efficiency (House, No. 3079).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill regarding information governance (House, No. 3082).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill further defining fraud in public construction contracts (House, No. 3086).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill eliminating the procurement act exception for waste and recycling contracts (House, No. 3097).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing a holiday known as “John F. Kennedy Day” to promote civic engagement and voter participation in the Commonwealth (House, No. 3099).

Cobble Mountain Road.

Civil asset forfeiture.

Public record access.

Entrepreneurship.

Police details,—payment.

Electric vehicles,—charging ports.

LLCs,—fees.

Id.

Food and security.

Education discrimination.

Structural racism.

Construction,—participation.

Government accountability.

Contracts,—decisions.

Zoning,—property.

Workplaces,—safety.

Regulations,—online posting.

Contracts,—fairness.

Governmental efficiency.

Information governance.

Construction,—fraud.

Waste, etc.,—contracts.

John F. Kennedy day.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Resolve providing for the creation of a commemorative memorial portrait in the Massachusetts State House in honor of State Representative Doris Bunte (House, No. 3115).

State House,—
Doris Bunte
portrait.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on a petition, a Bill to establish a COVID-19 Remembrance Day (House, No. 2987).

COVID-19,—
remembrance.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to making amendments to the Massachusetts Business Corporation Act (House, No. 3024).

Business
corporations.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill designating the official jazz song of the Commonwealth (House, No. 3105).

Official
jazz song.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to charter school procurement (House, No. 3116).

Charter school.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill designating April 5 as Okur-Chung Neurodevelopmental Syndrome awareness day (House, No. 4070).

Okur-Chung
Neurodevelop-
mental Syndrome
awareness day.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on a petition, Resolutions establishing the annual observance of COVID-19 Remembrance Day (House, No. 3016). Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

COVID-19,—
remembrance.

Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed bills

Increasing the term of office for select board members in the town of Marblehead from 1 year to 3 years (see Senate, No. 2652) (which originated in the Senate);

Bills
enacted.

Directing the police department of the city of Boston to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Ariel Rodriguez (see House, No. 3844); and

Authorizing the town of Dedham to establish a maximum age limit for original appointment to the position of police officer (see House, No. 3910);

(Which severally originated in the House);

Severally having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, were passed to be enacted; and they were signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

House bills

Relative to changing the board of selectmen in the town of Foxborough (House, No. 3724);

Third
reading
bills.

Exempting the positions of police chief and fire chief in the city of Greenfield from the civil service law (House, No. 4072); and

Amending the charter of the city of Chelsea (House, No. 4184);

Severally reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

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

Next
sitting.

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

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.



THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 2024.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, March 14, 2024.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Garballey of Arlington 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. Garballey), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of
allegiance.

Resolutions.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Representatives Lipper-Garabedian of Melrose and Wong of Saugus) congratulating Jim McBain on his retirement from his years of service in the town of Wakefield, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Jim
McBain.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee, reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, 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.

Orders.

The following orders were referred, under Joint Rule 30, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently:

Order (filed by Mr. Arciero of Westford) relative to extending until Friday, April 12, 2024 the time within which the committee on Housing is authorized to report on a current Senate document (House, No. 4472).

Extension
of time for
committees
to make
reports.

Order (filed by Mr. Gordon of Bedford) relative to extending until Tuesday, April 30, 2024 the time within which the committee on Public Service is authorized to report on a current Senate document (House, No. 4480).

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the orders ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Donato of Medford, the orders were considered forthwith; and they were adopted. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Communications.

Communications

From the Office of the Inspector General (see Section 12 of Chapter 12A of the General Laws) submitting its annual report entitled: MassHealth and Health Safety Net: 2024 Annual Report; and

MassHealth
and Health
Safety Net.

From the Multi-Agency Illegal Tobacco Task Force (see Section 40(d) of Chapter 64C of the General Laws) submitting its fiscal year 2024 annual report relative to the coordination of efforts to combat contraband tobacco distribution,

Multi-Agency
Illegal Tobacco
Task Force.

including efforts to foster compliance with the law and conduct targeted investigations and enforcement actions;

Severally were placed on file.

Annual and Monthly Reports.

Annual Reports

Of the Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth (under Section 6A of Chapter 66 of the General Laws) submitting a report regarding public records requests for calendar year 2023; and

Public records.

Of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (under Section 80 of Chapter 118E of the General Laws) certifying and outlining how the health benefit plans under the office of Medicaid, and their contractors, comply with the federal Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act in the calendar year 2023; and

Medicaid,—
benefits plan.

A monthly report from the Department of Revenue (under Section 5 of Chapter 62F of the General Laws) on year-to-date net state tax revenue for January, 2024;

State tax revenue.

Severally were placed on file.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Peake of Provincetown and Senator Cyr, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4481) of Sarah K. Peake and Julian Cyr (by vote of the town) that the town of Orleans be authorized to adopt a pesticide reduction bylaw in said town. To the committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Orleans,—
pesticides.

By Representative Williams of Springfield, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4482) of Bud L. Williams (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Springfield be authorized to continue the employment of Lawrence E. Akers as a police officer in said city. To the committee on Public Service.

Springfield,—
Lawrence Akers.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

A petition (subject to Joint Rules 12 and 9) of James C. Arena-DeRosa and Rebecca L. Rausch (by vote of the town) that the town of Sherborn be authorized to establish the North Sherborn Water and Sewer District in said town (having been returned by the State Secretary with a letter stating that the petitioners had failed to file proof of notice of publication), was placed on file.

North Sherborn
Water and
Sewer District.

Paper from the Senate.

The House Bill providing for recall elections in the town of Conway (House, No. 3575), came from the Senate, passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment in section 3, in lines 20 to 27, inclusive, by striking out the two sentences contained in those lines (as changed by the Senate committee on Bills in the Third Reading) and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:

Conway,—
recall
elections.

“Not later than 30 days from the date of delivery of the recall petition sheets, the 10 registered voters of the town to whom the town clerk delivered recall petition sheets shall file the signed recall petition sheets with the town clerk containing the signatures, names and street addresses of not less than 10 per cent of the registered

voters of the town as of the date the initial recall affidavit was filed with the town clerk.”.

The amendment was referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

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:

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Paul K. Frost and Ryan C. Fattman that the Worcester County Retirement Board be authorized to credit Curtis Meskus, a member of the Worcester regional retirement system, with creditable service for certain active duty service; and

Curtis Meskus,—
retirement.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of James J. O’Day and Robyn K. Kennedy for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Joel Larochelle, an employee of the Department of Correction.

Joel
Larochelle,—
sick leave.

Severally to the committee on Public Service.

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

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, asking to be discharged from further consideration:

Of the Bill establishing a special commission to study women and homelessness (House, No. 222); and

Women and
homelessness.

Of the Bill establishing a special commission on two-generation approaches to childhood education (House, No. 223);

Childhood
education.

And recommending that the same severally be referred to the House committee on Rules.

Under Rule 42, the reports severally were considered forthwith; and they were accepted.

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

The Senate Bill changing the name of the board of selectmen of the town of Charlton to select board (Senate, No. 2487) [Local Approval Received]; and

Charlton,—
select board.

House bills

[sic] Internet access on private ways (House, No. 85);

Internet.

Relative to modernization of insurance laws (House, No. 932);

Life insurance.

Providing mortgage customers additional mandatory information regarding their accounts (House, No. 933);

Mortgage
accounts.

Authorizing the appointment of special police officers in the city of Waltham to allow said special police officers to serve until the age of 70 (House, No. 4141) [Local Approval Received]; and

Waltham,—
special police.

Authorizing the town of Somerset to acquire interests in land for sewer purposes (House, No. 4273) [Local Approval Received];

Somerset,—
land.

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

By Mr. Arciero of Westford, for the committee on Housing, on a petition, a Bill relative to senior and non-elderly disabled housing (House, No. 1298).	Disabled housing.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to senior and non-elderly disabled housing (House, No. 1299).	Id.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to eliminate asset limits for homeless shelters (House, No. 1301).	Homeless shelters.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill creating the Massachusetts healthy homes program (House, No. 1307) [Representative DeCoste of Norwell dissenting].	Healthy homes program.
By Mr. Arciero, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to low-income housing eligibility for disabled veterans (House, No. 1311).	Disabled veterans.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to provide tenant ownership in government assisted housing (House, No. 1324) [Representative DeCoste of Norwell dissenting].	Public housing,—ownership.
By Mr. Arciero, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to prevent and respond to bullying of elderly and disabled residents (House, No. 1329).	Housing,—bullying.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to establish an apprenticeship program to ready vacant public housing apartments for occupancy (House, No. 1330).	Vacant public housing,—readying.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to starter homes (House, No. 1331).	Starter homes.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to housing service coordinators (House, No. 1332).	Housing service coordinators.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing an office of the condominium ombudsman (House, No. 1334).	Condominium ombudsman.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to housing authority executive director contracts (House, No. 1337).	Housing contracts.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill restoring the Commonwealth's public housing (House, No. 1339).	Public housing.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill codifying the Massachusetts Rental Voucher Program (House, No. 1351).	Rental vouchers.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to create and implement a Massachusetts flexible supportive housing subsidy pool program (House, No. 1354).	Housing subsidy pool program.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill allowing movable tiny houses as permanent residential dwellings and accessory dwelling units (House, No. 1359).	Movable tiny houses.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to secure housing for returning citizens (House, No. 1362).	Former inmates.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to maintain stable housing for families with pets in an economic crisis and beyond (House, No. 1367).	Pet owners,—housing.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill setting a housing production goal for the Commonwealth (House, No. 1368).	Housing production.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to public housing authorities (House, No. 1369).	Housing authorities.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to establish an office of fair housing and a fair housing trust fund (House, No. 1377).	Fair housing trust fund.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to increasing affordable and public housing options (House, No. 2034).	MBTA,—zoning.

By Ms. Fiola of Fall River, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a petition, a Bill establishing the Dukes County Sheriff's regional lockup fund (House, No. 2046).

Dukes County Sheriff,—
lockup fund.

By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Public Service, on House, No. 2491, a Bill relative to certain retirement benefits for the surviving spouse of a state police officer injured in the line of duty (House, No. 4463).

Troopers,—
spousal
benefits.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. Arciero of Westford, for the committee on Housing, on a petition, a Bill relative to manufactured housing (House, No. 1302).

Manufactured
housing.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to ensure the right to install electric vehicle charging stations (House, No. 1303).

Vehicles,—
charging ports.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the use of credit reporting in housing (House, No. 1308) [Representative DeCoste of Norwell dissenting].

Housing,—
credit
reporting.

By Mr. Arciero, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to reducing barriers to housing (House, No. 1316) [Representative DeCoste of Norwell dissenting].

Housing,—
barriers.

By Mr. Arciero, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to electronic meetings and voting in condominiums (House, No. 1338).

Condominiums.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill requiring notice to landlords relating to gas or electric shutoffs (House, No. 1370) [Representative Arriaga of Chicopee dissenting].

Landlords,—
utility
shutoffs.

By Mr. Arciero, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to a condominium conversion ordinance in the city of Salem (House, No. 3722) [Local Approval Received].

Salem,—
condominium
conversion.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill establishing a year-round market rate rental housing trust in the town of Truro (House, No. 3723) [Local Approval Received].

Truro,—
rental housing
trust.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill further defining the purposes of the affordable housing trust in the city of Somerville (House, No. 3743) [Local Approval Received].

Somerville,—
affordable
housing.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill authorizing the Orleans affordable housing trust to provide for the creation and preservation of attainable housing (House, No. 3934) [Local Approval Received].

Orleans,—
affordable
housing trust.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill authorizing the Provincetown year-round market rate rental housing trust to acquire year-round housing occupancy restrictions (House, No. 4092) [Local Approval Received].

Provincetown,—
housing.

By Ms. Fiola of Fall River, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a petition, a Bill relative to the Adams Fire District (House, No. 2031).

Adams,—
fire district.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Concord to establish a fee for checkout bags (House, No. 2037) [Local Approval Received].

Concord,—
checkout
bag fees.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill requiring automatic external defibrillators in Norfolk County public buildings (House, No. 2051).

Norfolk
County,—
defibrillators.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Lincoln to establish a fee for checkout bags (House, No. 2054) [Local Approval Received].

Lincoln,—
checkout
bags fee.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to special education reserve funds (House, No. 2075).

Special
education.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to a regional school assessment reserve fund (House, No. 2076).

Regional
schools.

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 1293 and House, No. 2099, a Bill providing for the establishment of sustainable water resource funds (House, No. 2099).

Water
resources.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Acton to establish a minimum charge for a checkout bag (House, No. 2111) [Local Approval Received].

Acton,—
checkout
bag fees.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to assessor certificates (House, No. 2112).

Assessor
certificates.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to additional inspectors; inspector engaging in plumbing or gas fitting work (House, No. 2113).

Plumbing and
gas fitting,—
inspectors.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Fairhaven to establish a fee for checkout bags (House, No. 3825) [Local Approval Received].

Fairhaven,—
checkout bags
fee.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Sudbury to establish a fee for checkout bags (House, No. 3904) [Local Approval Received].

Sudbury,—
checkout
bags fee.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill repealing certain fiscal stability procedures in the towns of Chesterfield and Goshen (House, No. 4019).

Chesterfield
and Goshen.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the fair housing ordinance of the city of Cambridge (House, No. 4234) [Local Approval Received].

Cambridge,—
fair housing.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the city of Cambridge to increase the fines for failure to move parked vehicles during street cleaning in the city above the limits set forth in M.G.L. C. 90, §20A½ (House, No. 4264) [Local Approval Received].

Cambridge,—
street cleaning
fines.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill amending the charter of the city of Gardner (House, No. 4285) [Local Approval Received].

Gardner,—
charter.

By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Public Service, on House, No. 13 and on a part of House, No. 8, a Bill providing for state financial interests flexibility (House, No. 4462).

Financial
interests
flexibility.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 4216, a Bill authorizing the appointment of retired police officers to perform police details (House, No. 4464) [Local Approval Received].

Plainville,—
special police
officers.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Orders of the Day.

The Senate Bill authorizing the town of Tewksbury to lease the Louise Davy Trahan Elementary School for not more than 99 years (Senate, No. 2582), reported

Third
reading
bill.

by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The House Bill waiving the maximum age requirement for appointment as a police officer for Luigi D’Addieco (House, No. 4071), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Id.

The House Bill reducing barriers to employment through credit discrimination (House, No. 1434), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Employment,—
discrimination.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Walsh of Peabody moved to amend it in section 2, after line 9, by inserting the following paragraph:

“‘Financial institution’, a trust company, state or federally chartered savings bank, state chartered cooperative bank, national banking association, state or federally chartered savings and loan association, state or federally chartered credit union, insurance or surety company, investment advisor, broker-dealer, bank holding company, financial holding company or an entity registered with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission.”; and in line 23, by inserting after the word “clearance” the words “or financial institution”.

The amendments were adopted; and the bill (House, No. 1434, amended) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

The House Bill relative to restricted vital records (House, No. 3092), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Vital records,—
access.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Walsh of Peabody moved to amend it by substitution of a bill with the same title (House, No. 4483), which was read.

The amendment was adopted; and the substituted bill was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed bills

Authorizing the town of Tewksbury to lease the Louise Davy Trahan Elementary School for not more than 99 years (see Senate, No. 2582) (which originated in the Senate);

Bills
enacted.

Authorizing Brian Dacey to take the civil service examination for the position of police officer in the city of Haverhill notwithstanding the maximum age requirement (see House, No. 4148); and

Authorizing Derek Clark to take the civil service examination for the position of firefighter in the city of Haverhill notwithstanding the maximum age requirement (see House, No. 4149);

(Which severally originated in the House);

Severally having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, were passed to be enacted; and they were signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

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

Next
sitting.

At half past eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Barrows of Mansfield (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

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MONDAY, MARCH 18, 2024.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Monday, March 18, 2024.

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.

Orders.

The following orders were referred, under Joint Rule 30, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently:

Order (filed by Ms. Garlick of Needham) relative to extending until Sunday, April 21, 2024 the time within which the committee on Education is authorized to report on current Senate and House documents (House, No. 4491);

Extension
of time for
committees
to make
reports.

Order (filed by Mr. Driscoll of Milton) relative to extending until Monday, April 8, 2024 the time within which the committee on Emergency Preparedness and Management is authorized to report on current Senate and House documents (House, No. 4493); and

Order (filed by Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett) relative to extending until Friday, March 29, 2024 the time within which the committee on Transportation is authorized to report on a current House document (House, No. 4492);

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the orders ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Ms. Kerans of Danvers, the orders were considered forthwith; and they were adopted. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Appointment of the Speaker.

The Speaker announced that he had nominated Representative Farley-Bouvier of Pittsfield as his designee to the National Conference of State Legislatures' Task Force on Artificial Intelligence, Cybersecurity and Privacy.

Artificial
intelligence,
etc.

Papers from the Senate.

The House Bill establishing at-large and ward school committee members in the city of Revere (House, No. 2058) (its title having been changed by the Senate committee on Bills in the Third Reading), came from the Senate, passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 2700. The amendment was referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

Revere,—
school
committee.

The House Bill designating a certain bridge in the town of Falmouth as the Kevin P. Quinn memorial bridge (House, No. 4044) (its title having been changed by the Senate committee on Bills in the Third Reading), came from the Senate, passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment in line 4 striking out the figures: “31” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “28”. The amendment was referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

Falmouth,—
Quinn bridge.

Bills

Relative to changing the name of Salisbury Beach State Reservation (Senate, No. 2701) (on Senate bill No. 2071); and

Salisbury
Beach.

Establishing a sick leave bank for Tiffany Brennan, an employee of the Trial Court of the Commonwealth (Senate, No. 2705) (on Senate bill No. 2672, amended);

Tiffany
Brennan,—
sick leave.

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were read; and they were referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2702) of Julian Cyr and Dylan A. Fernandes (by vote of the town) for legislation relative to [sic] affordable housing trust fund of the town of West Tisbury, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Housing.

West Tisbury,—
housing fund.

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 Tackey Chan and Paul R. Feeney for legislation to clarify self-storage laws. To the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Self-storage.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Paul J. Donato for legislation to authorize the Middlesex District Attorney’s Office to establish a pilot program to improve communications between local law enforcement and victims in Middlesex County. To the committee on the Judiciary.

Middlesex
County,—
police and
victims.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Kerans of Danvers, 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:

Relative to establishing a minimum age of entry for cannabis (House, No. 112);

Cannabis age.

Relative to research by independent testing laboratories (House, No. 116);

Laboratories.

Requiring instruction in CPR and the use of defibrillators for high school graduation (House, No. 492);

CPR and
defibrillators.

Concerning disposable menstrual products in schools (House, No. 563);

Menstruation.

Relative to councils on aging (House, No. 624);

Aging councils.

Relative to gender neutral language in elections law (House, No. 660);

Gender words.

Relative to an underinsurance issue (House, No. 947);

Underinsurance.

Preserving the competitiveness of group auto and homeowners insurance plans (House, No. 957);

Insurance
plans.

Relative to notices by insurance companies (House, No. 981); and

Notifications.

Repealing certain fiscal stability procedures in the towns of Chesterfield and Goshen (House, No. 4019);	Chesterfield and Goshen.
Under suspension of Rule 7A, in each instance, on motion of Ms. Kerans of Danvers, the bills severally were read a second time forthwith; and they were ordered to a third reading.	
By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill relative to public hearings of the Group Insurance Commission (House, No. 2469).	GIC,— hearings.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to health insurance for surviving spouses (House, No. 2495).	Survivors,— healthcare.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to mandatory coverage for certain health screenings for firefighters (House, No. 2604).	Firefighters,— screenings.
Severally referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.	
By Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett, for the committee on Transportation, on House, No. 4283, a Bill financing improvements to municipal roads and bridges (House, No. 4488). Referred, under Joint Rule 1F, to the committee on Bonding, Capital Expenditures and State Assets.	Municipal roads and bridges.
By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Public Service, on House, No. 17 and on a part of House, No. 16, a Bill establishing a special commission on retirement credit purchases (House, No. 17).	Retirement purchases,— study.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Resolve authorizing the study of cost of living increases for state police retirees (House, No. 2637).	State police retirees,— COLA study.
Severally read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.	
By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Public Service, on House, Nos. 9 and 18 and on a part of House, Nos. 8 and 16, a Bill relative to pension forfeiture (House, No. 9).	Pension forfeiture.
By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 10 and on a part of House, No. 8, a Bill relative to the recovery of overearnings (House, No. 10).	Overearnings,— recovery.
By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 11 and on a part of House, No. 8, a Bill relative to modifications of retirement allowances (House, No. 11).	Retirement allowances.
By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 12 and on a part of House, No. 8, a Bill relative to accidental disability and Group 1 emotional distress (House, No. 12).	Group 1 emotional distress.
By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 14 and on a part of House, No. 8, a Bill to provide for payment of creditable service (House, No. 14).	Creditable service.
By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 15 and on a part of House, No. 8, a Bill clarifying the Chapter 32 definition of wages (House, No. 15).	Wages,— definition.
By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 19 and on a part of House, No. 16, a Bill relative to the interest charged on refund buybacks (House, No. 19).	Refund buybacks,— interest.
By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 21 and on a part of House, No. 16, a Bill relative to domestic relations orders (House, No. 21).	Support orders.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 22 and on a part of House, No. 16, a Bill to extend the opportunity to purchase teaching service in all territories of the U.S (House, No. 22).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 23 and on a part of House, No. 16, a Bill relative to the definition of wages for retirement calculations (House, No. 23).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 24 and on a part of House, No. 16, a Bill relative to parental and family leave equity for members of public retirement systems (House, No. 24).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to firefighter retirement benefits (House, No. 2443).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 2475 and 2560, a Bill relative to certain option B and option C retirees (House, No. 2475).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill regulating education administrator retirement (House, No. 2511).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing independent retirement systems to divest from fossil fuel companies (House, No. 2515).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to impairment of health caused by infectious disease (House, No. 2518).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to prompt retiree payments (House, No. 2523).

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, Nos. 1624 and 1636 and House, No. 2528, a Bill relative to disability or death cause by contagious disease; presumption (House, No. 2528).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the State Retirement Board to retire Richard D’Auria, a University of Massachusetts police officer disabled by cardiac disease, under the provisions of the “Heart Law.” (House, No. 2531).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the Massachusetts teacher retirement system (House, No. 2537).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to exempt the Executive Director of the Municipal Police Training Committee from earnings limitations (House, No. 2546).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to firefighter training (House, No. 2550).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to credible service for school nurses (House, No. 2577).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill further regulating group insurance benefits for state employees and retired state employees (House, No. 2578).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to public safety employee death benefits (House, No. 2585).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill providing fair and equitable line of duty death benefits for public employees (House, No. 2589).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill clarifying the impact of equitable salary adjustments for retirement purposes (House, No. 2590).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the disability or death caused by post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) (House, No. 2594).

Teaching
service,—
purchases.

Wages,—
retirement
calculations.

Family
leave, etc.,—
retirement.

Firefighters,—
lung law.

Retirement,—
options.

Education
administrators.

Fossil fuel
companies,—
divestments.

Infectious
disease.

Retirees,—
first payment.

Infectious
disease.

Richard
D’Auria,—
retirement.

Teachers,—
retirement.

Police training
committee,—
director.

Firefighters,—
training.

School nurses,—
retirement.

Group
insurance,—
benefits.

Death
benefits.

Id.

Salary
adjustments.

PTSD,—
disability or
death.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to updating judicial retirement benefits (House, No. 2598).	Judicial retirement.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to public safety line of duty benefits (House, No. 2601).	Line of duty death benefits.
By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 1696 and House, No. 2611, a Bill relative to the collective bargaining rights for employees of the Committee for Public Counsel Services (House, No. 2611).	Committee for Public Counsel Services.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to credible service for VISTA volunteers (House, No. 2612).	VISTA,—retirement.
By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 1635 and House, No. 2625, a Bill relative to estimated first pension payments to certain public retirees (House, No. 2625).	Retirees,—first payment.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to a cost of living adjustment for retired judges (House, No. 2650).	Retired judges.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to provide public safety telecommunicators with the same internal benefits as first responders (House, No. 2667).	Dispatchers,—benefits.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to restoration to service (House, No. 2675).	Restoration to service.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to timely retirement payment (House, No. 2682).	Retirement payments.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to creditable service for Lynn Turner, a member of the Massachusetts Teachers' Retirement System (House, No. 3645).	Lynn Turner,—retirement.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Nantucket to issue pension obligation bonds or notes (House, No. 4116) [Local Approval Received].	Nantucket,—pension obligation.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing Thomas Struthers to purchase creditable service from the Massachusetts Teachers' Retirement Board (House, No. 4219).	Thomas Struthers,—retirement.
Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.	
By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill relative to regional planning agencies (House, No. 2426).	Planning agencies.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to documentary material or data received by retirement boards (House, No. 2453).	Retirement boards.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to public safety personnel (House, No. 2488).	Post-retirement earnings.
By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 1733 and House, Nos. 2489 and 2631, a Bill relative to the membership of the PRIM board (House, No. 2489).	PRIM board,—membership.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the fifth member of the public employee retirement systems (House, No. 2508).	Retirement boards.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to death benefits to surviving spouses of call and volunteer firefighters (House, No. 2533).	Call firefighters,—survivors.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the reinstatement of positions in a departmental unit according to seniority for the city of Methuen (House, No. 2547) [Local Approval Received].	Methuen,—seniority.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill clarifying call firefighter rights (House, No. 2574).

Call
firefighters.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to protect the retirement classification of Barnstable County dispatchers and dispatch retirees (House, No. 2628).

Barnstable,—
retirement
classification.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to police officers and firefighters relative to Chapter 41, Section 111F (House, No. 2638).

Accidental
disability
retirement.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relating to the regular compensation of certain active and retired employees of the city of Fitchburg (House, No. 3864) [Local Approval Received].

Fitchburg,—
retirees.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill further regulating special police officers in the town of Hudson (House, No. 4113) [Local Approval Received].

Hudson,—
special police
officers.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill exempting the position of deputy fire chief of the town of Chelmsford from the civil service law (House, No. 4179) [Local Approval Received].

Chelmsford,—
civil service
exemption.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to licensed electricians employed at regional school districts (House, No. 4208).

Schools,—
electricians.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill directing the city of Boston Police Department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Terrance Joseph Williams (House, No. 4212) [Local Approval Received].

Boston,—
Terrance
Williams.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Warren to continue the employment of Steven Perkins (House, No. 4215) [Local Approval Received].

Warren,—
Steven
Perkins.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Emergency Measures.

The engrossed Bill authorizing the continued employment of Jerry Shampang as an environmental police officer in the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (see Senate, No. 2691, amended), 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.

Jerry
Shampang,—
employment.

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 4 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 Senate) was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill
enacted.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Lisa Balentine, an employee of the Department of Transitional Assistance (see House, No. 3779), 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.

Lisa
Balentine,—
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 4 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.

Engrossed Bills

Engrossed bills

Authorizing the town of Rutland to increase the membership of the town's board of selectmen (see Senate, No. 2371, amended) (which originated in the Senate); and

Bills
enacted.

Establishing the appointed office of Town Clerk in the town of Bolton (see House, No. 4056); and

Authorizing the town of Lincoln to establish a means tested senior citizen property tax exemption program (see House, No. 4262);

(Which severally originated in the House);

Severally having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, were passed to be enacted; and they were signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

The engrossed Bill authorizing the town of Holliston to continue the employment of Mark Dellicker as deputy fire chief (see House, No. 3998), which had been returned by Her Excellency the Governor with recommendation of amendment (for message, see House, No. 4386), was considered.

Holliston,—
Mark
Dellicker.

The committee on Bills in the Third Reading reported recommending that the amendment recommended by the Governor be considered in the following form:

By striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the following:

“Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, Mark Dellicker, a call firefighter in the town of Holliston, may continue to serve in the capacity of on-call deputy fire chief until he reaches the age of 70 or the date of his retirement or non-reappointment by the select board, whichever occurs first; provided, however, that Mark Dellicker is mentally and physically capable of performing the duties of such position. The select board of the town of Holliston may require Mark Dellicker to be examined by an impartial physician to determine such capability. No deductions shall be made from the regular compensation of Mark Dellicker under chapter 32 of the General Laws for any service performed subsequent to his reaching the age of 65 in connection with his services to the town for retirement or pension purposes.”.

The report was accepted; and the amendment then was adopted. Sent to the Senate for its action.

The Senate amendment of the House Bill amending the charter of the city of Easthampton (House, No. 3959), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was adopted, in concurrence.

Easthampton,—
charter.

The Senate Bill designating a certain bridge in the city of Leominster as the Honorable John Walter Olver memorial bridge (Senate, No. 2609), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Third
reading
bill.

House bills
Relative to the treasurer-collector of the town of Sherborn (House, No. 4224);
and

Third
reading
bills.

Relative to the Greater Lawrence Regional Vocational Technical high school
(House, No. 4384);

Severally reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly
drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent
to the Senate for concurrence.

The House Bill authorizing the town of Mashpee to lease certain town land to
the Boys and Girls Club of Cape Cod, Inc. (House, No. 4185), reported by the
committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Mashpee,—
land.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Walsh of Peabody
moved to amend it in section 1, in lines 4 to 10, inclusive, by striking out the sentence
contained in those lines and inserting in place thereof the following sentence: “The
parcel is currently vacant and is a portion of land described in the Barnstable county
registry of deeds in book 587, page 525 and shown on assessor’s map 67, parcel 1
and more particularly shown on a plan entitled ‘Proposed Boys and Girls Club
Expansion’, dated September 8, 2008, approved by vote of the May 1, 2023 Mashpee
Annual Town Meeting, a copy of which is on file in the office of the town clerk.”.

The amendment was adopted; and the bill (House, No. 4185, amended) was
passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

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

Next
sitting.

At four minutes before twelve o’clock noon, on motion of Mr. Frost of Auburn
(Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the
following Thursday at eleven o’clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, March 21, 2024.

Met at ten minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Garballey of Arlington 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. Garballey), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of
allegiance.

Silent Tribute.

At the request of Mr. Galvin of Canton, the members, guests and employees stood in a moment of silent tribute in respect to the memory of longtime Canton resident Carl S. Sawtelle, Jr., who passed away on March 7, 2024, at the age of 96.

Carl S.
Sawtelle, Jr.

Mr. Sawtelle was a military veteran, serving from 1944 to 1946 in the US Coast Guard.

In 1953, he started his career as a psychiatric social worker at Taunton State Hospital, where he remained until his retirement. He advocated for the licensing of social workers and received the first social work license ever issued in the Commonwealth, making him the "Father of licensing social workers in Massachusetts".

He earned a BA in Psychology from Suffolk University and a master's degree in social work from Simmons.

Mr. Sawtelle is survived by his two daughters, Lisa J. Sawtelle and Tracy L. Bailey-Gates, three grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Message from the Governor.

A message from Her Excellency the Governor submitting requests for making appropriations for the fiscal year 2024 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (House, No. 4496), was filed in the office of the Clerk on Monday, March 18.

Supplemental
appropriations.

The message was read; and it was referred, under Rule 30, with the accompanying draft of a bill, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Guests of the House.

During the session, the Chair (Mr. Garballey of Arlington), declared a brief recess and introduced, seated in the Chamber, students from the Massachusetts Alliance for Early College. They were the guests of Representatives Consalvo of Boston, Biele of Boston and Garballey of Arlington.

Massachusetts
Alliance for
Early College.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Representative Arciero of Westford) recognizing March 2024 as Sudden Unexplained Death in Childhood Awareness Month in Massachusetts; and

Sudden
childhood
deaths.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Galvin of Canton) congratulating Alfred D. Benjamin on the occasion of his one hundredth birthday;

Alfred
Benjamin.

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. Consalvo of Boston, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Orders.

The following orders were referred, under Joint Rule 30, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently:

Order (filed by Mr. Ryan of Boston) relative to extending until Tuesday, May 28, 2024 the time within which the committee on Election Laws is authorized to report on current Senate and House documents (House, No. 4497); and

Extension
of time for
committees
reporting.

Order (filed by Ms. Fiola of Fall River) relative to extending until Friday, June 14, 2024 the time within which the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government is authorized to report on a current House document (House, No. 4498);

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the orders ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Biele of Boston, the orders were considered forthwith; and they were adopted. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Communications.

Communications

From the Community Economic Development Assistance Corporation (see Section 6 of Chapter 40H of the General Laws) submitting its fiscal year 2023 annual report;

C.E.D.A.C.

From the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (see Section 5 of Chapter 276B of the General Laws) submitting its fiscal year 2023 annual report for the Restorative Justice Advisory Committee; and

Restorative
justice
advisors.

From the Executive Office for Administration and Finance (see item 1599-0514 of Section 2 of Chapter 77 of the Acts of 2023) submitting the March 11, 2024 biweekly report on the Emergency Housing Assistance Program;

Emergency
Housing
Assistance
Program.

Severally were placed on file.

Annual, Quarterly and Monthly Reports.

Annual Reports

Of the Workers' Compensation Advisory Council (under Section 17 of Chapter 23E of the General Laws) submitting its annual report for fiscal year 2023 [copies of said report were forwarded to the House committee on Ways and Means and the committee on Labor and Workforce Development, as required by said law];

Workers'
Compensation
Advisory
Council.

Of the Massachusetts District Attorneys Association (under item 0340-2100 of Section 2 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting Disabled Persons Protection Commission data for fiscal year 2023; and

Disabled
Protection
Commission.

Of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (under Section 16W of Chapter 6A of the General Laws) submitting its fiscal year 2023 annual report on Unaccompanied Homeless Youth; and

Unaccompanied
Homeless
Youth.

A quarterly report of the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development (under item 1790-3009 of Section 2 of Chapter 151 of the Acts of 2020) submitting its ninth quarterly report relative to the comprehensive modernization and transformation for the deployment of an online delivery system for unemployment insurance compensation benefits; and

Unemployment
insurance
compensation,—
online delivery.

Monthly Reports

Of the Department of Unemployment Assistance (under Section 14F of Chapter 151A of the General Laws) relative to the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund for February 2024; and

Unemployment
Insurance
Trust Fund.

Of the Executive Office of the Trial Court (under Section 15 of Chapter 239 of the General Laws, as amended 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;

Rentals,—
protections.

Severally were placed on file.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Boldyga of Southwick and Senator Mark, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4506) of Nicholas A. Boldyga and Paul W. Mark (by vote of the town) relative to the election and composition of the conservation commission in the town of Southwick;

Southwick,—
conservation
commission.

By Representative Honan of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4507) of Kevin G. Honan (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Boston be authorized to increase the maximum amount of fines which may be imposed for violations of ordinances in said city;

Boston,—
maximum
fines.

By Representatives Owens of Watertown and Lawn of Watertown, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4508) of Steven Owens, John J. Lawn, Jr., and William N. Brownsberger (with the approval of the city council) that the city of Watertown be authorized to place municipal charge liens on certain properties in said city for nonpayment of any local charges, fees or fines; and

Watertown,—
municipal
charge liens.

By Representative Xiarhos of Barnstable, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4509) of Steven George Xiarhos (by vote of the town) that the charter of the town of Sandwich to be amended to change the town clerk position from an appointed position to an elected position.

Sandwich,—
town clerk.

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

By Representative Hamilton of Methuen, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4510) of Ryan M. Hamilton and Estela A. Reyes (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Methuen be authorized to raise the maximum retirement age of special police officers in said city to 70 years old. To the committee on Public Service.

Methuen,—
special
police.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Representative Philips of Sharon presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Edward R. Philips relative to rent withholdings; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Rent
withholdings.

Papers from the Senate.

The House Bill establishing the appointed positions of town treasurer and tax collector in the town of Westwood (House, No. 3879) [Local Approval Received] (its title having been changed by the Senate committee on Bills in the Third Reading), came from the Senate, passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 2706 (as corrected by the Senate committee on Bills in the Third Reading). The amendment was referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

Westwood,—
treasurer and
tax collector.

The Senate Bill ensuring affordability, readiness and learning for our youth and driving economic development (Senate, No. 2707) (on Senate bill No. 2697), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Early
education
and child
care.

A Bill amending the date of annual town elections in the town of Walpole (Senate, No. 2501) (on a petition) [Local Approval Received], passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Walpole,—
town
elections.

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 petition of Angelo J. Puppola, Jr., for legislation to authorize the continued employment of Anthony Tranghese as an environmental police officer in the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Public Service. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Anthony
Tranghese,—
employment.

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

The Senate Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Tiffany Brennan, an employee of the Trial Court of the Commonwealth (Senate, No. 2705); and

Tiffany
Brennan,—
sick leave.

House bills

Providing for alternatives to fines for failure to send (House, No. 476);

Truancy.
Education
council.

Updating the accuracy of membership to the state advisory council on early education and care (House, No. 551);

Expanding ballot access for regional school district votes (House, No. 690);

Ballot access.
Charging ports.
Assessors.

To ensure the right to install electric vehicle charging stations (House, No. 1303);

Relative to assessor certificates (House, No. 2112);

To establish a COVID-19 remembrance day (House, No. 2987);

COVID-19 day.
Attleboro,—
validate vote.

Validating a certain vote taken by the city of Attleboro in Ch.228 of the Acts of 2022 (House, No. 4243) [Local Approval Received]; and

Relative to supporting student participation in 4-H programs (House, No. 4427); Under suspension of Rule 7A, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Day of Stoneham, the bills severally were read a second time forthwith; and they were ordered to a third reading.	4-H programs.
By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the Resolutions establishing the annual observance of COVID-19 remembrance day (House, No. 3016), be scheduled for consideration by the House. Placed in the Orders of the Day for the next sitting, the question being on adoption.	COVID-19 remembrance day.
By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that the Resolve providing for a special commission on the field of emergency management (House, No. 740, changed), ought to pass. Referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.	Emergency management,—commission.
By Mr. Cahill of Lynn, for the committee on Environment and Natural Resources, on a petition, a Bill establishing the commission on extended producer responsibility (House, No. 833).	Producer responsibility.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to create a commission to determine the feasibility of voluntary acquisition of flood risk properties and structures (House, No. 876).	Flood risk protection,—commission.
By Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett, for the committee on Transportation, on a petition, a Bill providing for a study to be conducted on the cost feasibility of implementing a ferry service to Long Island in Boston Harbor (House, No. 3260).	Long Island,—ferry study.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Resolve reviving and continuing the non-emergency human services transportation task force (House, No. 3302).	Non-emergency transportation task force.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing a special commission to identify, preserve and commemorate historic roadways in Massachusetts (House, No. 3426).	Historic roadways.
Severally read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.	
By Mr. Cahill of Lynn, for the committee on Environment and Natural Resources, on a petition, a Bill providing transparency for the Blue Hills Reservation Trust Fund (House, No. 785).	Blue Hills Reservation Trust Fund.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the management of the Blue Hills Reservation (House, No. 787).	Blue Hills,—management.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to facilitate climate resiliency (House, No. 798).	Climate resiliency.
By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 516 and House, No. 813, a Bill governing the use of pesticides containing the herbicide substance Glyphosate in the Commonwealth (House, No. 813).	Glyphosate.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing an ecologically-based mosquito management program in the Commonwealth to protect public health (House, No. 845).	Mosquito management.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill for the establishment of a voucher program for home water filtration equipment (House, No. 853).	Water filtration,—vouchers.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing the municipal reforestation program (House, No. 869).	Reforestation program.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to combined sewer overflows (House, No. 886).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to enhancing circularity in recycling (House, No. 893).

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 457 and House, No. 906, a Bill to accelerate and streamline wetlands restoration (House, No. 906).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 907 and 908, a Bill relative to the conservation of striped bass (House, No. 907).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing a commission to study dredging needs for recreational boating in Commonwealth waterways (House, No. 910).

By Mr. Cusack of Braintree, for the committee on Revenue, on a petition, a Bill relative to neighborhood stabilization and economic development (printed as Senate, No. 1777).

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, Nos. 1791 and 1879, a Bill relative to the relief of mortgage debt (printed as Senate, No. 1791).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill advancing renewable heating solutions for the Commonwealth (printed as Senate, No. 1822).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to equalizing the Department of Revenue interest rates (printed as Senate, No. 1883).

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 1890 and House, No. 2777, a Bill excluding the Segal AmeriCorps Education Award from taxable income (printed as Senate, No. 1890).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill increasing fairness in distribution of local aid generated by the State Lottery (printed as Senate, No. 1893).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to support the seasonal workforce (printed as Senate, No. 1897).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing a tax credit for teachers purchasing supplies (printed as Senate, No. 1910).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing a tax credit for the purchase of hearing aids (printed as Senate, No. 1911).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to funding of the Massachusetts State House police memorial (printed as Senate, No. 1955).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill amending the tax deduction for medical, dental and other expenses (House, No. 2698).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill providing an income tax credit for families caring for relatives at home who are elderly or victims of Alzheimer's disease (House, No. 2704).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill providing for a donation check-off box on state tax returns for the Massachusetts Youth & Government program (House, No. 2707).

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 1764 and House, No. 2711, a Bill creating a pilot program to enhance economic and community development through live theatrical arts (House, No. 2711).

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 1769 and House, Nos. 2697 and 2714, a Bill to reform payments in lieu of taxes for state-owned land (House, No. 2714).

Sewer
overflows.

Recycling,—
efficiency.

Wetlands
restoration.

Striped
bass.

Waterways,—
dredging.

Neighborhood
stabilization.

Mortgage
debt.

Renewable
heat.

Taxes,—
interest rates.

Segal
AmeriCorps
award.

Lottery,—
distribution.

Seasonal
workforce.

Teachers,—
tax credit.

Hearing aids,—
tax credit.

State House
police
memorial.

Healthcare,—
tax deductions.

Alzheimer's
disease,—
tax credit.

Y.M.C.A.
fund,—
donation.

Live theater,—
tax credits.

State-owned
land,—
payments.

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 1780 and House, No. 2715, a Bill to promote jobs and economic growth in tourism, visitation and hospitality (House, No. 2715).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to allow individual donations to countries vulnerable to climate change (House, No. 2721) [Representative Soter of Bellingham dissenting].

By Mr. Cusack of Braintree, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 1787 and House, No. 2727, a Bill encouraging home ownership by establishing a first time home buyers savings account (House, No. 2727).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to regional ballot initiatives (House, No. 2737).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to contractor rental equipment (House, No. 2753).

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 1859 and House, No. 2760, a Bill providing for settlements of tax liability (House, No. 2760).

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 1783 and House, No. 2769, a Bill to promote employee ownership (House, No. 2769).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to increasing economic development and business opportunity in the design and manufacture of video games through the use of tax credits (House, No. 2772).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to tax abatement for Gold Star Widow Josephine Parella (House, No. 2774).

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 1776 and House, No. 2778, a Bill excluding student loan forgiveness from taxable income for permanently and totally disabled veterans (House, No. 2778).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill providing tax credits to certain employers that provide affordable, on-site child-care for employees (House, No. 2779).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill reducing CPA recording fees for affordable housing (House, No. 2791).

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 1958 and House, No. 2792, a Bill relative to qualified data centers in the Commonwealth (House, No. 2792).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to medical and dental expense deductions (House, No. 2804).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to creating the Massachusetts against discrimination fund (House, No. 2813).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to a sewage line tax credit (House, No. 2836).

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 1940 and House, No. 2839, a Bill relative to the conservation land tax credit (House, No. 2839).

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, Nos. 1778, 1949 and 1950 and House, No. 2841, a Bill relative to rolling stock (House, No. 2841).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to DOR interest rate parity (House, No. 2845).

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 1941 and House, No. 2853, a Bill allowing for the deduction of business interest (House, No. 2853).

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, Nos. 1863 and 1891 and House, No. 2864, a Bill to enhance child care relief (House, No. 2864).

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 1851 and House, No. 2873, a Bill encouraging employer student loan repayment (House, No. 2873).

Tourism,
visitation and
hospitality.

Climate
change,—
donation.

First time
home
buyers.

Ballot
initiatives.

Contractor
equipment.

Tax
settlements.

Employee
ownership.

Video games,—
tax credits.

Josephine
Parella.

Disabled
veterans,—
taxable income.

On-site
child-care,—
tax credit.

CPA recording
fees.

Data centers,—
tax exemptions.

Medical, etc.
deductions.

Discrimination
fund.

Sewage line
tax credit.

Conservation
land.

Rolling
stock.

Interest
rate parity.

Business
interest.

Child care,—
income tax.

Student
loans.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing an electric agricultural and landscape equipment tax credit (House, No. 2884).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to clarifying property tax exemptions for solar and wind systems (House, No. 2885).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill recognizing film production in Massachusetts (House, No. 2889).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to long-term care insurance tax credit (House, No. 2903).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 2709, 2759 and 2935, a Bill relative to bundled cellular telephone transactions (House, No. 2935).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to promote adoption (House, No. 2953).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to incentivize employer-provided childcare (House, No. 2968).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to establishing an income tax credit for purchase of zero-emission and hybrid mobile machinery (House, No. 4004).

By Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett, for the committee on Transportation, on a petition, a Bill relative to unpaved roads (House, No. 3270).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill allowing blood types to be printed on licenses to operate motor vehicles (House, No. 3282).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to audit and investigate the commuter rail operating agreement (House, No. 3292).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to ensure benefits through enhanced Selective Service registration (House, No. 3296).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing the human service transportation (HST) consumer advisory board (House, No. 3303).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to low digit number plates on leased vehicles (House, No. 3317).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 3362, a Bill relative to boater safety to be known as the Hanson Milone Act (House, No. 4489).

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. Cahill of Lynn, for the committee on Environment and Natural Resources, on a petition, a Bill relative to recreation on private tidelands (House, No. 795).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to improving pesticide protections for Massachusetts schoolchildren (House, No. 811).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill regulating the application of fertilizer used in the town of Orleans (House, No. 874) [Local Approval Received].

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to designating the Rumney Marsh as the Joseph T. James area of critical environmental concern (House, No. 913).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to Department of Conservation and Recreation facility Title IX compliance (House, No. 923).

By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Joel Larochelle (House, No. 4495).

Electric equipment.

Solar and wind systems.

Motion pictures.

Long-term care insurance.

Cellular telephones.

Adoption,—tax exemption.

Childcare.

Zero-emission and hybrid machinery.

Unpaved roads.

Licenses,—blood types.

Commuter rail audit.

Selective Service.

HST board.

Low number plates.

Boaters,—safety.

Tidelands,—recreation.

Pesticide protection.

Orleans,—fertilizer.

Rumney Marsh Reservation.

DCR,—equal access.

Joel Larochelle.

By Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett, for the committee on Transportation, on a petition, a Bill designating a certain intersection in the town of Pembroke as the Lavina A. Hatch corner (House, No. 3293).

Pembroke,—
Lavina A.
Hatch corner.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to parking enforcement (House, No. 3326).

Parking
enforcement.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 3451, a Bill relative to the safe operation of motor vehicles (House, No. 4490).

Distracted
driving.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Emergency Measure.

The engrossed Bill designating a certain bridge in the city of Leominster as the Honorable John Walter Olver memorial bridge (see Senate, No. 2609), 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.

Leominster,—
Olver bridge.

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 4 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed bills

Increasing the exemption for residential property in the town of Wellfleet (see House, No. 2914);

Bills
enacted.

Amending the charter of the city of Easthampton (see House, No. 3959, amended); and

Increasing the membership of the select board of the town of Merrimac from 3 to 5 members (see House, No. 4097);

(Which severally originated in the House);

Severally having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, were passed to be enacted; and they were signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

House bills

Authorizing the appointment of special police officers in the city of Waltham and to allow said special police officers to serve until the age of 70 (House, No. 4141) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading); and

Third
reading
bills.

Changing the board of selectmen in the town of Dunstable to the select board (House, No. 4244);

Severally reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

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

Next
sitting.

At twenty-nine minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Monday, March 25, 2024.

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.

Member-elect to be Qualified.

The Speaker announced the appointment of Representatives Donato of Medford, Garballey of Arlington and Wong of Saugus as a special committee of the House to conduct Representative-elect John J. Marsi, Jr., member-elect from the Sixth Worcester District, to the Council Chamber to be qualified at such time as may be convenient to the Governor and Council.

Representative-
elect John
J. Marsi, Jr.,
of Dudley,—
qualification.

Resolutions.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Representatives Wong of Saugus and other members of the House) reaffirming the friendship between the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and Taiwan upon the forty-fifth anniversary of the Taiwan Relations Act, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Taiwan.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee, reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Orders.

The following orders were referred, under Joint Rule 30, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently:

Order (filed by Mr. Parisella of Beverly) relative to extending until Thursday, May 30, 2024 the time within which the committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies is authorized to report on a current House document (House, No. 4511).

Extension
of time for
committees
to make
reports.

Order (filed by Mr. Parisella of Beverly) relative to extending until Thursday, May 30, 2024 the time within which the committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies is authorized to report on a current Senate document (House, No. 4512).

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the orders ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the orders were considered forthwith; and they were adopted. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

The Senate Bill to provide for competitiveness and infrastructure investment in Massachusetts (Senate, No. 2554), came from the Senate with the endorsement that said branch had non-concurred with the House in its amendment (striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in House, No. 4446; and by inserting before the enacting clause the following emergency preamble:

“Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purposes, which are to enhance the competitiveness of the commonwealth in winning federal funds and to provide for the infrastructure needs of the commonwealth, each of which is immediately necessary to accomplish important public purposes, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.”).

The bill bore the further endorsement that the Senate had asked for a committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches; and that Senators Rodrigues, Cronin and O'Connor had been appointed the committee on the part of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, the House insisted on its amendment, concurred in the appointment of a committee of conference; and Representatives Michlewitz, Lewis of Framingham and Muratore of Plymouth were joined as the committee on the part of the House. Sent to the Senate to be noted.

The House Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2024 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (House, No. 4466), came from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 2711.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, the amendment was considered forthwith. The House then non-concurred with the Senate in its amendment; and, on further motion of the same member, asked for a committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches. Representatives Michlewitz, Ferrante of Gloucester and Smola of Warren were appointed the committee on the part of the House. Sent to the Senate to be joined.

The House Bill changing the name of the board of selectmen of the town of Uxbridge to the select board (House, No. 3986, amended) [Local Approval Received] (its title having been changed by the Senate committee on Bills in the Third Reading), came from the Senate, passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment striking out the words “, zoning by-laws and the charter” (as inserted by amendment by the House) and inserting in place thereof the words “and zoning by-laws”. The amendment was referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

Infrastructure.

Committee of conference.

Id.

Supplemental appropriations.

Committee of conference.

Uxbridge,—
select board.

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 petition of Marjorie C. Decker relative to annual lists and manufacturing corporations. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the

Manufacturing corporations.

report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Revenue. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, asking to be discharged from further consideration:

Of the Bill creating a task force to study the use of the internet by sex offenders (House, No. 67);

Of the Bill establishing a special commission on blockchain and cryptocurrency (House, No. 69); and

Of the Bill establishing a task force on the use of deepfake and digital content forgery (House, No. 4406);

And recommending that the same severally be referred to the House committee on Rules.

Under Rule 42, the reports severally were considered forthwith; and they were accepted.

By Ms. Garlick of Needham, for the committee on Education, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4229) of John Francis Moran relative to the right of students to freedom of expression in public schools,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Tourism, Arts and Cultural Development. Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted. 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:

Relative to councils on aging (printed as Senate, No. 398);

Relative to seeds (House, No. 104);

Improving housing opportunities (House, No. 233);

Relative to starter home school cost reimbursement (House, No. 240);

Clarifying the role of Governor's Councillor on the ballot (House, No. 665);

Relative to youth voter engagement (House, No. 705);

Relative to youth soccer referees (House, No. 1852);

Prohibiting employment discrimination based on legal use of cannabis (House, No. 4426);

Promote the inclusion of American Sign Language in the Commonwealth's public schools (House, No. 4428); and

Establishing a sick leave bank for Joel Larochelle (House, No. 4495);

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.

By Ms. Decker of Cambridge, for the committee on Public Health, on Senate, No. 1340 and House, No. 2121, a Bill relative to preceptorship programs for students of chiropractic (House, No. 2121).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to patient access to information regarding breast reconstructive surgery (House, No. 2169).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill requiring automatic external defibrillator devices in health clubs (House, No. 2173).

Sex offenders,—
internet use.

Blockchain and
cryptocurrency.

Digital
forgery.

Students,—
rights.

Aging councils.
Cannabis seeds.
Zoning.
Smart growth.
Councillors.
Youth voters.
Soccer referees.
Cannabis,—
discrimination.

Schools,—
sign language.

Joel
Larochelle,—
sick leave.

Chiropractic
students,—
preceptorship.

Breast
reconstructive
surgery.

Health clubs,—
defibrillators.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to medical physics (House, No. 2175).	Medical physics.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to improve access to family physicians (House, No. 2198).	Health care applicants.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill ensuring the fair and appropriate distribution of vaccines during a public health emergency (House, No. 2207).	Vaccines,—distribution.
By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 1404 and House, No. 2213, a Bill relative to acute hospital governance (House, No. 2213).	Acute hospital governance.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing a physical therapy licensure compact (House, No. 2233).	Physical therapy.
By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 1329 and House, No. 2244, a Bill providing for consumer access to and the right to practice complementary and alternative health care services (House, No. 2244).	Complementary and alternative health care.
By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 1408 and House, No. 2245, a Bill to strengthen the direct care and dementia workforce (House, No. 2245).	Dementia workforce.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill reducing barriers to telehealth care (House, No. 2254).	Telehealth.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing Massachusetts entry into the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact (House, No. 2256).	Medical licensure,—compact.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill creating an obesity task force (House, No. 2263).	Obesity task force.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to timely physician licensure (House, No. 2268).	Physician licensure.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to public health volunteer responders (House, No. 2279).	Public health volunteers.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill concerning the legal use of the plant medicine known as psilocybin for therapeutic, spiritual, and medicinal purposes (House, No. 3605) [Senator Keenan dissenting].	Psilocybin,—legal use.
By Ms. Decker, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to updating the licensure of optometrists (House, No. 3608).	Optometrists,—licensure.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to improve health care workforce development through graduate nursing practice (House, No. 3613).	Graduate nursing practice.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill expediting the diagnosis and treatment of certain infections (House, No. 3631).	Infections,—treatment.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill connecting veterans with access to breakthrough treatments (House, No. 4218).	Veterans,—therapies.
By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, Nos. 1356 and 1431 and House, No. 2197, a Bill to protect Massachusetts public health from PFAS (House, No. 4486).	PFAS protection.
By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 3630, a Bill relative to the Massachusetts maternal mortality and morbidity review committee (House, No. 4487).	Maternal mortality.
By Mr. Cusack of Braintree, for the committee on Revenue, on a petition, a Bill to increase health insurance affordability for small business (printed as Senate, No. 1899).	Small businesses,—health insurance.
Severally referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.	

By Ms. Decker of Cambridge, for the committee on Public Health, on a petition, a Bill establishing an advisory committee on the accessibility of fresh food retail in communities throughout the Commonwealth (House, No. 3632). Read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Fresh food,—
committee.

By Ms. Decker of Cambridge, for the committee on Public Health, on a petition, a Bill protecting the health and safety of people in restaurants (House, No. 2130).

Choke response
training.

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 1464 and House, No. 2200, a Bill regulating central service technicians (House, No. 2200).

Central service
technicians.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to abandoned remains (House, No. 2208).

Abandoned
remains.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill promoting radon testing (House, No. 2260).

Radon
testing.

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 1328 and House, Nos. 2261 and 3627, a Bill to restrict the use of polystyrene (House, No. 3627).

Polystyrene,—
restrictions.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to automated external defibrillators in sporting facilities and stadiums (House, No. 3912).

External
defibrillators.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to AEDs for athletic fields (House, No. 3924).

Id.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

By Ms. Decker of Cambridge, for the committee on Public Health, on a petition, a Bill relative to clinical laboratory testing (House, No. 2186).

Clinical
laboratories.

By Mr. Cusack of Braintree, for the committee on Revenue, on a petition, a Bill relative to charges associated with condominiums in tax title (printed as Senate, No. 1759).

Tax title,—
benefits.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the taxation of above ground conduits, wires, and pipes used in the transportation of natural gas (printed as Senate, No. 1917).

Natural gas
infrastructure,—
taxation.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the taxation of natural gas infrastructure (printed as Senate, No. 1918).

Id.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the valuation of long term residences (House, No. 2691).

Long term
residences.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to non-contiguous farm land (House, No. 2693).

Non-contiguous
farmland.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to ensuring fairness and equity in the assessment of the value of property (House, No. 2728).

Property,—
assessments.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to taxes due upon the death of active duty personnel and the elderly (House, No. 2738).

Death,—
taxes.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the electronic filing of certain forms used in property valuation (House, No. 2751).

Property
valuation.

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 1855 and House, No. 2852, a Bill to promote urban agriculture and horticulture (House, No. 2852).

Urban
agriculture.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill providing for line-of-duty death benefits for firefighters (House, No. 2890).

Line of duty
death benefits.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to condominiums (House, No. 2892).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill reducing tax liability for grandparents raising grandchildren (House, No. 2904).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to charges associated with condominiums in tax title (House, No. 2905).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to property tax deferrals for seniors (House, No. 2919).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill regarding late payments and interest rates for real estate bills and personal property taxes (House, No. 2947).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to local control of boat excise revenue (House, No. 2955).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to preserving information content of historic resources with community preservation funds (House, No. 2972).

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Condominiums,—
taxation.

Grandchildren,—
tax exemption.

Condominiums,—
tax titles.

Seniors,—
tax deferrals.

Late
payments,—
Interest rates.

Boat excise.

Historic
resources.

Engrossed Bills.

The engrossed Bill designating a certain bridge in the city of Leominster as the Honorable John Walter Olver memorial bridge (see Senate, No. 2609) (which originated in the Senate), in respect to which the Senate had concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill
enacted.

Recess.

At fourteen 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 subject to the call of the Chair; and at twenty-one minutes before twelve o'clock noon the House was called to order with Mr. Donato in the Chair.

Recess.

Orders of the Day.

Senate bills

Changing the name of the board of selectmen in the town of Charlton to select board (Senate, No. 2487); and

Establishing a sick leave bank for Tiffany Brennan, an employee of the Trial Court of the Commonwealth (Senate, No. 2705);

Severally having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Third
reading
bills.

The House Bill authorizing the town of Somerset to acquire interests in land for sewer purposes (House, No. 4273), having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Third
reading
bill.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

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

Next
sitting.

At sixteen minutes before twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Ms. Ferguson of Holden (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Thursday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.



THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 2024.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, March 28, 2024.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Garballey of Arlington 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. Garballey), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of
allegiance.

Special Communication.

The following communication, together with returns of votes and schedules therein referred to, was received from the Secretary of the Commonwealth and, there being no objection, was placed on file, to wit:—

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON 02133

March 27, 2024.

To the Honorable House:

I have the honor to lay before you the returns of votes cast at the special election held in this Commonwealth on the fifth day of March, 2024, for Representative in the General Court, Sixth Worcester District, together with schedules showing the number of ballots which appear to have been cast for each person voted for.

Returns of
votes for
Representative
in the Sixth
Worcester
District.

These returns have been duly canvassed by the Governor and Council, and are now transmitted for examination by the House of Representatives, as required by the Constitution.

Very truly yours,
WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN,
Secretary of the Commonwealth.

The Chair (Mr. Garballey of Arlington) announced that the special committee of the House appointed at the preceding sitting, relative to the qualification of Representative-elect John J. Marsi, Jr., of Dudley, member-elect from the Sixth Worcester District had completed its duty; and that, on Wednesday, March 27, 2024, Representative Marsi had taken and subscribed the necessary oaths of office, and was now duly qualified as a member of the House.

Representative
John J.
Marsi, Jr.,
of Dudley,—
qualification.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Representative Hogan of Stow) congratulating Emma Cryan on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout of the Sudbury Scouts BSA Troop 65;

Emma
Cryan.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Cassidy of Brockton and other members of the House) commending the AdMeTech Foundation on recognizing the fifteenth annual Prostate Cancer Awareness Day on March 28, 2024; and

AdMeTech
Foundation.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Philips of Sharon) congratulating Samaritans, Inc. on the fiftieth anniversary of its establishment;

Samaritans,
Inc.

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. Donato of Medford, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Orders.

The following orders were referred, under Joint Rule 30, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently:

Order (filed by Mr. Lawn of Watertown) relative to extending until Wednesday, May 1, 2024 the time within which the committee on Health Care Financing is authorized to report on current Senate and House documents (House, No. 4514);

Extension
of time for
committees
to make
reports.

Order (filed by Mr. Lawn of Watertown) relative to extending until Saturday, June 1, 2024 the time within which the committee on Health Care Financing is authorized to report on current Senate and House documents (House, No. 4515).

Order (filed by Mr. Lawn of Watertown) relative to extending until Wednesday, July 3, 2024 the time within which the committee on Health Care Financing is authorized to report on current Senate and House documents (House, No. 4516);

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the orders ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the orders were considered forthwith; and they were adopted. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Communications.

Communications

From the Office of the Inspector General (see Section 12 of Chapter 12A of the General Laws) submitting a report entitled: Post-Retirement Earning Limits for Massachusetts Public Employees;

Retirees,—
earning
limits.

From the Massachusetts Development Finance Agency (MassDevelopment) (see Section 29A(k) of Chapter 23G of the General Laws) submitting the annual report of the Brownfields Redevelopment Fund for fiscal year 2023 [copies of the report were forwarded to the Speaker of the House and the House committee on Ways and Means, as required by said law];

Brownfields
Redevelopment
Fund.

From the Massachusetts Technology Transfer Center (Mass Ventures) (see

Acorn

Section 45B of Chapter 75 of the General Laws) submitting the Acorn Innovation Fund Report for fiscal year 2024; and

From the Executive Office for Administration and Finance (see item 1599-0514 of Section 2 of Chapter 77 of the Acts of 2023) submitting the March 25, 2024 biweekly report on the Emergency Housing Assistance Program;

Severally were placed on file.

Innovation Fund.

Emergency Housing Assistance Program.

Papers from the Senate.

The House Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2024 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (House, No. 4466), came from the Senate with the endorsement that said branch had insisted on its amendment (striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 2711) (in which the House had non-concurred).

Supplemental appropriations.

The bill bore the further endorsement that said branch had concurred with the House in the appointment of a committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches; and that Senators Rodrigues, Friedman and O'Connor had been joined as the committee on the part of the Senate.

Committee of conference.

A Bill authorizing the town of Easton to establish a means tested senior citizen property tax exemption (Senate, No. 2515) (on a petition) [Local Approval Received], passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Easton,—
senior property tax exemption.

A report of the committee on Education, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2528) of Julian Cyr, Natalie M. Higgins, John Francis Moran, Rebecca L. Rausch and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to free expression, and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Tourism, Arts and Cultural Development,— accepted by the Senate, was considered forthwith, under Rule 42; and it was accepted, in concurrence.

School libraries,—
book bans.

A petition of Marc R. Pacheco and Angelo L. D'Emilia for legislation to establish appointed positions of district clerk and district treasurer for the North Raynham Water District, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

North Raynham Water District.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2717) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, asking to be discharged from further consideration:

Of the Resolve providing for an investigation and study by a special commission relative to protein innovation in Massachusetts (House, No. 402);

Protein innovation.

Of the Bill establishing a special commission on a statewide long-term care insurance program (House, No. 652);

Long-term care.

Of the Bill relative to WorkShare working better (House, No. 1856); and

WorkShare.

Of the Bill creating a commission to reform Section 12 (House, No. 2012);
And recommending that the same severally be referred to the House committee on Rules.

Emergency
restraint.

Under Rule 42, the reports were considered forthwith; and they were accepted.

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

The Senate Bill providing for the designation of polling locations in the city of Gloucester (Senate, No. 2544) [Local Approval Received]; and

Gloucester,—
polling places.

House bills

Relative to the town of Avon (House, No. 409);

Economic area.
Schools, etc.,—
pesticides.

Relative to improving pesticide protections for Massachusetts schoolchildren (House, No. 811);

Relative to the Honorable George V. Kenneally, Jr. (House, No. 1269);

Kenneally.

Relative to student mental health (House, No. 1999);

Students.

Regarding late payments and interest rates for real estate bills and personal property taxes (House, No. 2947);

Late payments,—
interest rates.

Increasing access to medical care for veterans (House, No. 3527);

Veterans.

Relative to courtesy retail parking spaces designed for non-handicapped veterans (House, No. 3533); and

Veterans,—
parking.

Facilitating site plan review (House, No. 3551);

Site plan
review.

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

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that the Resolve establishing a commission on infrastructure resilience (House, No. 3128), ought to pass. Referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Infrastructure
resilience.

By Mr. Finn of West Springfield, for the committee on Bonding, Capital Expenditures and State Assets, that the Bill financing improvements to municipal roads and bridges (House, No. 4488), ought to pass [Bond Issue: General Obligation Bonds: \$375,000,000.00]. Read and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Municipal roads
and bridges,—
bonds.

By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Financial Services, on a petition, a Bill relative to preserving fertility (House, No. 1041).

Fertility
preservation.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to breast cancer equity and early detection (House, No. 1043).

Breast cancer
detection.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to epinephrine injectors (House, No. 1054).

Epinephrine
injectors.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to emergency insulin access (House, No. 1061).

Insulin
access.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill providing health insurance coverage for scalp and facial hair prosthesis (House, No. 1066).

Hair prosthesis
insurance.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill providing insurance coverage for biennial echocardiogram and concussion analysis for persons under the age of 18 (House, No. 1067).

Concussion
analysis
insurance.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to further define medical necessity determinations (House, No. 1068).

Medical
necessity.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to increase access to nurse-midwifery services (House, No. 1069).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to behavioral health and nutrition counseling (House, No. 1072).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to telehealth parity for nutrition counseling (House, No. 1073).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill ensuring support groups are part of the pathway of care following the annual mental health wellness exam (House, No. 1075).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill mandating access to cancer screenings for firefighters through health care benefits plans or programs provided by the public employer (House, No. 1080).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to applied behavioral analysis therapy (House, No. 1084).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to address barriers to HIV prevention medication (House, No. 1085).

Severally referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

By Mr. Chan of Quincy, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, on House, No. 102, a Bill relative to farmer-distilleries (House, No. 4473).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 275, a Bill relative to funeral directors (House, No. 4475).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 364, a Bill relative to small distillers (House, No. 4476).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 372, a Bill relative to a model carrier reporting requirement (House, No. 4478).

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 183 and House, Nos. 338, 341 and 3562, a Bill relative to health club memberships reform (House, No. 4479).

By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Financial Services, on a petition, a Bill protecting consumers' privacy in mortgage applications (House, No. 1049).

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. Chan of Quincy, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, on a petition, a Bill relative to license suspensions (House, No. 322).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the sale of malt beverages produced by a pub brewery (House, No. 401).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 264, 298, 389 and 398, a Bill relative to consumer rights of renters (House, No. 4474).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 371, a Bill relative to termination of sales to wholesalers by suppliers of alcoholic beverages (House, No. 4477).

By Mr. Ryan of Boston, for the committee on Election Laws, on a message from Her Excellency the Governor, a Bill validating the results of the annual election held in the town of Whitman on May 20, 2023 (printed as Senate, No. 2698).

Nurse-midwifery.

Health and nutrition.

Nutrition counseling.

Mental health groups.

Cancer screenings,—firefighters.

Behavioral analysis.

HIV prevention,—barriers.

Farmer-distilleries.

Interest rate parity.

Small distillers.

Liquor deliveries.

Health clubs,—membership.

Mortgage applications,—privacy.

License suspensions.

Pub brewery malt sales.

Renters,—rights.

Alcohol wholesalers.

Whitman,—election.

By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Financial Services, on a petition, a Bill relative to the cleanup of accidental home heating oil spills (House, No. 1046).

Home heating
oil spills.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to insurance company rebates (House, No. 1077).

Insurance
rebates.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill making changes to certain references in the banking laws of the Commonwealth (House, No. 1078).

Banking law
changes.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill providing for temporary emergency licensing of appraisers of motor vehicle damage covered by auto insurance policies (House, No. 1079).

Motor vehicle
appraisers,—
licenses.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill expanding the use of video and telephone conferencing (House, No. 1086).

Virtual
conferencing.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Emergency Measure.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Tiffany Brennan, an employee of the Trial Court of the Commonwealth (see Senate, No. 2705), 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.

Tiffany
Brennan,—
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 4 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 Senate) was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill
enacted.

Engrossed Bills.

The engrossed Bill authorizing the town of Holliston to continue the employment of Mark Dellicker as deputy fire chief (see House, No. 3998, amended) (which originated in the House) (which had been returned by Her Excellency the Governor with recommendation of amendment), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be re-enacted, in its amended form; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill
re-enacted.

Engrossed bills

Changing the name of the board of selectmen of the town of Charlton to select board (see Senate, No. 2487) (which originate in the Senate); and

Bills
enacted.

Exempting the positions of police chief and fire chief in the city known as the town of Greenfield from the civil service law (see House, No. 4072) (which originated in the House);

Severally having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, were passed to be enacted; and they were signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

The Senate amendment of the House Bill establishing at-large and ward school committee members in the city of Revere (House, No. 2058), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was adopted, in concurrence.

Revere,—
school
committee.

The House Bill relative to the charter of the town of Wrentham (House, No. 4237) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading), reported by said committee to be correctly drawn, was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Third
reading
bill.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

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

Next
sitting.

At twenty-seven minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Ms. Ferguson of Holden (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.



MONDAY, APRIL 1, 2024.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Monday, April 1, 2024.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Garballey of Arlington 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. Garballey), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of
allegiance.

Guests of the House.

During the session, the Chair (Mr. Garballey of Arlington), declared a brief recess, and introduced Chelsea Police Officer Sammy Mojica and Taylor Sprague of Chelsea. They were the guests of Representative Garcia of Chelsea.

Sammy Mojica
and Taylor
Sprague.

Silent Tribute.

During the session, Representative Garcia of Chelsea took the Chair, at her request, the members, guests and employees stood in a moment of silent tribute in the memory of Chelsea Police Detective Scott Conley, who passed away on March 15, 2024 after a lengthy battle with illness.

Chelsea Police
Detective Scott
Conley.

After he served our nation in the United States Army between 1991-2000, Detective Conley started his impressive career at the Chelsea Police Department on February 22, 1996, and worked there up to the moment of his passing. During Detective Conley's tenure, he was assigned to the Department's first critical response team, receiving specialized training in tactical and urban operations with a focus on gang operations. Due to his phenomenal work, Detective Conley was assigned as Task Force Officer with the F.B.I.'s Violent Gang Task Force, operating out of the Boston Field Office in Chelsea.

We sincerely feel this tragic loss, and our thoughts and prayers are with Detective Conley's family and loved ones during this difficult time. As we grieve his loss, we remember Detective Conley's ardent dedication to our community and service to our nation as a United States Army veteran.

Appointment of the Speaker.

The Speaker announced that (under Section 7 of Chapter 23H of the General Laws) he had appointed Representative Diggs of Barnstable as his designee to the State Workforce Development Board.

Workforce
development
board.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Representative Peisch of Wellesley) honoring Cynthia Scott on her retirement from the Wellesley Food Bank;

Cynthia
Scott.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Arena-DeRosa of Holliston) congratulating the residents of the town of Hopkinton on the one hundredth anniversary of the Boston Marathon start line in the town of Hopkinton;

Hopkinton,—
marathon start.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Biele of Boston) recognizing Julie's Family Learning Program for fifty years of serving and supporting children and families;

Julie's
Family.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Driscoll of Milton) recognizing the month of March, 2024 as Kidney Disease Awareness Month; and

Kidney disease
month.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Sousa of Framingham, Donaghue of Westborough, Lewis of Framingham and Gregoire of Marlborough) congratulating the Framingham Heart Study on the seventy-fifth anniversary of its establishment;

Framingham
Heart Study.

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. Owens of Watertown, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Petitions.

Representatives Ultrino of Malden and Donato of Medford presented a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4526) of Steven Ultrino and Paul J. Donato (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to the age requirement for police officers for the city of Malden; and the same was referred to the committee on Public Service. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Malden,—
police age
requirement.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Markey of Dartmouth and Senator Montigny, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Christopher M. Markey and Mark C. Montigny for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Michael Lewis, an employee of the Department of Correction.

Michael Lewis,—
sick leave.

By Representative Meschino of Hull and Senator O'Connor, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Joan Meschino and Patrick M. O'Connor for the issuance of an annual proclamation by the Governor to designate September 22 as military service members and veterans suicide awareness and remembrance day.

Veteran
suicide,—
awareness.

By Representative Pignatelli of Lenox and Senator Mark, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Smitty Pignatelli and Paul W. Mark that a certain portion of state highway Route 7 in the town of Sheffield be designated as the Brigadier-General John G. Barnard highway.

Sheffield,—
Barnard
highway.

Severally, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Papers from the Senate.

Bills

Relative to violation of regulation regarding hot work processes (Senate, No. 2712) (on Senate bill No. 1485); and

Hot work.

Relative to fairness in debt collection (Senate, No. 2713) (on Senate bill No. 2638);

Debt
collection.

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were read; and they were referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

A Bill authorizing the town of Rochester to continue the employment of Scott Weigel (Senate, No. 2690) (on a petition) [Local Approval Received], passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Rochester,—
Scott Weigel.

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 petition of Kip A. Diggs for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Tamara M. Luciani, an employee of the Trial Court. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Giannino of Revere, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on the Judiciary. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Tamara
Luciani,—
sick leave.

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

House bills

Validating the results of the annual election held in the town of Whitman on May 20, 2023 (printed as Senate, No. 2698);

Whitman,—
election.

Establishing a pilot program allowing for in-person payment of daily parking fees at certain commuter rail stations operated by the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (House, No. 3316);

MBTA,—
parking fees.

Relative to the enhancement of child safety (House, No. 3471);

Ice cream vans.

Increasing the penalties for passing a stopped school bus (House, No. 3475); and

School buses.

The House Resolve relative to recognition for the Naval Armed Guard Service (House, No. 3505);

Naval Armed
Guard Service.

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

By Mr. Cahill of Lynn, for the committee on Environment and Natural Resources, on a petition, a Bill promoting nature-based approaches for resiliency and climate change adaptation throughout the Commonwealth (House, No. 3581).

Transportation,—
planning.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to water flow in the Central Plymouth County Water District (House, No. 3582).

Plymouth County
water district.

By Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett, for the committee on Transportation, on a petition, a Bill relative to an ADA paratransit program riders' bill of rights (House, No. 46).

Paratransit
program.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to electric vehicle charging stations (House, No. 3344).

Electric
vehicles.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill limiting motor vehicle dealer documentation fees (House, No. 3348).

Motor vehicle
document fees.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill allowing for partial payment of fines relating to driver's license suspension or revocation (House, No. 3377).

Drivers
licenses,—
suspension.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to establish free access to ride to elections in Massachusetts (FARE) (House, No. 3384).

Elections,—
ride access.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to establishing the science corridor (House, No. 3386).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 3360 and 3388, a Bill to provide identification to youth and adults experiencing homelessness (House, No. 3388).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to rehabilitate regional roadways (House, No. 3390).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing driver privacy protections (House, No. 3404).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to an interstate compact for western MA rail service (House, No. 3418).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to preserve historic markers (House, No. 3425).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to transportation infrastructure value capture (House, No. 3441).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill regarding audit performance and functions at the department of transportation (House, No. 3443).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to promote commercial driver safety (House, No. 3448).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to Massachusetts Civil Air Patrol vehicles and trailers (House, No. 3463).

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 2296 and House, No. 3473, a Bill establishing the blue star family license plate (House, No. 3473).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill providing for a red shield/blue shield license plate to survivors of firefighters and police officers who have died in the line of duty (House, No. 3476).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing wildflower and pollinator-friendly plantings alongside state roadways (House, No. 3705).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the odometer reading of a vehicle that is 25 years or older (House, No. 3708).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to junior operators (House, No. 3861).

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Financial Services, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to insurance claims (House, No. 4307).

By Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett, for the committee on Transportation, on a petition, a Bill relative to container safety on roadways (House, No. 3340).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the expansion of bicycle lanes (House, No. 3350).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill designating Marshfield the home of Senator Daniel Webster and Governor Edward Winslow (House, No. 3356).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to clarify penalties for violations occurring while driving with a hardship license (House, No. 3369).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to expired licenses (House, No. 3376).

Science corridor bus.

Homelessness,—
identification.

Regional roadways.

Privacy protections.

Rail service,—
compact.

Historic roadways.

Transportation infrastructure.

MassDOT,—
audit.

Commercial driver safety.

Civil Air Patrol.

Blue star families.

Survivors,—
license plates.

Highway wildflower program.

Vehicles,—
odometer readings.

Junior operators,—
fund.

Insurance claims.

Containers.

Bicycle lanes.

Marshfield,—
Route 3.

Hardship license.

Expired licenses.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill clarifying the vehicle transfer and registration laws (House, No. 3422).

Vehicle transfers.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill regarding right of way violations (CeCelia's Law) (House, No. 3477).

Rights of way.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to simplifying processes at the Registry of Motor Vehicles for surviving spouses and next of kin (House, No. 3707).

Title and registration.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill designating a certain bridge in the town of Ashland as the Harold Wadhams Gates memorial bridge (House, No. 3883).

Ashland,—
Gates bridge.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill designating a certain bridge as the Lt. David S. Cutler memorial bridge (House, No. 4108).

Marshfield and Norwell.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill designating a the [sic] Greatest Neighborhood Park, in the city of Boston, as the "Jim Campano Park" (House, No. 4175).

Boston,—
Campano park.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill repealing the prohibition of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority from locating a facility within a certain distance of the Arlington Catholic High School (House, No. 4236).

Arlington,—
MBTA zoning.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the House Bill prohibiting employment discrimination based on the legal use of cannabis (House, No. 1955), be scheduled for consideration by the House; and, under Rule 7A, it was placed in the Orders of the Day for the next sitting for a second reading.

Cannabis,—
employment discrimination.

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

Resolutions memorializing the Congress of the United States to declare the city of Quincy as the most patriotic city in America (House, No. 3484);

Quincy,—
patriotic city.

Resolutions urging the Congress of the United States to update the Drug Addiction Treatment Act of 2000 and remove excessive training requirements mandated for obtaining a waiver to prescribe buprenorphine (House, No. 3486);

Buprenorphine.

Resolutions for a United States constitutional amendment and a limited amendment proposing convention (House, No. 3502);

Convention.

Resolutions condemning political oppression and encouraging free and fair elections in Cambodia (House, No. 3507); and

Cambodia,—
elections.

Resolutions calling on Article V of the United States Constitution for the convening of a convention of the states (House, No. 3541);

Convention of states.

Severally placed in the Orders of the Day for the next sitting, the question being on adoption.

Engrossed Bill.

The engrossed Bill establishing at-large and ward school committee members in the city of Revere (see House, No. 2058, amended) (which originated in the House), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage,

Bill enacted.

was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

The Senate amendment of the House Bill designating a certain bridge in the town of Falmouth as the Kevin P. Quinn memorial bridge (House, No. 4044), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was adopted, in concurrence.

Falmouth,—
Quinn
bridge.

The House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Joel Larochelle, an employee of the Department of Correction (House, No. 4495) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading), reported by said committee to be correctly drawn, was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Third
reading
bill.

The House Bill repealing certain fiscal stability procedures in the towns of Chesterfield and Goshen (House, No. 4019), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Chesterfield
and Goshen.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Walsh of Peabody moved to amend it by substitution of a bill with the same title (House, No. 4525), which was read.

The amendment was adopted; and the substituted bill was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

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.

At sixteen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Wednesday at eleven o'clock A.M.

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3, 2024.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Wednesday, April 3, 2024.

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.

Silent Tribute.

During the session, the Speaker took the Chair, and at his request, the members, guests and employees stood in a moment of silent tribute in respect to the memory of Congressman Bill Delahunt. The Speaker offered remarks as follows:

Congressman
William D.
Delahunt.

Congressman Bill Delahunt was a close friend and mentor of mine. Throughout his life, Bill was the epitome of what it means to be a public servant. From the Coast Guard, to the State House, to the halls of Congress, Bill worked incredibly hard on behalf of the people that he served, and on the causes that he believed in. Because of his decades of service, he always made Quincy and Massachusetts proud. On behalf of the entire House, I offer my condolences to Bill's family, and to all those who are mourning this tragic loss.

Representative John J. Marsi of Dudley.

During the session, the Chair (Ms. Hogan of Stow), declared a brief recess and introduced Representative John J. Marsi, who was present in the Chamber for his first formal session as the Representative from the 6th Worcester District.

Mr. Marsi
of Dudley.

Distinguished Guests.

During the Session, the Chair (Ms. Hogan of Stow), declared a brief recess and introduced United States Senator Edward J. Markey and former Representative James M. Cantwell, Massachusetts State Director for Senator Markey, who were in the State House on official business and honored the House by their brief attendance at today's session.

U.S. Senator
Markey and
James Cantwell.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Day of Stoneham and Honan of Boston) commending TargetCancer Foundation on its continued dedication to its mission to advance the development of more effective and personalized treatments for people with rare cancers;

TargetCancer
Foundation.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Khan of Newton and Rogers of Cambridge) honoring former State Representative Anne Paulsen for her unwavering commitment as an elected official to the people of the Commonwealth;

Anne
Paulsen.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Khan of Newton) honoring Fred Paulsen for his upstanding citizenship and devotion as an active community member and volunteer; and

Fred
Paulsen.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Lombardo of Billerica and other members of the House) recognizing May 1-7, 2024 as Elks National Youth Week;

Elks National
Youth Week.

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. Xiarhos of Barnstable, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Papers from the Senate.

The House Bill further amending the charter of the town of Middleton (House, No. 3970, changed and amended), came from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 2716. The amendment was referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

Middleton,—
charter.

The following order, having been approved by the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, came from the Senate with the endorsement that it had been adopted by said branch, as follows:

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy be granted until April 7, 2024, within which time to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 538, 1284, 1285, 2078, 2080, 2081, 2083, 2084, 2086, 2087, 2088, 2089, 2091, 2092, 2093, 2094, 2095, 2098, 2099, 2101, 2103, 2108, 2109, 2111, 2112, 2113, 2114, 2115, 2116, 2117, 2118, 2119, 2120, 2121, 2122, 2123, 2124, 2125, 2126, 2127, 2128, 2129, 2130, 2131, 2133, 2134, 2136, 2137, 2138, 2141, 2142, 2143, 2144, 2146, 2147, 2149, 2150, 2151, 2152, 2153, 2154, 2155, 2156, 2158, 2159, 2160, 2161, 2162, 2163, 2164, 2165, 2166, 2167, 2169, 2171, 2173, 2174, 2175, 2176, 2178, 2179, 2180, 2181, 2182, 2183, 2184, 2185, 2394, 2488, and 2558, relative to telecommunications, utilities, and energy matters.

Telecommuni-
cations,
Utilities
and Energy
committee,—
extension
of time for
reporting.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the order (Senate, No. 2620) was considered forthwith; and it was adopted, in concurrence.

A report of the committee on Revenue, recommending that the report of the Massachusetts Capital Resource Company (under the provisions of Section 20 of Chapter 816 of the Acts of 1977) submitting its forty-seventh annual report (Senate, No. 2695), be placed on file,— accepted by the Senate, was considered forthwith, under Rule 42; and it was accepted, in concurrence.

Capital
Resource
Company.

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

Michael
Lewis,—
sick leave.

the joint petition of Christopher M. Markey and Mark C. Montigny for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Michael Lewis, an employee of the Department of Correction. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended; and petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Public Service. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill relating to public access to historical records (House, No. 3033), ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a Bill relative to the special commission on state institutions for persons with disabilities (House, No. 4527). Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Historical records.

Mr. Honan of Boston, for said committee, then reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the bill was read a second time forthwith.

The amendment recommended by the committee on Ways and Means then was adopted; and the substituted bill was ordered to a third reading.

By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Financial Services, on a petition, a Bill preventing inappropriate denials by insurers for medically necessary services (House, No. 1087).

Medically necessary services.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to ensuring treatment for genetic craniofacial conditions (House, No. 1093).

Craniofacial conditions.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill expanding coverage of dental procedures (House, No. 1094).

Dental procedures.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to community behavioral health centers (House, No. 1108).

Behavioral health.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the practice of acupuncture (House, No. 1120).

Acupuncture,—coverage.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to increase enrollment in affordable health plan networks (House, No. 1125).

Affordable health plans.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to help patients and reduce health care costs by ensuring patient adherence to medications (House, No. 1135).

Prescription drugs,—coverage.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill promoting consumer choice in health care (House, No. 1136).

Athletic trainers.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill ensuring access to full spectrum pregnancy care (House, No. 1137).

Full spectrum pregnancy care.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to insurance coverage for doula services (House, No. 1139).

Doula services.

Severally referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Financial Services, on a petition, a Bill regarding credit card surcharging (House, No. 1101). Read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Payments industry,—study.

By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Financial Services, on a petition, a Bill relative to travel insurance (House, No. 971, changed in section 2, in

Travel insurance.

line 20, by striking out the following: “(iii)” and inserting in place thereof the following: “(ii)”, in line 23, by inserting after the word “premiums” the words “and performing other non-licensed activities permitted by the Commonwealth”, and in line 92, by striking out the following: “customers;” and inserting in place thereof the word “customers.”).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill reducing the costs for small business (House, No. 1092).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to mortgage review boards and a small business loan review board within the Division of Banks (House, No. 1104).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing uniform enforcement and confidentiality provisions relative to certain licensees under the jurisdiction of the Division of Banks (House, No. 1105).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the regulation of money transmission by the Division of Banks (House, No. 1106).

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Financial Services, on a petition, a Bill [sic] eliminate penalty charges when canceling auto insurance (House, No. 1102).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the Massachusetts Uniform Commercial Code (House, No. 1112).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to add a compulsory death benefit to automobile liability insurance (House, No. 1114).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the remediation of home heating oil releases (House, No. 1129).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to primary insurance (House, No. 1133).

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

LLCs.

Loan
review
boards.

Banks, etc.

Money
transmissions.

Motor vehicle
insurance,—
penalties.

Commercial
code.

Automobile
insurance.

Home heating
oil releases.

Primary
insurance.

Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed bills

Extending the time for issuing certain licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises in the town of Hanover (House, No. 4009); and

Designating a certain bridge in the town of Falmouth as the Kevin P. Quinn memorial bridge (House, No. 4044, amended);

(Which severally originated in the House);

Severally having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, were passed to be enacted; and they were signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bills
Enacted.

Recess.

At twenty-six minutes before twelve o'clock noon on motion of Ms. Gifford of Wareham (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House recessed until one o'clock P.M.; and at twenty minutes after one o'clock the House was called to order with Ms. Hogan of Stow in the Chair.

Recess.

Engrossed Bill — Land Taking.

The engrossed Bill authorizing the town of Brewster to transfer a certain parcel of recreation land known as Wing's Island from the select board to the conservation commission for conservation and open space purposes (see House, No. 3875, amended) (which originated in the House), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was put upon its final passage.

Brewster,—
land.

On the question on passing the bill to be enacted, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays (this being a bill providing for the taking of land or other easements used for conservation purposes, etc., as defined by Article XCVII of the Amendments to the Constitution); and on the roll call 155 members voted in the affirmative and 0 in the negative.

Bill enacted
(land taking),—
yea and nay
No. 82.

[See Yea and Nay No. 82 in Supplement.]

Therefore the bill was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Reports of Committees.

Prior to the noon recess (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair),—By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill financing improvements to municipal roads and bridges (House, No. 4488), ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a bill with the same title (House, No. 4529) [Bond Issue: General Obligation Bonds: \$375,000,000.00]. Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Municipal
roads and
bridges,—
bonds.

Mr. Honan of Boston, for said committee, then reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Walsh of Peabody, the bill was read a second time forthwith.

The amendment recommended by the committee on Ways and Means then was adopted; and the substituted bill was ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently, the noon recess having terminated (Ms. Hogan of Stow being in the Chair), under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett, the bill (having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) was read a third time.

After debate on the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, at the request of the same member; and on the roll call 155 members voted in the affirmative and 0 in the negative.

Bill passed to
be engrossed,—
yea and nay
No. 83.

[See Yea and Nay No. 83 in Supplement.]

Therefore the bill was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Prior to the noon recess (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair),—By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill to rename the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission, MassAbility, to reflect the self-determination and limitless possibilities of people with disabilities (printed in House, No. 4161), ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a bill with the same title (House, No. 4528). Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Rehabilitation
commission,—
rename.

Mr. Honan of Boston, for said committee, then reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Walsh of Peabody, the bill was read a second time forthwith.

The amendment recommended by the committee on Ways and Means then was adopted; and the substituted bill was ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently, the noon recess having terminated (Ms. Hogan of Stow being in the Chair), under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Walsh of Peabody, the bill (having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Motion to Discharge a Certain Matter in the Orders of the Day.

The House Bill relative to individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities (House, No. 4396), report by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was discharged from its position in the Orders of the Day and read a third time forthwith, under suspension of Rule 47, on motion of Mr. Livingstone of Boston.

Individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities.

After debate on the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, at the request of the same member; and on the roll call 155 members voted in the affirmative and 0 in the negative.

Bill passed to be engrossed,—
yea and nay
No. 84.

[See [Yea and Nay No. 84](#) in Supplement.]

Therefore the bill was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

The Speaker being in the Chair,—

On motion of Ms. Hogan of Stow,—

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

Next
sitting.

Speaker Mariano of Quincy and Representatives Ayers of Quincy and Chan of Quincy moved that when the House adjourns today, it do so in respect to the memory of the Honorable William D. Delahunt, a member of this House from Quincy in 1973, 1974 and 1975; and a Representative in the United States Congress from 1997 to 2011, inclusive; and the motion prevailed, by a unanimous rising vote.

Accordingly, without proceeding to consideration of the matters in the Orders of the Day, at three minutes before three o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington (The Speaker being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following day at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

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THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 2024.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, April 4, 2024.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Garballey of Arlington 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. Garballey), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of
allegiance.

Silent Tribute.

During the session, Representative Khan of Newton took the Chair, at the request of Representatives Khan of Newton, Balser of Newton and Lawn of Watertown, the members, guests and employees stood in a moment of silent tribute in respect to the memory of longtime Newton resident Kyoko "May" Takayanagi, who passed away on March 13, 2024, at the age of 99 years old.

Kyoko "May"
Takayanagi.

In her younger years, May was imprisoned with her family in a Japanese internment camp in Utah during World War II, leading her to dedicate her life to speaking out against bigotry in all its forms.

Ms. Takayanagi married Japanese-American architect, Tetsuo "Taka" Takayanagi, who passed away at 99 years old in 2019. The couple were founding benefactors of the Institute for Asian American Studies at the University of Massachusetts – Boston.

May volunteered with the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, worked as a bookkeeper for the American Friends Service Committee, and served as past president of the New England Japanese American Citizens League.

Together, Taka and May are survived by their three children, Tina Barnet, Charles, and Lisa Suman, as well as their four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Statement of Representative Rogers of Norwood.

A statement of Mr. Rogers of Norwood was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

MR. SPEAKER: I would like to call to the attention of the House the fact that I was unable to be present in the House Chamber for the sitting of Wednesday, April 3, due to an unavoidable conflict in my schedule. Had I been present for Yea and Nay Nos. 82, 83 and 84, I would have voted, in each instance, in the affirmative. My missing of roll calls that day was due entirely to the reason stated.

Statement of
Mr. Rogers of
Norwood.

Distinguished Guest.

During the session, the Speaker took the Chair and introduced Alexander Yui, Ambassador to the United States from Taiwan, accompanied by his wife and

Ambassador
Alexander Yui
of Taiwan.

members of an official delegation representing the country of Taiwan. The Speaker then read from previously adopted Resolutions of the House recognizing the significance of the 45th anniversary of the Taiwan Relations Act. Ambassador Yui then addressed the House briefly.

Guests of the House.

During the session, the Chair (Mr. Garballey of Arlington), declared a brief recess and introduced, seated in the House Chamber, a group of young leaders from the Community Leadership Institute of the North Central Massachusetts Chamber of Commerce. They were the guests of Representatives Kilcoyne of Clinton, Higgins of Leominster, Kushmerek of Fitchburg and Ferguson of Holden.

Community
Leadership
Institute.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Arriaga of Chicopee, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4533) of Shirley B. Arriaga and Jacob R. Oliveira (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to the terms of the office of mayor in the city of Chicopee. To the committee on Election Laws.

Chicopee,—
mayoral
terms.

By Representative Chan of Quincy, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4534) of Tackey Chan, Bruce J. Ayers and John F. Keenan (with the approval of the mayor and the city council) relative to the retirement of Kevin Bythrow by the retirement board of the city of Quincy; and

Quincy,—
Kevin
Bythrow.

By the same member, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4535) of Tackey Chan, Bruce J. Ayers and John F. Keenan (with the approval of the mayor and the city council) that the city of Quincy be authorized to appoint retired firefighters as special firefighters in said city.

Quincy,—
special
firefighters.

Severally to the committee on Public Service.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Public Service, on House, Nos. 48, 49, 2429, 2430, 2432, 2433, 2434, 2438, 2439, 2440, 2441, 2444, 2445, 2446, 2449, 2450, 2451, 2452, 2454, 2457, 2459, 2460, 2464, 2465, 2466, 2467, 2468, 2470, 2471, 2472, 2473, 2474, 2477, 2480, 2481, 2482, 2484, 2485, 2498, 2499, 2500, 2503, 2509, 2510, 2513, 2514, 2517, 2519, 2521, 2524, 2525, 2526, 2538, 2542, 2544, 2545, 2551, 2552, 2553, 2554, 2559, 2561, 2562, 2563, 2564, 2566, 2568, 2570, 2572, 2576, 2580, 2582, 2584, 2587, 2591, 2593, 2596, 2597, 2599, 2600, 2602, 2603, 2606, 2607, 2608, 2609, 2613, 2614, 2617, 2619, 2620, 2621, 2623, 2624, 2629, 2632, 2636, 2639, 2641, 2642, 2644, 2645, 2646, 2647, 2651, 2655, 2656, 2658, 2659, 2660, 2663, 2664, 2666, 2668, 2669, 2670, 2676, 2684, 2685, 2686, 2687, 3640, 3647, 3649, 3650, 3718, 3793, 3794, 3851, 3857, 3892, 3898, 3925, 3987, 4060, 4069, 4095, 4247 and 4248, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Public Service to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to pensions, collective bargaining, spousal benefits and other public service issues (House, No. 4518) [Senator Fattman dissenting]. Referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Public
employees'
compensation,—
study.

Subsequently, Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committees, reported asking to be discharged from further consideration of the order; and recommending that the same be referred to the House committee on Rules. Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted.

Subsequently, Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee, on the foregoing order, reported, in part, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3987) of Ruth B. Balser, Cynthia Stone Creem and Kay Khan (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to retired fire fighters in the city of Newton,— and recommending that the same be recommitted to the committee on Public Service. Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted.

Newton,—
retired fire
fighters.

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:

Relative to designating the Rumney Marsh as the Joseph T. James area of critical environmental concern (House, No. 913);

Rumney
Marsh.

Prohibiting the practice of coal rolling (House, No. 1698);

Exhaust soot.

Regarding municipal truck routes (House, No. 3279);

Truck routes.

Protecting motorists and emergency personnel (House, No. 3370);

Speeding.

Relative to the fair housing ordinance of the city of Cambridge (House, No. 4234) [Local Approval Received];

Cambridge,—
fair housing.

Authorizing the city of Cambridge to increase the fines for failure to move parked vehicles during street cleaning in the city above the limits set forth in M.G.L. C. 90, §20A½ (House, No. 4264) [Local Approval Received]; and

Cambridge,—
street cleaning
fines.

Relative to insurance claims (House, No. 4307);

Insurance.

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

By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Financial Services, on a petition, a Bill assuring prompt access to health care (House, No. 1140).

Health care,—
access.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to dual diagnosis treatment coverage (House, No. 1141).

Dual
diagnosis.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to prohibit cost sharing for opioid antagonists (House, No. 1142).

Opioids,—
cost sharing.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to improve the health insurance prior authorization process (House, No. 1143).

Prior
authorizations.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to specialty medications and patient safety (House, No. 1144).

Specialty
medications.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill removing barriers to behavioral health services (House, No. 1145).

Behavioral
health.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill providing access to full spectrum addiction treatment services (House, No. 1146).

Addiction
treatment.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to prescription drug pricing (House, No. 1148).

Prescription
drug pricing.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to expand the doula workforce (House, No. 1154).

Doula
workforce.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to enact pharmacy benefit manager duties (House, No. 1155).

Benefit
managers.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to opioid use disorder treatment and rehabilitation coverage (House, No. 1156).

Opioid use
disorder.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to improve sickle cell care (House, No. 1161).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to telehealth and digital equity for patients (House, No. 3585).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to ensure access to prescription medications (House, No. 3587).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to PANDAS/PANS screening in medical/clinical settings (House, No. 3920).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill expanding access to mental health services (House, No. 4058).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to pharmacists as healthcare providers (House, No. 4066).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to improve outcomes for persons with limb loss and limb difference (House, No. 4096).

Severally referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Financial Services, on a petition, a Bill addressing the racial wealth gap (House, No. 1157).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill protecting seniors and adults with disabilities from financial exploitation (House, No. 4124).

By Mr. Roy of Franklin, for the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy, on House, No. 3155, a Bill modernizing competitive energy supply (House, No. 4499).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 3219 and 3852, a Bill supporting load aggregation programs in the Commonwealth (House, No. 4500).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 3187 and 3215, a Bill to expedite permitting for electric decarbonization infrastructure projects (House, No. 4501).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 777, 3164, 3217, 3218 and 3691, a Bill to promote transportation electrification infrastructure (House, No. 4502).

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, Nos. 2132 and 2168, and House, Nos. 3144, 3159, 3161, 3166, 3170, 3205, 3214, 3216, 3220, 3683, 3992 and 4222, a Bill relative to clean energy generation (House, No. 4503).

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Orders of the Day.

The Senate amendment of the House Bill providing for recall elections in the town of Conway (House, No. 3575), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was adopted, in concurrence.

The Senate amendment of the House Bill establishing the appointed positions of town treasurer and tax collector in the town of Westwood (House, No. 3879), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was adopted, in concurrence.

Sickle cell care.

Patients,—equity.

Prescription medications.

PANDAS/PANS screening.

Mental health services.

Pharmacists.

Limb loss and difference.

Racial wealth gap.

Financial exploitation.

Energy supply.

Load aggregation.

Electric decarbonization infrastructure.

Transportation electrification infrastructure.

Clean energy generation.

Conway,—recall elections.

Westwood,—treasurer and collector.

The House Bill validating a certain vote taken by the city of Attleboro relative to the acceptance of certain ways (House, No. 4243) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading), reported by said committee to be correctly drawn, was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Third
reading
bill.

Recess.

At two minutes before twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Ms. Gifford of Wareham (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House recessed subject to the call of the Chair; and at one minute before one o'clock P.M. the House was called to order with Mr. Garballey in the Chair.

Recess.

Paper from the Senate.

The following order, having been approved by the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, came from the Senate with the endorsement that it had been adopted by said branch, as follows:

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security be granted until April 8, 2024, within which time to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 1476, 1477, 1478, 1479, 1481, 1482, 1483, 1486, 1487, 1488, 1490, 1491, 1492, 1493, 1494, 1495, 1496, 1497, 1498, 1499, 1500, 1501, 1502, 1503, 1504, 1505, 1506, 1507, 1508, 1509, 1510, 1511, 1512, 1513, 1514, 1515, 1516, 1517, 1518, 1519, 1520, 1521, 1522, 1523, 1524, 1525, 1526, 1527, 1528, 1529, 1530, 1531, 1532, 1533, 1534, 1535, 1536, 1538, 1539, 1540, 1541, 1542, 1543, 1544, 1545, 1546, 1547, 1548, 1549, 1550, 1551, 1552, 1553, 1554, 1555, 1556, 1557, 1558, 1559, 1560, 1561, 1562, 1563, 1564, 1565, 1566, 1567, 1568, 1569, 1570, 1571, 1572, 1573, 1574, 1575, 1576, 1577, 1578, 1579, 1580, 1581, 1582, 1583, 1584, 1585, 1586, 1587, 1588, 1589, 1590, 1591, 1592, 1593, 1594, 1595, 1596, 1597, 1599, 1600, 1601, 1602, 1603, 1604, 1605, 1606, 1607, 1608, 2514, and 2535, relative to public safety and homeland security matters.

Public Safety
and Homeland
Security
committee,—
extension
of time for
reporting.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Gifford of Wareham, the order (Senate, No. 2622) was considered forthwith; and it was adopted, in concurrence.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

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

Next
sitting.

At one minute after one o'clock P.M., on motion of Ms. Gifford of Wareham (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.



MONDAY, APRIL 8, 2024.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Monday, April 8, 2024.

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.

Orders.

The following orders were referred, under Joint Rule 30, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently:

Order (filed by Ms. Farley-Bouvier of Pittsfield) relative to extending until Monday, May 6, 2024 the time within which the committee on Advanced Information Technology, the Internet and Cybersecurity is authorized to report on current Senate and House documents (House, No. 4536).

Extensions
of time for
committees
to make
reports.

Order (filed by Mr. Roy of Franklin) relative to extending until Thursday, June 20, 2024 the time within which the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy is authorized to report on current House documents (House, No. 4538).

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the orders ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of the same member, the orders were considered forthwith; and they were adopted. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Resolutions.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Representatives Zlotnik of Gardner and other members of the House) commending the American Legion Auxiliary – Department of Massachusetts on its recognition of the month of April 2024 as the Month of the Military Child and April 15, 2024 as Purple Up! for Military Kids Day, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Military
child
month.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee, reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of the same member, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Papers from the Senate.

The following order, having been approved by the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, came from the Senate with the endorsement that it had been adopted by said branch, as follows:

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Environment and Natural Resources be granted until April 12, 2024, within which

Environment

time to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 447, 459, 463, 467, 489, 512, 513, 520, 521, 537, 540, 548, 549, 550, 555, 580, 588, 589, 590, and 1424, relative to environment and natural resources matters.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Galvin of Canton, the order (Senate, No. 2621) was considered forthwith; and it was adopted, in concurrence.

The House Bill authorizing the town of Mashpee to convey certain town owned conservation land to Jacques and Rosalie Fresco (House, No. 4186) [Local Approval Received], came from the Senate, passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment in section 1, in line 11, by striking out the word “may” and inserting in place thereof the word “shall”. The amendment was referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

A Bill eliminating the residency requirement for the town manager of the town of Andover (Senate, No. 2580) (on a petition) [Local Approval Received], passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Roy of Franklin, for the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy, that the communication from the Division of Energy Resources of the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (under the provisions of section 12 of Chapter 25A of the General Laws) submitting 225 CMR 25.00 – Participation in the Green Communities Program for Municipalities Served by Municipal Light Plants (House, No. 4239), be placed on file. Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, asking to be discharged from further consideration:

Of the Bill establishing a special commission on retirement credit purchases (House, No. 17);

Of the Bill establishing the commission on extended producer responsibility (House, No. 833);

Of the Bill to create a commission to determine the feasibility of voluntary acquisition of flood risk properties and structures (House, No. 876);

Of the Resolve authorizing the study of cost of living increases for state police retirees (House, No. 2637);

Of the Bill providing for a study to be conducted on the cost feasibility of implementing a ferry service to Long Island in Boston Harbor (House, No. 3260);

Of the Resolve reviving and continuing the non-emergency human services transportation task force (House, No. 3302);

Of the Bill establishing a special commission to identify, preserve and commemorate historic roadways in Massachusetts (House, No. 3426); and

Of the Bill establishing a special commission to study the effectiveness of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (House, No. 3669);

And recommending that the same severally be referred to the House committee on Rules.

and Natural Resources committee,—extension of time for reporting.

Mashpee,—Jacques and Rosalie Fresco.

Andover,—town manager.

Division of Energy Resources,—regulations.

Retirement purchases.

Producer responsibility.

Flood risk protection.

State police retirees.

Long Island ferry service.

Non-emergency transportation.

Historic roadways.

EOHHS,—effectiveness.

Under Rule 42, the reports severally were considered forthwith; and they were accepted.

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

The Senate Bill amending the date of annual town elections in the town of Walpole (Senate, No. 2501) [Local Approval Received]; and

House bills

Relative to primary insurance (House, No. 1133);

Relative to reducing barriers to housing (House, No. 1316);

Requiring notice to landlords relating to gas or electric shutoffs (House, No. 1370);

Relative to additional inspectors; inspector engaging in plumbing or gas fitting work (House, No. 2113);

Relative to the membership of the PRIM Board (House, No. 2489);

Relative to property tax deferrals for seniors (House, No. 2919);

Relative to making amendments to the Massachusetts Business Corporation Act (House, No. 3024);

Designating the official jazz song of the Commonwealth (House, No. 3105);

Relative to charter school procurement (House, No. 3116);

Clarifying the vehicle transfer and registration laws (House, No. 3422);

Establishing a year-round market rate rental housing trust in the town of Truro (House, No. 3723) [Local Approval Received];

Authorizing the town of Fairhaven to establish a fee for checkout bags (House, No. 3825) [Local Approval Received];

Authorizing the town of Sudbury to establish a fee for checkout bags (House, No. 3904) [Local Approval Received];

Designating April 5 as Okur-Chung Neurodevelopmental Syndrome awareness day (House, No. 4070);

Designating a certain bridge as the Lt. David S. Cutler memorial bridge (House, No. 4108); and

Amending the charter of the city of Gardner (House, No. 4285) [Local Approval Received];

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

By Mr. Schmid of Westport, for the committee on Agriculture, on House, Nos. 94, 759, 836, 837, 839, 878, 915 and 4206, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Agriculture to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to fisheries, cottage foods, horse sales, pet cemeteries and other agriculture matters (House, No. 4522). Referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee, reported asking to be discharged from further consideration of the order; and recommending that the same be referred to the House committee on Rules. Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted.

By Mr. Driscoll of Milton, for the committee on Emergency Preparedness and Management, on a petition, a Bill increasing diagnostic testing preparedness (House, No. 739, changed in line 1 by striking out the word “There” and inserting in place

Walpole,—
elections.

Insurance.
Home barriers.
Landlords,—
shutoffs.

Plumbing and
gas fittings.

PRIM Board.
Tax deferrals.
Business
corporations.

Jazz song.
Charter school.
Vehicle swaps.

Truro,—
trust.

Fairhaven,—
bags fee.

Sudbury,—
bags fee.

Okur-Chung.

Cutler
bridge.

Gardner,—
charter.

Fisheries;
cottage foods;
horse sales;
pet cemeteries,
etc.,—
study.

Diagnostic
testing
preparedness.

thereof the words “Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, there”, and in line 10 and also in line 41, by striking out the following: “Covid-19 and”).

By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Public Service, on House, No. 4436, a Bill to modernize civil service laws (House, No. 4520) [Senator Collins dissenting].

Civil
service laws.

Severally read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

By Ms. Garlick of Needham, for the committee on Education, on House, Nos. 468, 498, 500, 528, 529, 536, 542, 546, 548, 549, 561, 583, 588 and 591, a Bill relative to educator diversity (House, No. 4519).

Educator
diversity.

By Mr. Driscoll of Milton, for the committee on Emergency Preparedness and Management, on a joint petition, a Resolve providing for an investigation and study by a special commission relative to the existential threats posed by nuclear weapons and climate change to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (House, No. 738) [Representative Frost of Auburn dissenting].

Nuclear
weapons
and climate
change.

By Mr. Rogers of Cambridge, for the committee on Higher Education, on Senate, No. 818 and House, No. 1286, a Bill relative to college in high school (House, No. 4521).

College in
high school.

By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill relative to chapter 15A (House, No. 4286).

Colleges,—
retirement.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill providing creditable service for certain teachers (House, No. 4308).

Teachers,—
retirement.

By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on a joint petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Westford to release agricultural preservation restrictions over land owned by Westford Gateway, LLC (House, No. 4385) [Local Approval Received].

Westford,—
land.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the creation of a branch of the Boston Public Library within an affordable housing development in the Dorchester section of the city of Boston (House, No. 4432) [Local Approval Received].

Boston,—
public
library.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. Ryan of Boston, for the committee on Election Laws, on a joint petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Lexington to allow remote participation at town meetings (House, No. 668) [Local Approval Received].

Lexington,—
town
meetings.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to the charter of the town of Provincetown (House, No. 4091) [Local Approval Received].

Provincetown,—
candidates.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to town meeting vacancy in the town of Burlington (House, No. 4403) [Local Approval Received].

Burlington,—
vacancies.

By Mr. Cahill of Lynn, for the committee on Environment and Natural Resources, on a joint petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Arlington to prohibit use of second generation anti-coagulant rodenticides by commercial pesticide applicators (House, No. 804) [Local Approval Received].

Arlington,—
rodenticides.

By Ms. Fiola of Fall River, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a joint petition, a Bill increasing the town of Northfield Board of Sewer Commissioners from three to five members (House, No. 4404) [Local Approval Received].

Northfield,—
sewer
commissioners.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing the appointed office of town clerk in the town known as Huntington (House, No. 4454) [Local Approval Received].

Huntington,—
town clerk.

By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill directing the town of Burlington Fire Department to waive the maximum age requirement for firefighter for Ryan DeCoste (House, No. 4405) [Local Approval Received].

Burlington,—
Ryan DeCoste.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill directing the city of Boston Police Department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Nuias Daveiga (House, No. 4431) [Local Approval Received].

Boston,—
Nuias
Daveiga.

By Mr. Cusack of Braintree, for the committee on Revenue, on a petition, a Bill relative to the expansion of the residential tax exemption in the town of Provincetown (printed as Senate, No. 2465) [Local Approval Received].

Provincetown,—
residential tax
exemption.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed bills

Providing for recall elections in the town of Conway (see House, No. 3575, amended);

Bills
enacted.

Establishing the appointed positions of town treasurer and tax collector in the town of Westwood (see House, No. 3879, amended); and

Amending the act establishing a charter for the town of Wrentham (see House, No. 4061);

(Which severally originated in the House);

Severally having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, were passed to be enacted; and they were signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

The Senate Bill providing for the designation of polling locations in the city of Gloucester (Senate, No. 2544), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Third
reading
bill.

House bills

Validating the results of the annual election held in the town of Whitman on May 20, 2023 (printed as Senate, No. 2698); and

Third
reading
bills.

Relative to the Honorable George V. Kenneally, Jr. (House, No. 1269);

Severally reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Wednesday next at a quarter before twelve o'clock noon.

Next
sitting.

At twenty-two minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Wednesday at a quarter before twelve o'clock noon, in an Informal Session.

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 2024.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Wednesday, April 10, 2024.

Met according to adjournment at a quarter before twelve o'clock noon, 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.

Guests of the House.

During the session, the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford), declared a brief recess and introduced, seated in the House Chamber, Scout Pack 96 from Westford. They were the guests of Representative Arciero of Westford.

Westford
WEBLOS.

Communications.

Communications

From the Bristol County District Attorney's Office (see Section 99 of Chapter 272 of the General Laws) submitting a report relative to wiretaps for calendar year 2023;

Bristol
County,—
wiretaps.

From the Hampden County Sheriff's Office (see item 8910-1000 contained in Section 2 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting its Prison Industries (PI) report for fiscal year 2023; and

Hampden
County,—
prison work.

From the Department of Transportation, Rail and Transit Division (see Subsection 11 of Section 151 of Chapter 127 of the Acts of 1999) submitting a report outlining the net operating investment per passenger mile ratio for fiscal years 2022 through 2026;

Rail and
transit
revenue.

Severally were placed on file.

Annual Report.

An annual report of the State Lottery Charitable Gaming Division (under Section 38 of Chapter 10 of the General Laws) for calendar year 2023, was placed on file.

Charitable
Gaming.

Papers from the Senate.

Bills

Amending the charter of the town of Marshfield to make references to the board of selectmen gender neutral (Senate, No. 2715) (on Senate bill No. 1317) [Local Approval Received]; and

Marshfield,—
select board.

Authorizing the city known as the town of Barnstable to change the use of a portion of a certain parcel of land within Mother's Park (Senate, No. 2720) (on Senate bill No. 2435) [Local Approval Received];

Barnstable,—
Mother's Park.

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were read; and they were referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

*Joint Session of the Two Houses to Consider Specific
Amendments to the Constitution.*

Pursuant to assignment, at one minute past twelve o'clock noon, the two branches met in

Joint session of
the two branches.

JOINT SESSION

and were called to order by the Honorable William N. Brownsberger, having been appointed by the President, to perform the duties of the Chair.

Without further action on the matters duly and constitutionally assigned for consideration, at two minutes past twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mr. Donato of Medford, the Joint Session was recessed until Thursday, November 14, 2024 at twelve o'clock noon; and the Senate withdrew from the House Chamber under the escort of the Sergeant-at-Arms.

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 six minutes after twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following day at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.



THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2024.

[36]

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, April 11, 2024.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Garballey of Arlington 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. Garballey), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of
allegiance.

Change in Committee of Conference Membership.

The Speaker announced that he had appointed Miss Gregoire of Marlborough to the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches, with reference to the Senate amendment (striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 2484) of the House Bill relative to salary range transparency (House, No. 4109), to fill the vacancy created by the resignation, from the House of Representatives, of Josh S. Cutler of Pembroke.

Salary range
transparency.

The membership of the committee on the part of the House is as follows:

Representatives Gregoire of Marlborough, Fluker Oakley of Boston and Kane of Shrewsbury.

Committee of
conference.

Notice of the change in the House membership of the committee was sent to the Senate for their information.

Guests of the House.

During the session, the Chair (Mr. Garballey of Arlington), declared a brief recess and introduced the former Comptroller of the State of California, Betty T. Yee, accompanied by her husband, Rabbi Steven B. Jacobs. Also accompanying Ms. Yee were former Representative Eugene L. O'Flaherty and Messrs. Kevin Sullivan and John Donovan. They were the guests of Mr. Donato of Medford.

Betty T.
Yee.

During the session, the Chair (Mr. Garballey of Arlington), declared a brief recess and introduced, seated in the Chamber, students from Cristo Rey Boston High School in Boston. They were the guests of Mr. Worrell of Boston.

Cristo Rey
Boston High
School.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Representative Kassner of Hamilton) congratulating Mary "Mae" Famiglietti on the happy occasion of her one hundredth birthday;

Mary
Famiglietti.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Muradian of Grafton, Owens of Watertown, Lipper-Garabedian of Melrose, Rogers of Cambridge and Lawn of

Armenia
Tree Project.

Watertown) commending the Armenia Tree Project for their more than thirty years of dedicated contributions to the environment and people of Armenia;

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Muradian of Grafton, Owens of Watertown, Lipper-Garabedian of Melrose, Rogers of Cambridge and Lawn of Watertown) commending Mary Vartanian for her contributions to the Armenian American community in the Commonwealth;

Mary
Vartanian.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Rogers of Norwood) congratulating Liam MacLean on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout of the Boy Scouts of America; and

Liam
MacLean.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Soter of Bellingham) congratulating George Whiting on celebrating his one hundredth birthday;

George
Whiting.

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. Owens of Watertown, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Orders.

The following order was referred, under Joint Rule 30, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently:

Order (filed by Mr. Diggs of Barnstable) relative to extending until Wednesday, July 31, 2024 the time within which the committee on Labor and Workforce Development is authorized to report on a current House document (House, No. 4547).

Extension of
time for
committees
to make
reports.

Order (filed by Mr. Diggs of Barnstable) relative to extending until Wednesday, July 31, 2024 the time within which the committee on Labor and Workforce Development is authorized to report on current Senate and House documents (House, No. 4548).

Order (filed by Mr. Diggs of Barnstable) relative to extending until Monday, June 10, 2024 the time within which the committee on Labor and Workforce Development is authorized to report on current Senate documents (House, No. 4549).

Order (filed by Mr. Diggs of Barnstable) relative to extending until Monday, June 10, 2024 the time within which the committee on Labor and Workforce Development is authorized to report on a current House document (House, No. 4550).

Order (filed by Mr. González of Springfield) relative to extending until Wednesday, May 8, 2024 the time within which the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security is authorized to report on current House documents (House, No. 4546).

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the orders ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Donato of Medford, the orders were considered forthwith; and they were adopted. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Communications.

Communications

From the Cannabis Control Commission (see Section 18 of Chapter 94G of the General Laws) relative to the number, summary, and costs of performed annual audits [copy of said report was forwarded to the committee on Ways and Means, as required by said law];

Cannabis
Control
Commission.

From the Department of Correction (see Section 16 of Chapter 123A of the General Laws) relative to sexually dangerous persons in the custody of the department during calendar year 2023 [copies of said report were forwarded to the committee on Ways and Means and the committee on the Judiciary as required by said law];

Sexually dangerous persons.

From the Merrimack Valley Regional Transit Authority (see Section 8(g) of Chapter 161B of the General Laws) submitting financial statements, supplementary information, and a schedule of expenditures of federal awards and OMB uniform guidance auditors' reports for fiscal year 2023;

Merrimack Valley Regional transit.

From the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (see item 8900-0001 of Section 2 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting the fourth quarter data report of the Department of Correction for calendar year 2023; and

Department of Correction,— data.

From the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (see Section 223 of Chapter 69 of the Acts of 2018) submitting the Justice Involved Women's Panel report for 2024;

Justice Involved Women's Panel.

Severally were placed on file.

Annual and Quarterly Reports.

An annual report of the Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy Greenway Conservancy, Inc. (under Section 7 of Chapter 306 of the Acts of 2008) submitting audited financial statements of said conservancy for calendar year 2023, entitled "The Green Way"; and

Greenway Conservancy.

A quarterly report of the Sheriff's Department of Plymouth County (under Section 40 of Chapter 126 of the General Laws) submitting the aggregate data on the population of the Plymouth County Correctional Facility for the first quarter of calendar year 2024;

Plymouth County Sheriff.

Severally were placed on file.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Giannino of Revere, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4551) of Jessica Ann Giannino and Jeffrey Rosario Turco (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to the filling of vacancies in the office of mayor of the city of Revere; and

Revere,— mayoral office vacancies.

By Representative Saunders of Belchertown and Senator Comerford, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4552) of Aaron L. Saunders and Joanne M. Comerford (by vote of the town) that the town of Wendell be authorized to extend local voting rights to certain lawful permanent residents residing in said town.

Wendell,— voting rights.

Severally to the committee on Election Laws.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Blais of Deerfield and Senator Mark, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Natalie M. Blais and Paul W. Mark for legislation to dissolve the Whately Water District.

Whately Water District.

By Representative Vaughn of Wrentham, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Marcus S. Vaughn relative to domestic abuse protection.

Domestic abuse protection.

Severally, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Papers from the Senate.

The House Bill to prevent abuse and exploitation (House, No. 4241, amended), came from the Senate, passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 2710.

Abuse and
exploitation,—
prevention.

Under suspension of Rule 35, on motion of Mr. Day of Stoneham, the amendment was considered forthwith. The House then non-concurred with the Senate in its amendment; and, on motion of the same member, asked for a committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches.

Representatives Day, Barber of Somerville and Sullivan-Almeida of Abington were appointed the committee on the part of the House. Sent to the Senate to be joined.

Committee of
conference.

A report from the Massachusetts Gaming Commission (pursuant to Section 9B of Chapter 128A of the General Laws) submitting proposed regulation 205 CMR 15.00: Procedures for the Approval of a Simulcast-Only Facility (Senate, No. 2726), was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Simulcasting.

Reports of Committees.

Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, on House, No. 2, reported, in part, a Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2025 for the maintenance of the departments, boards, commissions, institutions, and certain activities of the Commonwealth, for interest, sinking fund, and serial bond requirements, and for certain permanent improvements (House, No. 4600) [Total Appropriation: \$57,913,756,627.00]. Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

General
Appropriation
Bill.

Mr. Honan of Boston, for said committee, then 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. Pending the question on ordering the bill to a third reading, further consideration thereof was postponed, on further motion of the same member, until Wednesday, April 24.

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

The Senate Bill authorizing the town of Rochester to continue the employment of Scott Weigel (Senate, No. 2690) [Local Approval Received]; and

Rochester,—
Scott Weigel.

House bills

Relative to the Massachusetts Uniform Commercial Code (House, No. 1112);

Transactions.
Automobile
insurance.

To add a compulsory death benefit to automobile liability insurance (House, No. 1114);

Relative to manufactured housing (House, No. 1302);

Housing.

Relative to the use of credit reporting in housing (House, No. 1308);

Credit reports.

Relative to electronic meetings and voting in condominiums (House, No. 1338);

Condominiums.

Relative to the Adams Fire District (House, No. 2031);

Adams.

Authorizing the town of Concord to establish a fee for checkout bags (House, No. 2037) [Local Approval Received];	Concord,— bag fees.
Requiring automatic external defibrillators in Norfolk County public buildings (House, No. 2051);	Norfolk County.
Authorizing the town of Lincoln to establish a fee for checkout bags (House, No. 2054) [Local Approval Received];	Lincoln,— bags fee.
Relative to special education reserve funds (House, No. 2075);	Education.
Relative to a regional school assessment reserve fund (House, No. 2076);	Schools.
Providing for the establishment of sustainable water resource funds (House, No. 2099);	Water resources.
Authorizing the town of Acton to establish a minimum charge for a checkout bag (House, No. 2111) [Local Approval Received];	Acton,— bag fees.
Relative to a condominium conversion ordinance in the city of Salem (House, No. 3722) [Local Approval Received];	Salem,— condominiums.
Further defining the purposes of the affordable housing trust in the city of Somerville (House, No. 3743) [Local Approval Received];	Somerville,— housing.
Authorizing the Orleans affordable housing trust to provide for the creation and preservation of attainable housing (House, No. 3934) [Local Approval Received];	Orleans,— housing trust.
Authorizing the Provincetown year-round market rate rental housing trust to acquire year-round housing occupancy restrictions (House, No. 4092) [Local Approval Received];	Provincetown,— housing.
Providing for state financial interests flexibility (House, No. 4462); and	Retirement.
Authorizing the appointment of retired police officers to perform police details (House, No. 4464) [Local Approval Received].	Plainville,— special police.
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.	
By Mr. Lawn of Watertown, for the committee on Health Care Financing, that the Bill regulating certain insurance benefits for certain officials in the town of Blackstone (Senate, No. 1296), ought to pass [Local Approval Received] [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00].	Blackstone,— insurance benefits.
By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, that the Bill relative to a commission to study the intentional misrepresentation of a service animal (House, No. 4329), ought to pass.	Service animals,— study.
Severally referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.	
By Mr. Lawn of Watertown, for the committee on Health Care Financing, that the Bill ensuring access to behavioral health services for children involved with state agencies (House, No. 146), ought to pass [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00]. Read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.	Behavioral health services.
By Mr. Lawn of Watertown, for the committee on Health Care Financing, that the following House bills ought to pass:	
Relative to data transparency in the cannabis industry (House, No. 105) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00];	Cannabis data.
Relative to a medical marijuana pilot program (House, No. 122) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00];	Opioid use disorder.
To increase the safety of individuals with disabilities relying on life-support equipment (House, No. 213) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00];	Life-support equipment.

Relative to genetic counselors (House, No. 274) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00];

Genetic counselors.

Establishing a dentist diversion program (House, No. 300) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00];

Dentist diversion.

Relative to providing dental care to senior citizens (House, No. 620) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00]; and

Dental care,—seniors.

Relative to dental hygienist reciprocal licensure (House, No. 3880) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00].

Dentists.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. Lawn of Watertown, for the committee on Health Care Financing, on Senate, No. 1401 and House, No. 172, that the Bill to enhance hospital care for those with autism and intellectual and developmental disabilities (House, No. 172), ought to pass [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00]. Read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Disabled,—hospital care.

Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed bills

Providing for the designation of polling locations in the city of Gloucester (see Senate, No. 2544) (which originated in the Senate);

Bills enacted.

Amending the charter of the town of Needham (see House, No. 3997); and

Authorizing the town of Chesterfield to continue the employment of reserve special police officer Greg Smith (see House, No. 4195);

(Which severally originated in the House);

Severally having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, were passed to be enacted; and they were signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

The Senate amendment of the House Bill further amending the charter of the town of Middleton (House, No. 3970, changed and amended), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was adopted, in concurrence.

Middleton,—charter.

The Senate amendment of the House Bill changing the name of the board of selectmen of the town of Uxbridge to the select board (House, No. 3986, amended), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was adopted, in concurrence.

Uxbridge,—select board.

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 twenty-eight minutes before twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mr. Vieira of Falmouth (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Tuesday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.



TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 2024.

[37]

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Tuesday, April 16, 2024.

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 Arciero of Westford) commemorating the one hundred and ninth anniversary of the Armenian Genocide; and

Armenian
genocide.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Garlick of Needham) on the occasion of the retirement of Tedi Eaton, Needham Town Clerk;

Tedi
Eaton.

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.

Orders.

The following orders were referred, under Joint Rule 30, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently:

Order (filed by Mr. Cahill of Lynn) relative to extending until Friday, June 14, 2024 the time within which the committee on Environment and Natural Resources is authorized to report on current House documents (House, No. 4554).

Extensions of
time for
committees to
make reports.

Order (filed by Mr. Arciero of Westford) relative to extending until Wednesday, July 10, 2024 the time within which the committee on Housing is authorized to report on current Senate and House documents (House, No. 4553).

Order (filed by Mr. Gordon of Bedford) relative to extending until Friday, June 14, 2024 the time within which the committee on Public Service is authorized to report on a current House document (House, No. 4556).

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the orders ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of the same member, the orders were considered forthwith; and they were adopted. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Day of Stoneham, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Michael S. Day and Jason M. Lewis for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Kendra Winner, an employee of the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

Kendra Winner,—
sick leave.

By Representative Puppolo of Springfield, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr., for legislation to further regulate sentences for murder in the first degree.

Murder
sentences.

Severally, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Papers from the Senate.

A Bill authorizing the city of Everett to grant 2 additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not be drunk on the premises and 1 additional license for the sale of wine and malt beverages not to be drunk on the premises (Senate, No. 2471) (on Senate, No. 159) [Local Approval Received], passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Everett,—
liquor
licenses.

The following order, having been approved by the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, came from the Senate with the endorsement that it had been adopted by said branch, as follows:

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on the Judiciary be granted until April 30, 2024, within which time to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 313, 906, 912, 914, 916, 920, 923, 928, 936, 938, 940, 941, 942, 945, 947, 954, 955, 962, 972, 973, 977, 978, 980, 982, 983, 988, 991, 993, 1000, 1003, 1005, 1009, 1011, 1014, 1016, 1020, 1023, 1024, 1027, 1032, 1035, 1036, 1037, 1038, 1039, 1040, 1045, 1046, 1047, 1050, 1052, 1053, 1057, 1059, 1060, 1069, 1070, 1076, 1079, 1082, 1098, 1101, 1104, 1107, 1108, 1111, 1114, 1129, 1130, 1140, 1142, 2450, and 2483, relative to judicial matters..

Judiciary
committee,—
extension of
time for
reporting.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the order (Senate, No. 2586) was considered forthwith; and it was adopted, in concurrence.

A petition (accompanied by bill) of Barry R. Finegold for legislation relative to deceptive and fraudulent deepfakes in election communications, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Election Laws.

Elections,—
deepfakes.

The House then concurred with the Senate on suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2730) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Election Laws.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Cahill of Lynn, for the committee on Environment and Natural Resources, on House, Nos. 790, 799, 809, 810, 852, 854, 860, 868, 872, 877, 884, 912, 919, 920 and 921, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Environment and Natural Resources to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to hunting, sewers, hazardous waste sites and other related matters (House, No. 4555) [Representative Boldyga of Southwick dissenting]. Referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently,

Hunting,
sewers,
hazardous
waste sites,
etc.,—
study.

Subsequently, Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committees, reported asking to be discharged from further consideration of the order; and recommending that the same be referred to the House committee on Rules. Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted.

Subsequently, Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee, on the foregoing order reported, in part, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 868) of Tram T. Nguyen, Margaret R. Scarsdale and Vanna Howard relative to further testing after combined sewage overflow events,— and recommending that the same be recommitted to the committee on Environment and Natural Resources. Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted.

Sewage
overflow
events.

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:

Relative to regional planning agencies (House, No. 2426);

Relative to documentary material or data received by retirement boards (House, No. 2453);

Relative to public safety personnel (House, No. 2488);

Relative to the fifth member of the public employee retirement systems (House, No. 2508);

Relative to death benefits to surviving spouses of call and volunteer firefighters (House, No. 2533);

Relative to the reinstatement of positions in a departmental unit according to seniority for the city of Methuen (House, No. 2547) [Local Approval Received];

Clarifying call firefighter rights (House, No. 2574);

To protect the retirement classification of Barnstable County dispatchers and dispatch retirees (House, No. 2628);

Relative to police officers and firefighters relative to Chapter 41, Section 111F (House, No. 2638);

Relating to the regular compensation of certain active and retired employees of the city of Fitchburg (House, No. 3864) [Local Approval Received].

Further regulating special police officers in the town of Hudson (House, No. 4113) [Local Approval Received];

Exempting the position of deputy fire chief of the town of Chelmsford from the civil service law (House, No. 4179) [Local Approval Received];

Relative to licensed electricians employed at regional school districts (House, No. 4208);

Directing the city of Boston Police Department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Terrance Joseph Williams (House, No. 4212) [Local Approval Received]; and

Authorizing the town of Warren to continue the employment of Steven Perkins (House, No. 4215) [Local Approval Received];

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.

Planners.
Retirement
boards.

Retired police.
Retirement
boards.

Firefighters,—
spouses.

Methuen,—
seniority.

Firefighters.
Barnstable,—
retirement.

Accidental
disability.

Fitchburg,—
retirees.

Hudson,—
special police.

Chelmsford,—
civil service.

Schools,—
electricians.

Boston,—
Terrance
Williams.

Warren,—
Steven Perkins.

Report of the committee on Environment and Natural Resources, ought NOT to pass (under Joint Rule 10), on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 775) of Josh S. Cutler and Patrick Joseph Kearney for legislation to establish the Massachusetts coastal erosion innovation center and to protect coastal resources.

Coastal
protection.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the report was considered forthwith.

Pending the question on acceptance of the report, the petition was recommitted, on motion of Mr. Cahill of Lynn.

House reports

Of the committee on Revenue, ought NOT to pass (under Joint Rule 10), on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4457) of Adrian C. Madaro for legislation to establish a Massport climate resiliency trust fund to be funded by a portion of jet fuel excise taxes; and

Jet fuel,—
excise tax.

Of the same committee, ought NOT to pass (under Joint Rule 10), on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4458) of Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr., and Bud L. Williams relative to real estate tax abatements for certain blind persons;

Blind
persons,—
real estate
taxes.

Severally were considered, under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Cusack of Braintree. Pending the question, in each instance, on acceptance of the report, the petitions were recommitted, on motions of the same member.

A report of the committee on Bonding, Capital Expenditures and State Assets, that the Bill [sic] the affordable homes act (House, No. 4138), ought NOT to pass (under Joint Rule 10), was considered forthwith, under suspension of the rules, on motion of Finn of West Springfield, the question being on rejection (under Joint Rule 10). The House then refused to reject the bill.

Affordable
homes,—
bonds.

The bill was then read; and under further suspension of the rules, on motion of the same member, it was read a second time forthwith.

Pending the question on ordering the bill to a third reading, it was referred, on motion of Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, to the committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. Roy of Franklin, for the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy, on a petition, a Bill relative to lithium-ion batteries (House, No. 3178). Read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Lithium-ion
batteries.

By Mr. Driscoll of Milton, for the committee on Emergency Preparedness and Management, on House, No. 4181, a Bill creating a state disaster relief fund for emergency management (House, No. 4545).

State disaster
relief fund.

By Mr. Roy of Franklin, for the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy, on a petition, a Bill expanding community access to electric bicycles (House, No. 3145).

Electric
bicycles,—
access.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to increased access of small business to participation in energy savings services and programs (House, No. 3177).

Small
business,—
energy costs.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to automatic re-enrollment in the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) (House, No. 3180).

Low Income
Home Energy
Assistance.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to establish standards for the pole attachment process to facilitate the construction of broadband networks (House, No. 3208).

Broadband
networks,—
poles.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to better buildings (House, No. 3213).

Buildings,—
standards.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to transparency in private utility construction contracts (House, No. 3681).	Utility contracts.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to transparency in private utility construction contracts (House, No. 3682).	Id.
By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 3154, a Bill relative to energy efficiency education (House, No. 4540).	Energy efficiency.
By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 3199, a Bill updating the decommissioning oversight of Pilgrim Nuclear Power Plant (House, No. 4541).	Pilgrim Nuclear Power Plant
By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 3202, a Bill relative to reduce [sic] administrative burden for government and industry (House, No. 4542).	Government and industry,—burdens.
By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 3859, a Bill relative to a just transition to clean energy (House, No. 4543).	Clean energy.
Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.	
By Mr. Day of Stoneham, for the committee on the Judiciary, on a petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Tamara M. Luciani, an employee of the Trial Court of the Commonwealth (House, No. 4531).	Tamara Luciani,—sick leave.
By Ms. Fiola of Fall River, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a petition, a Bill establishing a building permit surcharge and special revenue fund in the town of Winchester (House, No. 4469) [Local Approval Received].	Winchester,—surcharge.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to the election and composition of the conservation commission within the town of Southwick (House, No. 4506) [Local Approval Received].	Southwick,—conservation commission.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill increasing the maximum amount of fines which may be imposed for violations of ordinances in the city of Boston (House, No. 4507) [Local Approval Received].	Boston,—maximum fines.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the city of Watertown to place municipal charge liens on certain properties in the city of Watertown for nonpayment of any local charge, fee or fine (House, No. 4508) [Local Approval Received].	Watertown,—municipal charge liens.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill amending the charter of the town of Sandwich (House, No. 4509) [Local Approval Received].	Sandwich,—town clerk.
By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill relative to the retirement classification of certain employees of the city of Beverly (House, No. 4455) [Local Approval Received].	Beverly,—retirement classification.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill authorizing the city of Somerville to continue the employment of Charles J. Femino as acting chief of police (House, No. 4465) [Local Approval Received].	Somerville,—Charles Femino.
By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 4532, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Michael Lewis (House, No. 4539).	Michael Lewis.
By Mr. Roy of Franklin, for the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy, on a petition, a Bill relative to prepaid wireless surcharges (House, No. 3134).	Wireless surcharges.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to municipal light plants (House, No. 3142).	Municipal light plants.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to energy conservation (House, No. 3207).	Energy conservation.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill requiring disclosure to consumers regarding home heating oil insurance (House, No. 3686).

Heating
oil insurance.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to tow lien reform (House, No. 3698).

Tow lien
reform.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to municipal light plant emergency mutual aid (House, No. 3699).

Municipal
light plants.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 3692, a Bill relative to the maximum storage charges on motor vehicles involuntarily towed (House, No. 4544).

Towed
vehicles,—
charges.

By Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett, for the committee on Transportation, on a joint petition, a Bill amending Chapter 250 of the Acts of 2016 to include the city of Salem designated port area as part of the Salem Harbor port area (House, No. 4398) [Local Approval Received].

Salem,—
port area.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill designating a certain roundabout in the town of Orleans in honor of Dorofei Klimshuk (House, No. 4484).

Orleans,—
Klimshuk
roundabout.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill designating a certain bridge in the town of Harwich as the United States Army Private First Class Joseph C. Blute memorial bridge (House, No. 4485).

Harwich,—
Blute bridge.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Emergency Measure.

The engrossed Bill financing improvements to municipal roads and bridges (see House, No. 4529), 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.

Roads and
bridges,—
bonds.

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.

Engrossed Bills.

The engrossed Bill validating the results of the annual election held in the town of Whitman on May 20, 2023 (see House bill printed as Senate, No. 2698) (which originated in the House), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be enacted (more than two-thirds of the members having agreed to pass the same); and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill
enacted.

Engrossed bills

Further amending the charter of the town of Middleton (see House, No. 3970, changed and amended); and

Bills
enacted.

Changing the name of the board of selectmen of the town of Uxbridge to the select board (see House, No. 3986, amended);

(Which severally originated in the House);

Severally having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, were passed to be enacted; and they were signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

The Senate amendment of the House Bill authorizing the town of Bernardston to continue the employment of fire chief Peter Shedd (House, No. 4064), having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was considered.

Bernardston,—
Peter Shedd.

Mr. Walsh of Peabody then moved that the House concur with the Senate in its amendment with a further amendment by striking out section 1 (inserted by amendment by the Senate) and inserting in place thereof the following section:

“SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, Peter Shedd, chief of the Bernardston fire department, may continue to serve in such position until Peter Shedd reaches 70 years of age, retires or is not reappointed, whichever occurs first; provided, however, Peter Shedd is mentally and physically capable of performing the duties of such position. The select board of the town of Bernardston may require Peter Shedd to be examined by an impartial physician to determine such capability. No deductions shall be made from the regular compensation of Peter Shedd pursuant to chapter 32 of the General Laws subsequent to Peter Shedd reaching the age of 65 in connection with Peter Shedd’s service to the town for retirement purposes. Upon retirement, Peter Shedd shall receive a superannuation retirement allowance equal to that which Peter Shedd would have been entitled had Peter Shedd retired upon reaching the age of 65.”.

The further amendment was adopted.

The House then concurred with the Senate in its amendment, as amended. Sent to the Senate for concurrence in the further amendment.

The House Bill authorizing the town of Deerfield to continue the employment of police department members Michael W. Habel, Robert A. Thrasher, and Mark Jacques (House, No. 4291), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Deerfield,—
police.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Walsh of Peabody moved to amend it by substitution of a bill with the same title (House, No. 4557), which was read.

The amendment was adopted; and the substituted bill was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

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

Next
sitting.

At twenty-six minutes before 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 Thursday at eleven o’clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

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Thursday, April 18, 2024.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Garballey of Arlington 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. Garballey), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of
allegiance.

Appointments of the Speaker.

The Speaker announced that he had reappointed Representative Holmes of Boston and former Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court Roderick Ireland of Milton as his designees (under Section 72 of Chapter 3 of the General Laws) to the Commission on the Status of African Americans.

Commission
on the Status
of African
Americans.

Guests of the House.

During the session, the Chair (Mr. Garballey of Arlington), declared a brief recess and introduced, seated in the Chamber, students from Africano Waltham. They were the guests of Representatives Stanley of Waltham and Lawn of Watertown.

Africano
Waltham.

Communications.

Communications

From the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (see Section 6 of Chapter 7C of the General Laws) submitting its Supplier Diversity – Affirmative Marketing Program for Design and Construction annual report for fiscal year 2023 [copies of said report were forwarded to the committee on Ways and Means, and the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, as required by said law];

Supplier
Diversity.

From the Office of the Child Advocate (see Section 10 of Chapter 18C of the General Laws) submitting its annual report on the activities of said office for fiscal year 2023;

Child
Advocate.

From MassDevelopment (see Section 34 of Chapter 23G of the General Laws) submitting its fiscal year 2023 annual report;

MassDevelopment.

From the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (see Section 1P of Chapter 69 of the General Laws) submitting the ninth annual report of the Safe and Supportive Schools Commission [copies of said report were forwarded to the committee on Ways and Means, committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, committee on Education; and the committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery, as required by said law];

Safe and
Supportive
Schools.

From the Office of the Child Advocate (see item 0930-0100 of Section 2 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting a report entitled “Family Resource Centers: Recommendations for Increasing Access and Improving Service Delivery”;

Family
resource
centers.

From the Office of Medicaid (see item 4000-0601 of Section 2 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting the MassHealth 2024 senior care report; and

Senior care
report.

From the Executive Office for Administration and Finance (see item 1599-0514 of Section 2 of Chapter 77 of the Acts of 2023) submitting the April 8, 2024 biweekly report on the Emergency Housing Assistance Program;

Emergency
housing
assistance.

Severally were placed on file.

Quarterly and Monthly Reports.

Quarterly Reports

Of the Office of the Inspector General (under item 1599-2051 of Section 2 of Chapter 102 of the Acts of 2021, as most recently amended by Section 54 of Chapter 77 of the Acts of 2023) submitting its first quarterly Pandemic Funding Oversight report for calendar year 2024;

Pandemic
Funding
Oversight
report.

Of the Office of the State Auditor (under item 0710-0200 of Section 2 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting its first quarter fiscal year report of the Bureau of Special Investigations from July 1, 2023 to September 30, 2023; and

Bureau of
Special
Investigations.

Of the Office of the State Auditor (under item 0710-0200 of Section 2 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting its second quarter fiscal year report of the Bureau of Special Investigations from October 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023; and

Id.

Monthly Reports

Of the Department of Unemployment Assistance (under Section 14F of Chapter 151A of the General Laws) relative to the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund for March 2024; and

Unemployment
Insurance
Trust Fund.

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.

Resolutions.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Representative Gifford of Wareham) honoring Alan Slavin on his retirement from the Wareham Select Board, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Alan
Slavin.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee, reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Stanley of Waltham, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Order.

An Order (filed by Mr. Lawn of Watertown) relative to extending until Wednesday, July 3, 2024 the time within which the committee on Health Care Financing is authorized to report on a current Senate document, was referred, under Joint Rule 30, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Health Care
Financing,—
extension of time
for reporting.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committees, then reported that the order (House, No. 4558), ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Donato of Medford, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Kearney of Scituate, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4559) of Patrick Joseph Kearney (by vote of the town) relative to amending the charter of the town of Scituate. To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Scituate,—
charter.

By Representative Cataldo of Concord, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4560) of Simon Cataldo (by vote of the town) that the town of Carlisle be authorized to establish a means tested senior citizen property tax exemption. To the committee on Revenue.

Carlisle,—
senior property
tax exemption.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Pignatelli of Lenox and Senator Mark, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Smitty Pignatelli and Paul W. Mark that a certain portion of state highway Route 41 in the town of West Stockbridge be designated as the Gene Dellea highway.

West
Stockbridge,—
Dellea highway.

By Representative Puppolo of Springfield, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr., relative to increased availability of opioid antagonist medication.

Opioid
antagonist
medication.

Severally, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Papers from the Senate.

The following order, having been approved by the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, came from the Senate with the endorsement that it had been adopted by said branch, as follows:

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Public Health be granted until December 31, 2024, within which time to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 186, 1335, 1342, 1349, 1367, 1373, 1375, 1379, 1391, 1406, 1414, 1415, 1450, 1455, 1457, 1458, 1460, and 1466, relative to public health matters.

Public Health
committee,—
extension
of time for
reporting.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the order (Senate, No. 2618) was considered forthwith; and it was adopted, in concurrence.

The following order, having been approved by the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, came from the Senate with the endorsement that it had been adopted by said branch, as follows:

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Public Health be granted until December 31, 2024, within which time to make its final report on current Senate document numbered 2670, relative to public health.

Id.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the order (Senate, No. 2699) was considered forthwith; and it was adopted, in concurrence.

A Bill authorizing the town moderator of the town of Monson to act as an election officer in certain elections (Senate, No. 2500) (on a petition) [Local Approval Received], passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Monson,—
town
moderator.

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 joint petition of Natalie M. Blais and Paul W. Mark for legislation to dissolve the Whately Water District. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Stanley of Waltham, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the joint petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Whately Water
District.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the Bill establishing an advisory committee on the accessibility of fresh food retail in communities throughout the Commonwealth (House, No. 3632),— and recommending that the same be referred to the House committee on Rules. Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted.

Fresh food,—
committee.

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:

Relative to the taxation of natural gas infrastructure (printed as Senate, No. 1918);

Natural gas,—
infrastructure.

Relative to recreation on private tidelands (House, No. 795);

Tidelands.

Regulating the application of fertilizer used in the town of Orleans (House, No. 874) [Local Approval Received];

Orleans,—
fertilizer.

Relative to Department of Conservation and Recreation facility Title IX compliance (House, No. 923);

D.C.R.,—
Title IX.

Relative to the valuation of long term residences (House, No. 2691);

Residences.

To promote urban agriculture and horticulture (House, No. 2852);

Urban farms.

Providing for line-of-duty death benefits for firefighters (House, No. 2890);

Firefighters.

Reducing tax liability for grandparents raising grandchildren (House, No. 2904);

Grandparents.

Relative to local control of boat excise revenue (House, No. 2955);

Boat excise.

Designating a certain intersection in the town of Pembroke as the Lavina A. Hatch corner (House, No. 3293);

Pembroke,—
Hatch corner.

Relative to parking enforcement (House, No. 3326);

Parking.

Designating [sic] a the Greatest Neighborhood Park, in the city of Boston, as the “Jim Campano Park” (House, No. 4175);

Boston,—
Campano park.

Relative to the safe operation of motor vehicles (House, No. 4490);

Motor vehicles.

Establishing a sick leave bank for Tamara M. Luciani, an employee of the Trial Court of the Commonwealth (House, No. 4531); and

Tamara
Luciani.

Establishing a sick leave bank for Michael Lewis (House, No. 4539);

Michael
Lewis.

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

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that the Bill to modernize civil service laws (House, No. 4520), ought to pass. Referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.	Civil service law.
By Mr. Lawn of Watertown, for the committee on Health Care Financing, that the Bill to improve Massachusetts home care (House, No. 649, changed), ought to pass [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00]. Read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.	Home care.
By Mr. Lawn of Watertown, for the committee on Health Care Financing, on Senate, No. 752 and House, No. 1233, a Resolve to establish a special commission to evaluate the rate structure for rest homes or residential care homes (House, No. 1233) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00]. Read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.	Rest homes,—rate structure.
By Mr. Lawn of Watertown, for the committee on Health Care Financing, on Senate, No. 631 and House, No. 984, that the Bill relative to access to care for serious mental illness (House, No. 984), ought to pass [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00].	Mental health,—care.
By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 659 and House, No. 990, that the Bill relative to removing barriers to non-opioid pain management (House, No. 990), ought to pass [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00].	Pain management.
By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 699 and House, No. 1011, that the Bill relative to fair and equitable compensation for medical services (House, No. 1011), ought to pass [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00].	Medical services.
By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 696 and House, No. 1030, that Bill relative to human donor milk coverage (House, No. 1030), ought to pass [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00].	Human milk,—donors.
By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 1247 and House, No. 1966, that the Bill ensuring access to addiction services (House, No. 1966), ought to pass [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00].	Addiction services.
By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 1266 and House, No. 1975, that the Bill relative to PANDAS/PANS (House, No. 1975), ought to pass [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00].	PANDAS/PANS,—criteria.
By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 1240 and House, No. 1983, that the Bill to educate on prescription opioids (House, No. 1983), ought to pass [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00].	Prescription opioids,—education.
By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 116 and House, No. 2132, that the Bill to close the achievement gap by addressing disparities in children's vision (House, No. 2132), ought to pass [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00].	Children's vision.
By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 1343 and House, No. 3628, that the Bill relative to clinical laboratories (House, No. 3628), ought to pass [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00].	Clinical laboratories.
By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 1024 and 4275, that the Bill to provide increased access to hearing aids (House, No. 4275), ought to pass [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00].	Hearing aids.
By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, Nos. 674 and 711 and House, Nos. 938 and 4410, that the Bill relative to breast cancer equity and early detection (House, No. 4410), ought to pass [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00].	Breast cancer.
Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.	

By Mr. Lawn of Watertown, for the committee on Health Care Financing, that the following House bills ought to pass:

To improve Alzheimer's' and dementia care in senior care options programs (House, No. 629) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00];

Relative to intensive case management for clinically complex older adults (House, No. 630) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00];

Relative to disclosing continuing care retirement community entrance fees (House, No. 635) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00];

Providing living organ donor protections (House, No. 1000) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00];

Regarding cervical cancer and women's preventative health (House, No. 1013) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00];

To improve child and adolescent mental health services (House, No. 1014) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00];

Providing for certain health insurance coverage (House, No. 1015) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00];

Relative to acupuncture detoxification specialists (House, No. 2162) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00];

Relative to patient assessment and notification prior to prescribing certain medications (House, No. 2164) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00];

Relative to source plasma donation centers (House, No. 2234) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00];

Relative to safe patient handling and mobility in certain health facilities (House, No. 2247) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00];

To improve access to breastfeeding care (House, No. 3626) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00];

Further defining eligibility for medical use marijuana (House, No. 4087) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00];

Requiring automated external defibrillators at sporting events (House, No. 4121) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00];

Prohibiting nonconsensual intimate examinations of anesthetized or unconscious patients (House, No. 4293) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00];

Relative to substance exposed newborns (House, No. 4392) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00];

Relative to vertical integration of medical marijuana businesses (House, No. 4409) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00];

To expand access for those living with younger onset Alzheimer's, dementia and other disabilities (House, No. 4433) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00].

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. Lawn of Watertown, for the committee on Health Care Financing, on Senate, No. 723 and House, No. 1191, a Bill relating to hospital bad debts, claims denials and prompt payments (House, No. 1191) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00].

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 755 and House, No. 1195, a Bill clarifying rate setting processes for home health and home care services (House, No. 1195) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00].

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill to promote continuity of health coverage for children (House, No. 1214) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00].

Alzheimer's
and dementia.

Older adults.

Retirement
communities.

Organ donors,—
protections.

Cervical
cancer.

Children,—
mental health.

Enteral
formulas.

Acupuncture.

Medications,—
patients.

Plasma donation
centers.

Patients,—
safe handling.

Breastfeeding,—
access.

Medical use
marijuana.

Sports,—
defibrillators.

Nonconsensual
examinations.

Newborns.

Medical
marijuana.

Alzheimer's
and dementia.

Hospitals,—
debts.

Home care
services.

MassHealth,—
children.

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 743 and House, No. 1222, a Bill to ensure uniform and transparent reporting of medical debt data (House, No. 1222) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00].

Medical
debt data.

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 770 and House, No. 1248, a Bill regarding Medicare savings programs eligibility (House, No. 1248) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00].

Medicare.

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 769 and House, No. 1249, a Bill to update Medicaid resource limits for seniors (House, No. 1249) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00].

Medicaid.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed bills

Establishing a department of public works in the town of Tyngsborough (see House, No. 2052); and

Bills
enacted.

Authorizing the town of Lynnfield to continue the employment of Glenn Davis as fire chief (see House, No. 4146);

(Which severally originated in the House);

Severally having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, were passed to be enacted; and they were signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

House bills

Relative to designating the Rumney Marsh area of critical environmental concern as the Joseph T. James area of critical environmental concern (House, No. 913) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

Third
reading
bills.

Expanding the Historic Beacon Hill District (House, No. 4076) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

Relative to the fair housing ordinance of the city of Cambridge (House, No. 4234); and

Authorizing the city of Cambridge to increase the fines for failure to move parked vehicles during street cleaning in the city above the limits set forth in section 20A½ of chapter 90 of the General Laws (House, No. 4264) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

Severally having been reported by said committee to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

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

Next
sitting.

At seventeen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. McKenna of Sutton (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Monday, April 22, 2024.

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.

Guests of the House.

During the session, the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford), declared a brief recess, and recognized Mr. Xiarhos of Barnstable who took the Chair, and introduced Jim Lehane, Vice Chair, and Bob Dwyer, President, of the Cape Cod Museum of Natural History. They were accompanied by residents from the town of Sandwich, Nancy Titcomb, Vickey Titcomb, Christie Lowrance, Sandy Murray and Shirley and Bob Stolte. Mr. Xiarhos then read from Gubernatorial citations that had been presented to each of them in recognition of the 150th Birthday of Thornton W. Burgess (a graduate of Sandwich High School in 1891 and author of children's books that included the character, Peter Rabbit), celebrating his dedication to environmental advocacy and his invaluable contributions to conservation.

Sandwich
residents
honoring
Thornton W.
Burgess.

Orders.

The following orders were referred, under Joint Rule 30, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently:

Order (filed by Mr. Chan of Quincy) relative to extending until Wednesday, July 31, 2024 the time within which the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure is authorized to report on a current House document (House, No. 4571).

Extension
of time for
committees
reporting.

Order (filed by Ms. Garlick of Needham) relative to extending until Sunday, May 26, 2024 the time within which the committee on Education is authorized to report on current Senate and House documents (House, No. 4572).

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the orders ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Xiarhos of Barnstable, the orders were considered forthwith; and they were adopted. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Communications.

Communications

From the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds (see Section 2KKK of Chapter 29 of the General Laws) submitting its plan for expenditure for technological improvements from the County Registers Technological Fund [copies of the report

Plymouth County
Registry of
Deeds,—
technology fund.

were forwarded to the committee on Ways and Means and the committee on Post Audit and Oversight, as required by said law].

From the Health Insurance Connector Authority (see Section 15 of Chapter 176Q of the General Laws) submitting a report relative to the status and activities of the Health Connector for fiscal year 2023; and

From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see item 4000-0300 contained in Section 2 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting its quarterly MassHealth Pharmacy Pipeline Report;

Severally were placed on file.

Health
Connector.

MassHealth,—
Pharmacy
Pipeline.

Petitions.

Representative Rogers of Cambridge and Senator Brownsberger presented a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4575) of David M. Rogers and William N. Brownsberger (by vote of the town) that the town of Belmont be authorized to update the tax treatment of recreational lands in said town; and the same was referred to the committee on Revenue. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Belmont,—
recreational
land tax.

Representative Pignatelli of Lenox and Senator Mark presented a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Smitty Pignatelli and Paul W. Mark for legislation to designate a portion of state highway Routes 23 west and 41 south in the town of Egremont as the George McGurn memorial highway; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Egremont,—
McGurn
highway.

Papers from the Senate.

A Bill authorizing the town of Sutton to grant real property tax abatements for certain active duty military personnel (Senate, No. 2493) (on a petition) [Local Approval Received], passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Sutton,—
property tax
abatements.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2732) of Susan L. Moran (by vote of the town) for legislation relative to wastewater treatment and disposal in the town of Sandwich, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Sandwich,—
wastewater.

Reports of Committees.

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

The Senate Bill authorizing the town of Easton to establish a means tested senior citizen property tax exemption (Senate, No. 2515) [Local Approval Received]; and House bills

Easton,—
tax exemption.

Relative to charges associated with condominiums in tax title (printed as Senate, No. 1759);

Tax title,—
benefits.

Relative to the taxation of above ground conduits, wires, and pipes used in the transportation of natural gas (printed as Senate, No. 1917);

Natural gas
infrastructure.

Relative to license suspensions (House, No. 322);

Licenses.

Relative to the sale of malt beverages produced by a pub brewery (House, No. 401);

Pub
breweries.

Relative to insurance company rebates (House, No. 1077);	Rebates.
Providing for temporary emergency licensing of appraisers of motor vehicle damage covered by auto insurance policies (House, No. 1079);	Motor vehicle appraisers.
Relative to clinical laboratory testing (House, No. 2186);	Lab testing.
Relative to non-contiguous farm land (House, No. 2693);	Farmland.
Relative to ensuring fairness and equity in the assessment of the value of property (House, No. 2728);	Property,—assessments.
Relative to taxes due upon the death of active duty personnel and the elderly (House, No. 2738);	Death,—taxes.
Relative to the electronic filing of certain forms used in property valuation (House, No. 2751);	Property valuation.
Relative to condominiums (House, No. 2892);	Condominiums.
Relative to charges associated with condominiums in tax title (House, No. 2905);	Id.
Relative to preserving information content of historic resources with community preservation funds (House, No. 2972); and	Historic resources.
Relative to consumer rights of renters (House, No. 4474);	Renters,—rights.
Under suspension of Rule 7A, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Owens of Watertown, the bills severally were read a second time forthwith; and they were ordered to a third reading.	
By Ms. Decker of Cambridge, for the committee on Public Health, on Senate, No. 186 and House, No. 248, a Bill establishing senior psychologist licensure (House, No. 248).	Psychologist,—licensure.
By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate Nos. 1335, 1375, 1414 and 1457 and House Nos. 2163, 2187, 2209, 2265 and 3616, a Bill promoting access to midwifery care and out-of-hospital birth options (House, No. 4566).	Midwifery care and birth options.
By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 3614, a Bill to improve outcomes for individuals with Parkinson's disease (House, No. 4567).	Parkinson's disease.
Referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.	
By Mr. Cahill of Lynn, for the committee on Environment and Natural Resources, on House, No. 843, a Bill to protect pollinator habitat (House, No. 4562). Read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.	Pollinator habitat.
By Mr. Cahill of Lynn, for the committee on Environment and Natural Resources, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to the pesticide board (House, No. 783).	Pesticide board.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to overcome coastal and environmental acidification and nutrient pollution (House, No. 793).	Acidification and pollution.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill preserving public trust rights in land affected by ocean erosion (House, No. 807).	Ocean erosion,—public rights.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to promote natural carbon sequestration (House, No. 819).	Natural carbon sequestration.
By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 1424 and House, No. 850, a Bill concerning the use of animals in product testing (House, No. 850).	Animals,—testing.
By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 589 and House, No. 892, a Bill to assist municipal and district ratepayers (House, No. 892).	Ratepayers.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill creating the Manuel F. Correllus State Forest Trust Fund (House, No. 4094).	Correllus State Forest.

By Ms. Fiola of Fall River, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on House, Nos. 314 and 2019, a Bill to increase kennel safety, aka Ollie's Law (House, No. 4564).

Kennels,—
safety.

By Ms. Decker of Cambridge, for the committee on Public Health, on Senate, No. 1373 and House, Nos. 2252 and 3612, a Bill relative to athletic training (House, No. 4565).

Athletic
training.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. Cahill of Lynn, for the committee on Environment and Natural Resources, on a petition, a Bill to provide sustainable water resources in the town of Tyngsborough (House, No. 28) [Local Approval Received].

Tyngsborough,—
water
resources.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the Quabbin Watershed Advisory Committee (House, No. 896).

Quabbin
watershed.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 817, a Bill relative to landfills and areas of critical environmental concern (House, No. 4563).

Environmental
concerns.

By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill directing the Worcester County Retirement Board to credit Curtis Meskus (House, No. 4494).

Curtis
Meskus,—
retirement.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 3987, a Bill relative to retired fire fighters in the city of Newton (House, No. 4561) [Local Approval Received].

Newton,—
retired fire
fighters.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed bills

Authorizing the town of Lunenburg to establish a means tested senior citizen property tax exemption (see House, No. 3911); and

Bills
enacted.

Further regulating the housing partnership committee in the town of Westborough (see House, No. 4202);

(Which severally originated in the House);

Severally having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, were passed to be enacted; and they were signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

The Senate amendment of the House Bill authorizing the town of Mashpee to convey certain town owned conservation land to Jacques and Rosalie Fresco (House, No. 4186), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was adopted, in concurrence.

Mashpee,—
Jacques and
Rosalie Fresco.

Senate bills

Amending the date of annual town elections in the town of Walpole (Senate, No. 2501); and

Third
reading
bills.

Authorizing the town of Rochester to continue the employment of Scott Weigel (Senate, No. 2690);

Severally reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

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.; and that, notwithstanding the provisions of House Rule 12, the Clerk be authorized to print a Calendar for said sitting containing only the General Appropriation Bill.

Next
sitting.

At seventeen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Wednesday at eleven o'clock A.M.

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 2024.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Wednesday, April 24, 2024.

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.

Guests of the House.

At the beginning of the session, the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford), declared a brief recess and introduced, seated in the House Chamber, members of the student council from the Lieutenant Job Lane School in Bedford. At the invitation of the Chair, the students participated in the pledge of allegiance to the flag. They were the guests of Mr. Gordon of Bedford.

Bedford,—
Lieutenant
Job Lane
School.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Representative Lombardo of Billerica) recognizing Robert Preston Kinsman for his lifetime of extensive volunteer service;

Robert
Kinsman.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Roy of Franklin) congratulating Matthew Lynch Fitzgerald on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout of the Boy Scouts of America;

Matthew
Fitzgerald.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Roy of Franklin) congratulating Jake Alexander Houlihan on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout of the Boy Scouts of America;

Jake
Houlihan.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Roy of Franklin) congratulating Thomas Dojun Park on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout of the Boy Scouts of America;

Thomas
Park.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Roy of Franklin) congratulating Caleb Johnson Smith on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout of the Boy Scouts of America; and

Caleb
Smith.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Soter of Bellingham) congratulating the Blackstone Polish American Citizens' Club on the fortieth anniversary of the annual Tags N' Trout Fishing Tournament;

Blackstone
Polish American
Citizens' Club.

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. Gordon of Bedford, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Orders.

The following orders were referred, under Joint Rule 30, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently:

Order (filed by Mr. Gordon of Bedford) relative to extending until Tuesday, June 25, 2024 the time within which the committee on Public Service is authorized to report on a current House document (House, No. 4580).

Extension
of time for
committees
to make
reports.

Order (filed by Ms. Domb of Amherst) relative to extending until Saturday, June 1, 2024 the time within which the committee on Tourism, Arts and Cultural Development is authorized to report on a current House document (House, No. 4579).

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the orders ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Gordon of Bedford, the orders were considered forthwith; and they were adopted. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Paper from the Senate.

The following order, having been approved by the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, came from the Senate with the endorsement that it had been adopted by said branch, as follows:

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs be granted until April 30, 2024, within which time to make its final report on current Senate document numbered 2688, relative to veterans and federal affairs.

Veterans and
Federal Affairs
committee,—
extension
of time for
reporting.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Gordon of Bedford, the order (Senate, No. 2704) was considered forthwith; and it was adopted, in concurrence.

Report of a Committee.

Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches, with reference to the Senate amendment (striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 2711) of the House Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2024 for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (House, No. 4466), reported, in part, a bill with the same title (House, No. 4582) [Total Appropriation: \$266,000,000.00]. Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Supplemental
appropriations.

Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed bills

Amending the date of annual town elections in the town of Walpole (see Senate, No. 2501); and

Bills
enacted.

Authorizing the town of Rochester to continue the employment of Scott Weigel (see Senate, No. 2690);

(Which severally originated in the Senate);

Severally having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, were passed to be enacted; and they were signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

The Speaker being in the Chair,—

The House Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2025 for the maintenance of the departments, boards, commissions, institutions, and certain activities of the Commonwealth, for interest, sinking fund, and serial bond requirements, and for certain permanent improvements (House, No. 4600), was considered, the main question being on ordering the bill to a third reading.

General
Appropriation
Bill.

After debate on the question on ordering the bill to a third reading, (Mr. Donato of Medford having taken the Chair) Mr. Owens of Watertown and other members of the House moved to it by striking out section 42 and inserting in place thereof the following section:

“SECTION 42. Section 6 of chapter 64H of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting, in line 219, after the word ‘section’ the following words:— and produced in an accessible format, including, but not limited to, braille, enlarged print, audio or electronic text, for use by individuals unable to read other print due to disability.”.

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Hogan of Stow being in the Chair,—

Mr. Jones of North Reading and other members of the House then moved to amend the bill by inserting after section 40 the following five sections:

“SECTION 40A. Section 6 of chapter 62 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word ‘amended’, in line 769, the following words:— , or a private nonprofit trust established pursuant to chapter 203 organized for the purposes of land conservation, which is authorized to do business in the commonwealth, and which has tax-exempt status as a nonprofit charitable organization as described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

SECTION 40B. Said section 6 of said chapter 62, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out, in line 835, the figure ‘\$2,000,000’ and inserting in place thereof the following figure:— \$3,000,000.

SECTION 40C. Said section 6 of said chapter 62 is hereby further amended by striking out the figure ‘\$3,000,000’, inserted by section 40B, and inserting in place thereof the following figure:— \$4,000,000.

SECTION 40D. Said section 6 of said chapter 62 is hereby further amended by striking out, in line 835, the figure ‘\$4,000,000’, inserted by section 40C, and inserting in place thereof the following figure:— \$5,000,000.

SECTION 40E. Said section 6 of said chapter 62 is hereby further amended by striking out the figure ‘\$5,000,000’, inserted by section 40D, and inserting in place thereof the following figure:— \$2,000,000.”;

By inserting after section 41 the following five sections:

“SECTION 41A. Section 38AA of chapter 63, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after the word ‘amended’, in line 29, the following words:— , or a private nonprofit trust established pursuant to chapter 203 organized for the purposes of land conservation, which is authorized to do business in the commonwealth, and which has tax-exempt status as a nonprofit charitable organization as described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

SECTION 41B. Said section 38AA of said chapter 63, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out, in line 88, the figure ‘\$2,000,000’ and inserting in place thereof the following figure:— \$3,000,000.

SECTION 41C. Said section 38AA of said chapter 63 is hereby further amended by striking out the figure ‘\$3,000,000’, inserted by section 41B, and inserting in place thereof the following figure:— \$4,000,000.

SECTION 41D. Said section 38AA of said chapter 63 is hereby further amended by striking out the figure ‘\$4,000,000’, inserted by section 41C, and inserting in place thereof the following figure:— \$5,000,000.

SECTION 41E. Said section 38AA of said chapter 63 is hereby further amended by striking out the figure ‘\$5,000,000’, inserted by section 41D, and inserting in place thereof the following figure:— \$2,000,000.”; and

By inserting after section 104 the following four sections:

“SECTION 104A. Sections 40A, 40B, 41A and 41B shall take effect on January 1, 2026.

SECTION 104B. Sections 40C and 41C shall take effect on January 1, 2027.

SECTION 104C. Sections 40D and 41D shall take effect on January 1, 2028.

SECTION 104D. Sections 40E and 41E shall take effect on December 31, 2034.”.

After remarks on the question on adoption of the amendments, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, at the request of the same member; and on the roll call 157 members voted in the affirmative and 0 in the negative.

[See [Yea and Nay No. 85](#) in Supplement.]

Therefore the amendments were adopted.

The bill (House, No. 4600, amended) was ordered to a third reading.

Amendments
adopted,—
yea and nay
No. 85.

Engrossed Bills – Land Takings.

The engrossed Bill authorizing the town of Provincetown to install subsurface disposal beds for wastewater treatment and disposal under land acquired for playground purposes (see House, No. 2095) (which originated in the House), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was put upon its final passage.

On the question on passing the bill to be enacted, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays (this being a bill providing for the taking of land or other easements used for conservation purposes, etc., as defined by Article XCVII of the Amendments to the Constitution); and on the roll call 157 members voted in the affirmative and 0 in the negative.

[See [Yea and Nay No. 86](#) in Supplement.]

Therefore the bill was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Provincetown,—
land.

Bill enacted
(land taking),—
yea and nay
No. 86.

The engrossed Bill authorizing the town of Mashpee to convey certain town owned conservation land to Jacques and Rosalie Fresco (see House, No. 4186, amended) (which originated in the House), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was put upon its final passage.

On the question on passing the bill to be enacted, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays (this being a bill providing for the taking of land or other easements used for conservation purposes, etc., as defined by Article XCVII of the

Mashpee,—
land.

Bill enacted
(land taking),—
yea and nay
No. 87.

Amendments to the Constitution); and on the roll call 157 members voted in the affirmative and 0 in the negative.

[See [Yea and Nay No. 87](#) in Supplement.]

Therefore the bill was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Engrossed Bill — State Loan.

The engrossed Bill financing improvements to municipal road and bridges (see House, No. 4529) (which originated in the House), in respect to which the Senate had concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, was put upon its final passage.

On the question on passing the bill to be enacted, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays (this being a “loan” bill as defined by Section 3 of Article LXII of the Amendments to the Constitution); and on the roll call 157 members voted in the affirmative and 0 in the negative.

[See [Yea and Nay No. 88](#) in Supplement.]

Therefore the bill was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Municipal roads and bridges,—bonds.

Bill enacted (state loan),—yea and nay No. 88.

Recess.

At the twenty-two minutes after one o’clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Jones of North Reading (Ms. Hogan of Stow being in the Chair), the House recessed subject to the call of the Chair; and at fourteen minutes before four o’clock the House was called to order with Ms. Hogan in the Chair.

Recess.

Orders of the Day.

The House Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2025 for the maintenance of the departments, boards, commissions, institutions, and certain activities of the Commonwealth, for interest, sinking fund, and serial bond requirements, and for certain permanent improvements (House, No. 4600, amended), was considered.

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.

Pending the question on passing the bill, as amended, to be engrossed, Mr. Frost of Auburn moved to amend it by adding the following section:

“SECTION 113. All public institutions of higher education, as set forth in section 5 of chapter 15A of the General Laws, shall, no later than September 1, 2025, develop and adopt written policies and procedures to accept in full all appropriate college credits earned by students in advanced placement courses who have successfully completed these courses, and have achieved proficient advanced placement test scores to satisfy these credits.”.

After debate on the question on adoption of the amendment, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, at the request of the same member; and on the roll call 25 members voted in the affirmative and 132 in the negative.

[See [Yea and Nay No. 89](#) in Supplement.]

Therefore the amendment was rejected.

General Appropriation Bill.

Amendment rejected,—yea and nay No. 89.

Mr. Michlewitz of Boston and other members of the House then moved, under the provisions of the last sentence of the penultimate paragraph of Rule 20A, to amend the bill in section 2, in item 0930-0100, in line 9, by inserting after the word “services” the following: “; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended for a hospital-based, comprehensive child protection program at University of Massachusetts Memorial Medical Center providing pediatric abusive injury care, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, including: (i) medical evaluation and diagnosis services in cases of pediatric sexual abuse, sexual assault, physical abuse and neglect; (ii) timely health care evaluations and examinations for children entering foster care; and (iii) trainings of medical, educational and social service professionals regarding physical and mental health issues for victims of abuse; provided further, that not less than \$1,000,000 shall be expended for Roca. Inc.’s young mothers experiencing acute trauma pilot program”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “3,765,275” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “5,015,275”;

In item 1410-0012, in line 14, by inserting after the year: “2024” the following: “; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended for the Berkshire County Gold Star Family Memorial in Lenox; provided further, that not less than \$30,000 shall be expended for the Veterans Oral History Project in Natick; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for Veterans, Inc. to expand its behavioral health programming and create low-barrier access to treatment for persons at the Worcester housing programs, and that these funds shall be in addition to funds available for its outreach center; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for the Freetown VFW to conduct roof repairs and address facility needs; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for a city of Pittsfield caseworker through the Bilingual Veterans Outreach Centers of Massachusetts, Inc. in Springfield; provided further, that not less than \$15,000 shall be expended for the purpose of free lunches and wrap-around services that Community Roots Neighborhood Services, Inc. provides to veterans; provided further, that not less than \$125,000 shall be expended for women’s supportive housing programs and services at the Montachusett Veterans’ Outreach Center, Inc.; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the Abraham Lincoln Post in the Charlestown neighborhood of the city of Boston, for historic preservation; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to Hidden Battles Foundation, Inc. for the care and services of disabled veterans”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “8,320,622” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “8,790,622”;

In item 1410-1616 by adding the following: “; provided, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the city of Melrose for critical improvements to the historic Wyoming cemetery; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for the preservation of the West Burying Ground and the Old Burying Ground in Lynnfield; provided further, than not less than \$3,000 shall be expended to the South Attleboro Lions Club, Inc. for costs associated with parts needed to repair or replace wheelchair ramps for veterans and those in need as part of their handicap ramp project; provided further, that not less than \$85,000 shall be expended for the purpose of carrying out the maintenance and care of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in the city of Worcester; provided further, not less than \$15,000 shall be expended to Operation Service, Inc. to host the 9/11 mobile exhibit and support for active duty service members; provided further, that not less than \$10,000 be expended to the Friends of Granby Veterans Inc for construction and landscaping purposes for the Granby Veterans memorial; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the refurbishment and maintenance for the Braintree town hall green military veteran and war memorials located in the city known as the town of

Braintree; and provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended for maintenance services for the Korean War memorial located in the Charlestown Navy Yard”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “100,000” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “258,000”;

In item 3000-1000, in line 36, by inserting after the word “basis” the following: “; provided further, that not less \$100,000 shall be expended for the young parents program at More Than Words, Inc.; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for Associates for Human Services, Inc. early intervention program in the city of Taunton; provided further, that not less than \$8,000,000 shall be expended for shall be expended for grants to early education and care providers for costs associated with personal childcare”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “32,068,027” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “40,218,027”;

In item 3000-1045, in line 3, by inserting after the word “subsidy” the words “, and Head Start and Early Head Start programs”;

In item 3000-7070 by striking out the figures: “1,000,000” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “1,750,000”;

In item 4003-0122, in line 6, by inserting after the word “States” the following: “; provided further, that not less than \$10,000 shall be expended for Casserly House’s adult ESOL program for immigrants who speak, read, and write little or no English to receive help and support in the Archdale area of Roslindale; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to Casa Dominicana, Inc. to assist in ESL classes and computer training for low-income adults; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to Lawrence Family Development, Inc. in Lawrence for ESL and citizenship classes”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “1,295,459” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “1,355,459”;

In item 4400-1000, in line 10, by inserting after the word “payments” the following: “; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended for supporting transition-aged youth through the Friends of Children, Inc. FOCUS Program; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended to Warm Hearts of Stow, Inc. for the continuation of charitable programming and community services; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to the Fresh Start Furniture Bank, Inc. of Hudson; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the town of Hudson to support the MetroWest Food System Collaborative and its mission to strengthen local and regional food systems; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 be expended to the Allston-Brighton Food Pantry and community refrigerator support program; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended to Cradles to Crayons, Inc. for its Clothing Insecurity relief and essentials distribution service”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “103,553,615” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “104,123,615”;

In item 4400-1020, in line 14, by inserting after the words “Council Inc.” the following: “; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the Main South Community Development Corporation’s efforts to promote the safety and security of the University Park and Beacon Brightly neighborhoods”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “5,000,000” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “5,050,000”;

In item 4800-0015, in line 44, by inserting after the words “available” the following: “; provided further, that not less than \$125,000 shall be expended for Rick’s Place, Inc. of Wilbraham to provide grief support to youth and their families in the Pioneer valley; and provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended for the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Massachusetts and Rhode Island,

Inc.”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “152,797,836” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “153,122,836”;

In item 4800-0030 by adding the following: “; provided further, that not less than \$350,000 to Italian Home for Children, Inc. to provide high acuity autism and mental health services for children, adults, and families suffering from the shortages in services and long waits; and provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended to the Weymouth Teen Center for job skills training, technology support, remedial education services, and to promote a social service program for growth and social welfare”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “11,423,980” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “11,923,980”;

In item 4800-0038, in line 15, by inserting after the year: “2013” the following: “; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the Center for Early Relationship Support including for the Fragile Beginnings program, Project Newborns Exposed to Substances: Support and Therapy and related clinical and community services for vulnerable families with children from birth to age 5; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for Julie’s Family Learning Program, Inc. for programming and services to help women break the cycle of poverty”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “376,723,635” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “376,848,635”;

In item 7000-9401, in line 6, by inserting after the following: “2.00” the following: “; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the Tufts Library in Weymouth for materials and equipment”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “16,717,600” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “16,817,600”;

In item 7000-9501, in line 15, by inserting after the word “program”, the second time it appears, the following: “; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the town of Mendon for a feasibility study relative to the renovation of a former church rectory adjacent to the Taft public library”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “17,600,000” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “17,625,000”;

In item 7009-6600, in line 5, by inserting after the word “education” the following: “; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended to Westfield State University for an Early College Program for nursing and health science pathways”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “15,000,000” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “15,150,000”;

In item 7010-0012, in line 9, by inserting after the word “expended” the following: “; provided further, that funds appropriated in this item in fiscal year 2025 shall not revert but shall be available until December 31st of the following year”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “29,408,285” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “30,408,285”;

In item 7010-0033, in lines 6 and 7, by striking out the following: “provided further, that not less than \$300,000 shall be expended for Reading Recovery” and inserting in place thereof the following: “provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the Essex County Community Foundation for Haverhill Promise’s efforts to expand early literacy; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to Haverhill public schools for the implementation of evidence-based reading curriculum; provided further, that not less than \$300,000 shall be expended for The Literacy Lab, an AmeriCorps-affiliated education nonprofit, for the purposes of provided evidence-based literacy intervention services to students between Pre-k and grade 3 in the greater Springfield and western Massachusetts areas who are at risk for grade-level reading failure; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended to the town of Stoneham for curriculum improvements

for the Stoneham public schools”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “5,398,364” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “5,998,364”;

In item 7010-1192, in line 4, by inserting after the word “appropriation” the following: “; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for upgrades to the North Reading public schools’ intrusion alarm system; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for the replacement of student Chromebooks in North Reading; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the Cambodian Mutual Assistance Association of Greater Lowell, Inc. for transitional services for refugees; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for Community Investors, Inc.’s PowerPlay Initiative of in the town of Wellesley in support of the expansion of an inclusive after-school and out-of-school-time recreational program at urban and suburban Massachusetts schools; provided further, that not less than \$35,000 shall be expended to Natick public schools to support racial equity goals defined by the METCO 2.0 Coaching initiative; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the Boston Green Academy for the continuation of the Environmental Science & Technology Career Pathway program; provided further, that not less than \$80,000 shall be expended for youth programs at Dennison Memorial Community Center in New Bedford; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to Beyond Soccer, Inc. for innovative health, athletic and leadership programming for low-income youth in the city of Lawrence; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to The Mystic Project youth art program in the city of Medford; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the Peabody Education Foundation for their mental health initiative; provided further, that not less than \$23,000 shall be expended to the Peabody department of public health for an additional school health clinician; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the Westport public schools; provided further, that not less than \$40,000 shall be expended to the town of Mansfield for the procurement of new uniforms for the Mansfield high school band; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the city known as the town of North Attleborough for the construction of a new ADA-accessible playground for the Joseph W. Martin, Jr. elementary school; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the All Dorchester Sports & Leadership, Inc. for educational support, nutrition and other community benefits related to the 2019 novel coronavirus pandemic; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the Cambodian Mutual Assistance Association of Greater Lowell, Inc. for renovations projects necessary to serve the minority Cambodian community supporting mental health, youth development and civic engagement; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for a youth sports fund in Chicopee for financial assistance and waivers for applications in youth sports programs; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to complete a sprinkler system for the elementary school in the town of Avon; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to Amherst regional high school performing arts department to make technological repairs and infrastructure improvements; provided further, that not less than \$10,000 shall be expended to the P2P basketball league for the costs to expand their programming to serve youth in Salem; provided further, that not less than \$750,000 shall be expended for the United States of readers program, administered by Scholastic Book Clubs, to bridge the literacy gap through increased book access in Title 1 elementary schools; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be extended to the city of Newton for sidewalk and accessible ramp improvements around the Underwood elementary school; provided further, that not less than

\$50,000 shall be expended for a project to connect organic gardening, outdoor exercise, healthy food, food preparation and elementary school aged children in the greater Northampton area, operated by Grow Food Northampton; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the Community Music School of Springfield, Inc. in the city of Springfield; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the Mary Lyon Foundation, Inc. for services and financial support to students and families in Franklin county; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the town of Charlemont for the Mohawk Trail Regional and Hawlemont Districts sustainability study; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the city of Everett to refurbish the field at the Everett allied veterans stadium to support the EHS athletic program and youth sports programs; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for Anatomage Table 10 software for anatomy and physiology education at Reading memorial high school in the town of Reading; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the restoration of the golden hills playground in the town of Saugus; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 be expended to the town of Stoneham for technology and hardware improvements for the Stoneham public schools; provided further, that not less than \$300,000 shall be expended for Friends of the Children Boston for the expansion of the professional K-12 youth mentorship program; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to Ateneo Dominicano Del Merrimack valley to maintain and promote Dominican culture throughout the Merrimack valley through history, literature, arts, customs and family values; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to Asociación Carnavalesca de Massachusetts, Inc. in the city of Lawrence to highlight the colorful tradition of Dominican Carnival in the Merrimack valley and to provide at-risk youth with assistance programming and after school activities; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to Instituto Cultural de Puerto Rico, Inc. in the city of Lawrence, to highlight the colorful tradition of Puerto Rican culture in the Merrimack valley; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the installation of vape detectors and cameras at the Huntington alternative school in the city of Brockton; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended for mental health services in Braintree public schools; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the Dennis-Yarmouth regional high school specific to building and instructional needs including funding for vape detectors, supplies for their ADA, technology and manufacturing career pathways, robotics program, as well as remote phone chargers for their school safety program; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended for security upgrades for Brockton public schools; provided further, that not less than \$875,000 shall be expended for the Simon Wiesenthal Center's Mobile Museum of Tolerance Bus; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the Coalition for Anti-Racism and Equity, Inc. and the Commonwealth Seminar for a joint fellowship program for high school and college students from underrepresented communities of color; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the Commonwealth Seminar through its fiscal sponsor Third Sector New England, Inc. to support its civic education, training, and leadership program focused on underserved communities; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended to the USS Constitution Museum, Inc. for the design and construction of the Charlestown Navy Yard Gateway Center to serve as a center for education, culture, and tourism for the benefits of residents and visitors; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the silver lake regional school district for improvements to the performing arts centers in silver lake regional middle school and silver lake regional high school; and provided further, that

not less than \$35,000 shall be expended to the town of Hopedale for the renovation of existing space to provide for a family resource and engagement center”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “100,000” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “4,198,000”;

In item 7010-1193, in line 6, by striking out the figures: “500,000” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “1,000,000”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “1,000,000” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “1,500,000”;

In item 7027-0019, in lines 17 to 20, inclusive, by striking out the words “and provided further, that the program shall partner with the YouthWorks program at the commonwealth corporation to develop appropriate connections between the two programs” and inserting in place thereof the following: “; provided further, that the program shall partner with the YouthWorks program at the commonwealth corporation to develop appropriate connections between the two programs; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended for Triangle, Inc.’s school to career program that connects special education students with disabilities in Greater Boston to careers and their local communities; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended to the Massachusetts Marine Trades Association, Inc. to increase workforce development training opportunities and technical education in secondary and post-secondary schools for careers in the marine trades; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for research and education at The Marine Biological Laboratory in Woods Hole; and provided further, that not less than \$200,000 be expended for the operation of the SMART and eureka programs at the Framingham, Holyoke, Lowell, Lynn, Pittsfield, and Worcester chapters of Girls Inc.”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “7,807,715” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “8,457,715”;

In item 7027-1004, in line 9, by inserting after the year: “2017” the following: “; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for adult ESL program costs at the Brazilian American Center, Inc. (BRACE)”;

and in said item by striking out the figures: “3,672,228” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “3,697,228”;

In item 7028-0031, in line 5, by inserting after the word “corrections” the following: “; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to Fundacion CEMDPCD to support, educate, and advocate on behalf of low-income parents of students with learning disabilities in the city of Lawrence”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “8,729,028” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “8,754,028”;

In item 7035-0002, in line 21, by inserting after the word “services”, the second time it appears, the following: “; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to Latinos Unidos En Massachusetts Inc. (LUMA); provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended to the Olive in July, Inc. to provide adult education, English as a second language courses, and citizenship courses to residents of Lawrence and Methuen; provided further, that not less than \$175,000 shall be expended for Operation ABLE of Greater Boston, Inc. to provide basic workforce and skills training, employment services and job re-entry support to older workers; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the E-Team Machinist Training Program in the city of Lynn”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “59,408,278” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “61,053,278”;

In item 7061-0012, in line 32, by inserting after the word “Inc.” the following: “; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended for school districts in which special education costs exceed 25 per cent of the total district costs and in which tuition and other circuit-breaker eligible costs for placements at an approved

private school located within the district exceed both \$1,000,000 and 25 percent of all tuition and other circuit-breaker eligible costs for placements at approved private schools”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “492,727,475” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “492,927,475”;

In item 7061-0033 by striking out the figures: “875,000” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “1,375,000”;

In item 7061-9611, in line 36, by inserting after the word “law” the following: “; provided further, that not less than \$15,000 shall be expended for the YWCA Central Massachusetts, Inc. for youth swimming lessons as part of summer programming for children who identify as low income, as well as necessary infrastructure to comply with Christian’s Law; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the Associação Caboverdiana de Brockton, Inc/The Immigrant Assistance Center of Greater Brockton for employment positions for at-risk youth within their YEP! We Can Summer Program; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to Steps to Success to provide academic and personal support for low-income students from 4th grad to college graduation; provided further, than not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the Girls Design Academy, city of New Bedford, Department of Community Services; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended for the Boston Debate League, Incorporated for their after-school debate league program; provided further, that not less than \$35,000 shall be expended for the purpose of a tutoring and mentoring program Homework House Inc. provides in collaboration with the Holyoke public schools; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to Boston Partners for Education to support school programing needs; provided further, that not less than \$300,000 shall be expended for the Recreation Worcester program in the city of Worcester; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to the Old Colony YMCA to provide free summer swimming lessons at the Lawrence Cosgrove Pool for children of low income families in Brockton; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the town of Stoneham for extra-curricular programs; provided further, that not less than \$125,000 shall be expended for the Junior Achievement of Greater Boston, Inc.”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “8,447,449” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “9,422,449”;

In item 7061-9815, in line 6, by inserting after the word “outreach” the following: “; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to Mosaic: Interfaith Youth Action for interfaith programming for middle and high school students to prevent bias and promote intercultural understanding”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “800,000” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “825,000”;

In item 7066-0000, in line 8, by inserting after the year: “2012” the following: “; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended for Thrive Scholars to support college to career services; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the Journey into Education and Teaching (JET) program”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “4,083,511” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “4,433,511”;

In item 7070-0065, in lines 14 to 18, inclusive, by striking out the following: “provided further, that not less than \$430,000 shall be made available for One Family, Inc. for any costs in connection with the One Family Scholars program; and provided further, that not less than \$3,600,000 shall be made available for early educator scholarships, prior appropriation continued” and inserting in place thereof the following: “provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended toward academic and financial support services for students of The Urban College of Boston,

A Two-Year College, Inc.; and provided further, that not less than \$480,000 shall be made available for One Family, Inc. for any costs in connection with the One Family Scholars program, prior appropriation continued”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “175,188,311” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “171,833,311”;

In item 7077-0023 by striking out the figures: “6,000,000” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “6,500,000”;

In item 7100-4002, in line 15, by inserting after the word “college” the following: “; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended for the purpose of Holyoke Community College Thrive program for wraparound services to vulnerable students”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “14,000,000” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “14,075,000”;

In item 7100-0200, in line 39, by inserting after the word “care” the words “; provided further, that the university shall expend funds for the UMass-Amherst Cranberry Station”;

In item 7503-0100 adding the following: “; provided, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the Veterans Educational Service Center at Bristol Community College”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “30,322,851” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “30,372,851”;

In item 7507-0100 by adding the following: “; provided, that not less than \$85,000 shall be expended for the MassBay Center for Cybersecurity Education”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “21,839,616” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “21,924,616”;

In section 2E by inserting after item 1595-0115 the following item:
“1595-0116 For the Genocide Education Trust Fund, as established in section 2MMMM of chapter 29 of the General Laws; provided, that said funds shall be distributed by the commissioner of the department of elementary and secondary education for purposes related to the instruction of middle and high school students on the history of genocide, including but not limited to: (i) development of curricular materials detailing the underlying causes, international reaction, progression and aftermath of genocide; and (ii) professional development training, including, but not limited to, the provision of trainings, seminars, conferences and materials, for educators to use in the teaching of genocide.....\$500,000”;

In section 2F, in item 1596-2410, in line 6, by inserting after the word “subsidy” the words “, and Head Start and Early Head Start programs”;

In item 1596-2439, in line 2, by striking out the words “community colleges” and inserting in place thereof the words “state universities”;

In section 17, in line 214, by inserting after the word “in”, the second time it appears, the words “a certificate program, or”;

By inserting after section 20 the following two sections:

“SECTION 20A. Section 3A of said chapter 15D, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 23, the words ‘Parents Alliance for Catholic Education’ and inserting in place thereof the following words:— Massachusetts Council for American Private Education.

SECTION 20B. Said section 3A of said chapter 15D, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out, in line 26, the words ‘Bureau of Jewish Education’ and inserting in place thereof the following words:— Combined Jewish Philanthropies of Greater Boston, Inc.”;

In section 21, in line 310, by striking out the figures: “10” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “12”; and in line 320 by inserting after the words “Children, Inc.”, the following: “, 1 of whom shall be appointed by the Alliance of Massachusetts YMCAS, Inc., 1 of whom shall be appointed by the Massachusetts Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs, Inc.”;

By inserting after section 74 the following section:

“SECTION 74A. Subsection (c) of section 19 of chapter 154 of the acts of 2022 is hereby amended by striking out the words ‘June 30, 2024’, inserted by section 163 of chapter 77 of the acts of 2023, and inserting in place thereof the following words:— June 30, 2025.”;

In section 80, in line 1462, by inserting after the word “bonding” the words “; a representative from the University of Massachusetts, appointed by the president of the University of Massachusetts; a representative from the state universities, appointed by the State Universities Council of Presidents”;

By inserting after section 83 the following section:

“SECTION 83A. (a) For the purposes of this section, the following words shall, unless the context clearly requires otherwise, have the following meanings:

‘Lay off’, a reduction in force or reorganization resulting from declining enrollment or other budgetary reasons.

‘Lay off requirements’, the requirements as described in the last paragraph of section 42 of chapter 71 of the General Laws.

(b) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the department of elementary and secondary education shall study and report on the impacts of lay off requirements on teacher diversity in the commonwealth.

(c)(1) Not later than October 1, 2025, the department of elementary and secondary education shall file a report with the clerks of the house of representatives and the senate and the joint committee on education, including an analysis and recommendations on the impacts of the lay off requirements on teacher diversity.

(2) The report shall include, but shall not be limited to: (i) an analysis of the demographics of teachers that were laid off relative to their representation in the commonwealth’s teacher workforce in school years 2023-2024 and 2024-2025, including an analysis related to any disproportionate lay offs for teachers of color; (ii) data on any teachers laid off in the school years 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 and their performance evaluation ratings in the school years immediately prior to the school year in which they were laid off; (iii) an analysis detailing the extent to which teachers who worked at schools with large numbers of high-needs students were laid off in the school years 2023-2024 and 2024-2025, including an analysis related to any disproportionate lay offs for teachers of color; and (iv) an analysis detailing the extent to which teachers who worked at schools with low teacher retention were laid off in the school years 2023-2024 and 2024-2025, including an analysis related to any disproportionate lay offs for teachers of color.”; and

By inserting after section 88 the following section:

“SECTION 88A. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the bureau of purchased services in the operational services division shall determine prices for programs under chapter 71B of the General Laws in fiscal year 2025 by increasing the final fiscal year 2024 price by the rate of inflation as determined by the division. The division shall adjust prices for extraordinary relief pursuant to 808 CMR 1.06(4). The division shall accept applications for program reconstruction and special circumstances in fiscal year 2025. The division shall authorize the fiscal year 2025 price for out-of-state purchasers requested by a program, not to exceed a maximum price determined by the bureau, by identifying the most recent price calculated for the

program and applying the estimated rate of inflation for each year, as determined by the bureau under section 22N of chapter 7 of the General Laws, in which the rate of inflation is frozen beginning with fiscal year 2004, in a compounded manner for each fiscal year.”.

After debate on the question on adoption of the consolidated 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 156 members voted in the affirmative and 0 in the negative.

[See [Yea and Nay No. 90](#) in Supplement.]

Therefore the consolidated amendments (education and local aid, and social services and veterans) were adopted.

At twenty-nine minutes before five o’clock P.M (Wednesday, April 24), on motion of Mr. Jones of North Reading (Ms. Hogan of Stow being in the Chair), the House recessed subject to the call of the Chair; and at twenty-nine minutes before eight o’clock, the House was called to order with Ms. Hogan in the Chair.

Mr. Michlewitz of Boston and other members of the House then moved, under the provisions of the last sentence of the penultimate paragraph of Rule 20A, to amend the bill in section 2, in item 4000-0005, in line 10, by inserting after the year: “2024” the following: “; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to A.W.A.K.E., Inc. Youth Violence Prevention in the city of Springfield; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for the SISU Center in the city of Lawrence to provide a safe space for structured education, health, and recreational programming for at-risk youth throughout the Merrimack valley”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “13,000,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figures: “13,075,000”;

In item 4000-0009, in line 4, by inserting after the word “office” the following: “; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended for the Sickle Cell Disease Association of Massachusetts, Inc.”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “354,360” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “604,360”;

In item 4000-0050 by adding: “; provided, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended to establish a psychiatry residency training program at a tertiary academic medical center located in the town of Burlington to support training of psychiatrists and enhance access to psychiatry services in underserved and geographically isolated areas of the state”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “3,515,396” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “4,015,396”;

In item 4000-0300, in line 152, by inserting after the word “efforts” the following: “; provided further, that not less than \$40,000 shall be expended to Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital-Needham, Inc. for behavioral health services; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended to support the critical care operations of New England Life Flight, Inc., d/b/a Boston MedFlight; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the Watertown Community Foundation, Inc. to increase access to health and human services and expand support and stabilization services for vulnerable populations in Watertown; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended for the Brookline Community Mental Health Center, Inc. to expand the healthy lives program”, in line 143 by striking out the figures: “300,000” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “500,000”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “160,747,888” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “161,312,888”;

In item 4000-0601, in line 24, by inserting after the word “food” the following: “; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended to Harbor Health Services, Inc. for the operation of its Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly

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(PACE) day centers in Mattapan, Brockton and in any of the communities for which Harbor Health Services has been contracted to help meet the Commonwealth's PACE expansion goals"; and in said item by striking out the figures: "4,580,139,945" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "4,580,289,945";

In item 4000-0641, in line 9, by inserting after the word "workers" the following: "; provided further, that not less than \$2,773,456 shall be expended for the recognition of additional allowable costs to the standard base rate for nursing facilities located within 5 miles of 71 Hospital avenue in North Adams, Massachusetts"; and in said item by striking out the figures: "632,100,000" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "634,873,456";

In item 4000-0700, in line 55, by striking out the figures: "750,000" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "900,000", in line 58, by inserting after the word "Boston" the following: "; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be made available to the family medicine program at Franklin medical center"; and in said item by striking out the figures: "4,232,605,644" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "4,232,855,644";

In item 9110-1455, in line 36, by inserting after the word "others" the following: "; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be divided equally by the Fall River housing authority between 6 senior centers including Mitchell heights, Oliveira apartments, Doolan senior apartments, O'Brien senior apartments, Niagara senior center and South main street senior center for their recreational use"; and in said item by striking out the figures: "18,757,247" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "18,832,247";

In item 9110-1604, in line 4, by inserting after the year: "2024" the following: "; and provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be granted to Hearth, Inc. for upgrades and other improvements, including those necessary for the operation of facilities operated by Hearth, Inc. in the city of Boston"; and in said item by striking out the figures: "11,369,484" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "11,569,484";

In item 9110-1900 by striking out the figures: "11,057,217" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "11,807,217";

In item 9110-9002, in line 6, by inserting after the word "elder" the following: "; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the town of Millis for a study to examine the strategies that could be utilized by both Millis and Medway to share senior services; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the Woodhaven Elderly Housing Complex in Sherborn for updated security features, including exterior lighting improvements; provided further, that not less than \$60,000 be expended to the Monson Senior Center for an ADA compliant van to transport seniors to medical appointments, adult day care facilities and events as well as a small cargo van to deliver meals on wheels to home bound seniors; provided further, that not less than \$12,500 shall be expended for programming at the Adams Senior Center; provided further, that not less than \$12,500 shall be expended for programming at the North Adams Senior Center; provided further, that not less than \$12,500 shall be expended for programming at the Williamstown Senior Center; provided further, that not less than \$15,000 shall be expended to the Amherst Senior Center to furnish and equip a game room and create materials to promote participation; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 be expended to the Chelsea Senior Center; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to the Burlington Council on Aging in the town of Burlington for the salary of a full-time social worker; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the Maynard Council on Aging to support programming for seniors in the town of Maynard; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended to the town

of Rowley for structural and ADA improvements at Town Hall and the Senior Center; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the town of Sterling for an electronic sign at the Council on Aging; provided further, that not less than \$30,000 shall be expended for the senior medical rides program and related elderly and veteran outreach efforts operated by Deja New Leicester, Incorporated, the Council on Aging in the town of Leicester, and Project New Hope, Incorporated; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended for Parkway in Motion, Inc. to provide programming for seniors in the SW Boston neighborhoods; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the costs associated with care and services provided at the Whipple Senior Center in the city known as the town of Weymouth; provided further, that not less than \$160,000 shall be allocated to OutstandingLife, Inc. for the operation of a statewide virtual senior center for LGBTQIA+ older adults; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for the Methuen Senior Activity Center for operational costs; provided further, that not less than \$65,000 shall be expended to the city known as the town of North Attleborough to purchase furniture, exercise equipment, movie projection equipment, a welcome desk, and other needs associated with the establishment of the North Attleborough Council on Aging in its new location; provided further, that not less than \$30,000 shall be expended for new kitchen appliances and upgrades for the Pepperell Council on Aging senior center kitchen; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the Brookline Council on Aging to support the Council's food insecurity programs; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for the Chelmsford Council on Aging to meet the nutritional needs of elders"; and in said item by striking out the figures: "28,000,000" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "29,092,500";

By inserting after section 30 the following section:

"SECTION 30A. Said chapter 29 is hereby further amended by striking out section 2PPP and inserting in place thereof the following section:—

Section 2PPP. There shall be established and set up on the books of the commonwealth a separate, non-budgeted special revenue fund known as the Essential Community Provider Trust Fund, in this section called the trust fund. There shall be credited to the trust fund: (i) any funds that may be appropriated or transferred into the trust fund; and (ii) any income derived from investment of amounts credited to the trust fund. In conjunction with the preparation of the commonwealth's annual financial report, the comptroller shall prepare and issue an annual report detailing the revenues and expenditures of the trust fund. Amounts credited to the fund shall not be subject to further appropriation. Money remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not revert to the General Fund and shall be available for expenditure in subsequent fiscal years. To accommodate timing discrepancies between the receipt of revenue and related expenditures, the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the most recent revenue estimates as certified by the secretary of health and human services to be transferred, credited or deposited to the trust fund. The secretary of health and human services shall administer the trust fund and disburse funds from the trust fund to make payments to acute hospitals and community health centers to maintain financial stability for the provision of healthcare services in the commonwealth, to ensure access to care, provide for public health and promote equity.";

In section 31, in line 480, by striking out the following: "subsection (c)" and inserting in place thereof the following: "subsections (c) and (d)", in lines 487 to 505, inclusive, by striking out the paragraphs contained in those lines and inserting in place thereof the following two paragraphs:

“(2) The secretary shall annually expend amounts from the fund averaging, for the 3-year period from October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2027, not less than \$2,158,500,000 per year; provided, however, that all such payments shall fall into 1 of the following categories: (i) health equity incentive payments; (ii) clinical quality incentive payments; (iii) other incentive payments; (iv) rate payments for services provided to MassHealth members; or (v) targeted payments to: (A) freestanding pediatric acute hospitals; (B) nonprofit teaching acute hospitals that provide medical, surgical, emergency and obstetrical services and are affiliated with a state-owned medical school; (C) freestanding cancer hospitals; (D) the acute hospital with the lowest statewide commercial relative price in fiscal year 2019 as reported by the center for health information and analysis; or (E) the independent group 1 safety net hospital with the largest percentile of operating loss in fiscal year 2022 as reported by the center for health information and analysis. The secretary may determine funding allocations among and within each such category within a given year; provided, however, that such allocations shall be consistent with all approved federal waivers and state plan provisions; and provided further, that the secretary shall allocate an average of not less than \$1,192,000,000 per year, for the 3-year period from October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2027, for the rate payments described in clause (iv), with an average of not less than \$92,000,000 allocated for group 1 safety net hospitals for the 3-year period, an average of not less than \$460,000,000 allocated for group 2 safety net hospitals for the 3-year period, and an average of not less than \$640,000,000 allocated across all acute hospitals for the 3-year period.

(3) Of the targeted payments described in clause (v) of paragraph (2), the secretary shall expend annually from the fund: (i) \$70,000,000 to freestanding pediatric acute hospitals, of which at least 98 per cent shall be paid to the freestanding pediatric hospital with the largest volume of inpatient discharges in fiscal year 2019; (ii) \$35,000,000 to nonprofit teaching acute hospitals that provide medical, surgical, emergency and obstetrical services and are affiliated with a state-owned medical school; (iii) \$11,000,000 to the acute hospital with the lowest statewide commercial relative price in fiscal year 2019 as reported by the center for health information and analysis; (iv) \$5,000,000 to the freestanding cancer hospitals; and (v) \$10,000,000 to the independent group 1 safety net hospital with the largest operating percentile loss in fiscal year 2022 as reported by the center for health information and analysis.”; and by adding the following paragraph:

“(d) If any portion of the final annual amount allocated by the secretary to health equity incentive payments, clinical quality incentive payments or other incentive payments is unearned during the relevant measurement period for such payment, as determined by the secretary, the secretary shall transfer the state’s share of that unearned amount to the Health Safety Net Trust Fund established in section 66 of chapter 118E.”;

In section 37, in line 599, by inserting after the word “waiver” the following: “or for the administration of the assessment established in section 68 of chapter 118E”; and by inserting after the word “all” the word “Medicaid”;

By inserting after section 38 the following section:

“SECTION 38A. Chapter 32A of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 17S the following section:

Section 17T. (a) For the purposes of this section, the following words shall, unless the context clearly requires otherwise, have the following meanings:

‘Directly or indirectly cause impairment of fertility’, to cause circumstances where a disease, or the necessary treatment for a disease, has a likely side effect of

infertility as established by the American Society for Reproductive Medicine, the American Society of Clinical Oncology or other reputable professional organizations.

‘Standard fertility preservation services’, procedures or treatments to preserve fertility as recommended by a board-certified obstetrician gynecologist, reproductive endocrinologist or other physician; provided, that the recommendation shall be made in accordance with current medical practices and professional guidelines published by the American Society for Reproductive Medicine, the American Society of Clinical Oncology or other reputable professional organizations.

(b) The commission shall provide to any active or retired employee of the commonwealth who is insured under the group insurance commission coverage for standard fertility preservation services, including, but not limited to, coverage for procurement, cryopreservation and storage of gametes, embryos or other reproductive tissue, when the enrollee has a diagnosed medical or genetic condition that may directly or indirectly cause impairment of fertility by affecting reproductive organs or processes. Coverage shall be provided to the same extent that coverage is provided for other pregnancy-related procedures.”;

By inserting after section 49 the following section:

“SECTION 49A. Section 9D of chapter 118E of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out paragraph (6) of subsection (e) and inserting in place thereof the following subsection:—

(6)(i) The executive office shall direct MassHealth to provide notice to each individual age 55 or older of the options for enrolling in voluntary programs, including, but not limited to, Program of All Inclusive Care for the Elderly or PACE plans, Senior Care Options or SCO plans, One Care plans and Home and the Community-Based Services Waiver program for frail elders when: (A) the individual first becomes eligible for Medicare or MassHealth; and (B) the individual inquires about long term nursing home placement. Notice provided pursuant to this clause shall be consistent with the notice requirement pursuant to subparagraph (ii).

(ii) The executive office shall direct MassHealth to provide each beneficiary age 65 and older with an annual notice of the options for enrolling in voluntary programs, including Program of All Inclusive Care for the Elderly or PACE plans, Senior Care Options or SCO plans, One Care plans, the Home and Community-Based Services Waiver program for frail elders or any other voluntary, elective benefit to which the beneficiary is entitled to supplement or replace their MassHealth benefits. If MassHealth receives approval from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, MassHealth shall arrange for the annual notice to include the names and contact information for the program providers, general contact information for MassHealth and a general description of the benefits of joining particular programs in clear and simple language and a method to request the same information in a language other than English. The notice shall include a method for the beneficiary to indicate interest in receiving additional information on any programs identified that may be of interest to them. The notice shall be supplied to a beneficiary every time the beneficiary is subject to a redetermination of eligibility. A draft of the proposed language and format for providing information to beneficiaries shall be circulated to the providers contracted to provide each of these programs for review and comment prior to finalization. The division shall work with the program providers and other appropriate stakeholders to assess whether and to what extent barriers to program enrollment shall be alleviated through modifications to the program or the enrollment process.”;

In section 50, in line 861, by striking out the following: “chapter 118E of the General Laws” and inserting in place thereof the following: “said chapter 118E”;

By striking out section 53 and inserting in place thereof the following section:

“SECTION 53. Said section 64 of said chapter 118E, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by inserting after the definition of ‘Gross patient service revenue’ the following 3 definitions:—

‘Group 1 safety net hospital’, any hospital identified as a group 1 safety net hospital, as set forth in Attachment N as approved on March 29, 2023, to the MassHealth demonstration waiver approved September 28, 2022, effective October 1, 2022 through December 31, 2027, pursuant to subsection (a) of section 1115 of Title XI of the federal Social Security Act.

‘Group 2 safety net hospital’, any hospital identified as a group 2 safety net hospital, as set forth in Attachment N as approved on March 29, 2023, to the MassHealth demonstration waiver approved September 28, 2022, effective October 1, 2022 through December 31, 2027, pursuant to subsection (a) of section 1115 of Title XI of the federal Social Security Act.

‘Health policy commission revenue amount’, the amount collected by the health policy commission from hospitals and ambulatory surgical centers pursuant to section 6 of chapter 6D.”;

In section 54, in line 899, by striking out the figure: “7” and inserting in place thereof the figure: “8”; and after line 938 by inserting the following paragraph:

“‘Medicaid managed care organization services subject to assessment’, managed care organization services subject to assessment provided to a Medicaid member.”;

In section 56, in line 943, by striking out the figures: “1,226,715,133” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “1,484,050,000”;

In section 58, in line 960, by striking out the figures: “791,915,133” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “994,000,000”; and in lines 963 and 964, by striking out the following: “and (D) \$10,000,000 to the Non-Acute Care Hospital Reimbursement Trust Fund established in section 2WWWW of said chapter 29” and inserting in place thereof the following: “(D) \$30,250,000 to the Non-Acute Care Hospital Reimbursement Trust Fund established in section 2WWWW of said chapter 29; and (E) \$35,000,000 to the Essential Community Provider Trust Fund established in section 2PPP of said chapter 29”;

In section 59, in line 988, by striking out the figures: “791,915,133” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “994,000,000”, in line 991, by striking out the figures: “10,000,000” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “30,250,000”; and in line 1000, by striking out the word “and”, the second time it appears; and in line 1002, by inserting after the following: “12C” the following: “; and (K) \$35,000,000 to the Essential Community Provider Trust Fund established in section 2PPP of chapter 29”;

In section 61, in lines 1090 to 1131, inclusive, by striking out the eight paragraphs contained in those lines and inserting in place thereof the following eleven paragraphs:

“(d) For the purposes of the assessment described in this section, all hospitals in the commonwealth shall be divided into the following groups, as determined by the secretary of health and human services:

(i) large group 1 safety net hospitals, defined for the purposes of this section as any group 1 safety net hospital with 355 or more staffed beds in fiscal year 2022, as reported by the center for health information and analysis;

(ii) small group 1 safety net hospitals, defined for the purposes of this section as any group 1 safety net hospital with less than 355 staffed beds in fiscal year 2022, as reported by the center for health information and analysis;

(iii) large group 2 safety net hospitals, defined for the purposes of this section as any group 2 safety net hospitals with 355 or more staffed beds in fiscal year 2022, as reported by the center for health information and analysis;

(iv) small group 2 safety net hospitals, defined for the purposes of this section as any group 2 safety net hospitals with less than 355 staffed beds in fiscal year 2022, as reported by the center for health information and analysis;

(v) freestanding pediatric acute hospitals;

(vi) academic, teaching and specialty hospitals, defined for the purposes of this section as any academic medical center, teaching hospital or specialty hospital, as determined by the center for health information and analysis as of September 30, 2019, but excluding any high public payer hospital;

(vii) private acute hospitals, defined for the purposes of this section as any private hospital licensed under section 51 of chapter 111 and that contains a majority of medical-surgical, pediatric, obstetric and maternity beds, as defined by the department of public health, and operating as of September 30, 2019, but excluding any safety net hospital or academic, teaching and specialty hospital;

(viii) non-state public hospitals, defined for the purposes of this section as any non-state-owned public hospital in the commonwealth, as determined by the secretary of health and human services; and

(ix) non-acute hospitals, defined for the purposes of this section as any nonpublic hospital licensed by the department of public health under section 51 of chapter 111 but not defined as an acute care hospital under section 25B of chapter 111 or any nonpublic hospital licensed as an inpatient facility by the department of mental health under section 19 of chapter 19 and any regulations promulgated thereunder but not categorized as a class VII licensee under any regulations.

(e) Each of the groups described in subsection (d) shall be subject to the following assessment rates: (i) large group 1 safety net hospitals shall be subject to a rate of 24.000 per cent for inpatient services and 5.950 per cent for outpatient services; (ii) small group 1 safety net hospitals shall be subject to a rate of 14.500 per cent for inpatient services and 5.500 per cent for outpatient services; (iii) large group 2 safety net hospitals shall be subject to a rate of 18.000 per cent for inpatient services and 18.200 per cent for outpatient services; (iv) small group 2 safety net hospitals shall be subject to a rate of 18.000 per cent for inpatient services and 10.200 per cent for outpatient services; (v) freestanding pediatric hospitals shall be subject to a rate of 4.800 per cent for inpatient services and 4.250 per cent for outpatient services; (vi) academic, teaching and specialty hospitals shall be subject to a rate of 4.701 per cent for inpatient services and 1.065 per cent for outpatient services; (vii) private acute hospitals shall be subject to a rate of 8.500 per cent for inpatient services and 1.045 per cent for outpatient services; (viii) non-state public hospitals shall be subject to a rate of 1.615 per cent for inpatient services and 1.500 per cent for outpatient services; and (ix) non-acute hospitals shall be subject to a rate of 3.300 per cent for inpatient services and 3.300 per cent for outpatient services; provided, however, that the office shall increase each such rate by the amount necessary to generate 50 per cent of the estimated cost, as determined by the secretary of administration and finance, of administering the health safety net and related assessments in accordance with sections 65 to 69, inclusive. In the event that a hospital closure or a hospital change in status to a different type of provider results in a reduction of the total hospital assessment amount, the secretary of health and human services may, through regulation, adjust the assessment rates to ensure the total hospital assessment amount is not reduced by more than \$10,000,000 on an annual basis; provided, that any such adjustments to the rates shall ensure the rates remain in the same proportion to each other as established in this subsection.”; and by adding the following paragraph:

“(h) The secretary of health and human services may enforce the payment of assessments required pursuant to this section by: (i) notifying the department of public

health of any unpaid assessments regarding hospitals licensed by the department of health and such information shall be considered by the department of public health in determining suitability, in accordance with section 51 of chapter 111, for the hospital or its affiliate provider entities; (ii) offsetting payments from the office of Medicaid against the claims for payment by the delinquent hospital, against other hospitals or MassHealth contracted entities under common ownership as the delinquent hospital or against any successor in interest to the hospital or such provider entities under common ownership, in the amount of the delinquent fees owed, including any interest, penalties or reasonable attorneys' fees, and by transferring such funds into the fund; or (iii) creating, after demand for payment, a lien in favor of the commonwealth in an amount not to exceed the delinquent fees owed, including any interest, penalties or reasonable attorneys' fees, encumbering the building in which the delinquent hospital is located, the real property upon which the delinquent hospital is located, any fixtures, equipment or goods used in the operation of the delinquent hospital or any real property in which the delinquent hospital holds an interest.”;

In section 62, in lines 1162 to 1170, inclusive, by striking out the three paragraphs contained in those lines and inserting in place there of the following three paragraphs:

“(i) managed care organization services subject to assessment that are not Medicaid managed care organization services subject to assessment provided by a managed care organization;

(ii) Medicaid managed care organization services subject to assessment provided by a managed care organization that has an average total Medicaid member per month enrollment below a threshold established by the secretary of health and human services through regulations; and

(iii) Medicaid managed care organization services subject to assessment provided by a managed care organization that has an average total Medicaid member per month enrollment at or above a threshold established by the secretary of health and human services through regulations.”;

By inserting after section 65 the following section:

“SECTION 65A. Chapter 175 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 47UU, inserted by section 56 of chapter 28 of the acts of 2023, the following section:—

Section 47VV. (a) For the purposes of this section, the following words shall, unless the context clearly requires otherwise, have the following meanings:

‘Directly or indirectly cause impairment of fertility’, to cause circumstances where a disease, or the necessary treatment for a disease, has a likely side effect of infertility as established by the American Society for Reproductive Medicine, the American Society of Clinical Oncology or other reputable professional organizations.

‘Standard fertility preservation services’, procedures or treatments to preserve fertility as recommended by a board-certified obstetrician gynecologist, reproductive endocrinologist or other physician; provided, that the recommendation shall be made in accordance with current medical practices and professional guidelines published by the American Society for Reproductive Medicine, the American Society of Clinical Oncology or other reputable professional organizations.

(b) The following shall provide coverage for standard fertility preservation services, including, but not limited to, coverage for procurement, cryopreservation and storage of gametes, embryos or other reproductive tissue, when the enrollee has a diagnosed medical or genetic condition that may directly or indirectly cause impairment of fertility by affecting reproductive organs or processes: (i) any policy of accident and sickness insurance, as described in section 108, that provides hospital

expense and surgical expense insurance and that is delivered, issued or subsequently renewed by agreement between the insurer and policyholder in the commonwealth; (ii) any blanket or general policy of insurance described in subdivision (A), (C) or (D) of section 110 that provides hospital expense and surgical expense insurance and that is delivered, issued or subsequently renewed by agreement between the insurer and the policyholder, within or without the commonwealth; and (iii) any employees' health and welfare fund that provides hospital expense and surgical expense benefits and that is delivered, issued or renewed to any person or group of persons in the commonwealth. Coverage shall be provided to the same extent that coverage is provided for other pregnancy-related procedures.”;

By inserting after section 67 the following three sections:

“SECTION 67A. Chapter 176A of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 8VV, inserted by section 58 of chapter 28 of the acts of 2023, the following section:—

Section 8WW. (a) For the purposes of this section, the following words shall, unless the context clearly requires otherwise, have the following meanings:

‘Directly or indirectly cause impairment of fertility’, to cause circumstances where a disease, or the necessary treatment for a disease, has a likely side effect of infertility as established by the American Society for Reproductive Medicine, the American Society of Clinical Oncology or other reputable professional organizations.

‘Standard fertility preservation services’, procedures or treatments to preserve fertility as recommended by a board-certified obstetrician gynecologist, reproductive endocrinologist or other physician; provided, that the recommendation shall be made in accordance with current medical practices and professional guidelines published by the American Society for Reproductive Medicine, the American Society of Clinical Oncology or other reputable professional organizations.

(b) Any contract between a subscriber and a corporation subject to this chapter, pursuant to an individual or group hospital service plan that is delivered, issued or renewed within the commonwealth shall provide coverage for standard fertility preservation services, including, but not limited to, coverage for procurement, cryopreservation and storage of gametes, embryos or other reproductive tissue, when the enrollee has a diagnosed medical or genetic condition that may directly or indirectly cause impairment of fertility by affecting reproductive organs or processes. Coverage shall be provided to the same extent that coverage is provided for other pregnancy-related procedures.

SECTION 67B. Chapter 176B of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 4VV, inserted by section 59 of said chapter 28, the following section:—

Section 4WW. (a) For the purposes of this section, the following words shall, unless the context clearly requires otherwise, have the following meanings:

‘Directly or indirectly cause impairment of fertility’, to cause circumstances where a disease, or the necessary treatment for a disease, has a likely side effect of infertility as established by the American Society for Reproductive Medicine, the American Society of Clinical Oncology or other reputable professional organizations.

‘Standard fertility preservation services’, procedures or treatments to preserve fertility as recommended by a board-certified obstetrician gynecologist, reproductive endocrinologist or other physician; provided, that the recommendation shall be made in accordance with current medical practices and professional guidelines published by the American Society for Reproductive Medicine, the American Society of Clinical Oncology or other reputable professional organizations.

(b) A subscription certificate under an individual or group medical service agreement that is delivered, issued or renewed within the commonwealth shall provide coverage for standard fertility preservation services, including, but not limited to, the coverage for procurement, cryopreservation and storage of gametes, embryos or other reproductive tissue, when the enrollee has a diagnosed medical or genetic condition that may directly or indirectly cause impairment of fertility by affecting reproductive organs or processes. Coverage shall be provided to the same extent that coverage is provided for other pregnancy-related procedures.

SECTION 67C. Chapter 176G of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 4NN, inserted by section 60 of said chapter 28, the following section:—

Section 40O. (a) For the purposes of this section, the following words shall, unless the context clearly requires otherwise, have the following meanings:

‘Directly or indirectly cause impairment of fertility’, to cause circumstances where a disease, or the necessary treatment for a disease, has a likely side effect of infertility as established by the American Society for Reproductive Medicine, the American Society of Clinical Oncology or other reputable professional organizations.

‘Standard fertility preservation services’, procedures or treatments to preserve fertility as recommended by a board-certified obstetrician gynecologist, reproductive endocrinologist or other physician; provided, that the recommendation shall be made in accordance with current medical practices and professional guidelines published by the American Society for Reproductive Medicine, the American Society of Clinical Oncology or other reputable professional organizations.

(b) An individual or group health maintenance contract that is issued, delivered or renewed within the commonwealth shall provide coverage for standard fertility preservation services, including, but not limited to, coverage for procurement, cryopreservation and storage of gametes, embryos or other reproductive tissue, when the enrollee has a diagnosed medical or genetic condition that may directly or indirectly cause impairment of fertility by affecting reproductive organs or processes. Coverage shall be provided to the same extent that coverage is provided for other pregnancy-related procedures.”;

By inserting after section 83A (inserted by amendment) the following section:

“SECTION 83B. Not later than June 30, 2025, the executive office of health and human services and MassHealth shall establish rules and regulations for the implementation of paragraph 6 of section 9D of chapter 118E of the General Laws, as inserted by section 49A.”;

In section 85, in lines 1581 and 1584, and in section 86, in lines 1607, 1610 and 1614, by inserting after the word “sections”, in each instance, the following: “30A,”;

By inserting after section 88A (as inserted amendment) following three sections:

“SECTION 88B. Notwithstanding any general law or special law to the contrary, the secretary of health and human services shall implement new annual funding of not less than \$63,600,000 total computable within the state-directed Medicaid managed care incentive initiative payment mechanisms to the non-state-owned public hospital for each of the fiscal years 2024 through 2027, inclusive, at full levels, including the 20 per cent increase to the maximum payment amounts listed in items 2, 4 and 5 of section 6 of Attachment Q of the MassHealth demonstration waiver approved May 15, 2023, effective October 1, 2022 through December 31, 2027, under subsection (a) of section 1115 of Title XI of the federal Social Security Act.

SECTION 88C. (a) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the secretary of health and human services, in collaboration with the non-state-owned public hospital, shall seek any and all required federal approvals the secretary and the

non-state-owned public hospital deem necessary to implement section 88B, including any required waivers and other applicable submissions necessary to implement the state-directed payment mechanisms under 42 CFR 438.6(c).

(b) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the payments to the non-state-owned public hospital shall be authorized annually by the secretary and shall be made through the Medical Assistance Trust Fund established in section 2QQQ of chapter 29 of the General Laws.

(c) The secretary of health and human services shall notify the house and senate committees on ways and means and the joint committee on health care financing of any federal approval received or denied pursuant to this section.

SECTION 88D. (a) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, in the event that the commonwealth does not receive initial federal approvals pursuant to section 88B that the secretary of health and human services determines necessary to implement this section, the secretary, in collaboration with the non-state-owned public hospital, shall develop and pursue alternative federal funding mechanisms, as necessary, to achieve the specified incremental federal funding pursuant to section 88B and shall seek all necessary federal approvals.

(b) The secretary of health and human services shall notify the house and senate committees on ways and means and the joint committee on health care financing of any federal approval received or denied pursuant to this section.”;

By inserting after section 102 the following section:

“SECTION 102A. Section 88B to 88D, inclusive, are hereby repealed.”;

In section 104, in line 1794, by inserting after the word “Sections” the following: “30A,”; and by inserting after the figures: “31” the following: “, 53”;

In section 105, in line 1797, by striking out the following: “, 53”; and

By inserting after section 111 the following section:

“SECTION 111A. Section 102A shall take effect as of October 1, 2028.”.

After debate on the question on adoption of the consolidated 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 157 members voted in the affirmative and 0 in the negative.

[See [Yea and Nay No. 91](#) in Supplement.]

Therefore the consolidated amendments (health and human services, and elder affairs) were adopted.

Consolidated
amendments
adopted,—
yea and nay
No. 91.

Recess.

At twenty-seven minutes before nine o’clock P.M. (Wednesday, April 24), on motion of Mr. Jones of North Reading (Ms. Hogan of Stow being in the Chair), the House recessed until the following day at eleven o’clock A.M.; and at that time, the House was called to order with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair.

Recess.

Thursday, April 25, 2024 (at 11:00 o'clock A.M.).

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of
allegiance.

Silent Tribute.

During the session (Ms. Hogan of Stow being in the Chair), at the request of Mr. Kushmerek of Fitchburg, the members, guests and employees stood in a moment of silent tribute in respect to the memory of Joel R. Kaddy who passed away at the age of 69 on April 18, 2024. Born on July 20, 1954, Joel grew into a pillar of his community in Fitchburg.

Joel R.
Kaddy.

He also served proudly and with distinction as a police officer at the Fitchburg Police Department for 25 years, then continuing his public service on the Fitchburg City Council for 15 years. Joel's life was a testament to his love for his community and the people in his life. Joel's community involvement was extensive, in addition to running a local business for 37 years alongside his wife, he participated in an international police officer exchange in Russia, created a community program that provided bicycles to children in need, organized dozens of local festivals, spearheaded city clean-ups, and a hands-on restoration at the Fitchburg Senior Center.

He is survived by his loving spouse, Jean (Farrell) Kaddy; son, Jesse Kaddy; daughter-in-law, Jennifer Kaddy and grandson, Jack Kaddy.

Guests of the House.

During the session, the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford) declared a brief recess and introduced the Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen award recipients. At the invitation of the Chair, the students participated in the pledge of allegiance to the flag. They were the guests of Representative Vieira of Falmouth, who was a recipient of the award in 1992.

Good Citizen
award
recipients.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Representative Hogan of Stow) congratulating Maxwell Valentino on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout of the Boy Scouts of America;

Maxwell
Valentino.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Kerans of Danvers, Walsh of Peabody and Giannino of Revere) congratulating Paul Boudreau on his retirement as President of the Boston Sparks Association and Boston Fire Museum;

Paul
Boudreau.

Resolutions (filed by Representative McMurtry of Dedham) congratulating the Animal Rescue League of Boston on the one hundred and twenty-fifth anniversary of its establishment;

Animal Rescue
League of
Boston.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Nguyen of Andover and other members of the House) commending the Vietnamese American Community of Massachusetts in recognizing the contributions of Vietnamese Americans on April 30, 2024;

Vietnamese
Americans.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Rogers of Norwood) congratulating William G. Brooks III on his retirement as Chief of Norwood Police Department;

William
Brooks III.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Roy of Franklin and Soter of Bellingham) congratulating John “Jack” Gould on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout of the Boy Scouts of America; and

John
Gould.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Roy of Franklin and Soter of Bellingham) congratulating Kevin Maley on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout of the Boy Scouts of America;

Kevin
Maley.

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. O’Day of West Boylston, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Order.

An Order (filed by Mr. Lawn of Watertown) relative to extending until Saturday, June 1, 2024 the time within which the committee on Health Care Financing is authorized to report on current House documents, was referred, under Joint Rule 30, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Health Care
Financing,—
extension
of time for
reporting.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4581), ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Owens of Watertown, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

The House Bill to prevent abuse and exploitation (House, No. 4241, amended), came from the Senate with the endorsement that said branch had insisted on its amendments (in which the House had non-concurred).

Abuse and
exploitation.

The bill bore the further endorsement that the Senate had concurred with the House in the appointment of a committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches; and that Senators Keenan, Eldridge and Fattman had been joined as the committee on the part of the Senate.

Committee of
conference.

Mr. Hogan of Stow being in the Chair,—

The following order came from the Senate with the endorsement that it had been adopted by said branch, as follows:

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security be granted until May 8, 2024 within which time to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 1476, 1477, 1478, 1479, 1481, 1482, 1483, 1486, 1487, 1488, 1490, 1491, 1492, 1493, 1494, 1495, 1496, 1497, 1498, 1499, 1500, 1501, 1502, 1503, 1504, 1505, 1506, 1507, 1508, 1509, 1510, 1511, 1512, 1513, 1514, 1515, 1516, 1517, 1518, 1519, 1520, 1521, 1522, 1523, 1524, 1525, 1526, 1527, 1528, 1529, 1530, 1531, 1532, 1533, 1534, 1535, 1536, 1538, 1539, 1540, 1541, 1542, 1543, 1544, 1545, 1546, 1547, 1548, 1549, 1550, 1551, 1552, 1553, 1554, 1555, 1556, 1557, 1558, 1559, 1560, 1561, 1562, 1563, 1564, 1565, 1566, 1567, 1568, 1569, 1570, 1571, 1572, 1573, 1574, 1575, 1576, 1577, 1578, 1579, 1580, 1581, 1582, 1583, 1584, 1585, 1586, 1587, 1588, 1589, 1590, 1591, 1592, 1593, 1594, 1595, 1596, 1597, 1599, 1600, 1601, 1602, 1603, 1604, 1605, 1606, 1607, 1608, 2514, and 2535, relative to Public Safety and Homeland Security.

Public Safety
and Homeland
Security
committee,—
extension of
time for
reporting.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Peisch of Wellesley, the order (Senate, No. 2725) was considered forthwith; and it was adopted, in concurrence.

Orders of the Day.

The House Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2025 for the maintenance of the departments, boards, commissions, institutions, and certain activities of the Commonwealth, for interest, sinking fund, and serial bond requirements, and for certain permanent improvements (House, No. 4600, amended), was considered.

General
Appropriation
Bill.

Pending the question on passing the bill, as amended, to be engrossed, Representatives Jones of North Reading and other members of the House moved to amend it in section 2, in item 1233-2350, by striking out the figures: “1,283,301,752” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “1,318,301,752”; and

In section 2E by striking out item 1595-6153.

After debate on the question on adoption of the amendments, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, at the request of Mr. Frost of Auburn; and on the roll call 29 members voted in the affirmative and 128 in the negative.

Amendments
rejected,—
yea and nay
No. 92.

[See [Yea and Nay No. 92](#) in Supplement.]

Therefore the amendments were rejected.

Mr. Michlewitz of Boston and other members of the House then moved, under the provisions of the last sentence of the penultimate paragraph of Rule 20A, to amend the bill in section 2, in item 0320-0003, by striking out the figures: “11,536,050” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “11,956,292”;

Consolidated
amendments
(public safety
and judiciary).

In item 0321-1600 by striking out the figures: “52,500,000” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “53,000,000”;

In item 0330-0300, in line 18, by inserting after the word “employees” the following: “; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to assist in programming efforts for the Justice Bridge Program at University of Massachusetts School of Law”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “338,118,036” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “338,168,036”;

In item 0332-0100 by striking out the figures: “88,626,631” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “88,986,631”;

In item 0337-0002 by adding the following: “; provided, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended on a grant to One Can Help, Inc. for the purpose of providing assistance and resources for families in juvenile courts statewide; provided further, that not less than \$430,000 shall be expended for the Worcester county court-appointed special advocates program for its court-appointed special advocates program in Worcester county; provided further, that not less than \$136,000 shall be expended for the Franklin and Hampshire county court-appointed special advocates program; provided further, that not less than \$180,000 shall be expended for the Hampden county court-appointed special advocates program; provided further, that not less than \$167,000 shall be expended for the Essex county court-appointed special advocates program; provided further, that not less than \$288,000 shall be expended for the Boston court-appointed special advocates program; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the Berkshire county court-appointed special advocates program; provided further, that not less than \$125,000 shall be expended for the Bristol county court-appointed special advocates program; and provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the Massachusetts CASA

Association”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “25,296,828” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “26,872,828”;

In item 8000-0313 by adding the following: “; provided, that not less than \$25,000 shall be provided for a side-by-side vehicle for the police department in the town of Groveland; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for funding to repair the Middle street bridge in the town of West Newbury; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for new PFAS-free firefighting gear and other equipment for the Natick fire department and EMS services; provided further, that not less than \$10,000 shall be expended for an employee wellness program for law enforcement officers in the town of Northborough; provided further, that not less than \$27,000 shall be expended for the purchase of radios for ambulances in the town of Westborough; provided further, that not less than \$30,000 shall be expended for critical incident training and de-escalation for the Lunenberg police department; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for a police cruiser retrofit for the Ashby police department; provided further, that not less than \$45,000 shall be expended for updates to the Dunstable police department; provided further, not less than \$250,000 shall be expended for Recidiviz Inc; provided further, that not less than \$15,000 shall be expended for the North Reading community impact team; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended for turnout gear, radios, training AEDs and CPR training equipment in the town of Newbury; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended for firearm and safety equipment replacement and a feasibility study of the public safety building in Georgetown; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for a gun violence prevention community programming in the city of Lynn; provided further, that not less \$150,000 shall be expended for the Dismas House of Massachusetts, Inc. in Worcester; provided further, that not less than \$40,000 shall be expended for costs related to a fire mutual aid network radio for the town of Boxford; provided further, that not less \$20,000 shall be expended for the purchase a new keyless entry security system for the Saugus police department; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended for Portal to Hope, a community based domestic violence program, for the communities of Everett, Lynn, Malden, Medford, and Winthrop; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for purchasing a drone, supportive equipment, training, and other necessary expenditures for the Wilmington police department; provided further, that not less than \$37,500 shall be expended for fire department safety gear in the town of Dover; provided further, that not less than \$35,000 shall be expended for public safety improvements in the town of Wakefield; provided further, that not less than \$8,125 shall be expended to purchase and equip a kennel insert for a patrol-rated police vehicle in the town of Plympton; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended for a K9 explosive detection vehicle for the Fall River police department; and provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the Braintree police department’s family services unit”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “100,000” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “1,257,625”;

By inserting after item 8000-0600 the following item:
“8000-0601 For the operation of the project safe neighborhood grant program
..... \$1,000,000”;

In item 8000-1127, in line 12, by striking out the word “and”, by adding the following: “; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the Springfield Jewish Community Center, Inc. in Longmeadow to upgrade and purchase new lighting for the parking lot areas to ensure safety and security; provided further, that not less than \$300,000 shall be expended for a security personnel program to be

piloted at nonprofits that have demonstrated to be high risk for terrorist attacks or hate crimes; and provided further, that the participating nonprofits shall contribute matching funds to such pilot program equal to \$1 for every \$1 contributed by the commonwealth”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “3,000,000” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “3,350,000”;

In item 8100-1001, in line 23, by inserting after the word “services” the following: “; provided further, that not less than \$95,000 shall be expended for designated seasonal state police patrols in the Wollaston beach, Quincy shore drive and Furnace Brook parkway areas of Quincy; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for the payroll costs of the state police to perform directed patrols and traffic enforcement functions on the Harry Truman parkway, Neponset Valley parkway and Dedham parkway in the Hyde Park section of the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than \$1,170,000 shall be expended for the payroll costs of the state police directed patrols; provided further, that not less than \$30,000 shall be expended for Troop A to conduct mounted, directed patrols throughout Revere beach, the Lynn Fells and the Middlesex Fells reservation park, among other identified areas; provided further, that, subject to appropriation, communities receiving funds for directed patrols in fiscal year 2008 shall receive an equal disbursement of funds in proportion to the current appropriation in fiscal year 2024; provided further, that funds shall be expended for directed patrols at Constitution beach in East Boston; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the directed patrols in the South Boston section of the city of Boston including, but not limited to, Day boulevard, Carson beach, M street beach, Marine park, and Castle Island”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “386,800,173” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “388,170,173”;

In item 8200-0200 by adding the following: “; provided further, that not less than \$45,000 shall be expended for a training facility feasibility study for the Yarmouth police department; and provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be provided to the town of Boylston as compensation for hosting a municipal police training academy”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “21,801,794” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “21,896,794”;

In item 8324-0000, in line 28, by inserting after the word “program”, the second time it appears, the following: “; provided further, that not less than \$1,250,000 shall be provided for the Boston, Cambridge and Everett fire department hazardous material response teams; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended for the Boston fire department training academy”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “40,304,215” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “42,054,215”;

In item 8324-0050 by adding the following: “; provided, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for design funds for the fire department project in the town of Weston; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended for the purchasing of radio equipment for the fire department in the town of Wellesley; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended to the Firefighter Foundation of Lawrence, Inc. to bolster fire prevention education within the city of Lawrence community; provided further, that not less than \$35,000 shall be expended for 35 thermal imaging cameras for the Taunton fire department; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for design funds for the fire department project in the town of Westwood; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended for the purchasing of firefighting equipment by the Adams fire warden department; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to purchase portable communication radios for the Granby fire department; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the purposes of obtaining personal

protective equipment for the Randolph fire department; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the Holbrook regional emergency communications center; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for the procurement of multi-band portable communication radios for the Wenham fire department; provided further, that not less than \$125,000 shall be expended to purchase turnout gear and other equipment for Amherst fire department; provided further, that not less than \$12,500 shall be expended for a fire rescue watercraft for the town of Sharon; provided further, that not less than \$65,000 shall be expended for the purchase of gear and equipment for Saugus fire department; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended for the development of an installation of new firefighting cisterns in the town of Stow; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for a municipal grant program administered by the fire marshal for firefighter cancer screenings including advance blood testing, imaging or both; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the Fire Chiefs' Association of Plymouth County, Inc. to maintain and upgrade emergency communication systems to provide for mass casualty and major operations incident planning and training and to enhance mutual aid operations in Plymouth County; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for equipment for the Easton fire department; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to updated radio transmission equipment for the city of Fall River fire department; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for equipment for the Braintree fire department; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for necessary safety equipment and repair of facilities of the Dracut fire department; and provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for necessary safety equipment for the Tyngsborough fire department"; and in said item by striking out the figures: "100,000" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "1,607,500";

By inserting after section 13 the following section:

"SECTION 13A. Section 15 of chapter 12 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 4, the figures: '191,000' and inserting in place thereof the figures: '223,442'.";

By inserting after section 67C (inserted by amendment) the following three sections:

"SECTION 67D. Section 10 of chapter 218 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 81 and 82, as so appearing, the words '; district court of Chelsea'.

SECTION 67E. Said section 10 of said chapter 218 is hereby further amended by inserting after the word 'Norfolk', in line 86, as so appearing, the following words:— ; district court of Chelsea.

SECTION 67F. Said section 10 of said chapter 218 is hereby further amended by inserting after the word 'Peabody', as appearing in section 63 of chapter 28 of the acts of 2023, the following words:— ; district court of Lawrence.";

In section 76, in lines 1317 to 1323, inclusive, by striking out the paragraph contained in those lines and inserting in place thereof the following five paragraphs:

"(b)(1) The commissioner of capital asset management and maintenance shall study the existing conditions of the site of the real property described in subsection (a) and conduct planning for the reuse of the real property. The commissioner shall consult stakeholders and other interested persons, including, but not limited to: (i) the secretary of housing and livable communities, or their designee; (ii) the secretary of transportation, or their designee; (iii) the secretary of public safety and security, or their designee; (iv) members of the select board of the town of Concord, or their

designees; (v) members of any advisory body established by the select board of the town of Concord regarding the reuse of the Massachusetts Correctional Institution, Concord, if any; (vi) the chair of the board of the Concord Housing Development Corporation, established pursuant to chapter 275 of the acts of 2006, or their designee; (vii) the Concord representative to the metropolitan area planning council; (viii) district council chair of the Urban Land Institute Boston/New England, or their designee; (ix) executive director of the Concord Business Partnership, or their designee; and (x) executive director of OARS, Inc., or their designee.

(2) Not less than 60 days prior to finalizing the study, the commissioner shall hold not less than 3 public hearings in the town of Concord, with an option for virtual participation, to receive public comment on the site planning and reuse of the property described in subsection (a); provided, that the commissioner shall provide timely notice of the public hearings. The first public hearing shall take place not later than 45 days after the effective date of this act.

(3) The commissioner shall prepare a written report summarizing the study findings pursuant to paragraph (1), which shall include, but shall not be limited to: (i) a summary of existing site conditions identified during the study, if any; (ii) a summary of the provisions of existing and ongoing municipal plans, including the town of Concord's Envision Concord: Bridge to 2030 plan, Concord's zoning bylaws affecting the property described in subsection (a) and any ongoing or completed studies or reports by the advisory body established by the select board of the town of Concord regarding the reuse of the Massachusetts Correctional Institution, Concord; (iii) a summary of state, regional and local plans and policies that may affect or guide use of the property described in subsection (a), including, but not limited to, plans and policies encouraging the development of a variety of housing options, commercial and retail opportunities, jobs and open space and policies encouraging smart growth; (iv) a summary of input provided at the public hearings held pursuant to paragraph (2) and the input of each of the stakeholders described in paragraph (1); (v) an evaluation of the specific plan, including land use, density and site access recommended by the advisory body established by the select board of the town of Concord regarding the reuse of the Massachusetts Correctional Institution, Concord; and (vi) the potential reuses and use restrictions, if any, the commissioner deems appropriate for the property described in subsection (a).

(4) The commissioner shall file the report prepared pursuant to paragraph (3) with the clerks of the house of representatives and the senate not less than 60 days prior to the sale, lease, transfer or other disposition of the property described in subsection (a); provided, however, that notwithstanding paragraph (5) the commissioner may, prior to the filing of the report: (i) grant easements and rights of access to the town of Concord; (ii) convey all or part of the property described in subsection (a) to the town of Concord in a manner consistent with paragraph (5); and (iii) convey or grant easements of any portion of the property to the Massachusetts Department of Transportation for the sole purpose of making improvements to state highway route 2.

(5) The commissioner of capital asset management and maintenance shall dispose of the Massachusetts Correctional Institute, Concord real property: (i) by utilizing appropriate competitive processes and procedures; or (ii) through a sales-partnership agreement in accordance with subsection (d) with the town of Concord. Such competitive processes may include, without limitation, absolute auction, sealed bids and requests for price and development proposals. The real property shall be conveyed without warranties or representations by the commonwealth and shall be on such terms and conditions as the commissioner determines.”, in line 1324, by inserting

after the word “to” the following: “paragraph (5) of”, in lines 1339 to 1347, inclusive, by striking out the paragraph contained in those lines and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:

“(d) Notwithstanding subsection (b) and subject to subsections (f) through (j), the commissioner of capital asset management and maintenance may, not later than 30 days after the effective date of this act, make an offer to transfer the wastewater treatment facility located at Massachusetts Correctional Institution, Concord, and any other real property necessary thereto, to the town of Concord for a direct public use, as defined in section 33 of chapter 7C of the General Laws; provided, that the town of Concord shall have, as a right of first refusal, not less than 180 days to accept the commissioner’s offer to acquire the property. Upon a refusal of the town of Concord of the commissioner’s offer, including the expiration of said offer, the commissioner may dispose of the wastewater treatment facility and any other real property necessary thereto pursuant to said subsection (b).”; and in line 1382, by striking out the word “The” and inserting in place thereof the following: “Notwithstanding subsection (b), the”.

After debate on the question on adoption of the amendments (the Speaker being in the Chair), 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 (Ms. Hogan of Stowe having returned to the Chair) 158 members voted in the affirmative and 0 in the negative.

[See [Yea and Nay No. 93](#) in Supplement.]

Therefore the consolidated amendments (public safety and judiciary) were adopted.

Consolidated
amendments
adopted,—
yea and nay
No. 93.

Report of a Committee.

The Speaker being in the Chair,—

There being no objection,— By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches, with reference to the Senate amendment (striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 2711) of the House Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2024 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (House, No. 4466),— recommending passage of a bill with the same title (House, No. 4582),— be scheduled for consideration by the House, the question being on acceptance.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, the report was considered forthwith.

After debate on the question on acceptance of the report, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, at the request of the same member; and on the roll call 120 members voted in the affirmative and 36 in the negative.

[See [Yea and Nay No. 94](#) in Supplement.]

Therefore the report of the committee of conference was accepted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Supplemental
appropriations.

Conference
committee
report
accepted,—
yea and nay
No. 94.

Orders of the Day.

Ms. Hogan of Stow being in the Chair,—

The House Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2025 for the maintenance of the departments, boards, commissions, institutions, and certain

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activities of the Commonwealth, for interest, sinking fund, and serial bond requirements, and for certain permanent improvements (House, No. 4600, amended), was considered.

Pending the question on passing the bill, as amended, to be engrossed, Mr. Michlewitz of Boston and other members of the House moved, under the provisions of the last sentence of the penultimate paragraph of Rule 20A, to amend it in section 2, in item 4120-4000, by striking out the figures: “13,395,864” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “13,895,864”;

In item 4510-0100, in line 8, by inserting after the words “Laws” the following: “; provided further, that not less than \$350,000 shall be expended to Hope and Comfort, Inc. to support operations and hygiene product acquisition”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “47,394,484” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “47,744,484”;

In item 4510-0110 by adding the following: “; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the continuation of a comprehensive substance abuse and narcotic use reduction program at a federally qualified health center located in South Boston; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the Lynn Community Health Center for the operation of the Recuperative Care Center; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to Volunteers in Medicine – Berkshires, Inc. to cover costs of expanding services in Pittsfield and Great Barrington and to continue to provide care for income-eligible residents; provided further, that not less than \$400,000 shall be expended for the North End Waterfront neighborhood health center; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended for the Public Health Institute of Western Massachusetts to support the 413Cares centralized database of community services in western Massachusetts; provided further, that \$50,000 shall be expended to the Mattapan Community Health Center, Inc. for staff retention to sustain services and meet community needs; provided further, that not less than \$125,000 shall be expended for infrastructure and operational upgrades related to expanding access to dental care services at the Geiger Gibson Community Health Center in the Dorchester section of the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended for NEW Health - Charlestown for the purpose of operating and maintaining treatment of substance use disorder; and provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended to Harbor Health Services, Inc. for the planned expansion of its Plymouth Community Health Center”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “3,348,660” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “4,748,660”;

In item 4512-0103 by striking out the figures: “30,500,000” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “32,000,000”;

In item 4512-0200, in line 66, by inserting after the word “payer” the following: “; provided further, that not less than \$175,000 shall be expended to Volunteers of America of Massachusetts, Inc. to address the crisis of co-occurring substance abuse and mental health disorders through expansion of clinical services and programming for men in recovery with co-occurring diagnoses at Hello House; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the operation of the Gavin Foundation, Inc. behavioral health continuum of substance use care to provide comprehensive treatment for individuals suffering from substance use disorder and other behavioral health challenges; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended for the Joseph Nee South Boston Collaborative Center for substance use disorder programming; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the police department in the city of Lynn for its behavioral health unit; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for Community Servings, Inc.

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disability
services).

for the purposes of providing medically tailored meals to persons battling chronic illnesses and workforce training programs to those recovering from addiction; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the Railroad Street Youth Project based in the town of Great Barrington; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended for the operation of The Dimock Center's behavioral health continuum of care to provide comprehensive treatment for individuals suffering from substance use disorder and other behavioral health challenges, address workforce challenges and reduce barriers to care"; and in said item by striking out the figures: "193,502,031" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "194,427,031";

In item 4512-0204, in line 4, by inserting after the word "overdose" the following: ";; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for the Merrimack Valley Prevention and Substance Abuse Project, Inc., for resources, community outreach and programs in the Merrimack valley"; and in said item by striking out the figures: "1,231,718" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "1,256,718";

In item 4512-0205 by adding the following: ";; provided, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended for the purposes of the operation of Resources for Recovery Inc., formerly known as the Dennis Messing Memorial Foundation, located in the Hyde Park section of the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for addiction treatment services provided by the greater New Bedford community health center; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the city known as the town of Braintree for Braintree Community Partnership on Substance Use; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended for One Life at a Time, Inc., located in the city known as the town of Braintree, for the facilitation of access to sober living programs and job training services for people in recovery and associated operational costs; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended for continued capital improvements to the Cambridge community center and for the expansion of their community-based behavioral health program; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the Michael J. Dias Foundation, Inc. to hire an assistant director of operations to oversee program aspects of their 3 recovery homes; provided further that no less than \$250,000 shall be expended to Harbor Health Services, Inc. for a grant program to prevent and treat addiction to opioid and related substances; provided further, that not less than \$2,000,000 shall be expended for RIZE Massachusetts Foundation, Inc. to assist in their work to end the opioid epidemic in the commonwealth; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for RICKY, Inc. in the town of Norwood for the delivery of substance use recovery care materials to homeless individuals with substance use and mental health disorders within the greater Boston region; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to GAAMHA, Inc. in the city of Gardner to support capital improvements to their residential substance use disorder services facility; provided further, that not less than \$175,000 shall be expended for Self Esteem Boston Educational Institute, Inc. direct service and provider training programs; and provided further, that not less than \$35,000 shall be expended for A Healthy Lynnfield"; and in said item by striking out the figures: "100,000" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "3,085,000";

In item 4513-1005, in line 12, by inserting after the word "federally" the following: ";; provided further, that not less than \$1,660,000 of such funds shall be expended for Action for Boston Community Development, Inc. to continue services previously funded by said Title X funding";

In line item 4513-1020, in lines 42 to 83, inclusive, by striking out the following: ";; provided further, that not later than September 4, 2024, not less than \$12,000,000

shall be expended from this item for early intervention staffing recovery payments necessary to address the staffing crisis and restore early intervention staffing and service hours through hiring, rehiring and retention of clinical and support staff across the early intervention system; provided further, that said funds shall be used to support increased salaries, wages and benefits for early intervention clinicians and support staff; provided further, that said funds may be used to cover supervision, training, non-billable time and other on-boarding cost directly associated with the hiring of new early intervention clinicians and support staff; provided further, that said staffing recovery payments shall be distributed by the department as payment vouchers to all vendors of certified early intervention programs; provided further, that said payments shall be made on a proportional basis, calculated using the most recent early intervention child counts of the department; provided further, that not later than October 3, 2024, the department of public health shall submit a report to the joint committee on children, families and persons with disabilities, the secretary of administration and finance and the house and senate committees on ways and means detailing the total funds expended to certified early intervention vendors from said staffing recovery payments; provided further, that not less than \$1,548,522 of said staffing recovery payments shall be designated as a health equity allocation to provide additional targeted relief for early intervention programs serving predominately low-income cities and towns to address the health disparities exacerbated by the 2019 novel coronavirus; provided further, that said health equity allocation shall be distributed by the department to all vendors of certified early intervention programs using a weighted formula that includes the area median household income of the cities and towns in each of the early intervention program catchment areas and the current early intervention child census figure for each city or town; provided further, that the department shall provide a higher cost per child allocation for programs based on a weighted average income figure to ensure a higher allocation for the early intervention programs serving the lower income cities and towns; provided further, that the department shall develop the health equity allocation formula in consultation with the Massachusetts Early Intervention Consortium, Inc.; and provided further, that not later than November 1, 2024, the commissioner of public health shall submit a report to the joint committee on children, families and persons with disabilities, the executive office for administration and finance and the house and senate committees on ways and means detailing the total funds expended to certified early intervention vendors and early intensive behavioral intervention vendors from this item”;

In item 4513-1027 by adding the following: “; and provided further, that not less than \$400,000 shall be expended for the expansion and operation of Hey Sam, the text-based mental health support line tailored specifically to youth and young adults in the commonwealth, and for youth mental health community education, outreach, and communications”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “1,000,000” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “1,400,000”;

In item 4513-1098, in line 4, by striking out the figures: “200,000” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “400,000”, in line 7 by inserting after the word “violence” the following: “; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to Survivors Say, Inc. for direct support services to survivors and victims of both high-profile tragedies and other traumas and crimes”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “300,000” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “600,000”;

In item 4513-1112, in line 18, by inserting after the word “database” the following: “; provided further, that not less than \$475,000 shall be expended for the Forsyth Institute’s Center for Children’s Oral Health to expand its ForsythKids programming focused on children and adolescents and to explore the emerging

association between oral health status and academic performance; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 be expended for the purposes of the operation of VITfriends Vitiligo Support Group, Inc. located in the Hyde Park section of the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended for the ALS Association to provide care services for individuals suffering with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the operation of the Cranberry Health Research Center at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth”, in line 22 by striking out the figures: “150,000” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “250,000”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “13,186,405” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “14,036,405”;

In line item 4513-1136, in line 74, by inserting after the word “less” the following: “; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for domestic violence outreach for the Cape Verdean Association in the city of Brockton”; and in said item by striking out the figure “75,558,041” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “75,583,041”;

In line item 4513-2020, in line 44, by inserting after the word “commonwealth” the following: “; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the city of Methuen for the purchase of Care Solace software”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “6,544,687”; and inserting in place thereof the figures: “6,594,687”;

In line item 4590-0250, in line 17, by inserting after the word “programs” the following: “; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the North Quabbin Community Coalition, Inc.”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “22,254,866” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “22,304,866”;

In line item 4590-1503, in line 7, by inserting after the word “program” the following: “; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the Black Springfield COVID-19 Coalition; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the Martin Luther King Jr. Family Services, Inc.; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the Boys & Girls Club Family Center, Inc.; provided further, that not less than \$10,000 shall be expended to Heart2Heart lactation and wellness in Black maternal health”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “11,857,689” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “11,992,689”;

In line item 4590-1507 by adding the following: “; provided, that the department shall award not less than \$1,500,000 to the Alliance of Massachusetts YMCAs, Inc. which shall be distributed between the alliance’s member organizations to support educational programming for youth; provided further, that the department shall award not less than \$600,000 to the YWCA organizations, which shall be distributed equally between the Alliance of YWCAs member organizations; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the Randolph community programs department in the town of Randolph for continuation of a full-time town social worker; provided further, that not less than \$60,000 shall be expended to the Cape Cod Young Men's Christian Association, Inc. for the purpose of designing, permitting, and planning the Upper Cape YMCA in the town of Falmouth; provided further, that the department shall award not less than \$250,000 to the Big Sister Association of Greater Boston, Inc.; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended for the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Eastern Massachusetts for its Mentor 2.0 program; provided further, that not less than \$2,000,000 shall be expended to the Massachusetts Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs, Inc.; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended for the Watertown Boys’ & Girls’ Club, Inc. for capital improvements; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to assist in programming efforts for the South Coast LGBTQ+ Network in New Bedford; provided further, that

not less than \$200,000 shall be expended to the Possible Zone to implement an innovative pathways program in clean energy/advanced manufacturing for high students in grades 10 to 12, creating equitable opportunities for underserved student populations; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for Sueños Basketball, Inc. to support the recreational, social, and health benefits the league provides to low-income youth in the city of Lawrence; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to Day Dreaming Organization, Inc. to support baseball programming and youth mentoring in the city of Lawrence; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended for the Methuen Youth Basketball Association Inc to support the recreational, social, and health benefits the league provides to low-income youth in the city of Methuen; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to College Bound Dorchester, Inc. for administration of alternative education and other services for at-risk youth; and provided further, that not less than \$15,000 shall be expended for the YMCA of the North Shore, Inc. for the Haverhill YMCA capital campaign project for the construction of a new state of the art facility in the city of Haverhill”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “7,200,000” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “12,470,000”;

In item 5042-5000, in line 14, by inserting after the word “care” the following: “; provided further, that not less than \$10,000 shall be expended for KyleCares, Inc. for mental health awareness programming in high schools and colleges; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for YouthConnect to provide community-based mental health services to high-risk youth and their families residing in the East Boston community; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended for the BIRCh Center to continue the operations of the school-based behavioral health technical assistance center; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended for The NAN Project to increase mental health awareness and suicide prevention”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “130,490,885” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “131,000,885”;

In item 5046-0000, in line 22, by inserting after the word “measured” the following: “; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for a grant to the Massachusetts Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers, Inc., to provide assistance in connecting consumers to licensed clinical social workers through the Therapy Matcher program”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “619,175,134” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “619,225,134”;

In line item 5911-1003, in line 18, by inserting after the words “Congress, Inc.” the following: “; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the Special Olympics Massachusetts, Inc.; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended for Operation House Call at Arc Massachusetts, Inc. to maintain and expand training to medical students and other graduate level health care professionals to work with individuals with autism and other developmental and intellectual disabilities; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to Latham Centers, Inc., to address urgent technology upgrades that will improve security, programs, and support services for children and adult residents with Prader-Willi syndrome”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “100,375,397” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “100,650,397”;

In line item 5911-2000, in line 3, by inserting after the word “need” the following: “; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the Mission Hill Bus Link”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “40,017,443” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “40,067,443”;

In item 5920-2000, in line 4, by striking out the year: “2022” and inserting in place thereof the year: “2023” and by striking out the following: “of section 2 of

chapter 24 of the acts of 2021” and inserting in place thereof the following: “in fiscal year under item 5920-5000 in section 2 of chapter 126 of acts of 2022”;

In item 5920-3010, in lines 29 to 33, inclusive, by striking out the words “and provided further, that the department shall submit copies of amended waivers to the house and senate committees on ways and means, the joint committee on education and the joint committee on children, families and persons with disabilities upon submission of the amendment” and inserting in place thereof the following: “provided further, that the department shall submit copies of amended waivers to the house and senate committees on ways and means, the joint committee on education and the joint committee on children, families and persons with disabilities upon submission of the amendment; and provided further, that \$50,000 shall be expended for The Martin Richard Foundation for programming for disadvantaged youth in the city of Boston”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “10,957,296” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “11,007,296”;

In section 45, in line 752, by inserting after the word “treatment” the words “and prevention”; and in line 754, by inserting after the figures: “111” the words “or for the prevention of HIV”;

By inserting after section 45 the following section:

“SECTION 45A. Said chapter 94C is hereby further amended by inserting after section 18C the following section:—

Section 18D. (a) For the purposes of this section, the term ‘opioid antagonist’ shall have the same meaning as provided in section 19B.

(b)(1) A practitioner issuing a prescription for an opioid contained in Schedule II of section 3 shall inform the patient of the potential adverse risks of the prescribed opioid and the availability of an opioid antagonist.

(2) Where applicable, the practitioner shall inform, pursuant to paragraph (1), a designee of the patient, or for a patient who is a minor, the patient’s parent or guardian, if at least 1 of the following conditions is present: (i) the patient is prescribed an opioid that individually or in the aggregate with other medications is more than 50 morphine milligram equivalents per day; (ii) the patient is prescribed any dose of an opioid when a benzodiazepine has been prescribed in the last 30 days or is anticipated to be prescribed at the visit; or (iii) the patient presents with an increased risk of overdose, including, but not limited to, a history of overdose or substance use disorder.

(c) A pharmacist dispensing an opioid contained in Schedule II of section 3 shall inform the patient of the potential adverse risks of the prescribed opioid and shall offer to dispense an opioid antagonist to the patient, and where applicable, to a designee of the patient, or for a patient who is a minor, to the patient’s parent or guardian.”;

By inserting after section 47 the following section:

“SECTION 47A. Section 53 of said chapter 111, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the seventh sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:— Such rules and regulations shall require a dialysis unit to have on duty sufficient direct care nursing personnel to ensure that all patients undergoing dialysis have nursing care available at all times provided by registered nurses, licensed practical nurses and other staff trained in chronic dialysis at a ratio of at least 1 direct care nursing personnel to every 3 patients; provided, that such rules and regulations may include circumstances where the department may waive nursing personnel ratio requirements.”; and

By inserting after section 74A (inserted by amendment) the following two sections:

“SECTION 74B. Item 4590-1507 of section 2 of chapter 28 of the acts of 2023, as amended by section 184 of chapter 77 of the acts of 2023, is hereby further amended

by striking out the words ‘provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for repairs for the Northern Berkshire YMCA complex located in the city of North Adams’ and inserting in place thereof the following: “provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the city of North Adams to complete renovations to the building located on 22 Brickyard court and such funds shall be made available until June 30, 2025.

SECTION 74C. Said item 4590-1507 of said section 2 of said chapter 28, as appearing in section 184 of said chapter 77, is hereby further amended by striking out the words ‘provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for capital improvements to the former state armory building in the city of North Adams for the benefit of the Northern Berkshire Youth Basketball program’ and inserting in place thereof the following: “provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the North Adams Youth Basketball program located in the city of North Adams for capital improvements and such funds shall be made available until June 30, 2025.”.

After debate 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 158 members voted in the affirmative and 0 in the negative.

[See [Yea and Nay No. 95](#) in Supplement.]

Therefore the consolidated amendments (public health and mental health and disability services) were adopted.

Consolidated amendments adopted,—
yea and nay
No. 95.

Engrossed Bill – Land Taking.

The engrossed Bill authorizing the city of Lynn to use certain park land for school purposes (see House, No. 4448) (which originated in the House), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was put upon its final passage.

On the question on passing the bill to be enacted, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays (this being a bill providing for the taking of land or other easements used for conservation purposes, etc., as defined by Article XCVII of the Amendments to the Constitution); and on the roll call 158 members voted in the affirmative and 0 in the negative.

[See [Yea and Nay No. 96](#) in Supplement.]

Therefore the bill was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Lynn,—
land.

Bill enacted
(land taking),—
yea and nay
No. 96.

Emergency Measure.

The engrossed Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2024 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (see House, No. 4582), 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.

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 131 to 25. 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 put upon its final passage.

Supplemental appropriations.

On the question on passing the bill to be enacted, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays at the request of Mr. Frost of Auburn; and on the roll call 123 members voted in the affirmative and 35 in the negative.

[See [Yea and Nay No. 97 in Supplement.](#)]

Therefore the bill was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill
enacted,—
yea and nay
No. 97.

Recess.

At nine minutes after four o'clock P.M. (Thursday, April 25), on motion of Mr. Jones of North Reading (Ms. Hogan of Stow being in the Chair), the House recessed subject to the call of the Chair; and at thirteen minutes after eight o'clock, the House was called to order with Ms. Hogan in the Chair.

Recess.

Orders of the Day.

The House Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2025 for the maintenance of the departments, boards, commissions, institutions, and certain activities of the Commonwealth, for interest, sinking fund, and serial bond requirements, and for certain permanent improvements (House, No. 4600, amended), was considered.

General
Appropriation
Bill.

Pending the question on passing the bill, as amended, to be engrossed, Mr. Michlewitz of Boston and other members of the House moved, under the provisions of the last sentence of the penultimate paragraph of Rule 20A, to amend it in section 2, in item 0511-0200, by adding the following: “; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for capital improvements to Camp DiCarlo, home of the National Lancers, to bring the facility up to code; and provided further, that not less than \$10,000 shall be expended for necessary upgrades to the Vietnam Veteran memorial in the city of Haverhill”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “875,821” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “910,821”;

Consolidated
amendments
(constitutional
officers and
state adminis-
tration and
transportation).

In item 0526-0100 by adding the following: “; provided, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for the Wendell Historical Society to assist in the renovation of the former Wendell Depot Store and Post Office”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “1,107,223” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “1,132,223”;

In item 0540-1900 by striking out the figures: “2,406,087” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “2,607,580”;

In item 0640-0300, in line 19, by inserting after the word “needs” the following: “; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for the YOUTHArts Westford organization; provided further, that not less than \$10,000 be expended to the Longmeadow Pride Alliance, Inc. to support the Longmeadow pride festival celebrating the diverse community of LGBTQ individuals; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the Springfield Symphony Orchestra, Inc. for infrastructure and deferred maintenance and to enhance the ability to produce new, diverse programming and concerts and to support the Springfield symphony youth orchestra; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended to the Special Needs Arts Programs, Inc. of Lexington to enable it to serve existing and waitlisted clients; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the city known as the town of Barnstable for hiring staff for the city’s diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives; provided further, that not less than \$30,000 shall be expended to

Amplify POC Cape Cod, Inc. for hiring staff that can apply for grants and other long-term funding in pursuit of their mission to promote economic power, increased ownership, and wealth-building opportunities in communities of color; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to The Boston Ballet; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended for barn and other building renovations at the Forbes House Museum in Milton; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for operations and other community programming at the Milton Art Center in Milton; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended for improvements at Cogswell ArtSpace in Haverhill; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for the Artists Community Assistance Program to be administered by the Allston Village Main Streets of Boston; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for a mural at the Natick center Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority station and said funds must be matched by other public or private donations; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the Dedham School of Music Incorporated; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the Lowell Southeast Asian Water Festival, through the cultural organizations of Lowell, to promote equity, diversity and inclusion in the cultural life of the people of greater Lowell and beyond; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to Three Saints, Inc. in the city of Lawrence to support community services and promote Italian heritage; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the Franklin Performing Arts Company, Inc.; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the Brookline Community Foundation, Inc. to support a community theatre programming grant for local nonprofit arts organizations; provide further, that not less than \$30,000 shall be expended for The Dance Complex for the historic preservation of their facility in the city of Cambridge”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “25,895,000” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “26,750,000”;

In item 0810-1205 by adding the following: “; and provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the SAFE Coalition, Incorporated to provide support, education, treatment options and coping mechanisms for those affected by substance use disorder in Franklin”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “2,734,123” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “2,784,123”;

In item 1108-5100 by striking out the figures: “5,469,260” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “10,469,260”;

In section 2E, in item 1595-6368, by adding the following: “; provided, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for the implementation of a pedestrian safety program in the Brighton business district of Boston to be administered by Brighton Main Streets; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the planning and engineering costs associated with Phase 2 of the Route 128/Exit 19 Interchange Improvement Project in Beverly; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for a feasibility study for the restoration and preservation of Norwood Central Station by the Norwood Historical Commission; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for downtown pedestrian safety improvements to the city of Easthampton; provided further, that not less than \$35,000 shall be expended for street design and permitting to create safe streets around Hadley Elementary School in the town of Swampscott; and provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended for rural infrastructure improvements to the town of Bolton”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “538,011,082” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “538,371,082”;

In section 2F, in item 1596-2408, by adding the following: “; provided, that not less than \$1,000,000 shall be expended to the Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority

for the operation of a ferry service from Lewis Wharf Mall in East Boston to Long Wharf in the North End of Boston; provided further, that said ferry service shall run from April 1, 2024 to November 30, 2024 and then run service again from April 1, 2025 until November 30, 2025; and provided further, that the authority shall report on the number of passengers who utilize said service to the house and senate committees on ways and means not later than January 31, 2025”;

By inserting after section 38 the following seven sections:

“SECTION 38 1/8. Section 23 of chapter 32 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting, in line 202, after the word ‘governor’, the following words:— from a list of 3 candidates nominated by the executive board of the Massachusetts Association of Contributory Retirement Systems, Inc.

SECTION 38 1/4. Section 5 of chapter 32A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 1, 2, 25 and 26, each time they appear, the words ‘five thousand dollars’, and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following figure:— \$7,500.

SECTION 38 3/8. Said section 5 of said chapter 32A is hereby further amended by striking out the figure ‘\$7,500’, inserted by section 38 1/4, each time it appears, and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following figure:— \$10,000.

SECTION 38 1/2. Section 6 of said chapter 32A, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 2, 3 and 4, 5 and 6, each time they appear, the words ‘five thousand dollars’ and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following figure:— \$7,500.

SECTION 38 5/8. Said section 6 of said chapter 32A is hereby further amended by striking out the figure ‘\$7,500’, inserted by section 38 1/2, each time it appears, and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following figure:— \$10,000.

SECTION 38 3/4. Section 10 of said chapter 32A, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 4 and 5, each time they appear, the words ‘five thousand dollars’, and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following figure:— \$7,500.

SECTION 38 7/8. Said section 10 of said chapter 32A is hereby further amended by striking out the figure ‘\$7,500’, inserted by section 38 3/4, each time it appears, and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following figure:— \$10,000.”;

By inserting after section 38A (inserted by amendment) the following four sections:

“SECTION 38B. Section 1 of chapter 50 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the definition of ‘Aldermen’ the following definition:—

‘Artificial intelligence’, the capability of a computer system to perform tasks that normally require human intelligence, including, but not limited to, visual perception, speech recognition, content generation and decision-making.

SECTION 38C. Said section 1 of said chapter 50, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by inserting after the definition of ‘Federal act’ the following definition:—

‘Generative artificial intelligence’, artificial intelligence technology that is capable of creating content, including, but not limited to, text, audio, image or video based on patterns learned from large volumes of data rather than being explicitly programmed with rules.

SECTION 38D. Said section 1 of said chapter 50, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by inserting after the definition of ‘State officer’ the following definition:—

‘Synthetic media’, audio or video content substantially produced by generative artificial intelligence.

SECTION 38E. Chapter 56 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following section:—

Section 70. (a) Any audio or video communication that: (i) is paid for by a candidate campaign committee, political action committee, political issues committee, political party or a person using a contribution; (ii) is intended to influence voting for or against a candidate or ballot proposition in an election or primary; and (iii) contains synthetic media shall include at the beginning and end of the communication the words ‘Contains content generated by AI’ and shall include throughout the duration of each portion of the communication containing synthetic media, in legible writing, the words: (A) ‘This video content generated by AI’, if the video includes only video synthetic media; (B) ‘This audio content generated by AI’, if the video only includes audio synthetic media; or (C) ‘This content generated by AI’, if the video includes both video and audio synthetic media.

(b) A violation of this section shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$1,000. Compliance with this section shall not exempt a person from civil or criminal liability for a violation of other applicable law.”;

In section 39, in line 711, by striking out the words “so appearing” and inserting in place thereof the following: “appearing in the 2022 Official Edition”;

In section 44, in line 743, by inserting after the word “bicycle” the words “as defined or classified under federal or state law”;

By inserting after section 44 the following three sections:

“SECTION 44A. Section 11A of chapter 90D of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:—

Notwithstanding section 24, upon receiving notification of satisfaction of a security interest, the registrar may waive the issuance and mailing of the certificate of title to the owner or third party requested by the lienholder. If the registrar waives the issuance and mailing of the certificate of title, the registrar shall ensure: (i) the owner or third party may receive a paper certificate of title upon request; and (ii) it has a process or system established to ensure the owner or third party may affect action that would otherwise be necessary upon the certificate of title.

SECTION 44B. Section 24 of said chapter 90D, as so appearing, is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:

Notwithstanding subsection (a) of section 16, the registrar shall prescribe a form or electronic process whereby a dealer may retail a vehicle for which: (i) the dealer has made payment as described in the previous paragraph; or (ii) the registrar has received an electronic notification of the satisfaction of a security interest in accordance with the system established pursuant to section 11A. The registrar shall prescribe the manner in which the dealer shall maintain, invalidate or surrender the certificate of title upon receipt of the certificate of title for a vehicle which is retailed under this paragraph.

SECTION 44C. Said chapter 90D, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by adding the following section:—

Section 39. Electronic signatures as prescribed in section 9 of chapter 110G shall be accepted by the registrar on any document, form, certificate of title or record necessary or required under this chapter without limitation. A document that is created through a secure printing process may be made electronic by imaging, scanning or similar process for the purposes of capturing an electronic signature. The registrar may prescribe reasonable requirements for electronic signature authentication,

maintenance, invalidation or surrender of a securely printed document that is made electronic and electronically signed.”;

By inserting after section 81 the following two sections:

“SECTION 81A. (a) For the purposes of this section, the following terms shall, unless the context clearly requires otherwise, have the following meanings:

‘Department’, the department of conservation and recreation.

‘Environmental justice population’, as defined in section 62 of chapter 30 of the General Laws.

‘Environmental justice principles’, as defined in said section 62 of said chapter 30.

‘Riverside neighborhood’, the portions of the city of Cambridge bounded by the Charles river, River street, Massachusetts avenue and John F. Kennedy street, as shown on a map titled ‘Riverside, Cambridge, Massachusetts’ on file with the Cambridge Community Development Department Cambridge GIS.

(b) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, there shall be a task force to study and make recommendations to the department to: (i) address equitable access to the Charles river in the area between the Longfellow bridge and the Eliot bridge; (ii) ensure that inclusive processes are in place to engage all relevant stakeholders when decisions involving the Charles river area are made; and (iii) improve communication with all involved stakeholders.

(c) The task force’s recommendations pursuant to subsection (b) and report pursuant to subsection (g) shall include, but shall not be limited to, ways to: (i) ensure that the department considers environmental justice principles when making decisions involving the area of the Charles river between the Longfellow bridge and the Eliot bridge; (ii) ensure that all stakeholders are engaged when substantive decisions are made regarding closing or limiting access to Memorial drive; (iii) ensure that the residents of the abutting neighborhood receive proper notification when the department makes changes to access to Memorial drive; and (iv) improve programming along the Charles river that may be enjoyed by a wide variety of stakeholders.

(d) The task force shall consist of: the commissioner of the department, or a designee, who shall serve as co-chair; the undersecretary of environmental justice and equity within the department of energy and environmental affairs, or a designee, who shall serve as co-chair; the director of the bureau of climate and environmental health within the department of public health, or a designee; 1 member appointed by Cambridge Health Alliance; 1 member appointed by the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority; 1 member appointed by the Cambridge branch of the NAACP; 1 member appointed by the Cambridge Black Pastors Alliance, Inc.; 1 member appointed by My Brother’s Keeper Cambridge; 1 member appointed by the Massachusetts Bicycle Coalition, Incorporated; 1 member appointed by the Charles River Conservancy, Inc.; 1 member appointed by Cambridge Mothers Out Front; 1 member appointed by The Nature Conservancy of Massachusetts, Inc.; 1 member appointed by the Charles River Watershed Association; 1 member appointed by The People for Riverbend Park Trust; and not less than 6 individuals whose primary residence is within one half mile of the Charles river and who are members of an environmental justice population or live in subsidized housing; provided, that at least 2 of the individuals shall reside in the Riverside neighborhood. Task force membership shall reflect diverse representation in the commonwealth, including, but not limited to, diverse cultures, races, ethnicities, languages, disabilities, gender identities, sexual orientations, geographic locations and ages.

(e) The task force may consult with the department to inform its work. The department shall provide to the task force requested information relevant to the work of the task force.

(f) The task force shall hold not less than 3 public hearings and accept public comment before filing its final report pursuant to subsection (g).

(g) Not later than June 30, 2025, the task force shall submit a report with its recommendations to the clerks of the house of representatives and the senate.

SECTION 81B. The Massachusetts Port Authority shall construct and maintain, from available funds, an enhanced runway safety area at the end of runway 27, including a pier that extends into Boston harbor over tidelands, at the General Edward Lawrence Logan International Airport. The runway safety area at the end of runway 27 shall extend approximately 460 feet beyond the harbor line of 1966 between points C and D pursuant to chapter 733 of the acts of 1966. The construction and maintenance of the runway safety area shall be subject to chapter 91 of the General Laws.”;

In section 84, in line 1527, by striking out the following: “32D” and inserting in place thereof the following: “35D”; and

By inserting after section 105 the following section:

“SECTION 105A. Sections 38 3/8, 38 5/8 and 38 7/8 shall take effect on July 1, 2025.”.

After remarks 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 158 members voted in the affirmative and 0 in the negative.

[See [Yea and Nay No. 98](#) in Supplement.]

Therefore the consolidated amendments (constitutional officers and state administration and transportation) were adopted.

Consolidated
amendments
adopted,—
yea and nay
No. 98.

Recess.

At fourteen minutes before nine o’clock P.M. (Thursday, April 25), on motion of Mr. Jones of North Reading (Ms. Hogan of Stow being in the Chair), the House recessed until the following day at ten o’clock A.M.; and at that time, the House was called to order with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair.

Recess.

Friday, April 26, 2024 (at 10:00 o'clock A.M.).

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of
allegiance.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Smola of Warren and Senator Oliveira, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4588) of Todd M. Smola and Jacob R. Oliveira (by vote of the town) that the town of Palmer be authorized to issue two additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises and one additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premise in said town. To the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Palmer,—
liquor
licenses.

By Representative Zlotnik of Gardner, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4589) of Jonathan D. Zlotnik (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that certain land in the city of Gardner be changed from use as a public school to use for general municipal purposes. To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Gardner,—
land.

By Representative O'Day of West Boylston and Senator Moore, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4590) of James J. O'Day and Michael O. Moore (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to exempting the office of chief of police and the position of deputy chief of police in the city of Worcester from the civil service law. To the committee on Public Service.

Worcester,—
civil service.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Representative Cataldo of Concord presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Simon Cataldo for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Paul M. Letendre, an employee of the Department of Correction; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Paul
Letendre,—
sick leave.

Orders of the Day.

The Speaker being in the Chair, —

The House Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2025 for the maintenance of the departments, boards, commissions, institutions, and certain activities of the Commonwealth, for interest, sinking fund, and serial bond requirements, and for certain permanent improvements (House, No. 4600, amended), was considered.

General
Appropriation
Bill.

Pending the question on passing the bill, as amended, to be engrossed, Mr. Frost of Auburn and other members of the House moved to amend it by adding the following section:

“SECTION 113. The first paragraph of section 30 of chapter 23B of the General Laws, as amended by section 120 of chapter 7 of the acts of 2023, is hereby further amended by adding the following sentence:— Notwithstanding any general or special law, rule or regulation to the contrary, the emergency housing assistance program established herein shall be available only to residents of the commonwealth who have resided within the commonwealth for no less than three months, provided however that this provision shall not apply to a victim of domestic violence or a person whose

living situation has been affected by a fire or other natural disaster that occurred in Massachusetts.

The department shall require applicants to provide proof of residency for a period of no less than three months. The department may require applicants to submit documentation including, but not limited to, federal and state issued identification documents, mail, financial statements, and bills to meet the requirements of this section.

This section shall apply to applications submitted for the emergency housing assistance program on or after the effective date of this act.”.

After debate on the question on adoption of the amendment, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, at the request of Mr. Frost; and on the roll call 30 members voted in the affirmative and 127 in the negative.

[See [Yea and Nay No. 99](#) in Supplement.]

Therefore the amendment was rejected.

The same members then moved to amend the bill by adding the following section:

“SECTION 113. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities and the Department of Housing and Community Development shall provide priority consideration to residents who have resided in the commonwealth for a minimum of 12 consecutive months and who are on the waitlist for the emergency housing assistance program, when space in said program becomes available.”.

After debate on the question on adoption of the amendment, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, at the request of Mr. Frost of Auburn; and on the roll call 27 members voted in the affirmative and 131 in the negative.

[See [Yea and Nay No. 100](#) in Supplement.]

Therefore the amendment was rejected.

Mr. Jones of North Reading and other members of the House then moved to amend the bill by adding the following section:

“SECTION 113. Section 30 of chapter 23B of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby amended in subclause (B) in the first sentence by inserting at the end thereof the following language:— ‘; provided that said regulations shall prioritize eligibility for the program for honorably discharged homeless veterans’.”.

After debate on the question on adoption of the amendment, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, at the request of Mr. Jones; and on the roll call 28 members voted in the affirmative and 129 in the negative.

[See [Yea and Nay No. 101](#) in Supplement.]

Therefore the amendment was rejected.

Mr. Michlewitz of Boston and other members of the House then moved, under the provisions of the last sentence of the penultimate paragraph of Rule 20A, to amend the bill in section 2, in item 2000-0100, by adding the following: “; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for Quiet Communities Inc. in Lincoln; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended for water tank improvement and other related costs in the town of Weston; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended for the Boston Harbor Now, Inc. for climate research, planning, programming and community science education related to climate resiliency work with the Stone Living Lab partnership; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for Groundworks Southcoast to support tree and community garden expansion in the city of New Bedford; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended for the Cape Cod Commercial Fishermen’s

Amendment
rejected,—
yea and nay
No. 99.

Amendment
rejected,—
yea and nay
No. 100.

Amendment
rejected,—
yea and nay
No. 101.

Consolidated
amendments
(energy and
environmental
affairs and
housing).

Alliance, Inc. for the modernization and maintenance of sustainable fishing; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the Charles River Watershed Association for a regional approach to reducing combined sewer overflows in the Charles river; and provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for upgrades to the Mary Dennison park to provide inclusive and low-threshold access to exercise equipment to the surrounding environmental justice community”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “18,615,104” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “19,615,104”;

In item 2200-0100, in line 7, by inserting after the word “Laws” the following: “; provided further, that not less than \$30,000 shall be expended to enter into an agreement with OARS, Inc. for the operation of a water quality monitoring program in the Sudbury, Assabet and Concord rivers”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “54,009,482” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “54,039,482”;

In item 2200-0107 by adding the following: “; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for the purchase and installation of dishwashers at Harrington elementary school and Fiske elementary school in the town of Lexington; and provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the purchase, operation and maintenance of solid waste management equipment and practices in the town of Winchester”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “499,998” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “624,998”;

In item 2300-0100, in line 8, by inserting after the word “costs” the following: “; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the New England Wildlife Center, Inc. in the city of Weymouth for costs associated with the care, treatment and maintenance of wildlife”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “1,977,659” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “2,077,659”;

In item 2300-0101 by adding the following: “; provided, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the South river dredging project in the town of Marshfield”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “5,146,476” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “5,196,476”;

In item 2300-0102 by adding the following: “; and provided further, that not less than \$70,000 shall be expended for preliminary design and engineering work for the replacement of the Pine Island brook culvert on Pine Island road in the town of Mattapoisett”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “2,772,000” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “2,842,000”;

In item 2310-0300 by adding the following: “; provided, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for the Fishing Academy of Boston”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “1,576,192” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “1,601,192”;

In item 2330-0100, in line 27, by inserting after the word “means” the following: “; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended for shellfish propagation in Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket counties to be administered jointly by the director of marine fisheries and the aforementioned counties; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended for the Gloucester Marine Genomics Institute, Inc. for a research project utilizing environmental DNA”, in line 28 by striking out the figures: “550,000” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “575,000”, by adding the following: “and hydrodynamic modeling of coastal waters to accurately assess delineation of shellfish growing area classifications and other applications to improve management of marine fisheries resources, and whelk fishery research to evaluate alternative management strategies”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “9,173,785” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “9,548,785”;

In item 2511-0100, in line 13, by inserting after the word “Laws” the following: “; provided further, that not less than \$60,000 shall be expended for Greenagers, Inc. teen and young adult environmental programming; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for Land’s Sake, Inc. in the town of Weston to support infrastructure and capital improvements to support the sale and donation of fresh produce; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended for the Center for Agriculture, Food, and the Environment; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended for the Boston Public Market Association, Inc. for the operation and programming at the Boston Public Market”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “11,566,244” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “12,301,244”;

In item 2511-0105, in line 13, by inserting after the word “poverty” the following: “; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the Heart Healthy food pantry at the Natick service council; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for Rachel’s Table of Western Massachusetts, Inc. to continue the mission of the next three years to provide food to more than 53 organizations not being served by the Western Mass Food Bank; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for the Al Nelson Friendship Center food pantry; provided further, that not less than \$110,000 shall be expended for the operation of the Food for Free Committee, Inc. school markets program; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended for Manna Community Kitchen”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “37,116,330” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “37,401,330”;

In item 2511-0107 by adding the following: “; provided, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for Our Neighbor’s Table, Inc. in the city of Amesbury to provide free groceries to those who are food insecure across the Merrimack valley; provided further, that not less than \$62,000 shall be expended for the purchase of kitchen equipment for the emergency shelter in the town of Sudbury; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for Rose’s Bounty food pantry to help fulfill food insecurity needs for residents of the southwest neighborhood of the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the Franklin Food Pantry, Incorporated building project; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the Medway Village Food Pantry, Inc. building project; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for Medway Community Farm, Inc. in the town of Medway; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the coastal foodshed initiative in the greater New Bedford region to promote and grow the local food access economy and distribution channels for locally grown food; provided further, that not less than \$90,000 shall be expended for Greater Lynn Senior Services, Inc. for programming related to the Phoenix Food Hub in the city of Lynn; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended for Healthy Waltham, Inc.; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for Fenway Civic Association, Inc. for the Fenway Cares mutual aid initiative, including administrative costs, to distribute fresh food and supplies to food-insecure Fenway residents; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for Growing Places for the operation of the north central food processing center; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the Martha’s Vineyard Fishermen’s Preservation Trust for the operation and expansion of the seafood donation program, and for otherwise supporting the fishing industry on Martha’s Vineyard; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the East Boston Community Soup Kitchen, Inc. to provide food aid and additional services; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be

expended for the Braintree Holidays – Friends, Inc. located at the Margin Crispin center in the city known as the town of Braintree; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the purchase of a trailer to house the Chelmsford food pantry; and provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended for the West Bridgewater food pantry”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “100,000” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “977,000”;

In item 2800-0100 by adding the following: “; provided further, that not less than \$40,000 shall be expended for the refurbishment of public parks and playgrounds in the city of Attleboro and to supply said public parks and playgrounds with picnic tables and benches; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for aquatic invasive species control for the Charles river and Mystic river; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for outdoor recreation infrastructure improvements in the city of Greenfield; and provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the restoration and improvement to the Tewksbury youth baseball fields in the town of Tewksbury”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “6,806,755” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “7,096,755”;

In item 2810-0100, in line 18, by inserting after the word “year” the following: “; provided further, that local youth programs and nonprofits get first preference in scheduling on all playfields and hockey rinks operated by the department; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for rail trail improvements in the town of Wayland; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for Brockton public schools for the renovation of tennis courts into basketball courts at the Davis elementary school park area; provided further that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the Parallel park in the town of Arlington; provided further, that not less than \$15,000 shall be expended for the Arlington Community Orchard; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended for renovations of open spaces and parks and playgrounds in the Highlands and Acre area of the city of Lowell to equitably contribute to the health, well-being and inclusivity of residents; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the Blue Hills Trailside Museum in the town of Milton; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended for Patton park playground and accessibility improvements in the town of Hamilton”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “109,984,560” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “110,394,560”;

In item 2810-0122 by adding the following: “; provided, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the renovations of the Berkeley Community Garden to preserve green space in the community; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended for a performance platform to be used for cultural events in the town of Bedford; provided further, not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the installation and upgrade of fitness equipment at Coolidge park in the city of Fitchburg; provided further, not less than \$40,000 shall be expended for a new multipurpose scoreboard and sign at Nikitas field in the city of Fitchburg; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for the renovation of Gage field, located on Beacon street in the Centralville section of the city of Lowell; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended for the beautification and redevelopment of the Swift park in the town of Easton; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for improvements, preparedness and operations for ferry service at Squantum Point park in the city of Quincy; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended for the renovation of Gillis park in the city of Beverly; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the department of parks, recreation and culture in the city of Newton for the construction

of the Crystal lake stormwater filtration basin to intercept drainage and ensure the water quality; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended for parks and recreation improvements in the town of Dedham; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the department of parks, recreation and culture in the city of Newton for the design of improved athletic fields, accessibility and environmental improvements of Officer Bobby Braceland playground; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the maintenance and operation of Ledges golf club in the town of South Hadley; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the parks and recreations department of the city of Haverhill to support local shovel ready projects; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 be expended for the North Shore Maritime Center, Inc. for the youth rowing program; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended for the Blue Hill Observatory & Science Center, Inc.; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for Salem public schools to upgrade the Bentley Academy Early Childhood Center playground; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for Tree Eastie Inc. to expand the tree canopy in the East Boston section of the city of Boston through the planting and maintenance of trees; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for the Harry McDonough Sailing Center, Inc.; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to for the treatment of Flax pond in the city of Lynn; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended for the Boston 4 Celebrations Foundation, Inc. for the Boston Pops Fireworks Spectacular for the fourth of July celebrations on the Charles river; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the Everett youth development and enrichment department to expand the availability of sensory and adaptive youth and recreational programming in the city of Everett; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for improvements to Elm park in the city of Worcester; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 be expended for the design, renovation and maintenance of recreational parks and facilities in the town of Winchester; provided further, that not less than \$15,000 shall be expended for baseball field improvements at the Gilmore school in the city of Brockton; provided further, that not less than \$18,756 shall be expended for upgrades to the public restroom facilities at Morton park in the town of Plymouth; and provided further, that not less than \$60,000 shall be expended for costs related to the hockey program in town of Belmont”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “100,000” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “1,883,756”;

In item 7004-0099, in line 56, by adding after the word “homelessness” the following: “; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended to Revitalize Community Development Corporation to support the growth of service to more low-income individuals in need and filling a gap in serving individuals at home to prevent the need for hospitalization; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the Allston-Brighton Community Development Corporation for the Affordable Housing Green Energy Program in the Allston-Brighton neighborhoods in the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended for Maverick Landing Community Services, Inc. to provide information, education and assistance on housing rights and eviction and foreclosure issues, including completing and submitting housing assistance applications for tenants and small homeowners, through a housing support station in the East Boston community”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “15,356,798” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “15,681,798”;

In item 7004-0107 by adding the following: “; provided, that not less than \$350,000 shall be expended for Horizons for Homeless Children, Inc.; provided

further, that not less than \$60,000 shall be expended to Northern Bristol County Assistance Collaborative, Inc. for costs associated with the construction of a low to middle-income housing dwelling with no less than 40 units, dedicated to seniors; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the United Way of Pioneer Valley, Inc. on behalf of the Western Massachusetts Network to End Homelessness to facilitate regional coordination across Hampden, Hampshire, Franklin and Berkshire counties to prevent and end homelessness with a housing first approach that centers racial equity; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the Somerville Homeless Coalition Incorporated in the city of Somerville to support programs for homeless individuals; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to Quincy Community Action Programs, Inc. for homelessness prevention services; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to Housing Assistance Corporation for the development of housing opportunities including but not limited to accessory development units; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the Friendly House, Inc. in the city of Worcester; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the Quinsigamond Community Village Center in the city of Worcester; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to Action for Boston Community Development, Inc. to support its mobile homeless outreach team in the cities of Everett, Malden and Medford; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the Charles River Center for pre-development expenses; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended to NewVue Communities, Inc. and RCAP Solutions, Inc. for the purposes of launching a pilot program to address systemic challenges to accessing sustainable housing for Leominster residents with a focus on target populations that are not assisted by the existing housing ecosystem; provided further, that not less than \$30,000 shall be expended to the city of Fitchburg for downtown housing development and site improvement; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to the Watertown housing authority for the design of new residential units at Lexington Gardens; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to Scope Apparel HQ to support the Voices of Liberation program general operating and housing organizing expenses; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended to the Greater Lawrence Community Action Council, Inc. to distribute to HEAL Lawrence to support victims of fires or any other disaster in the city of Lawrence and to assist victims with securing rental insurance; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for Lower Cape Cod Community Development Corporation d/b/a the Community Development Partnership; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for Housing Families homeless children program in Malden; and provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to Springfield Neighborhood Housing Services, Inc.”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “100,000” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “1,660,000”;

In item 7004-9024, in line 128, by inserting after the word “standards” the following: “; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended for The Forbes Building to provide for programming and wrap around services for elderly persons”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “219,038,574” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “219,238,574”;

In section 37, in lines 639 and also in line 652, by inserting after the word “and”, in each instance, the words “, when practicable,”;

By inserting after section 37 the following five sections:

“SECTION 37A. Section 19 of chapter 29C of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 42 to 44,

inclusive, the words ‘, subject to a memorandum of understanding with the department of environmental protection,’.

SECTION 37B. Said section 19 of said chapter 29C, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out, in lines 46 to 48, inclusive, the words ‘department for the department to contract with a regional planning agency, institution of higher education or non-profit corporation’ and inserting in place thereof the following words:— Cape Cod Commission for the purposes of contracting with an entity or entities.

SECTION 37C. The fifth paragraph of section 20 of said chapter 29C, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out the first sentence.

SECTION 37D. Said section 20 of said chapter 29C, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out, in line 47, the words ‘a copy of the annual audit report and’.

SECTION 37E. Said section 20 of said chapter 29C, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out, in line 49, the words ‘environment, natural resources and agriculture’ and inserting in place thereof the following words:— environment and natural resources.”;

In section 38, in lines 703 and 704, by striking out the following: “appearing in the 2022 Official Edition” and inserting in place thereof the words “so appearing”;

By inserting after section 71 the following two sections:

“SECTION 71A. Section 22 of chapter 47 of the acts of 1997, as appearing in section 53 of chapter 228 of the acts of 2018, is hereby amended by striking out the figure ‘\$7,000,000’ and inserting in place thereof the figures: ‘9,000,000’.

SECTION 71B. Said section 22 of said chapter 47, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out the figure ‘\$2,000,000’ and inserting in place thereof the figures: ‘4,000,000’.”;

By inserting after section 74A (inserted by amendment) the following section:

“SECTION 74A 1/2. Item 1599-6090 of section 2A of chapter 268 of the acts of 2022, as amended by section 64 of chapter 2 of the acts of 2023, is hereby further amended by inserting after the words ‘Great Barrington’ the following words:— and nothing in this item shall preclude reimbursement for costs and expenses already incurred.”; and

By striking out section 91.

After debate 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 158 members voted in the affirmative and 0 in the negative.

[See [Yea and Nay No. 102](#) in Supplement.]

Therefore the consolidated amendments (energy and environmental affairs and housing) were adopted.

At fourteen minutes after twelve o’clock noon (Friday, April 26), on motion of Mr. Jones of North Reading (the Speaker being in the Chair), the House recessed subject to the call of the Chair; and at twenty-two minutes before five o’clock, the House was called to order with Ms. Hogan in the Chair.

Mr. Michlewitz of Boston and other members of the House then moved, under the provisions of the last sentence of the penultimate paragraph of Rule 20A, to amend the bill in section 2, in item 1599-0026, in line 6, by inserting after the word “Fund” the following: “; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to Montague for infrastructure improvements at the Gill Montague council on aging; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for a public works utility vehicle for the maintenance of the Nahant Greenlawn cemetery and public park land in Nahant; provided further, that not less than \$65,000 shall be expended to

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Responsible Urbanities For Fido, Inc.; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to Needham to implement stormwater best management practices; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for an outreach vehicle for Marlborough to be used as a mobile town hall; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended for the procurement of temporary speed bumps and coordinating signage for designated areas within Marlborough; provided further, that not less than \$35,000 shall be expended for the installation of a pavilion in Ghiloni park in Marlborough; provided further, that not less than \$30,000 shall be expended for the procurement and installation of security cameras for the Marlborough housing authority; provided further, that not less than \$35,000 shall be expended for the construction of a dog park in Marlborough; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for the replacement of the boiler at Marlborough city hall; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to Friends of Reggie Wong park; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to Action for Boston Community Development, Inc. North End; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended for the Marlborough economic development council's commuter shuttle service; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to Newton for landscaping improvements along Washington Street between West Newton square and Newtonville to help provide a buffer to the Massachusetts turnpike as part of the city's Washington street pilot program of roadway changes, pedestrian and bikeway improvements and provisions for business parking and MBTA bus stop areas; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for Melrose for LED lighting upgrades to amplify the city's efforts to qualify for National Grid incentives; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the Fore river trail in the city known as the town of Weymouth; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to Andover to improve ADA access in town buildings to better serve its residents; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to Mendon for engineering and planning services related to road improvements; provided further, that not less than \$40,000 shall be expended to Andover for technological improvements for public meeting spaces; provided further, that not less than \$60,000 shall be expended to North Andover for pedestrian safety measures; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to Tewksbury for drainage improvements; provided further, that not less than \$60,000 shall be expended for the digitization of municipal records in Wellesley; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for the repair, restoration, maintenance, improvement, and construction of respective storm and waste water systems in Wilmington; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for safety improvements for pedestrian access at Walpole high school; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to Belchertown for a feasibility study to ascertain estimated costs for building upgrades and potential uses of the municipally owned Franklin school building; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for the rehabilitation of the Veterans parking lot located between Central street, South Street, Wall Street, and Cohasset Street in the center of Foxborough; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the Friends of Faxon park in the city of Quincy; provided further, that not less than \$40,000 shall be expended for the continued remediation of per-and polyfluoroalkyl substances in Princeton; provided further, that not less than \$10,000 shall be expended for public safety improvements to Millbury avenue in Millbury; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to Swansea to be applied toward the upgrades and repairs of the crossing at Sharps Lot road and Lewin brook; provided further, that not less than \$10,000 shall be expended for

improvements to Dean park in Shrewsbury to bring the main bathrooms into compliance with the federal Americans with Disabilities Act; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to Malden for flood mitigation including, but not limited to, the cleaning and maintenance of the Town Line brook and Linden brook culverts; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to Plymouth for floor repair and upgrades at its Manomet youth center; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to Berkley for a sidewalk that would connect the middle school to the town common; provided further, that not less than \$5,000 shall be expended for the purpose of municipal technology upgrades to accommodate remote work in Blackstone; provided further, that not less than \$15,000 shall be expended for sidewalk infrastructure in Abington; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended for the purpose of improving pedestrian access to the high school in Walpole; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for Lynnfield public library renovation project expenses for design and development costs; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for restoring the Bare Meadow conservation area in Reading; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for a first responder wellness program in North Reading; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for infrastructure design of the middle square in Middleton; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for Bay Village Neighborhood Association, Inc.; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for Brighton Main Streets, Inc.; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended for a needs assessment at the UMass Amherst Marine Station Gloucester; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for a study on the feasibility of a by-catch recovery donation program for commercial fisheries in the towns of Essex, Manchester-by-the-Sea, Rockport, and the city of Gloucester; provided further, that not less than \$30,000 shall be expended for Pathways for Children in the city of Gloucester for an imagination library program; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the town of Manchester-by-the-Sea for the planning and design of a senior and general municipal use center, or both; provided further, that not less than \$10,000 shall be expended for the Gloucester police department community impact unit; provided further, that not less than \$37,500 shall be expended for a police firearms training simulator in the city of Gloucester; provided further, that not less than \$37,500 shall be expended for the modernization of the dock square sewer pump in the town of Rockport; provided further, that not less than \$37,500 shall be expended for the rehabilitation of the recreation area known as the Centennial Grove in the town of Essex; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended for the purpose of the Swansea sewer infrastructure project; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended for the Somerset water treatment plant for the repair and replacement of water treatment pumps”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “17,000,000” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “19,902,500”;

In item 4510-0110 by striking out the figures: “4,748,660” (inserted by amendment) and inserting in place thereof the figures: “6,348,660”;

In item 7002-0012, in line 11, by inserting after the word “organizations” the following: “; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to The Essex National Heritage Commission, Inc. for the future leaders program, to employ underserved youth in Essex county; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to Bikes Not Bombs, Inc. for general programing operations for social change to achieve economic mobility for Black and other marginalized people in Boston; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended for the Cape

Verdean Association's Cabral leadership and innovation center"; and in said item by striking out the figures: "16,240,000" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "16,415,000";

In item 7003-0100 by adding the following: "; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to the Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce for workforce training and development programming; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the Mattapan/Greater Boston Technology Learning Center, Inc. for instructors and case managers to provide job training and career placement for technical industries; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for a grant program to St. Mary's Center for Women and Children, Inc. in Dorchester for workforce development and educational programming for women; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended for Year Up, Inc. to implement workforce development programs that provide job opportunities for young adults; provided further, that not less \$80,000 shall be expended to support staffing at African Cultural Services, Inc. in Waltham; and provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the Nubian Square Foundation Inc."; and in said item by striking out the figures: "1,754,807" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "2,359,807";

In item 7003-0101, in line 8, by inserting after the word "services" the following: "; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the Community Mentoring Team, Inc. in Boston; and provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended for the Urban League of Eastern Massachusetts, Inc."; and in said item by striking out the figures: "20,174,631" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "20,474,631";

In item 7003-1206 by adding the following: "; provided, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the Leduc Center at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth for transportation costs related to the America Reads/Counts program"; and in said item by striking out the figures: "1,200,000" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "1,450,000";

In item 7004-0104, in line 8, by inserting after the word "program" the following: "; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended by the Massachusetts Housing and Shelter Alliance, Inc. for promotion, resource development, and technical assistance related to the creation of permanent supportive housing for persons with disabilities who are experiencing homelessness and other solutions to homelessness";

In item 7002-0010 by adding the following: "; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for Women's Money Matters, Inc. to provide support for financial wellness programs; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended for the Beacon Communities Charitable Fund, Inc. for the Tierney learning center; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended to Pal Pueblo, Inc. community organization that empowers Latinos to be agents of change to build a stronger, more inclusive community; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended for Historic New England to support its welcome center, programs and exhibits; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the Asian-American Women's Political Initiative, Inc. for programming needs; provided further, that \$200,000 shall be expended for the Homeless Prevention Council, Inc.; provided further, that not less than \$60,000 shall be expended to Nonprofit Center of the Berkshires, Inc. for the purpose of providing additional resources, support, and training to over 1,000 Berkshire nonprofits to aid in strengthening their capacity to serve critical needs in the Berkshire community; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for MassCultivatED's cannabis industry workforce development and jobs training programs; provided further, that not less than \$250,000

shall be expended for MassChallenge, Inc. to provide support for entrepreneurial programs; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the Gardner Community Action Committee, Inc. to facilitate their relocation and to cover certain capital needs and operations; and provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended to the Federacion Hispana De Comerciantes, Inc. to furnish technical assistance to business in Lawrence and Methuen, emphasizing financial management, capital acquisition, legal adherence, foundational startup concepts and certification for supplier diversity”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “5,200,725” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “6,830,725”;

In item 7002-0040, in line 8, by inserting after the word “employees” the following: “; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for Lever, Inc.; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to ACT Lawrence, Inc., a non-profit community development corporation to empower residents with a range of community development initiatives and activities such as affordable housing, foreclosure prevention, first-time homebuyer education, family financial literacy, and business and youth development; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to International Veteran Care Services, Inc. to mitigate food insecurity, provide housing relief, and administer other essential services to members of the veteran community within the Merrimack valley”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “7,500,000” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “7,625,000”;

By inserting after item 7002-1502 the following item:

“7002-1509 For an entrepreneur-in-residence program to be administered by the Massachusetts Technology Development Corporation, doing business as MassVentures, to encourage the part-time employment by institutions of higher education or their nonprofit affiliates of entrepreneurs who are not citizens of the United States, and who desire to move to or remain in the commonwealth on a nonimmigrant status following a period of study for a masters or doctorate degree in the sciences, technological fields, engineering, mathematics, accounting, finance, economics, business or business administration; provided, that the program shall support entrepreneurs who have established, or who have the skills and demonstrate the intention to create, a new business venture in the commonwealth; and provided further, that the program shall support entrepreneurs and part-time employers who commit to apply for a nonimmigrant H-1B visa under § 101(a)(15)(h)(i)(b) of the federal Immigration and Nationality Act of 1965..... \$220,000”;

In item 7007-0952, in line 14, by inserting after the year: “1996” the following: “; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the Lupa Zoo and Game Farm, Inc. in Ludlow”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “4,700,000” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “6,625,000”;

In item 7008-0900, in line 4, by inserting after the word “development” the following: “; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended for Marblehead for the costs of programing and publications related to the commonwealth’s 250th anniversary of the American Revolution; provided further, that not less than \$300,000 shall be expended to the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame, Inc. for an archive project that will protect irreplaceable historical materials including priceless artifacts, digital media and video footage, historical images, books and art and memorabilia and also construct comprehensive digital catalogs to preserve historic artifacts that cover the world of basketball; provided

further, that not less than \$125,000 shall be expended for the Bay State Games; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended to the Boston Children's Museum for conservation planning to increase sustainability and protect assets by improving and updating the building envelope; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to North Shore Juneteenth Association Incorporated for community programming; provided further, that not less than \$125,000 shall be expended for the New American Association of Massachusetts, Inc.; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the Germantown Neighborhood Center in Quincy; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to Quincy Asian Resources, Inc. in Quincy; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to Chelmsford for the planting of shade trees along the town's right of way in the area designated as the environmental justice community; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the DeFillipo playground in Boston; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the historic West Medford Community Center, Inc.; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended to the Italian Cultural Center of Western Massachusetts, Inc. in Springfield; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended for a matching grant program to the enrichment center located in the Dorchester section of the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to No Books No Ball Basketball Program, A Non-Profit Corporation; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended for the Boston Asian: Youth Essential Service, Inc. organization; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended for the moving ahead program at the St. Francis House in the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the national champion Dorchester Elite Eagles; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the Museum of African American History, Incorporated; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to Kingston to support Kingston's 300th anniversary celebration events; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to The Boston Landmarks Orchestra, Inc. for the purpose of providing free public concerts in Boston; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to The West End Museum, Incorporated for its operations and renovations; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended to Revolutionary Spaces, Inc. to address deferred maintenance and make improvements necessary for the operation of the old state house and old south meeting house in Boston; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended for the Boch center's Folk Americana Roots Hall of Fame located in Boston to support the Hall of Fame's educational mission as well as local economic development through programming and performances at the Folk Americana Roots Hall of Fame; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the Wilbraham nature and cultural council for tourism, marketing and advertising purposes; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended for the operation of New England Public Media, Inc. education efforts that include media lab training sessions, workplace readiness and internships for both in-person and remote instruction sessions to engage high school students in media literacy and the role of fact-based journalism in public media and to illuminate the impact of diversifying the workforce; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended for the Waltham Tourism Council, Inc.; provided further, that not less than \$15,000 shall be expended to the Point of Pines Beach Association, Inc. to support its 75th Anniversary celebration; provided further, that not less than \$35,000 shall be expended for the North End Youth Organization, Inc. formally known as the Nazzaro Recreation Center, Inc.; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be

expended for the Chinatown Business Association, Inc.; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended for The Josiah Quincy School Association in Boston; provided further, that not less than \$125,000 shall be expended for the Let's Row Boston program administered by Community Rowing, Inc. in the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended for the Addiction Treatment Center of New England, Inc. for the expansion of their three-quarter step unit program"; and in said item by striking out the figures: "268,309" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "3,808,309";

In item 7008-1116 by adding the following: " provided, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the Lucius Beebe memorial library in Wakefield for the full removal of existing stairs, cleaning of the area, and installation of a new staircase; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for The Urban Farming Institute of Boston, Inc.; provided further, that not less than \$40,000 shall be expended for the city of Melrose for critical upgrades to the city hall front door to address security concerns; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended for the Black Economic Council of Massachusetts, Inc.; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended for the purpose of updating and maintaining the public schools IT server in Millis; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended for the purpose of vegetation and seepage mitigation for Mirror lake in Norfolk; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the national champion Boston Lady Raiders; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for Shrewsbury Youth and Family Services, Inc. in Shrewsbury to provide mental health services in the commonwealth; provided further, that not less than \$10,000 shall be expended for restoration of the Shrewsbury town common gazebo; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for Parkway little league baseball in the West Roxbury section of the city of Boston for infrastructure and operating costs; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to Mansfield to design, plan, and improve development in the parkway from North Main street and Chauncy street, enabling the activation of the train station revitalization district; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the Plymouth fire department for the purpose of procuring rescue extricating equipment to enhance its emergency medical response and rescue capabilities; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for public service announcements to be broadcast during From The Top, Inc.'s radio programming; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for human relations service in the town of Wellesley to address the mental and behavioral health needs of families and children; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the support of small businesses and economic development in Wellesley; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the Plymouth downtown waterfront district for local economic development projects to support small business; provided further, that not less than \$125,000 shall be expended for the Ashland arboretum at the former Cadillac Paint site; provided further, that not less than \$70,000 shall be expended for piloting of pole-attached electric vehicle charging stations in Newburyport; provided further, that not less than \$85,000 shall be expended for the NEADS, Inc. service dogs for veterans program to train service dogs for veterans; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended to the town of Rutland for ADA accessibility improvements at the Rutland senior and community center; provided further, that not less than \$5,000 shall be expended for the acquisition of tablets and hot spots for mobile permitting in Paxton; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for improvements to the Warren senior center in Warren; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for interior

improvements to the Sturbridge senior center in Sturbridge; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for web design and infrastructure improvement for the Brimfield antique show through the Chamber of Central Mass South; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to Baystate Health, Inc. eastern region for a grant program to prevent and treat addiction to opioid and related substances; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended for the construction of Inquilinos Boricuas En Acción, Inc. la casa project; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the League of Women for Community Service, Inc. for the rebuilding of their historical headquarters; provided further, that not less than \$30,000 shall be expended for cultural development work by Worcester Common Ground, Inc.; provided further, that not less than \$30,000 shall be expended for the Pond Plain Improvement Association in the city known as the town of Weymouth; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the Worcester public library to provide funding and support staff for the library in every classroom project; provided further, that not less than \$5,500 shall be expended to the Hanover fire department to provide advanced medical and trauma training to paramedics; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for youth and community development initiatives by the Pleasant Street Neighborhood Network Center, Inc. in Worcester; provided further, that not less than \$10,000 shall be expended for repairs to the Norwell housing authority in Norwell; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the Rockland public school system for special education support; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to Milford for improvements to the Fino field athletic and baseball field complex; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to Southborough, in support of implementing recommendations to improve municipal property relative to compliance with the federal Americans with Disabilities Act; provided further, that not less than \$30,000 shall be expended to Northborough, in support of enhancements in its downtown district; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to Scituate for the Cole parkway redevelopment project; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the purpose of emergency roadway repairs in Bridgewater; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the purpose of emergency roadway repairs in Raynham; provided further, that not less than \$30,000 shall be expended for the Idlewell Educational Improvement Association Inc. in the city known as the town of Weymouth; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for the implementation of a comprehensive lake management and maintenance study of Webster lake in Webster; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended for AHA! art, history and architecture in New Bedford; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for the Cape Verdean Association in New Bedford, Inc.; provided further, that not less than \$30,000 shall be expended for the Penn's Hill Neighborhood Association, Inc. in the city of Quincy; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the Frederick Douglass house in New Bedford; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for the New Bedford Festival Theatre, Inc.; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for production programming at Zeiterion Performing Arts Center in New Bedford; provided further, not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the city of Chelsea for festivities commemorating Chelsea's 400th anniversary; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to Chelsea for a needs assessment study for a city youth center; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for updating municipal buildings in West Boylston to be more accessible to persons with disabilities and complaint with the federal American with Disabilities

Act standard; provided further, that not less than \$40,000 shall be expended for the implementation of a micro-credentialing program focused on geospatial climate resilience and coastal mapping at the Cohasset Center for Student Coastal Research, Inc., which is developed in collaboration with the University of Massachusetts Global; provided further, that not less than \$35,000 shall be expended for the Hingham unity council to bolster the programming budget for inclusion events in the community; provided further, that not less than \$10,000 shall be expended to the Norton police department to be applied toward the installation of security fencing to store police vehicles and equipment; provided further, that not less than \$10,000 shall be expended to the Seekonk public library to update outdated computer equipment; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to OCA-APAA-NE, Inc.; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the Asian business empowerment council in Boston; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for public safety improvements in Sutton; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the Fitchburg public library to develop a learning lab for resume workshops and job training; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to Shirley to provide reduced-cost or no-cost summer camp for children through the summer in Shirley program; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for Acton for the construction of accessible walkways and park features in the new historic park; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for Groton to add sidewalks on West Main street and route 40; provided further, that not less than \$125,000 shall be expended for Outside The Box; provided further, that not less than \$30,000 shall be expended for the Ward 2 Civic Association in the city of Quincy; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the North Quabbin Chamber of Commerce, Inc.; provided further, that not less than \$10,000 shall be expended for the History Expo, Inc. to assist in the 2025 Atholl Highlanders USA tour; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for the Franklin Downtown Partnership, Inc. to promote economic development in Franklin; provided further, that not less than \$10,000 shall be expended to I AM ME LLC's art and fashion program; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to Stone Soul, Inc. festival; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended to the Urban League-Springfield Inc; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for the Middleborough mental health opioid task force to fund programming to assist those facing substance use disorders within the town; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the Royall House Association and slave quarters for history and arts programming for youth in Medford; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to Westfield for park and recreational rehabilitation and reconstruction; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended for the Adams Presidential Center in Quincy; provided further, that not less than \$10,000 shall be expended for the out of town medical transportation program for the Wareham council on aging; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the non-profit organization known as Beverly 400 for the planning and celebration of the 400th anniversary of the settlement of Beverly; provided further, that not less than \$1,000,000 shall be expended for the New Commonwealth Fund to assist in their work of expanding grant opportunities for Black and Brown-led non-profits across the Commonwealth; provided further, that not less than \$15,000 shall be expended for the Garrison-Trotter Neighborhood Association, Inc. to provide community engagement and senior support programming; provided further, that not less than \$35,000 shall be expended to the Massachusetts Law Enforcement Memorial Foundation, Inc. for the maintenance and upkeep of the Massachusetts law

enforcement memorial; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for sidewalks and pedestrian safety improvements in Acushnet; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to Abilities Dance Incorporated to provide free community engagement adaptive movement workshops and intersectional disability equity lectures for intergenerational and multicultural spaces; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the Arlington Chamber of Commerce in Arlington; provided further, that not less than \$30,000 shall be expended for Groundwork Somerville, Inc. for sustainability programs in the city of Somerville; provided further, that not less than \$10,000 shall be expended for the purposes of the operation of the programs of Riverside Theatre Works, Inc., an arts organization located in the Hyde Park section of the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended for the Sean Joyce athletic fields in the town of Holbrook; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for the purposes of the operation of the programs of the Menino arts center, an arts organization located in the Hyde Park section of the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to LGBTQ Senior Housing Inc. to facilitate access to welcoming, safe and affordable housing for low-income LGBTQ seniors through development of affordable housing, inclusive, housing services and programming that addresses the needs of LGBTQ seniors and to support and preserve open space to serve seniors in Boston; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the Project Pop Up markets to transform vacant storefronts into a dynamic retail incubator; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to sidewalk improvements in downtown Lowell; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended for College Navigator services; provided further, that not less \$50,000 shall be expended for staffing at the Waltham Chamber of Commerce, Inc.; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship Society, Inc.; provided further, that not less than \$12,000 shall be expended to the Cape Cod Cape Verdean Museum and Cultural Center, Inc. in Falmouth; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for the Grove Hall Main Streets, Inc. in Boston to continue the Black Women Lead Banner Project honoring more than 200 Black women in the greater Boston area; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the Teen Torch Program; provided further, that that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for Entrepreneurship for All, Inc. in partnership with Team Haverhill Inc to incentivize youth and family entertainment ventures in Haverhill; provided further, that not less than \$30,000 shall be expended for the Greater Haverhill Chamber of Commerce; provided further, that not less than \$10,000 shall be expended for Community InRoads, Inc. for efforts to provide education and training to professionals from underrepresented backgrounds with an interest in boards and leadership roles; provided further, that not less than \$10,000 shall be expended for Haverhill Downtown Boxing, Inc. in Haverhill; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for Marblehead to rehabilitate the slave quarters and kitchen at the Colonial Jeremiah Lee Mansion, a national historic site; provided further, that not less than \$10,000 shall be expended to the North Falmouth Village Association, Inc. for renovation design and a handicap accessible renovation plan to The Junction building in North Falmouth; provided further, that not less than \$30,000 shall be expended to the Friends of the Mashpee National Wildlife Refuge, Inc. for design and construction plans of a new visitor center on land provided by Mashpee for said purpose; provided further, that not less than \$125,000 shall be expended for the Mobile Health Clinic in Framingham; provided further, that not less than \$30,000 shall be expended for improvements at the Haverhill Inner City Boxing Club, Inc.;

provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for repairs and upgrades to the Southbridge community center/Casaubon senior center, which is the emergency shelter in Southbridge; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to Charlton for the procurement of a new alerting system for the Charlton fire department; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to Mutt Rescue, Inc.; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the Revere and Son Heritage Trust in Canton for the Paul Revere heritage site in Canton; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended for the renovation of the Stoughton train depot building in Stoughton; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended for structural repairs, renovations, and ADA upgrades of restrooms at Endicott park in Danvers; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for the installation of a parking area on the grounds of the Topsfield Historical Society; provided further, that not less than \$10,000 shall be expended to the Granby Free Public Library to enhance its resources for the use of library patrons; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended to Topsfield to provide funding for the downtown economic development plan; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended to Ipswich for community development projects; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for Boston Athletic Academy, Incorporated located in the Hyde Park section of Boston; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to Walpole for planning and implementation of Walpole's 300th Anniversary Celebration; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the survey, analysis, and design plans for drainage improvements on Robin road in Sharon; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for a study to begin the process of rehabilitating and converting Revere's McKinley school into an early childhood education center; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for drainage and structural work for Revere's McMackin field; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for maintenance and repairs for Revere's Rossetti Cowan senior center; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to Peabody for the dredging of the upper Goldwithe brook for flood mitigation; provided further, that not less than \$10,000 shall be expended for the Revere Boxing Outreach program; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the Massachusetts Caucus of Women Legislators to celebrate the 50th anniversary; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the historic Chevalier Theatre in Medford; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for the construction of sidewalks in Tewksbury; provided further, that not less than \$8,500 shall be expended to the Sandwich fire department for improvements and maintenance of the marine unit; provided further, that not less than \$10,000 shall be expended for Sandwich Youth Football and Cheer (SYFC) for the rehabilitation and maintenance of Sandwich Pop Warner field in Sandwich; provided further, that not less than \$10,000 shall be expended to the American Legion Clark-Haddad Post 188 for the rehabilitation and maintenance of Fenton field and in Sandwich; provided further, that not less than \$35,000 shall be expended towards a project celebrating Fiestas Patronales to its fiscal agent Nueva Esperanza, Inc.; provided further, that not less than \$9,000 shall be expended for the Puerto Rican Art Comic Conference to its fiscal agent, the Holyoke public library; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for Mutual Aid Eastie to facilitate mutual aid programming in East Boston; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended to East Springfield Neighborhood Council, Inc. in Springfield for neighborhood beautification, and community engagement; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended to The Indian Orchard Citizens Council, Inc. in Springfield

for neighborhood beautification, and community engagement; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended to Pine Point Community Council, Inc. in Springfield for neighborhood beautification, and community engagement; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended to 16 Acres Civic Association in Springfield for neighborhood beautification, and community engagement; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for the North End Athletic Association, Inc. in Boston; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the LEDC of Springfield to assist new and existing small retail and dining establishments in the Main street area of Indian Orchard in Springfield, in the form of mini grants and technical assistance; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to Springfield Black Chambers for community outreach; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for the West Brookfield fire department; provided further, that not less than \$70,000 shall be expended to the Soccer Unity Project, Inc.; provided further, that not less than \$15,000 shall be expended for the Hardwick fire department; provided further, that not less than \$10,000 shall be expended to The BASE for providing student-athletes access to exceptional athletics and educational support programs; provided further, that not less than \$15,000 shall be expended for equipment upgrades for the East Bridgewater police department; provided further, that not less than \$10,000 shall be expended to South End Baseball; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended to the Community Music Center of Boston, Inc.; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended for Concord for planning for the reuse and redevelopment of the former Massachusetts correctional institution in Concord; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to Beacon Hill Village, Inc. to expand its capacity in the technological improvements and the provision of programming and services for older adults; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for supporting the operations of the Wachusett Business Incubator, Inc. in Gardner; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended to The Commonwealth Shakespeare Company, Inc. for free programming on Boston Common; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to The Commonwealth Shakespeare Company, Inc. for educational theater and arts programming for elementary and secondary school students; provided further, that not less than \$15,000 shall be expended for Whitman-Hanson Will, a substance abuse coalition in the towns of Whitman and Hanson to combat the opioid epidemic; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended to Latinos for Education, Inc.; provided further, that not less than \$30,000 shall be expended for a child safety program in Winthrop; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the Winthrop police department for the training of its officers in new POST requirements; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended for the improvements to Pellegrini park in the Nonantum neighborhood of Newton, including interior improvements to the Pellegrini park fieldhouse; provided further, that not less than \$175,000 shall be expended for the Western Massachusetts Sports Commission; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the expansion of the early education and care center for the West Springfield Boys' and Girls' Club, Inc.; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the Hudson Downtown Business Improvement District, Inc. for local economic development projects to support small business; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended for emergency gymnasium repairs for the Immaculate Conception Parish School in Revere; provided further, that not less than \$10,000 shall be expended for the New North Citizens Council, Inc. in Springfield for the Latino Health Salsa in the Parks Family Summertime Intervention; provided further, that not

less than \$30,000 shall be expended to the Hispanic-American Library, Inc. in Springfield; provided further, that not less than \$30,000 shall be expended for the Asian Community Development Corporation for the purposes of expanding their retirement matched savings program for low-income Asian elders; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to Blues to Green, Inc. for the operation of the Springfield Jazz & Roots Festival; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the Spirit of Springfield, Inc. to produce events that provide a sense of community, civic pride and opportunities for celebration; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to Everett for the Everett square redesign to help promote economic revitalization and development of the downtown area; provided further, that not less than \$225,000 shall be expended for the Ellis memorial early education center in Boston; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to Clinton for sidewalk repairs for Depot square; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to Berlin for IT upgrades; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to Boylston for roof replacement at the Boylston elementary school; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to Lancaster for library improvements; provided further, that not less than \$10,000 shall be expended for the purpose of ADA compliance and sensory-sensitivity accessibility features of the Stallbrook elementary school playground in Bellingham; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for public safety improvements in Grafton; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for public safety improvements in Northbridge; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for public safety improvements in Upton; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for improvements to the Halloran park recreational facility in Stoughton; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended for the Woburn senior center for transportation and capital needs; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the Boys and Girls Club of Woburn, Inc. for transportation and capital needs; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the Veronica Robles Cultural Center to provide cultural education and programming to youth and the community; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for the purchase, installation, and implementation of a multilingual kiosk to be located in the lobby of Framingham city hall; provided further, that not less than \$1,000,000 shall be expended to the New England Aquarium Corporation for upgrades and other improvements including those necessary for the operation of facilities operated by the New England Aquarium Corporation in the cities of Boston and Quincy; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to The Andover Historical Society to assist with the purchase or renovation of a piece of property in Andover to support cultural initiatives throughout the town; provided further, that not less than \$350,000 shall be expended for the Westmass Area Development Corporation to offset and pay any and all costs incurred and related to, but not limited to, operational costs and expenses involved with the revitalization of the Ludlow Mills Industrial Complex; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for the staffing the Haitian Community Partners Foundation, Inc. in Brockton; provided further, that not less than \$60,000 shall be expended for the Forever Paws Animal Shelter, Inc. in Fall River; provided further, that not less than \$30,000 shall be expended for Angels Anonymous, Inc. in Fall River; provided further, that not less than \$40,000 shall be expended to Fall River for youth programming; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for Caribbean Integration Community Development, Inc.; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the Irish Cultural Centre, Inc. of greater Boston

for the restoration and improvements of the cultural center in Canton; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for the Non-Profit Alliance of Greater Lowell in Lowell; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the Fenway Community Center, in the Fenway neighborhood of Boston; provided further, that not less than \$10,000 shall be expended for a fire safety equipment grant for the Auburn fire-rescue department for the purchase or reimbursement of turnout gear or other equipment; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the Bunker Hill Day Parade Committee, in the Charlestown section of Boston, for promoting tourism, production and promotional expenditures; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for the Boston Music Project, Inc. to continue to provide music education and social-emotional learning practices; provided further, that not less than \$10,000 shall be expended for improvements to the Leicester senior center in Leicester; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the upgrade of the electric vehicle charging station located at the Adams library in Chelmsford; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the purchase and installation of solar panels for the senior center in Littleton; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended for the North End Music and Performing Arts Center, Inc.; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended for the Wharf District Council, Inc. for climate resiliency planning; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the for Friends of Herter Park, Inc. for the maintenance of the outdoor theater in Artesani park with approval from the department of conservation and recreation; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the Charles River Watershed Association to engage with Allston-Brighton residents in understanding and reviewing the climate resilience implications of planned development in the Allston-Brighton neighborhoods of Boston; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for sidewalk repairs in Belmont; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for Belmont to update the Comprehensive and Recreation Master Plan; provided further, not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for the parks and recreation department in Agawam for the support of youth sports programs; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be made available to the Anchor of Hull for programming intended to bolster the organization's regular weekly programs and recovery meetings for families and people of all ages who have been impacted by substance use disorder; provided further, that not less than \$175,000 shall be expended for the Hammond Castle in the city of Gloucester for costs associated with the stabilization and repair of the castle's ocean side towers and roof; provided further, that not less than \$10,000 shall be expended for the Gloucester Boxing Club; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the town of Dighton to match federal funds received for the engineering and design of the pleasant street bridge project; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the Friends of Jack Foundation, for the purposes of providing healthcare programs and child life specialists in community hospitals; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the Massachusetts Partnership for Youth, Inc. to continue delivering remote or on-site training and capacity building for school and community leaders in the areas of youth violence risk assessment and harm reduction for at-risk youth; and provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the town of Swansea to be applied toward the upgrades and repairs of the crossing at Sharps lot road and Lewin brook"; and in said item by striking out the figures: "100,000" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "13,900,000";

In item 7066-0000, in line 5, by inserting after the word “institutions” the following: “; provided further, that not less than \$300,000 shall be expended to Quincy College for student supports”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “4,433,511” (inserted by amendment) and inserting in place thereof the figures: “4,733,511”;

In item 8324-0050 by inserting after the word “Stow” (inserted by amendment) the following: “; provided further, that not less than \$55,000 shall be expended to the city of Quincy for a hazardous materials emergency response program”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “1,607,500” (inserted by amendment) and inserting in place thereof the figures: “1,662,500”;

By inserting after section 28 the following section:

“SECTION 28A. Chapter 23A of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 13U the following section:—

Section 13V. (a) There shall be a commission, within the international trade office, on Massachusetts-Ireland trade which shall evaluate the economic interests of, and review ways to strengthen the relationship between, the commonwealth and the Republic of Ireland. The commission shall study, research, analyze and make recommendations related to: (i) bilateral trade and investments between the commonwealth and the Republic of Ireland; (ii) policy issues of interest to the commonwealth; (iii) business and academic exchanges between the commonwealth and the Republic of Ireland; (iv) mutual economic support; (v) investments in the infrastructure of the commonwealth and the Republic of Ireland; (vi) the creation of economic and educational opportunities for aid to communities in the commonwealth and the Republic of Ireland; and (vii) other related issues as the commission deems necessary.

(b)(1) The commission shall consist of the following 15 members: 3 past or current members of the house of representatives, 2 of whom shall be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives and 1 of whom shall be appointed by the minority leader of the house of representatives; 3 past or current members of the senate, 2 of whom shall be appointed by the president of the senate and 1 of whom shall be appointed by the minority leader of the senate; the state secretary, or a designee; the secretary of economic development, or a designee; the executive director of the international trade office; and 6 members appointed by the governor, 3 of whom shall be from institutions of higher education in the commonwealth and 3 of whom shall be members of public organizations in the commonwealth promoting Irish American affairs. All commission members shall be persons with knowledge of, or current or past experience related to, Irish American affairs. Annually, the commission shall elect from among its members a chair, a vice chair, a treasurer and any other officers it deems necessary.

(2) The members of the commission shall receive no compensation for their services but shall be reimbursed for necessary traveling expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

(c) The commission shall hold meetings at places it designates throughout the commonwealth, including diverse geographic locations.

(d) A majority of the members of the commission shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business of the commission.

(e) Annually, not later than August 31, the commission shall submit a report of its findings, together with recommendations for any legislation, to the governor, the clerks of the house of representatives and the senate and the chairs of the joint committee on economic development and emerging technologies.”;

By inserting after section 29 the following four sections:

“SECTION 29A. Section 2 of chapter 23K of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting, after the definition of ‘gaming establishment’, the following 2 definitions:—

‘Gaming establishment contract vendor’, as defined in section 1 of chapter 138.

‘Gaming establishment self-owned vendor’, as defined in section 1 of chapter 138.

SECTION 29B. Said section 2 of said chapter 23K, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by inserting after the definition of ‘slot machine’, the following 2 definitions:—

‘Special gaming establishment contract vendor alcoholic beverage license’, as defined in section 1 of chapter 138.

‘Special gaming establishment self-owned vendor alcoholic beverage license’, as defined in section 1 of chapter 138.

SECTION 29C. Section 26 of said chapter 23K, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after the word ‘establishment’, in line 5, the following words:—
; provided, however, that a special gaming establishment contract vendor alcoholic beverage license and a special gaming establishment self-owned vendor alcoholic beverage license may be granted by the alcoholic beverages control commission pursuant to section 79 of chapter 138.

SECTION 29D. Section 35 of said chapter 23K, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out subsection (b) and inserting in place thereof the following subsection:—

(b)(1) If the bureau finds that a person is not in compliance with any order issued under this section, it shall assess a civil administrative penalty. The penalty may be assessed whether or not the violation was willful. In determining the amount of the civil penalty, the bureau shall consider: (i) the nature of the violation; (ii) the length of time the violation occurred; (iii) the risk to the public and to the integrity of gaming operations created by the conduct of the person; (iv) the seriousness of the conduct of the person; (v) any justification or excuse for such conduct by the person; (vi) the prior history of the particular person involved with respect to gaming activity; (vii) any corrective action taken by the person to prevent future misconduct; and (viii) any other relevant factors.

(2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), any civil administrative penalty to be assessed for a violation of sections 34, 34C or 69 of chapter 138 or 204 CMR 2.05(2), including any successor regulation, against a gaming establishment self-owned vendor or gaming establishment contract vendor shall be determined by the alcoholic beverages control commission pursuant to subsection (c) of section 64 of chapter 138.”;

By striking out section 44 (as amended) and inserting in place thereof the following section:

“SECTION 44. ‘Motorized bicycle’, a pedal bicycle that has a helper motor, or a non-pedal bicycle that has a motor, with either a cylinder capacity not exceeding 50 cubic centimeters or the hybrid or electric powered equivalent or an automatic transmission, that is capable of a maximum speed of no more than 30 miles per hour; provided, that the definition of ‘motorized bicycle’ shall not include an electric bicycle as defined or classified under federal or state law.”;

By striking out section 45A (inserted by amendment) and inserting in place thereof the following section:

“SECTION 45A. Said chapter 94C is hereby further amended by inserting after section 18C the following section:—

Section 18D. (a) For the purpose of this section, the term ‘opioid antagonist’ shall mean, unless the context clearly requires otherwise, any drug approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration for the treatment of persons experiencing an opioid overdose.

(b) A pharmacist dispensing an opioid contained in Schedule II of section 3 shall inform the patient on the potential adverse risks of the prescription opioid and shall offer to dispense an opioid antagonist to the patient, and where applicable, to a designee of the patient, or for a patient who is a minor, to the minor’s parent or guardian.”;

By inserting after section 65 the following four sections:

“SECTION 65 1/5. Section 1 of chapter 138 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting, after the definition of ‘Farmer-winery’, the following 2 definitions:—

‘Gaming establishment contract vendor’, a vendor that contracts with a gaming establishment, as defined by section 2 of chapter 23K, to sell or serve alcoholic beverages at the gaming establishment for consumption on premises; provided, however, that a gaming establishment contract vendor shall include, but shall not be limited to, a restaurant, bar or club; and provided further, that a gaming establishment contract vendor shall not include a vendor that serves alcohol in a gaming area to patrons who are actively participating in gambling.

‘Gaming establishment self-owned vendor’, a vendor owned or operated by a gaming establishment, as defined by section 2 of chapter 23K, that sells or serves alcoholic beverages at the gaming establishment for consumption on premises; provided, however, that a gaming establishment self-owned vendor shall include, but shall not be limited to, a restaurant, bar or club owned or operated by said gaming establishment; and provided further, that a gaming establishment self-owned vendor shall not include a vendor that serves alcohol in a gaming area to patrons who are actively participating in gambling.

SECTION 65 2/5. Said section 1 of said chapter 138, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by inserting, after the definition of ‘Ship chandler’, the following 2 definitions:—

‘Special gaming establishment contract vendor alcoholic beverage license’, a license that permits a gaming establishment contract vendor to sell or serve alcoholic beverages at a gaming establishment, as defined by section 2 of chapter 23K.

‘Special gaming establishment self-owned vendor alcoholic beverage license’, a license that permits a gaming establishment self-owned vendor to sell or serve alcoholic beverages at a gaming establishment, as defined by section 2 of chapter 23K.

SECTION 65 3/5. Said chapter 138 is hereby further amended by striking out section 64 and inserting in place thereof the following section:—

Section 64. (a) The licensing authorities after notice to the licensee and reasonable opportunity to be heard, may modify, suspend, revoke or cancel the license upon satisfactory proof that the licensee has violated or permitted a violation of any condition thereof, or any law of the commonwealth. If at any hearing a licensee is charged with serving or selling alcohol or alcoholic beverages to a person under 21 years of age, written notice of said allegations shall be sent by the licensing authorities to the parent or guardian of such person. If the license is revoked, the licensee shall be disqualified to receive a license for 1 year after the expiration of the term of the license so revoked, and if the licensee is the owner of the premises described in such revoked license, no license shall be issued to be exercised on said premises for the residue of the term thereof.

(b) If it appears to the commission that a license has been issued under this chapter by the local licensing authorities in excess of the quota prescribed by section 17 or in violation of section 16A or any other provision of this chapter, the commission shall, after notice to said authorities and to the holder of such license and after reasonable opportunity to be heard, revoke such license, whereupon such license shall be surrendered to said authorities, and the decision of the commission shall be final and conclusive. The holder of a license so revoked shall not be subject to prosecution for any sales theretofore made by the licensee under such license on the ground that such license was illegally issued. The city or town whose licensing authorities issued any license so revoked shall forthwith refund to the holder thereof the entire fee paid therefor and authority is hereby granted to such city or town to pay the same out of any funds available.

(c) The commission after notice to the licensee and reasonable opportunity to be heard, may modify, suspend, revoke or cancel a special gaming establishment contract vendor alcoholic beverage license or a special gaming establishment self-owned vendor alcoholic beverage license upon satisfactory proof that the licensee has violated or permitted a violation of sections 34, 34C or 69 or 204 CMR 2.05 (2), including any successor regulation, or any condition of the license. The commission may accept a fine or civil administrative penalty in lieu of suspension of the license pursuant to section 23.

SECTION 65 4/5. Said chapter 138 is hereby further amended by inserting after section 78 the following section:—

Section 79. (a)(1) The commission may issue a special gaming establishment contract vendor alcoholic beverage license or a special gaming establishment self-owned vendor alcoholic beverage license to a qualified applicant who is a gaming establishment contract vendor or gaming establishment self-owned vendor as determined by the commission.

(2) The commission shall establish rules, regulations or guidance related to any requirements for licensure pursuant to this section, including, but not limited to, any limitation on the purchase or sale of alcoholic beverages by the holder of a license under this section and any authorized sources pursuant to subsection (b).

(3) The commission shall deny any application of either a special gaming establishment contract vendor or a special gaming establishment self-owned vendor that is not of responsible character.

(b) Any special gaming establishment contract vendor or special gaming establishment self-owned vendor issued a special gaming establishment contract vendor alcoholic beverage license or special gaming establishment self-owned vendor alcoholic beverage license pursuant to this section may purchase and sell alcoholic beverages from sources authorized by the commission and pursuant to section 12, as applicable; provided, that said authorized sources shall be allowed to sell alcoholic beverages to the special licenses as authorized by the commission and pursuant to said section 12, as applicable; and provided further, that the commission shall promulgate rules, guidance or regulations on said authorized sources.

(c) A special gaming establishment contract vendor alcoholic beverage license or a special gaming establishment self-owned vendor alcoholic beverage license shall not count toward any municipal quota and shall not be transferable.

(d) The commission may promulgate regulations, rules or guidelines to implement this section.”;

By inserting after section 71 the following five sections:

“SECTION 71 1/6. The fourth paragraph of section 1 of chapter 44 of the acts of 1932, as appearing in section 5 of chapter 21 of the acts of 2020, is hereby amended

by adding the following sentence:— As used in this act, the term ‘former member bank’ shall mean a savings bank or a co-operative bank without excess deposit insurance after withdrawing from membership pursuant to section 17 of chapter 43 of the acts of 1934.

SECTION 71 1/3. The third subparagraph of paragraph (a) of section 17 of chapter 43 of the acts of 1934, as appearing in section 29 of chapter 64 of the acts of 1999, is hereby amended by striking out the third sentence.

SECTION 71 1/2. The fourth sentence of said third subparagraph of said paragraph (a) of said section 17 of said chapter 43, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out the words ‘Upon said conversion’ and inserting in place thereof the following words:— Upon such notification of intent to withdraw.

SECTION 71 2/3. The last sentence of the fourth subparagraph of said paragraph (a) of said section 17 of said chapter 43, inserted by section 21 of chapter 21 of the acts of 2020, is hereby amended by striking out the words ‘pursuant to section 17A’.

SECTION 71 5/6. Section 17A of said chapter 43 is hereby repealed.”;

By inserting after section 71B (inserted by amendment) the following section:

“SECTION 71C. Item 1599-2032 of section 2 of chapter 102 of the acts of 2021 is hereby amended by striking out the words ‘provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended for replacement of the Trout brook well in the town of Avon’ and inserting in place thereof the following words:— provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended for well repairs in the town of Avon.”;

By inserting after section 74C (inserted by amendment) the following three sections:

“SECTION 74D. Item 7006-0071 of section 2 of chapter 28 of the acts of 2023 is hereby amended by striking out the words ‘; and provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for the city of Chicopee to replace equipment in order to continue to provide public and community access on the televisions of residents’.

SECTION 74E. Item 7008-1116 of said section 2 of said chapter 28, as amended by sections 187 and 188 of chapter 77 of the acts of 2023, is hereby further amended by inserting after the word ‘Sudbury’ the following words:— and such funds shall be made available until June 30, 2025.

SECTION 74F. Said item 7008-1116 of said section 2 of said chapter 28 is hereby further amended by inserting after the words ‘route 7’ the following words:— ; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for Chicopee to replace equipment in order to continue to provide public and community access on the televisions of residents and such funds shall be made available until June 30, 2025.”;

By inserting after section 78 the following two sections:

“SECTION 78A. (a) There is hereby established a stakeholder lottery modernization committee. The committee shall be comprised of the following members: a representative from the New England Convenience Store and Energy Marketers Association, Inc.; a representative from the Retailers Association of Massachusetts, Inc.; a representative operating as a licensed sales agent in a brick and mortar retail store in the commonwealth chosen by the director of the lottery and appointed to a 1-year term; a representative of the Massachusetts Restaurant Association, Inc.; a representative from the Massachusetts Council on Gaming and Health, Inc.; and any other member the director of the lottery deems necessary to carry out the work of the committee, who shall be appointed and serve for a 1-year term.

(b) The committee shall submit recommendations to the lottery commission, established by section 23 of chapter 10 of the General Laws, for the development and

implementation of: (i) modernization of the lottery system comprised of traditional brick and mortar lotteries; and (ii) lotteries conducted online, over the internet and through the use of mobile phone applications.

(c) The committee shall review all processing fees associated with point of sale transactions using debit cards and make recommendations to the director of the lottery on the processing fees derived from the use of debit cards.

(d)(1) The committee shall meet monthly until the first sale of an online lottery ticket or share. The committee shall submit recommendations to the director of the lottery commission pursuant to subsections (b) and (c).

(2) For 18 months after the first sale of an online lottery ticket or share, the committee shall meet quarterly to review lottery modernization and to develop and submit recommendations to the director of the lottery commission pursuant to subsections (b) and (c).

(e) At the first meeting of the committee, members of the committee shall elect a chair by simple majority vote, who shall establish the agenda for all meetings and preside over meetings. A simple majority of members of the advisory board shall be present for actions to be taken.

(f) Nothing in this section shall be construed to allow the committee access to information that is not available pursuant to section 10 of chapter 66 of the General Laws.

(g) Nothing in this section shall prevent any member of the stakeholder lottery modernization committee from making their own independent recommendation to the director of the lottery.

SECTION 78B. Not later than 30 days after the sale of the first online lottery ticket or share the director of the lottery commission shall submit a public notice in the state registrar of the date of the first sale.”;

By inserting after section 90 the following two sections:

“SECTION 91. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, grants from the amounts collected pursuant to subsection (a) of section 13T of chapter 23A of the General Laws allocated to regional tourism councils pursuant to clause (ii) of subsection (d) of said section 13T of said chapter 23A for fiscal year 2025 shall be distributed not later than December 1, 2024 pursuant to a transfer schedule determined by the executive office for administration and finance.

SECTION 91A. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, grants from the amounts collected pursuant to subsection (b) of section 13T of chapter 23A of the General Laws allocated to regional tourism councils pursuant to clause (ii) of subsection (d) of said section 13T of said chapter 23A for fiscal year 2024 shall be distributed not later than December 1, 2024 pursuant to a transfer schedule determined by the executive office for administration and finance.”;

By inserting after section 100 the following section:

“SECTION 100A. Section 78A is hereby repealed.”; and

By inserting after section 110 the following section:

“SECTION 110A. Section 100A shall take effect 18 months after the date of the first sale of an online lottery ticket or share consistent with the date pursuant to section 78B.”.

After debate 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 (the Speaker being in the Chair) 157 members voted in the affirmative and 0 in the negative.

[See [Yea and Nay No. 103](#) in Supplement.]

Consolidated
amendments
adopted,—
yea and nay
No. 103.

Therefore the consolidated amendments (labor and economic development) 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 (Ms. Hogan of Stow being in the Chair) 153 members voted in the affirmative and 4 in the negative.

Bill passed to
be engrossed,—
yea and nay
No. 104.

[See [Yea and Nay No. 104](#) in Supplement.]

Therefore the bill (House, No. 4601, published as amended) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

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

Next
sitting.

Representatives Ramos of North Andover and Shand of Newburyport then moved that when the House adjourns today, it do so in respect to the memory of Paul E. Tirone, a member of the House from Amesbury in 2001 and 2002; and the motion prevailed.

Accordingly, at twenty-five minutes after five o'clock P.M. (Friday, April 26), on motion of Mr. Jones of North Reading (Ms. Hogan of Stow being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

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MONDAY, APRIL 29, 2024.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Monday, April 29, 2024.

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.

Order.

An Order (filed by Mr. Cusack of Braintree) relative to extending until Wednesday, July 31, 2024 the time within which the committee on Revenue is authorized to report on a current House document (House, No. 4591), was referred, under Joint Rule 30, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Revenue
committee,—
extension of
time for
reporting.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the order ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of the same member, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petition.

Representative Consalvo of Boston presented a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4592) of Rob Consalvo (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Boston be authorized to appoint Paul O'Brien a police officer notwithstanding the maximum age requirement; and the same was referred to the committee on Public Service. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Boston,—
Paul O'Brien.

Papers from the Senate.

Bills

Designating a jury clerk for the Central District Court of Northern Essex located in the city of Haverhill (Senate, No. 2538) (on a petition);

Haverhill,—
jury clerk.

Modernizing protections for consumers in automobile transactions (Senate, No. 2736) (on Senate bill No. 171);

Automobile
transactions.

Relative to the remediation of home heating oil releases (Senate, No. 2737) (on Senate bill No. 648); and

Oil spills.

Relative to electric ratepayer protections (Senate, No. 2738, amended in line 4 by inserting after the word "contract" the words "or renew an existing contract") (on Senate bill No. 2106);

Electric
ratepayers.

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were read; and they were referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Petitions were referred, in concurrence, as follows:

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2744) of Julian Cyr and Sarah K. Peake (by vote of the town) for legislation to amend chapter 305 of the acts of 2016 relative to the year-round market rate rental housing trust fund in the town of Provincetown; and

Provincetown,—
housing
trust fund.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2745) of Julian Cyr and Sarah K. Peake (by vote of the town) for legislation relative to the charter of the town of Provincetown;

Provincetown,—
charter.

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2746) of Julian Cyr, Kip A. Diggs and Steven George Xiarhos (by vote of the town) for legislation to exempt the position of police chief in the town of Barnstable from the civil service law. To the committee on Public Service.

Barnstable,—
civil service.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2743) of Julian Cyr and Sarah K. Peake (by the vote of the town) for legislation relative to parking violations in the town of Provincetown. To the committee on Transportation.

Provincetown,—
parking.

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 (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Smitty Pignatelli and Paul W. Mark for legislation to designate a portion of state highway routes 23 west and 41 south in the town of Egremont as the George McGurn memorial highway;

Egremont,—
McGurn
highway.

Joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Smitty Pignatelli and Paul W. Mark that a certain portion of state highway Route 41 in the town of West Stockbridge be designated as the Gene Dellea highway; and

West
Stockbridge,—
Dellea highway.

Joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Smitty Pignatelli and Paul W. Mark that a certain portion of state highway Route 7 in the town of Sheffield be designated as the Brigadier-General John G. Barnard highway;

Sheffield,—
Barnard
highway.

Severally to the committee on Transportation.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington, 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:

Relative to the cleanup of accidental home heating oil spills (House, No. 1046);

Oil spills.

Making changes to certain references in the banking laws of the Commonwealth (House, No. 1078);

Banking.

Expanding the use of video and telephone conferencing (House, No. 1086);

Conferencing.

Relative to container safety on roadways (House, No. 3340);

Road safety.

Relative to the expansion of bicycle lanes (House, No. 3350);

Bicycle lanes.

Designating Marshfield the home of Senator Daniel Webster and Governor Edward Winslow (House, No. 3356);

Marshfield.

To clarify penalties for violations occurring while driving with a hardship license (House, No. 3369);

Hardship
licenses.

Relative to expired licenses (House, No. 3376);

Old licenses.

Regarding right of way violations (CeCelia's Law) (House, No. 3477);

Right of way.

Relative to simplifying processes at the Registry of Motor Vehicles for surviving spouses and next of kin (House, No. 3707);

RMV,—
survivors.

Designating a certain bridge in the town of Ashland as the Harold Wadhams Gates memorial bridge (House, No. 3883);

Ashland,—
Gates bridge.

Repealing the prohibition of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority from locating a facility within a certain distance of the Arlington Catholic High School (House, No. 4236);

Arlington
Catholic,—
MBTA.

Relative to termination of sales to wholesalers by suppliers of alcoholic beverages (House, No. 4477); and

Alcoholic
beverages.

Relative to retired fire fighters in the city of Newton (House, No. 4561) [Local Approval Received];

Newton,—
fire fighters.

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

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that the Bill to improve Massachusetts home care (House, No. 649, changed), ought to pass. Referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Home
care.

By Ms. Garlick of Needham, for the committee on Education, on House, Nos. 432, 452, 465, 467, 486, 493, 497, 516, 537, 555, 557, 560, 575, 593, 3573, 3754 and 3853, a Bill to promote social emotional learning and the mental and behavioral health of students (House, No. 4576). Read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Students,—
social and
behavioral
health.

By Mr. Cahill of Lynn, for the committee on Environment and Natural Resources, on a recommitted petition, a Bill, relative to further testing after a CSO event (House, No. 868).

Sewage
overflow
events.

By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the continued employment of Anthony Tranghese as an environmental police officer in the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (House, No. 4513).

Anthony
Tranghese,—
employment.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Orders of the Day.

The House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Tamara M. Luciani, an employee of the Trial Court of the Commonwealth (House, No. 4531), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Third
reading
bill.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

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

Next
sitting.

At twelve minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Thursday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

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THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2024.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, May 2, 2024.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Garballey of Arlington 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. Garballey), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of
allegiance.

Message from the Governor – Bill Returned with Recommendation of Amendments.

A message from Her Excellency the Governor returning with recommendation of amendments of the engrossed Bill authorizing the town of Lunenburg to establish a means tested senior citizen property tax exemption [see House, No. 3911] (for message, see House, No. 4615), was filed in the office of the Clerk on Wednesday, May 1.

Lunenburg,—
senior
property tax.

The message was read; and, under the provisions of Article LVI of the Amendments to the Constitution, the bill was thereupon “before the General Court and subject to amendment and re-enactment”. Pending the question on adoption of the amendment recommended by Her Excellency, the bill was referred, on motion of Mr. Walsh of Peabody, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

Orders.

The following orders were referred, under Joint Rule 30, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently:

Order (filed by Mr. McMurtry of Dedham) relative to extending until Wednesday, May 22, 2024 the time within which the committee on Community Development and Small Businesses is authorized to report on current Senate and House documents (House, No. 4594).

Extension
of time for
committees
to make
reports.

Order (filed by Mr. Parisella of Beverly) relative to extending until Friday, May 31, 2024 the time within which the committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies is authorized to report on current Senate and House documents (House, No. 4595).

Order (filed by Mr. Day of Stoneham) relative to extending until Sunday, June 30, 2024 the time within which the committee on the Judiciary is authorized to report on current House documents (House, No. 4613).

Order (filed by Mr. Cusack of Braintree) relative to extending until Wednesday, July 31, 2024 the time within which the committee on Revenue is authorized to report on current Senate and House documents (House, No. 4614).

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the orders ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Donato of Medford,

the orders were considered forthwith; and they were adopted. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

The following order, having been approved by the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, came from the Senate with the endorsement that it had been adopted by said branch, as follows:

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Public Service be granted until June 30, 2024, within which time to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 1609, 1610, 1616, 1618, 1620, 1621, 1629, 1638, 1646, 1650, 1654, 1658, 1659, 1660, 1664, 1665, 1669, 1680, 1683, 1686, 1692, 1695, 1702, 1706, 1707, 1712, 1713, 1721, 1722, 1729, 1732, 1738, 1739, 1742, 1746, 1747, 1754, 2396, and 2453, relative to public service matters.

Public Service
committee,—
extension
of time for
reporting.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the order (Senate, No. 2606) was considered forthwith; and it was adopted, in concurrence.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2766) of Paul W. Mark for legislation to rename the Woodlands Partnership of Northwest Massachusetts. To the committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Woodlands
Partnership.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2767) of Michael D. Brady for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Eddie Simpkins, an employee of the Suffolk County Sheriff's Department. To the committee on Public Service.

Eddie
Simpkins,—
sick leave.

*Reports of the Special Joint Committee on Initiative Petitions on the Bills
Introduced into the General Court by Initiative Petition.*

By Ms. Peisch of Wellesley, for the Special Joint Committee on Initiative Petitions [reports having been filed in the office of the Clerk subsequent to adjournment of the preceding sitting, on Tuesday, April 30, 2024], that the following initiative petitions ought NOT to pass:

An Act expressly authorizing the Auditor to audit the Legislature (House, No. 4251) (introduced into the General Court by the initiative petition of Dianna DiZoglio and others).

Legislature,—
audit.

The majority report of the committee (House, No. 4603) is as follows:

MAJORITY REPORT.

A majority of the Special Joint Committee on Initiative Petitions ("The Committee") recommends that the Initiative Petition 23-34, House 4251, "An Act expressly authorizing the Auditor to audit the Legislature," ("the Initiative Petition") as currently drafted and presented to this Committee, OUGHT NOT TO BE ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE AT THIS TIME.

The purpose of this report is to provide a recommendation to the full legislature on whether to accept the Initiative Petition as written for consideration and enactment.

The proposed Initiative Petitions would give the Auditor authority to audit the finances and workings of the state legislature.

Testimony

The Committee heard from experienced professionals, proponents and opponents of the Initiative Petition, as well as members of the general public.

The Committee first heard testimony from experienced professionals. Christopher Rogers, CPA and Managing Principal, State and Local Government at the accounting firm CliftonLarsonAllen LLC, testified that his firm conducted audits of the Massachusetts House and Senate. He was followed by the Comptroller of the Commonwealth, William McNamara, who explained the responsibilities of his office including the administration of the Commonwealth's Financial Records Transparency Program. The Committee then heard from two academics. David C. King, Senior Lecturer in Public Policy at the Harvard Kennedy School of Government, and Jeremy Paul, Professor of Law at Northeastern University, provided testimony relating to the constitutional issues raised by the Initiative Petition

The Auditor, Diana DiZoglio, testified in support of the Initiative Petition as did a panel consisting of former Representative Daniel Winslow, Mary Connaughton of the Pioneer Institute, and Paul Craney of Massachusetts Fiscal Alliance.

Former Auditor Suzanne Bump and Jerold J. Duquette, Professor of Political Science at Central Connecticut State University, testified in opposition to the amendment.

Conclusion

The statutory change would undermine the well-contemplated balance of constitutional powers between the branches of government as established by the framers of the Constitution of the Commonwealth. As David C. King, Senior Lecturer in Public Policy at the Harvard Kennedy School and Faculty Chair of Harvard's Bi-Partisan Program for Newly Elected Members of the U.S. Congress, testified during The Committee's public hearing ". . . I want to warn voters and this Legislature that House 4251 is exceptionally unwise . . . the Massachusetts separation of powers became foundational for our national constitution. The Auditor's proposal chips away at this foundation. I do believe it is that dire. The Auditor is proposing an unprecedented transfer of power from the people's representatives into the Executive Branch."

The Office of the State Auditor is a member of the Executive Branch of the government of the Commonwealth. Both the United States Constitution and the Massachusetts Constitution enshrine the separation of powers among the three branches of government, while creating various checks and balances on those powers. What this Initiative Petition seeks to do, however, is to transfer, by statute, authority explicitly vested by the constitution in the legislative branch, not to the electorate, but to the executive branch thereby violating the foundational constitutional principle of separation of powers. As Jeremy R. Paul, Professor of Law at Northeastern University, stated in testimony submitted to The Committee "I believe there are strong reasons to conclude that it would be such an overreach and thus there is a significant likelihood

that Massachusetts courts would be forced to invalidate a statute adopted by the Initiative Petition that tracks the current language.”

Notably, a recent action taken by the Trial Court supports the conclusion that the Auditor’s proposed audit of the General Court would violate the separation of powers established in the Massachusetts Constitution. In a letter sent to the Office of the State Auditor on August 24, 2023, the Trial Court wrote that it was declining to continue responding to requests related to an audit of the Trial Court’s Office of Jury Commissioner. Although the Trial Court, like the General Court, is a part of a separate branch of government from the Auditor and therefore not subject to the Auditor’s authority, it nevertheless consented to the Auditor’s request for an audit. It was only after the Auditor unilaterally expanded the scope of her audit that the Trial Court rescinded its consent, making clear that the Auditor had exceeded her authority and violated the separation of powers principle.

In a representative democracy, power rests with the constituents who elect their Representatives and Senators and hold them accountable. Rather than achieve its stated goals, the proposed the Initiative Petition would limit the power of the voters who elect Members of the Legislature by expanding the powers of the Executive Branch; essentially, the Auditor would supplant the people for herself in holding the Legislature accountable. In fact, a member of the panel that testified in support of the Initiative Petition, former Representative Dan Winslow, indicated that if the Initiative Petition was approved by voters, it would most likely be challenged on constitutional grounds, as the language is overly broad. He went on to suggest that the Legislature should change the Initiative Petition, so it did not “intrude on core legislative functions.”

It is for these reasons that the Commonwealth’s chief law enforcement officer, Attorney General Andrea Campbell, in evaluating the Auditor’s assertion of authority to audit all functions of the legislative branch, declared that the proposal “raise[d] separation of powers issues” and “constitutional concerns” about impermissible interference with or encroachment on “powers uniquely granted to the Legislature.”

The House and Senate, under their individual governing rules, require a yearly financial audit conducted by an independent auditing firm. These audit reports are available to the public.

The Legislature’s financial records and accounts are available on the Commonwealth’s Financial Records Transparency Platform (“CTHRU”), administered by William McNamara, Comptroller of the Commonwealth, who testified at The Committee’s public hearing. CTHR U includes detailed and comprehensive information regarding payroll, expenditures, and other financial information, including the amounts paid to state vendors. Additionally, all legislative sessions and committee hearings are live-streamed and recorded and can be found on the General Court’s website. Access to information about all bills and amendments, including roll call votes and journals and calendars from the House and Senate are also available online.

As part of her testimony in support of the Initiative Petition, Auditor DiZoglio shared a visual representation of documents she described as past audits to claim precedent exists for auditing the Legislature. However, further research established

that 74 of those 113 audits (many of which date back to the 19th century) were mere financial accounting reports similar to what is now publicly available on the Comptroller's CTHRU website. The remainder are the financial statements of specific divisions within the Legislature. As Attorney General Campell has stated, despite the existence of numerous Auditor's reports on certain discrete activities or entities within the legislative branch, there is "no historical precedent at all for the type of audit the [Auditor] seeks to conduct now: a sweeping audit of the Legislature over its objection, which would include review of many of its core legislative functions."

The majority of The Committee notes that the Auditor, during her campaign and in public statements, has frequently cited perceived political mistreatment in the Legislature. Suzanne Bump, former Auditor of the Commonwealth, testified that the proper subject of government audits are government programs authorized by the Legislature to serve public purposes, not the functions of the legislative branch of government. As Bump stated, because the Massachusetts Constitution enables the Legislature to govern itself through its own rules and procedures, there are no objective criteria by which the Auditor can assess it; such an audit would be inherently subjective and thus inconsistent with well-established auditing standards. In addition, Auditor DiZoglio lacks the objectivity required to audit the Legislature in accordance with the Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards (GAGAS), also known as the Yellow Book, due to the Auditor's recent service in the Legislature, as well as the clear prejudice that the Auditor has publicly expressed against the Legislature.

For these reasons, we, the majority of the Special Joint Committee on Initiative Petitions, recommend that "An Act expressly authorizing the Auditor to audit the Legislature" (see House No. 4251) as currently drafted and presented to this Committee, OUGHT NOT TO BE ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE AT THIS TIME.

Senators.

Cindy F. Friedman
Paul R. Feeney
Jason M. Lewis

Representatives.

Alice Hanlon Peisch
Michael S. Day
Kenneth I. Gordon

An Act requiring that districts certify that students have mastered the skills, competencies and knowledge of the state standards as a replacement for the MCAS graduation requirement (House, No. 4252)) (introduced into the General Court by the initiative petition of Deborah Therese McCarthy and others).

MCAS
graduation
requirements.

The majority report of the committee (House, No. 4604) is as follows:

MAJORITY REPORT.

A majority of the Special Joint Committee on Initiative Petitions ("The Committee") recommends that the Initiative Petition 23-36, House 4252, "An Act requiring that districts certify that students have mastered the skills, competencies and knowledge of the state standards as a replacement for the MCAS graduation requirement," ("the Initiative Petition") as currently drafted and presented to this Committee, OUGHT NOT TO BE ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE AT THIS TIME.

The purpose of this report is to provide a recommendation to the full legislature on whether to accept the Initiative Petition as written for consideration and enactment.

The proposed Initiative Petition would amend Section 1D of Chapter 69 of the General Laws by eliminating the uniform statewide competency determination set by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education and replacing it with a competency determination established by each of the over 300 school districts in the Commonwealth.

Testimony

The Committee heard from experienced professionals, proponents, and opponents of the Initiative Petition, as well as members of the general public.

Subject matter expert Robert Curtin, Chief Officer for Data, Assessment, and Accountability at the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (“DESE”), testified that the overwhelming majority of high school students are able to graduate regardless of their socio-economic status, ethnic/racial background, or disability status. All of these subgroups graduate at rates far in excess of 90 per cent, with the exception of those with profound cognitive impairments. Mr. Curtin further testified that 99 per cent of students are able to graduate by passing the 10th grade Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (“MCAS”) or pursuing one of the alternative paths available to them. According to data from the Class of 2019, the last graduating class not impacted by COVID-19, of 70,000 high school seniors statewide, 700 failed to graduate because they had not met the requirement and in Boston, the largest district in the state with a high percentage of low-income students and students of color, only 7 in that class failed to graduate only for this reason. Over 88 per cent of twelfth grade students in the Class of 2019 achieved a “passing” score on the 10th grade MCAS tests. Mr. Curtin elaborated on previous comments, explaining that those who do not achieve that score on the first try can pursue a variety of options to demonstrate that they have acquired the requisite knowledge and skills. Students can retake the test until they achieve a passing grade, they can pursue a “Performance/Cohort Appeal” by demonstrating to DESE that their classwork is equivalent to that of students in their classes who did pass the test, or they can complete a district developed Educational Proficiency Plan if their MCAS score is slightly below passing. As a result of these multiple pathways, Mr. Curtin testified that, on average, less than 1 per cent of high school seniors fail to graduate solely because they did not meet the graduation requirement.

Other subject matter experts testified from the perspective of education leadership positions. Paul Reville, the Francis Keppel Professor of Practice of Educational Policy and Administration at the Harvard Graduate School of Education and former Massachusetts Secretary of Education during the Patrick Administration, commented that passage of the Initiative Petitions “would usher in a new era of scattershot standards and undermine decades of education reform.” Stephen Zrike, current superintendent of the Salem Public Schools and former receiver of Holyoke Public Schools, testified that requiring students to meet the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (“BESE”) competency determination is good preparation for the world beyond high school where graduates will be expected to perform in order to progress in their chosen fields.

Panels of proponents, including the President and Vice President of the Massachusetts Teachers Association (“MTA”), Max Page and Deb McCarthy respectively, current educators, and a college student, testified that the graduation requirement “create[es] classroom environments filled with anxiety and stress,” to the detriment of “excitement about learning.” The panelists further testified that the graduation requirement “has actively harmed our most marginalized students, especially our students of color, English learners, low-income students, and students with disabilities.” Rebecca Pringle, the President of the National Education Association, testified that MCAS scores are not an accurate, complete, or fair measure of student achievement and measures of achievement should focus on holistic approaches to identify students’ strengths and areas for growth. Ms. Pringle emphasized that since students are not standardized in their learning styles, standardized tests do not provide a full picture of students’ problem-solving abilities and ability to think critically.

Opponents to the Initiative Petition countered the proponents’ testimony by noting that as students’ progress through high school and beyond, they will be expected to demonstrate their knowledge and skills through a variety of assessments that have consequences. They also maintained that elimination of the graduation requirement would lead to more, not less, inequity. Jeff Howard, a former member of the state BESE and the founder and president of the Efficacy Institute, testified that “proficiency standards are a means for promoting social and economic equality. ... ‘Demonstrate these proficiencies and you will be prepared to meet the challenges of the world’”. He also stated that “the MCAS graduation requirement is an introduction to [the] world of certification and accountability all our students will enter after high school.” Jill Norton, parent of a special needs student and education consultant, spoke in favor of retaining the current graduation requirement so that schools would not regress to a time when special needs students graduated who could not meet basic standards.

Conclusion

The Education Reform Act of 1993 established the current system of K-12 education in the Commonwealth including the uniform graduation requirement. Prior to the implementation of that legislation, Massachusetts had no statewide curriculum standards, each of the local districts set their own graduation requirements and the quality of K-12 education varied dramatically from district to district across the state.

The Act required a significant increase in state funding to local districts to support the implementation of the standards as well as the uniform assessment system, the MCAS, designed to measure progress toward the goal of improved outcomes for all students. The legislature recently substantially increased funding with a more targeted focus on equity through the Student Opportunity Act.

The Initiative Petition eliminates the uniform graduation requirement without creating a uniform alternative. Based on the testimony presented, there are significant concerns with the lack of a standard, statewide assessment. Both the education leaders and the opponents of the Initiative Petition acknowledged the need to make improvements to the current system so that students who fail to achieve the minimum level of knowledge and skills required to graduate receive the support they need to meet those basic requirements. However, simply eliminating the uniform graduation

requirement, which will allow students to graduate who do not meet basic standards, with no standardized and consistent benchmark in place to ensure those standards are met, will not improve student outcomes and runs the risk of exacerbating inconsistencies and inequities in instruction and learning across districts.

For these reasons, we, the majority of the Special Joint Committee on Initiative Petition, recommend that “An Act requiring that districts certify that students have mastered the skills, competencies and knowledge of the state standards as a replacement for the MCAS graduation requirement” (see House No. 4252), as currently drafted and presented to this Committee, OUGHT NOT TO BE ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE AT THIS TIME.

Senators.

Cindy F. Friedman
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Representatives.

Alice Hanlon Peisch
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David T. Vieira

An Act giving transportation network drivers the option to form a union and bargain collectively (House, No. 4253) (introduced into the General Court by the initiative petition of Roxana Lorena Rivera and others).

The majority report of the committee (House, No. 4605) is as follows:

Network
drivers,—
collective
bargaining.

MAJORITY REPORT.

A majority of the Special Joint Committee on Initiative Petitions (“The Committee”) recommends that the Initiative Petition 23-35, House 4253, “An Act giving transportation network drivers the option to form a union and bargain collectively,” (“the Initiative Petition”) as currently drafted and presented to this Committee, OUGHT NOT TO BE ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE AT THIS TIME.

The purpose of this report is to provide a recommendation to the full legislature on whether to accept the Initiative Petition as written for consideration and enactment.

The proposed Initiative Petition would provide Transportation Network Drivers (“Drivers”) with the right to form unions to collectively bargain with Transportation Network Companies (“TNCs”) to create negotiated recommendations concerning wages, benefits, and terms and conditions of work.

Testimony

The Committee heard from experienced professionals, proponents of the Initiative Petition as well as members of the general public. There was no testimony in opposition of the Initiative Petition, and representatives from the TNCs clearly stated that they do not hold a position on this Initiative Petition.

Patrick Moore, First Assistant Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, testified that the language of this Initiative Petition would only apply to Drivers using the platforms of TNCs, most commonly Uber and Lyft, and not

Delivery Network Companies (“DNCs,”) such as DoorDash or Instacart. This Initiative Petition establishes a framework to allow Drivers to collectively bargain if they choose to do so in a process overseen by the Commonwealth Employment Relations Board (“CERB”) which defines unfair work practices in this area. If 5 per cent of active Drivers, determined by the TNCs as Drivers having completed more than the median number of rides in the previous six months, authorize the organization, the organization receives a list from the TNCs of all active Drivers. If the organization receives support from 25 per cent of all active Drivers, the Driver organization may be recognized by the CERB as the exclusive representative of the Drivers. If the Drivers ratify the bargaining agreement, it goes to the Secretary of Labor and Workforce Development for the Commonwealth to certify the agreement. The TNCs may also form associations to represent them in bargaining with a Driver organization.

First Assistant Attorney General Moore noted that TNCs are currently involved in a lawsuit brought by the Attorney General to determine if Drivers should be classified as employees, given the Massachusetts Wage Act and the state’s strong “ABC Test” of employee-employer relationships. This case, which could be decided in the next few months, would either keep Drivers recognized as independent contractors in Massachusetts or classify Drivers as employees, applying both from that point forward and retrospectively to the operation of TNCs in Massachusetts. Initiative Petitions House 4256, House 4257, House 4258, House 4259, and House 4260, which also concern TNCs and Drivers and are contemplated in a separate report, would classify Drivers as independent contractors for the purposes of Massachusetts law. If any of those initiatives were to pass, Drivers would not be considered employees from that point forward (if the Supreme Judicial Court rules that Drivers are and have been employees). When asked about potential conflict between this Initiative Petition and Initiative Petitions House 4256, House 4257, House 4258, House 4259, and House 4260, First Assistant Attorney General Moore testified that there may be minor inconsistencies, but these Initiative Petitions were written so as to not conflict and that this Initiative Petition could be in effect regardless of the outcome of those five other Initiative Petitions.

The first panel of proponents of this Initiative Petition included members of the 32BJ local of the Service Employees International Union (“SEIU”), and a driver for the Uber and Lyft TNCs. The panel reasoned that the right to unionize would be the best way to ensure Drivers’ rights, regardless of the impacts of the Attorney General’s lawsuit or the Initiative Petitions outlined in the paragraph above. This panel stated that the provisions of this Initiative Petition would ensure that whether Drivers are classified as independent contractors or employees under Massachusetts law, the right to collectively bargain would give Drivers the opportunity to ensure the long-term sustainability of their profession by working collaboratively with TNCs on workers’ rights and protections, including the share of the fare Drivers receive, the deactivation process for Drivers, and minimum wage and benefits. This panel also pointed to past precedent, citing the Commonwealth’s previous efforts to allow home care and child-care workers who do not consistently work at a fixed company location to unionize as independent contractors when they previously did not have that right.

The second panel of proponents consisted of representatives from SEIU California, the Center for American Progress American Worker Project, and the International Association of Machinists District 15. While this panel was supportive of the Initiative Petition to allow Drivers to unionize as independent contractors, their

posture was that Drivers are currently misclassified as independent contractors and that any proposals allowing a union should not definitively declare the Drivers as independent contractors under Massachusetts law.

Conclusion

Though the undersigned majority feels that there is merit to the subject of this Initiative Petition regarding the rights of Drivers to form a union and bargain collectively, significant questions remain as to the interplay between this Initiative Petition and the five Initiative Petitions that deal with the relationship between Transportation Network Companies and their workforce should they both be presented to the voters.

It is also evident by the testimony received at the public hearing that though inherently supportive of the right of workers to form a union, concerns were raised by some labor organizations regarding the process, and jurisdictional exclusivity of such an arrangement as petitioned. The Committee also notes that the Initiative Petition as drafted is focused on TNCs and is free of any language that would develop this right by statute for similarly situated DNC workers.

The Committee is also cognizant of a legal challenge regarding this Initiative Petition that is to be argued before the Supreme Judicial Court in the month of May 2024, after the constitutional deadline that the legislature can enact this Initiative Petition.

For these reasons, we, the undersigned members of the Special Joint Committee on Initiative Petitions, recommend that “An Act giving transportation network drivers the option to form a union and bargain collectively” (see House No. 4253), as currently drafted and presented to this Committee, OUGHT NOT TO BE ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE AT THIS TIME.

Senators.

Cindy F. Friedman
Paul R. Feeney
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Representatives.

Alice Hanlon Peisch
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David T. Vieira

An Act to require the full minimum wage for tipped workers with tips on top (House, No. 4254) (introduced into the General Court by the initiative petition of Irene S. Li and others).

The majority report of the committee (House, No. 4606) is as follows:

Tipped
workers,—
minimum
wage.

MAJORITY REPORT.

A majority of the Special Joint Committee on Initiative Petitions (“The Committee”) recommends that the Initiative Petition 23-12, House 4254, “An Act to require the full minimum wage for tipped workers with tips on top,” (“the Initiative Petition”) as currently drafted and presented to this Committee, OUGHT NOT TO BE ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE AT THIS TIME.

The purpose of this report is to provide a recommendation to the full legislature on whether to accept the Initiative Petition as written for consideration and enactment.

The proposed Initiative Petition would remove a provision in state law allowing employers to compensate their tipped workers at a lower minimum rate if the “tipped minimum wage” together with the value of the worker’s tips plus equals at least the state non-tipped hourly minimum wage over the course of each shift worked. Additionally, the Initiative Petition would allow restaurant owners to require their tipped employees to share their tips with non-tipped employees working at the restaurant.

Testimony

The Committee heard from experienced professionals, proponents and opponents of the Initiative Petition, as well as members of the general public.

Lauren Moran, the Chief of the Fair Labor Division of the Office of the Attorney General, testified as a subject matter expert and spoke about the 2018 “Grand Bargain” legislation. The Grand Bargain changed the tipped worker minimum wage from \$3.75 per hour plus average hourly tips for the week up to the state minimum wage, with the employer paying the difference to \$6.75 per hour plus average hourly tips for the shift, with the employer paying the difference, and the rate increasing incrementally over a five-year period beginning in 2019. The Fair Labor Division currently has broad enforcement authority over wage rights for workers and collects data on claims of tip violations. The data presented showed that from March 2021 to the present hearing date, 15 per cent of claims came from the restaurant and salon industries, industries typically employing a high number of tipped workers, with 30 per cent of active open claims coming from these industries. Nearly 700 complainants claimed tip violations from workers, and these industries have accounted for 35 per cent of total civil enforcement, with nearly \$2,000,000 in restitution and \$3,400,000 in penalties assessed.

In addition to the Attorney General’s office, university-based economists also shared their perspectives and findings. Dr. Jeannette Wicks-Lim, Associate Research Professor at the Political Economy Research Institute at the University of Massachusetts Amherst, cited two peer reviewed papers that surveyed all of the contemporary research on minimum wage data, and suggested that there is little to no evidence suggesting negative employment outcomes from raising the minimum wage. Dr. Wicks-Lim stated that there is limited data available regarding the labor and economic impacts of a similar measure passed in Washington, D.C., which since 2023 has been incrementally phasing out the tipped minimum wage until it is completely removed by 2027. Dr. Wicks-Lim stated that restaurants would not necessarily see their total costs go up by the same proportion as the increase in wages paid to employees, and that restaurants have flexible ways to adjust to cost increases, such as modified price increases. Additionally, Dr. Wicks-Lim observed that the increase in wages will lead to lower administrative and training costs due to reduced worker turnover. Dr. Wicks-Lim also cited that the poverty rate is higher for tipped workers than non-tipped workers — a statistic especially noticeable in states with a lower tipped minimum wage — and that the industry is made up of mostly women a quarter of whom are raising children. Dr. Sean Jung, Assistant Professor at Boston University’s School of Hospitality Administration contrasted Dr. Wick-Lim’s

testimony by pointing to evidence showing that the removal of the tipped minimum wage will likely lead to full-service restaurants converting to limited or counter service, due to labor costs. Dr. Jung also highlighted that removing the tip credit could lead to increased menu prices and service charges and more restaurants going out of business due to low profit margins. Dr. Jung predicted this would be especially acute in rural areas where profit margins and customer demand are lower, but labor costs would increase at the same rate as suburban or urban areas. Dr. Jung also testified that historically when labor costs increase, restaurants pivot to methods that allow for a reduction in service staff, such as tablets for ordering

A panel of proponents of the Initiative Petition from the national One Fair Wage campaign consisted of an academic professional, a restaurant owner, and tipped restaurant workers. The panel described the current tipped minimum wage practice as a “subminimum wage” that is an economic, gender and racial equity, gender justice, and gender pay equity issue. The panel argued that a power imbalance exists where tipped workers, especially women and women of color, are forced to ignore gender violence, sexual harassment, and wage theft because they rely on tips as part of their full compensation. The proponents pointed to seven states that currently do not have a lower minimum wage for tipped workers: Alaska, California, Minnesota, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, and Washington. The proponents cited evidence that the growth in the net number of restaurants in California outpaced the average growth in states subject to a tipped minimum wage, including Massachusetts. They also highlighted data that shows the average tipped worker in those seven states takes home between 10-18 per cent more than the average tipped worker in the rest of the country. The proponents also maintain that there are higher levels of poverty, unenforceable wage violations and the highest rates of sexual harassment of any industry as studied by Professor Catharine A. MacKinnon.

Opponents of the Initiative Petition consisted of restaurant industry representatives, restaurant owners, and tipped restaurant workers. The first panel of opponents pointed to the costs associated with eliminating the tipped minimum wage, which would raise what a restaurant pays an employee from a wage of between \$6.75 to \$15 an hour to a flat \$15 an hour. They described new restaurant Point of Sale technologies that provide enhanced data tracking designed to reduce discrepancies relating to wages and tips earned per shift. Opponents to the Initiative Petition also attributed instances of sexual harassment and assault to the bad actions of patrons and poor management of employers rather than being endemic to a tipped wage system of compensation. Opponents further argued that removing the tip credit would hurt affordable restaurants, which operate at a much lower margin than high-end restaurants and are currently in competition with grocery stores, takeout and quick service establishments, and fast food. The opponents fear that the increased costs associated with implementing this practice will wipe out the affordable restaurant industry and take with it a tipped workforce that on average earns \$35-40 an hour, with atypical wages up to as high as \$70 an hour, ending the testimony by highlighting that the practice of tipping as an incentive for good service is an affect, not a defect, of the restaurant industry.

The second panel of opponents, which consisted of restaurant workers, provided anecdotal evidence and their personal beliefs that removing the tipped minimum wage would lead to a decrease in tip percentage and eventually overall compensation compared to the current model, with one opponent member panel arguing that the fact

that only seven states have no tipped minimum wage is evidence that the current system works well.

The Committee was not presented with data showing the impacts to the Massachusetts restaurant industry based on the tipped minimum wage and minimum wage increases of the “Grand Bargain” legislation enacted in 2018. According to the U.S. Department of Labor in 2024, because of these increases Massachusetts is tied for the sixth highest effective minimum wage for tipped workers out of all fifty states and the District of Columbia, even when accounting for the highest possible minimum wage in states that have different rates for employers in cities, counties, or by employer size and status. Massachusetts also has a higher effective minimum wage for tipped workers than all but two states that do not have a tipped minimum wage: California and Washington. There was also a question on the impact of a similar recent phase-out policy in Maine, which had to rollback a similar provision to the Initiative Petition before the committee due to a spike in restaurant loan defaults, but there was no evidence available from a subject matter expert on the situation in Maine.

Another element of the public hearing focused on the provision of the Initiative Petition concerning tip pooling. The practice of requiring the pooling of tips from “front-of-house” staff with “back-of-house” staff is currently outlawed in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts under M.G.L. c 149, s 152A(c). In addition to removing the tipped minimum wage in the Commonwealth, the Initiative Petition would also change this separate law to allow a restaurant to require the pooling of all tips with non-service staff, provided that waitstaff are being paid the full minimum wage.

Subject matter experts testified that there are strict rules regarding tip pools, specifically that any employer, manager, or supervisor cannot receive tips on days that they have managerial or supervisory responsibilities, even if they serve customers that day. There is currently a low variance between the wages of “front-of-house” and “back-of-house staff”, but this provision would reduce the disparity that may arise from the removal of the tipped minimum wage.

Proponents argued that the tip pool would still be governed by federal law preventing supervisors or employers from receiving tips from the pool and would encourage more teamwork between “front-of-house” and “back-of-house staff”, since they would all benefit in a shared manner from tips received. Proponents also cited instances where “back-of-house” staff use tipping as leverage, sexually harassing wait staff to ensure food comes out promptly or correctly.

Opponents viewed the tip pooling provision as harmful to “front-of-house” staff who receive tips for their good service in customer-facing roles. Currently, “front-of-house” employees can “tip out” to “back-of-house” staff at their discretion, with an example given that a tip was shared with “back-of-house staff” for helping the employee out, but the “front-of-house” staff does not want to lose this important component of their work. Several opponents who are restaurant employees stated that their opposition to the Initiative Petition was more in part due to the tip pool provision, but they would likely still oppose the Initiative Petition if it was just to remove the tipped minimum wage.

Conclusion

At this time, there is insufficient evidence provided on the overall impact that this Initiative Petition would have on the restaurant industry and restaurant workforce in the Commonwealth. Questions remain on the viability of restaurants and other tipped wage industries to absorb the costs of the more than 100 per cent increase from the current minimum tipped wage an employer is responsible for paying, and comparisons to other jurisdictions are challenging given that the seven states employing this law have followed this policy for many years. The Committee does not believe it received enough evidence on the experiences in Washington, D.C. (currently phasing out the tipped minimum wage) or Maine (rolling back the raise of the tipped minimum wage), or the impact that the Grand Bargain tipped minimum wage increase that was finalized in 2023 to draw conclusions on what the likely impact this Initiative Petition would have on restaurants in Massachusetts. Based on testimony received, the Committee believes the legislature would be well-served to work with the Attorney General to support enhanced prevention of wage theft, sexual harassment, and assault in tipped wage industries. It should be noted that this Initiative Petition is also the subject of a legal challenge that sits before the Supreme Judicial Court in the month of May 2024, after the deadline that the legislature would need to enact this Initiative Petition.

For these reasons, we, the majority of the Special Joint Committee on Initiative Petitions, recommend that “An Act to require the full minimum wage for tipped workers with tips on top” (see House No. 4254) as currently drafted and presented to this Committee, OUGHT NOT TO BE ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE AT THIS TIME.

Senators.

Cindy F. Friedman
Paul R. Feeney
Jason M. Lewis
Ryan C. Fattman

Representatives.

Alice Hanlon Peisch
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An Act relative to the regulation and taxation of natural psychedelic substance (House No. 4255) (introduced into the General Court by the initiative petition of Sarko Gergerian and others).

Natural
psychedelic
substance.

The majority report of the committee (House, No. 4607) is as follows:

MAJORITY REPORT.

A majority of the Special Joint Committee on Initiative Petitions (“The Committee”) recommends that the Initiative Petition 23-13, House 4255, “An Initiative Petition for a Law Relative to the Regulation and Taxation of Natural Psychedelic Substance,” (“the Initiative Petition”) as currently drafted and presented to this Committee, OUGHT NOT TO BE ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE AT THIS TIME.

The purpose of this report is to provide a recommendation to the full legislature on whether to accept the Initiative Petition as written for consideration and enactment.

The proposed Initiative Petition would permit persons aged 21 or over to grow, possess and use specified natural psychedelic substances in the Commonwealth in

certain circumstances. It would also permit the sale of these substances at approved locations for use under the supervision of a licensed facilitator and subject to regulations to be promulgated by a newly created Natural Psychedelic Substances Commission in consultation with a newly created Natural Psychedelic Substances Advisory Board. “Permitted psychedelic substances” include two substances found in mushrooms (psilocybin and psilocyn) and three found in plants (dimethyltryptamine, mescaline, and ibogaine). The Initiative Petition would also establish a tax rate for the sale of these substances by licensed facilitators. The manufacture, distribution, dispensation, and possession of these substances remain – and would remain – illegal federally.

Testimony

The Committee heard from experienced professionals, proponents and opponents of the Initiative Petition, as well as members of the general public.

Subject matter experts included doctors currently studying the effects of psychedelic treatments on patients, including Dr. Jerrold Rosenbaum, Psychiatrist-in-Chief Emeritus, Director of the Center for the Neuroscience of Psychedelics at Massachusetts General Hospital, Dr. Franklin King of Harvard University and Director of Training and Education at the Center for the Neuroscience of Psychedelics at Massachusetts General Hospital, and Dr. Yvan Gersaint of Dana Farber Cancer Institute. Each doctor cited potential benefits to the use of psychedelic agents as evidenced in their clinical studies, showing psychological benefits that are as effective, or even more so, than available therapeutics, with toxicity and risk seeming modest compared to available pharmaceutical drugs. While addiction to psychedelics is unlikely, the doctors testified that there are regulatory and logistical challenges to improving clinical studies around psychedelics. The doctors also pointed to issues of psychedelic use exacerbating psychosis in individuals with conditions that cause psychosis.

Angie Allbee, Manager of the Oregon Psilocybin Services Section of the Oregon Health Authority, testified on the legal and regulatory framework of psilocybin in the state of Oregon following its passage in the November 2020 election and stated that she takes no position on House 4255. In Oregon, there is no residency requirement, and anyone over the age of 21 may access psilocybin after completing a preparation session. There are four types of licenses: manufacturer, laboratory, service center (where sessions take place), and facilitator (those who support clients through a nondirective approach to psilocybin). As of the date of the hearing, Oregon had awarded 9 manufacturer, 2 laboratory, 23 service center, and 276 facilitator licenses, with 5,697 products sold to clients from January 2023 to March 2024. When asked to compare Oregon’s framework and the proposed Massachusetts framework as laid out in this Initiative Petition, Ms. Allbee stated that Oregon’s decriminalization has been scaled back and there is no personal cultivation allowed in Oregon.

Matthew Johnson, Ph.D., the Susan Hill Ward Professor in Psychedelics and Consciousness at Johns Hopkins University, also presented testimony as a subject matter expert. He testified that he has published highly cited research on the risks of psychedelics and safety guidelines. Dr. Johnson has found that people using psychedelics can have intense, severe reactions, but can generally be reassured by people they trust. Dr. Johnson highlighted statistics around the impact of psychedelics,

showing lower magnitude in harm, emergency room visits, poison control calls, and addiction compared to opioid, alcohol, and cocaine use, but noted that most of the harm comes around cardiovascular challenges. Dr. Johnson further testified that while psychedelic use should not be encouraged, the criminal penalties are incongruent with the danger of these substances and proposed that regulated use should come with clear public health warnings about what separates riskier use from less risky use: dosage, supervision, medical and mental health contraindications, dangers of public intoxication, and the dangers of unethical practitioners. Dr. Johnson also added that the potential therapeutic benefits are likely less if not provided in the presence of mental health professionals and that it is important to collect data of psychedelic use if it is legalized.

A panel of proponents of the Initiative Petition described how psilocybin has allowed them to personally process trauma from their experiences in the military and police force, citing many personal stories of veterans and police officers.

Members of the public testifying on behalf of Bay Staters for Natural Medicine indicated their support for the legalization of psychedelics, but requested the Legislature propose a substitute to the Initiative Petition for the November 2024 ballot. The proposed substitute, which contains several stark differences in scope from the Initiative Petition would likely conflict with the precedent set by the Supreme Judicial Court in the 1976 case, *Buckley v. Secretary of the Commonwealth*, which noted that the intent of the framers of Article XLVIII of the Amendments to the Constitution was for the Legislature to provide minor technical changes to an Initiative Petition.

Opponents to the Initiative Petition included Dr. John A. Fromson, Psychiatrist at Brigham and Women's Hospital, and Dr. Nassir Ghaemi, Professor of Psychiatry at Tufts University School of Medicine, who serve as President and President-elect, respectively, of the Massachusetts Psychiatric Society. The doctors described the clinical, logistical, and safety concerns of this Initiative Petition, including that the Federal Drug Administration (FDA) has not approved any drug containing psilocybin, there is not a strong enough framework to guarantee safety for patients or providers. The doctors further testified that this Initiative Petition contemplates combining three issues – overall wellness of the general public, treatment of psychiatric disorders, and use of psilocybin for spiritual use – into one initiative, which, in their opinion, is reckless, irresponsible and dangerous to the public. While the doctors recognized that there is currently promising research relating to the use of psilocybin by veterans being treated by the Veterans Administration, that research is still in study phases. They also noted that the Massachusetts Psychiatric Society has many outstanding questions regarding the impacts this Initiative Petition would have on providers, including insurance coverage, and the impact to specific population subsets such as maternal or perinatal health. The doctors further explained their opposition by noting the broad nature of this Initiative Petition, the lack of concrete research or results from states that have legalized psilocybin, and the interplay of psilocybin (a hallucinogen) with psychosis for those suffering from schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, and unipolar disorder.

Conclusion

While psychedelic plants have been used around the world and through time in spiritual and religious practices, their scientific study in the United States began

primarily in the 20th century and the federal government largely proscribed the use of psychedelic substances in 1968. However, the use of these substances continued in the decades following, and law enforcement agencies around the country have reported a nearly four-fold increase in the overall weight of hallucinogenic mushrooms seized between 2017- 2022. This growth in use has led to a new, heightened period of medical and scientific research which is still developing.

Published studies have indicated that, as users take measured doses under therapeutic supervision, the use of psychedelic substances may be highly effective in addressing a variety of adverse mental health conditions. The Committee specifically recognizes the importance of the potential for positive treatment results in populations seeking help for post-traumatic stress disorder, depression, anxiety, and other mental health problems and credits the testimony it received from individuals from our veteran and first responder population. These promising findings, however, have not provided evidence that the widescale recreational legalization of these substances would be beneficial, let alone safe.

The Committee finds that the petition’s major goals — licensure and decriminalization — likely undercut each other by creating two separate systems for the use of psychedelic substances. The petition would both create a system of state-licensed and taxed therapeutic facilities on the one hand and, on the other, decriminalize the cultivation, possession, and distribution of a variety of hallucinogenic and psychoactive substances. Voters are, therefore, being asked to simultaneously establish a potentially costly licensure system that imposes regulations on the cultivation methods, quality of product and allowable means of engaging certain users, while at the same time making the same substances widely available for individual cultivation and use across the Commonwealth in a non-licensed manner.

The petition would allow Massachusetts residents to carry many doses of psychoactive mushrooms on their person or in their home at one time. It therefore presumably allows an unlicensed cultivator to “gift” individuals certain doses and is silent on the ability of cultivators to charge for overseeing that use or guiding the user through the psychedelic experience. The Committee finds that this loophole would likely subvert the safety regulations imposed on licensed facilitators by permitting the growth of an unregulated, unlicensed marketplace.

Similar to the model the Commonwealth uses to regulate the sale of marijuana, the petition would require licensed providers to rely on a cash-based system due to its illegality at the federal level. The petition also would require municipalities to zone for and to permit these licensed facilities while capping their ability to levy a tax rate it determines appropriate to manage traffic, local ordinances, inspections, and any increased calls requesting the assistance of law enforcement or medical professionals.

For these reasons, we, the majority of the Special Joint Committee on Initiative Petitions, recommend that “An Initiative Petition for a Law Relative to the Regulation and Taxation of Natural Psychedelic Substance” (see House No. 4255) as currently drafted and presented to this Committee, OUGHT NOT TO BE ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE AT THIS TIME.

Senators.

Representatives.

Cindy F. Friedman
Paul R. Feeney
Jason M. Lewis
Ryan C. Fattman

Alice Hanlon Peisch
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David T. Vieira

An Act defining and regulating the relationship between network companies and app-based drivers for purposes of the general and special laws (House, No. 4256) (introduced into the General Court by the initiative petition of Charles Dewey Ellison, III and others).

Network
companies and
app-based
drivers.

The majority report of the committee (House, No. 4608) is as follows:

MAJORITY REPORT.

A majority of the Special Joint Committee on Initiative Petitions (“The Committee”), recommends that Initiative Petition No. 23-25, House 4256; Initiative Petition No. 23-29, House 4257; Initiative Petition No. 23-30, House 4258; Initiative Petition No. 23-31, House 4259; and Initiative Petition No. 23-32, House 4260, (“the Initiative Petitions”) as currently drafted and presented to this Committee, OUGHT NOT TO BE ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE AT THIS TIME

The purpose of this report is to provide a recommendation to the full legislature on whether to accept the Initiative Petitions as written for consideration and enactment.

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The last panel of opponents consisted of a representative from the Massachusetts Coalition for Occupational Safety and Health, a rider who was permanently injured while in a rideshare vehicle, and a Driver. This panel echoed the sentiments of previous opposition panels by saying that Companies are misclassifying workers and added that this is to the detriment of worker earnings, benefits, and even safety, as Companies are not forced to comply with OSHA regulations. Through this misclassification, Companies have avoided responsibility for their workers, including workers' compensation and death benefits for Drivers. The rider who was injured in an Uber ride in 2021, testified that Uber has refused to face him in court, and that its insurance policy only covered seven months of his continuing care, where his prescriptions cost \$9,000 a month. The rider noted that the Companies' "shotgun pellet approach," — starting with nine Initiative Petitions, then whittling down to five Initiative Petitions — hoping just one Initiative Petition can beat the legal challenges so they can shirk responsibility for actions taken by their Drivers. The Driver on the panel, who has driven for Lyft since 2013 just a few days after the platform was live in Massachusetts, questioned the data and statistics that the Companies shared. In the Driver's experience, Drivers do not have control over their work, which is unlike independent contractor work. The Driver also stated that she was deactivated from the platform after speaking out against the Company.

Conclusion

These Initiative Petitions elicit multifaceted public policy questions regarding the fundamental nature of the employer-employee relationship and the individual terms governing that relationship. The Committee is also cognizant of legal challenges regarding these initiative petitions that are to be argued before the Supreme Judicial Court in the month of May 2024, after the constitutional deadline that the legislature can enact these initiative petitions. This timeline adds further complexity to the question of enactment.

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Dr. Hilary Robinson, Associate Professor of Law and Sociology at Northeastern University, testified that through these proposals, the Companies are claiming to be a “protected class” that should be exempt from several statutes that govern relationships between employers and employees and provide worker protections and benefits. Dr. Robinson further testified that in her analysis of California’s laws pertaining to this issue, classifying Drivers as employees did not impact flexibility or patterns of work, and that the Companies, as they do now, retained control over what work Drivers have access to perform, contradicting the claim that this model needs Drivers to be independent contractors for successful operation and flexibility for Drivers. She also testified that in her opinion, none of these five Initiative Petitions should be presented on the ballot, as voters will not have the necessary information or background to make a truly informed decision.

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Conclusion

These Initiative Petitions elicit multifaceted public policy questions regarding the fundamental nature of the employer-employee relationship and the individual terms governing that relationship. The Committee is also cognizant of legal challenges regarding these initiative petitions that are to be argued before the Supreme Judicial Court in the month of May 2024, after the constitutional deadline that the legislature can enact these initiative petitions. This timeline adds further complexity to the question of enactment.

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Particularly salient is the petitioners' assertion that the drivers will lose flexibility if the Companies are not able to lawfully classify them as independent contractors. Drivers who testified before the Committee focused on the importance of flexibility and the benefit of being able to work whenever they choose. However, proponents did not provide an answer as to why work-hours flexibility would be impossible to provide regardless of employment status. Massachusetts law currently does not limit the flexibility that employers can offer to their employees.

For these reasons, given the legal and other uncertainties surrounding these initiatives, we, the undersigned members of the Special Joint Committee on Initiative Petitions, recommend that House No. 4257, House No. 4260, House No. 4258, House No. 4259, and House No. 4256, as currently drafted and presented to this Committee, OUGHT NOT TO BE ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE AT THIS TIME.

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House 4259 amends G.L. Chapter 149 and Chapter 151A like House 4260 but creates contract terms between Drivers and Companies similar to those in House 4258.

House 4256 has the broadest classification provision. The initiative would specify that Drivers are not employees for any purpose whatsoever under Massachusetts law and that Companies are not employers for any purpose whatsoever under Massachusetts law. Like the two prior Initiative Petitions, it would then create baseline contract terms between Drivers and Companies and set forth certain defined minimum compensation and benefits. The wages and benefits are similar to those set forth in the prior two Initiative Petitions. Like those Initiative Petitions, Companies would be prohibited from discriminatory practices and must grant Drivers the opportunity to appeal a termination.

First Assistant Attorney General Moore also noted that there are currently legal challenges to all five of these Initiative Petitions with plaintiffs asserting that the Attorney General incorrectly certified the Initiative Petitions on the basis that the Initiative Petitions violate the “single subject” provision of Article XLVIII of the Amendments to the Constitution. Additionally, the relationship between Drivers and Companies is the subject of a lawsuit from the Attorney General’s Office, beginning under then-Attorney General Healey. This lawsuit contemplates whether under the current Massachusetts Wage Act and the “ABC Test” definition of an employer-employee relationship, Drivers should be considered employees and Companies considered employers. First Assistant Attorney General Moore testified that if the Supreme Judicial Court rules that Drivers are employees under current statute, the Attorney General’s Office would be able to pursue lost wages and benefits for these Drivers from the Companies they worked for. The five Initiative Petitions, if any pass, would end any prospective application of the decision should the Supreme Judicial Court declare that Drivers are to be classified as employees.

Subject matter experts from academia and policy institutions provided testimony on the history of employment law, including the increase in the use of independent contractors in the 1970s, approaches to employment law in other jurisdictions such as California and the European Union, and relevant industry statistics concerning Drivers and Companies.

Dr. Hilary Robinson, Associate Professor of Law and Sociology at Northeastern University, testified that through these proposals, the Companies are claiming to be a “protected class” that should be exempt from several statutes that govern relationships between employers and employees and provide worker protections and benefits. Dr. Robinson further testified that in her analysis of California’s laws pertaining to this

issue, classifying Drivers as employees did not impact flexibility or patterns of work, and that the Companies, as they do now, retained control over what work Drivers have access to perform, contradicting the claim that this model needs Drivers to be independent contractors for successful operation and flexibility for Drivers. She also testified that in her opinion, none of these five Initiative Petitions should be presented on the ballot, as voters will not have the necessary information or background to make a truly informed decision.

Further testimony from Dr. Veena Dubal, Professor of Law at the University of California, Irvine, stated that evidence has shown that the passage of Proposition 22, which classifies Drivers as independent contractors in California and which contains similar provisions as the five Initiative Petitions before us, has shown to have a negative impact on Drivers, with 40-60 per cent of Drivers' work uncompensated and Drivers netting an average of \$6.20 per hour, compared to the state minimum wage of \$16 an hour. Dr. Dubal presented the results of a study showing that two-thirds of Drivers, many of whom have made a significant capital investment in their work as Drivers, have been terminated or had their account deactivated at some point, with 18 per cent losing their vehicle and 12 per cent losing their housing as a result. Dr. Dubal went on to show the occupational danger Drivers face, citing research showing gig workers are found to suffer the highest rate of on-the-job fatalities and 67 per cent of Drivers have reported instances of violence, harassment, or abuse while driving.

A third subject matter expert, Liya Palagashvili, Senior Research Fellow at the Mercatus Center at George Mason University, highlighted the benefits for workers who enjoy the flexibility of the current model. In Ms. Palagashvili's opinion, attempts to classify or regulate gig workers as employees are counterproductive because 90 per cent of jobs in 2020 were traditional, W-2 jobs, while the gig economy is designed for people who are hoping to earn supplemental income in a flexible manner. Ms. Palagashvili stated that a study in the aftermath of Assembly Bill 5, a California policy declaring Drivers as employees, showed no consistent evidence that W-2 employment increased and a significant decline not only in self-employment but overall employment as well for affected occupations in California, matching studies of anecdotal findings from the New York Times and the Los Angeles Times. Ms. Palagashvili further testified that, in her opinion, the best policy to pursue would be to enhance access to benefits while maintaining the ability for gig work to persist as supplemental and flexible work. When asked by the Committee, Ms. Palagashvili indicated that while the majority of Uber Drivers have health insurance, she was unsure if the insurance was private or state-funded, since Companies cannot provide health insurance benefits to Drivers due to their status as independent contractors.

Two panels spoke as proponents in favor of the Initiative Petitions. The first panel consisted of two Drivers, one who drives for Uber and Lyft, and another who drives for Instacart, as well as two local industry representatives. The panelists emphasized the flexibility and control over the schedule that the independent contractor model affords Drivers, and how reliant communities are on the services that Drivers provide, highlighting those in Gateway Communities, rural areas, and the elderly. The Drivers on this panel stated that these jobs provided the income and the flexible scheduling necessary to have control over their lives, and shared that like any industry, the rideshare business is not for every prospective worker. The panel cited data from an industry-poll that found that 75 per cent of Drivers year after year prefer being independent contractors, and that more than 80 per cent of Drivers drive 15 hours or

less a week. When asked, the two Drivers on the panel stated that one received Social Security benefits and the other received health insurance through MassHealth, but neither has a W-2 job.

The second panel of proponents consisted of representatives from the Companies of Uber, Lyft, DoorDash, and Instacart testifying in support of the five Initiative Petitions. This panel discussed the benefits their platforms provide for customers, Drivers, and small businesses, “who all use their platforms to grow and thrive”. This panel specifically mentioned achieving the policy goal of flexibility and benefits for Drivers. The panelists testified that the employee-employer laws do not prohibit flexible, on-demand scheduling, but that the framework of such a model would not be feasible for the Companies. Pointing to data, the panel shared that 80 per cent of Drivers on the Instacart platform wish to remain independent contractors, and on average Instacart Drivers work less than 10 hours a week, with many Drivers using it for supplemental income. Uber pointed to statistics that Drivers on the platform earn on average \$28.96 per utilized hour, and that the overwhelming majority of de-platforming occurs because drivers come out of compliance with the stricter laws in Massachusetts that currently regulate Companies. During questioning from the Committee, this panel noted that the proposed regulatory framework would align deactivation standards, and that the taxicab industry also operates in an independent contractor framework. Additionally, the panelists testified that Companies could decide to pull operations out of the Commonwealth if Drivers were to be classified as employees whether through court decisions or the Initiative Petitions failing, similar to the decision to end operations in Minneapolis and St. Paul, Minnesota due to a mandated increase in minimum fares for Drivers in those Cities.

The panel shared that the Companies will plan to move forward to the ballot with just one of the five proposed Initiative Petitions, but their preference is for a legislative compromise and to avoid the ballot box altogether, as was accomplished in Washington state.

There were three panels of opponents who testified against all five Initiative Petitions. The first panel consisted of two representatives from the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, including the President of Teamsters Local 25 and the States Legislative Director. This panel testified that the eyes of the labor movement across the country are on Massachusetts, specifically to see if the Companies will succeed in watering down the employment laws that are already on the books in statute. This panel’s concern was that if the Companies are able to accomplish this in Massachusetts, they will be able to exploit laws across the country. The Teamsters shared the position that the traditional employee-employer model should be respected and properly enforced, and they oppose any proposal that offers a third model to classify workers and ultimately weakens employment standards. The panel not only noted their belief that Companies are currently misclassifying Drivers as independent contractors, enabling wage theft and essentially taxpayer subsidization of these companies, but that these Initiative Petitions have implications beyond the app-based work of Uber and Lyft.

A second panel of opponents consisted of representatives from the Massachusetts AFL-CIO, the Massachusetts Building Trades Council, and the California Labor Federation. This panel stated that the strong employment laws of the Commonwealth are built on the base assumption that workers are employees entitled to numerous

benefits. In their opinion, Big Tech companies cannot be trusted, as they have actively skirted the law, “lining their own pockets,” and are now offering benefits that are far below the minimum standard that employees are entitled to. The panel noted that Massachusetts has no carveout currently to the ABC test and Massachusetts law goes even further by offsetting federal carveouts to the ABC test. Additionally, the panel shared that misclassification of workers has been rampant in the trades, where Companies are incorrectly classifying employees as independent contractors to avoid providing benefits. The panel remarked that there is no need to sacrifice hard-won rights that workers have fought for to simply line the pockets of tech companies and additionally shared that California found gig workers to be employees under every state employee-employer test. The panel highlighted the irony of the campaign for Proposition 22 to remove the employee designation of Drivers in California, which was run at the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, when Drivers did not have access to masks, vaccines, air shields, sick time, or death benefits.

The last panel of opponents consisted of a representative from the Massachusetts Coalition for Occupational Safety and Health, a rider who was permanently injured while in a rideshare vehicle, and a Driver. This panel echoed the sentiments of previous opposition panels by saying that Companies are misclassifying workers and added that this is to the detriment of worker earnings, benefits, and even safety, as Companies are not forced to comply with OSHA regulations. Through this misclassification, Companies have avoided responsibility for their workers, including workers’ compensation and death benefits for Drivers. The rider who was injured in an Uber ride in 2021, testified that Uber has refused to face him in court, and that its insurance policy only covered seven months of his continuing care, where his prescriptions cost \$9,000 a month. The rider noted that the Companies’ “shotgun pellet approach,” — starting with nine Initiative Petitions, then whittling down to five Initiative Petitions — hoping just one Initiative Petition can beat the legal challenges so they can shirk responsibility for actions taken by their Drivers. The Driver on the panel, who has driven for Lyft since 2013 just a few days after the platform was live in Massachusetts, questioned the data and statistics that the Companies shared. In the Driver’s experience, Drivers do not have control over their work, which is unlike independent contractor work. The Driver also stated that she was deactivated from the platform after speaking out against the Company.

Conclusion

These Initiative Petitions elicit multifaceted public policy questions regarding the fundamental nature of the employer-employee relationship and the individual terms governing that relationship. The Committee is also cognizant of legal challenges regarding these initiative petitions that are to be argued before the Supreme Judicial Court in the month of May 2024, after the constitutional deadline that the legislature can enact these initiative petitions. This timeline adds further complexity to the question of enactment.

The testimony heard by the Committee showed an overall lack of consensus on the merits or issues raised by the initiative petitions. The Committee feels that any action on this subject must strike a balance between existing employee rights and protection, and the need to ensure that TNCs can continue to operate, which they maintain would not be possible if Drivers were not classified as independent contractors.

Particularly salient is the petitioners' assertion that the drivers will lose flexibility if the Companies are not able to lawfully classify them as independent contractors. Drivers who testified before the Committee focused on the importance of flexibility and the benefit of being able to work whenever they choose. However, proponents did not provide an answer as to why work-hours flexibility would be impossible to provide regardless of employment status. Massachusetts law currently does not limit the flexibility that employers can offer to their employees.

For these reasons, given the legal and other uncertainties surrounding these initiatives, we, the undersigned members of the Special Joint Committee on Initiative Petitions, recommend that House No. 4257, House No. 4260, House No. 4258, House No. 4259, and House No. 4256, as currently drafted and presented to this Committee, OUGHT NOT TO BE ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE AT THIS TIME.

Senators.

Cindy F. Friedman
Paul R. Feeney
Jason M. Lewis
Ryan C. Fattman

Representatives.

Alice Hanlon Peisch
Michael S. Day
Kenneth I. Gordon
David T. Vieira

Since Article XLVIII as amended by Section 2 of Article LXXXI of the Amendments to the Constitution requires that a vote shall be taken by yeas and nays in both houses before the first Wednesday of May upon the enactment of such law in the form in which it stands in such petition, no action was taken beyond the receipt of the reports of the committee.

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 petition of Michelle M. DuBois and Rita A. Mendes (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to the police cadet program in the city of Brockton. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Donato of Medford, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Public Service. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Brockton,—
police
cadets.

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

Senate bills

Authorizing the town of Sutton to grant real property tax abatements for certain active duty military personnel (Senate, No. 2493) [Local Approval Received]; and

Sutton,—
property tax.

Eliminating the residency requirement for the town manager of the town of Andover (Senate, No. 2580) [Local Approval Received]; and

Andover,—
town manager.

House bills

[sic] Eliminate penalty charges when canceling auto insurance (House, No. 1102);

Motor vehicle
insurance.

Relative to the remediation of home heating oil releases (House, No. 1129);

Heating oil.

Relative to tow lien reform (House, No. 3698);	Tow liens.
Increasing the town of Northfield Board of Sewer Commissioners from three to five members (House, No. 4404) [Local Approval Received];	Northfield,— commissioners.
Directing the town of Burlington Fire Department to waive the maximum age requirement for firefighter for Ryan DeCoste (House, No. 4405) [Local Approval Received];	Burlington,— Ryan DeCoste.
Establishing the appointed office of town clerk in the town known as Huntington (House, No. 4454) [Local Approval Received];	Huntington,— clerk.
Authorizing the city of Watertown to place municipal charge liens on certain properties in the city of Watertown for nonpayment of any local charge, fee or fine (House, No. 4508) [Local Approval Received]; and	Watertown,— municipal charge liens.
Relative to the maximum storage charges on motor vehicles involuntarily towed (House, No. 4544);	Towed vehicles.
Under suspension of Rule 7A, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Donato of Medford, the bills severally were read a second time forthwith; and they were ordered to a third reading.	
By Mr. Lawn of Watertown, for the committee on Health Care Financing, on Senate, Nos. 725, 728, 734, 736, 746, 761, 777, 785, 788, 789, 790, 801, 802, and 810 and House, Nos. 1165, 1174, 1175, 1179, 1181, 1185, 1189, 1203, 1209, 1212, 1219 and 1228, a Bill enhancing the market review process (House, No. 4620) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00]. Read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.	Health care market review process,— procedures.

Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed bills	
Amending the membership of the housing commission in the town of Lincoln (see House, No. 3827);	Bills enacted.
Providing for the appointment of a treasurer-collector in the town of Kingston (see House, No. 4011);	
Authorizing the town of Williamstown to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (see House, No. 4192);	
(Which severally originated in the House);	
Severally having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, were passed to be enacted; and they were signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.	

Orders of the Day.

The House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Michael Lewis, an employee of the Department of Correction (House, No. 4539) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading), reported by said committee to be correctly drawn, was read a third time; and passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.	Third reading bill.
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Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

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

Next
sitting.

At fourteen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.



MONDAY, MAY 6, 2024.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Monday, May 6, 2024.

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.

Silent Tribute.

At the request of Mr. Lombardo of Billerica, the members, guests and employees stood in a moment of silent tribute in respect to the memory of Sergeant Ian Taylor, who passed away on April 26th, 2024, while on duty with the Billerica Police Department.

Sergeant
Ian Taylor.

With 21 years of law enforcement experience, Ian's dedication began in 2003 with the Lawrence Police Department, continued through the Wilmington Police Department and found its culmination in the Billerica Police Department, where he served as a detective until his passing.

Sergeant Ian Taylor's passing is a great loss for Billerica, he leaves behind his devoted wife Mindy and their loving children Kylee and Nathan. He was the beloved son of Sandy and Dan Crane and retired Lawrence Police Officer Wayne and Lisa Taylor. Sergeant Taylor is also survived by his siblings.

The House of Representatives mourns with the town of Billerica and Ian's family at this time, and we offer our sincerest condolences.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Representative Ayers of Quincy and other members of the House) commending the Greater Boston chapter of the American Society of Safety Professionals on its recognition of American Occupational Safety and Health Week and Occupational Safety and Health Professional Day;

Occupational
Health and
Safety Week
and Day.

Resolutions (filed by Representative John Moran of Boston) honoring Doctor Wesley A. Roberts on the occasion of his retirement after forty-four years as pastor of the Peoples Baptist Church of Boston; and

Wesley
Roberts.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Sadosa of Northampton) congratulating the Veterans Affairs Central Western Massachusetts healthcare system's Edward P. Boland Medical Center on its centennial anniversary;

Boland
Medical
Center.

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 the same member, the resolutions (reported by the committee

on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Orders.

The following orders were referred, under Joint Rule 30, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently:

Order (filed by Mr. Livingstone of Boston) relative to extending until Sunday, June 30, 2024 the time within which the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities is authorized to report on current Senate and House documents (House, No. 4621).

Extension
of time for
committees
to make
reports.

Order (filed by Mr. Livingstone of Boston) relative to extending until Friday, May 31, 2024 the time within which the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities is authorized to report on current Senate and House documents (House, No. 4622).

Order (filed by Mr. Lawn of Watertown) relative to extending until Saturday, June 1, 2024 the time within which the committee on Health Care Financing is authorized to report on current House documents (House, No. 4628).

Order (filed by Mr. Lawn of Watertown) relative to extending until Wednesday, July 3, 2024 the time within which the committee on Health Care Financing is authorized to report on a current House document (House, No. 4629).

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the orders ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Lawn of Watertown, the orders were considered forthwith; and they were adopted. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petition.

A joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 9) of James C. Arena-DeRosa (by vote of the town) that the town of Sherborn be authorized to establish the North Sherborn Water and Sewer District in said town, was transmitted to the State Secretary, under the provisions of Chapter 3 of the General Laws.

North Sherborn
Water and
Sewer District.

Papers from the Senate.

The House Bill amending the charter of the town of Townsend (House, No. 3728) (its title having been changed by the Senate committee on Bills in the Third Reading), came from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 2752. The amendment was referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

Townsend,—
charter.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2762) of Edward J. Kennedy, Vanna Howard, Rodney M. Elliott and Rady Mom (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to vacancies on the city of Lowell city council and school committee, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Election Laws.

Lowell,—
vacancies.

A petition of Barry R. Finegold for legislation to provide for certain retirement benefits for the surviving beneficiary of Brandon Arakelian, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Public Service.

Brandon
Arakelian,—
surviving

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2769) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Public Service.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, asking to be discharged from further consideration:

Of the Bill ensuring access to behavioral health services for children involved with state agencies (House, No. 146);

Of the Bill increasing diagnostic testing preparedness (House, No. 739, changed);

Of the Bill regarding credit card surcharging (House, No. 1101);

Of the Resolve to establish a special commission to evaluate the rate structure for rest homes or residential care homes (House, No. 1233); and

Of the Bill relative to lithium-ion batteries (House, No. 3178);

And recommending that the same severally be referred to the House committee on Rules.

Under Rule 42, the reports severally were considered forthwith; and they were accepted.

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

Senate bills

Authorizing the town moderator of the town of Monson to act as an election officer in certain elections (Senate, No. 2500) [Local Approval Received];

Amending the charter of the town of Marshfield to make references to the board of selectmen gender neutral (Senate, No. 2715) [Local Approval Received];

Authorizing the city known as the town of Barnstable to change the use of a portion of a certain parcel of land within Mother's Park (Senate, No. 2720) [Local Approval Received]; and

House bills

Relative to the expansion of the residential tax exemption in the town of Provincetown (printed as Senate, No. 2465) [Local Approval Received];

Authorizing the town of Lexington to allow remote participation at town meetings (House, No. 668) [Local Approval Received];

Authorizing the town of Arlington to prohibit use of second generation anti-coagulant rodenticides by commercial pesticide applicators (House, No. 804) [Local Approval Received];

Relative to the charter of the town of Provincetown (House, No. 4091) [Local Approval Received];

Relative to town meeting vacancy in the town of Burlington (House, No. 4403) [Local Approval Received];

Directing the city of Boston Police Department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Nuias Daveiga (House, No. 4431) [Local Approval Received]; and

Authorizing the city of Somerville to continue the employment of Charles J. Femino as acting chief of police (House, No. 4465) [Local Approval Received];

spouse.

Behavioral health.

Diagnostic testing.

Credit cards.

Rest homes,—
rate structure.

Lithium-ion batteries.

Monson,—
moderator.

Marshfield,—
select board.

Barnstable,—
Mother's Park.

Provincetown,—
exemption.

Lexington,—
town meetings.

Arlington,—
rodenticides.

Provincetown,—
candidates.

Burlington,—
vacancies.

Boston,—
Nuias
Daveiga.

Somerville,—
Charles Femino.

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

By Ms. Farley-Bouvier of Pittsfield, for the committee on Advanced Information Technology, the Internet and Cybersecurity, on Senate Nos. 27, 28 and 38 and House Nos. 59, 61, 65, 68, 70, 71, 73, 75, 78, 79, 81, 86 and 3831, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Advanced Information Technology, the Internet and Cybersecurity to make an investigation and study of certain Senate and House documents relative to advanced information technology, the internet and cybersecurity matters (House, No. 4578).

Advanced
Information
Technology, the
Internet and
Cybersecurity,—
study.

By Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett, for the committee on Transportation, on House Nos. 3275, 3285, 3397 and 3704, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Transportation to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to transit and mobility pricing matters (House, No. 4577).

Transportation,—
study.

Severally referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committees, reported, in each instance, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the orders; and recommending that the same severally be referred to the House committee on Rules.

Under Rule 42, the reports severally were considered forthwith; and they were accepted.

By Mr. Day of Stoneham, for the committee on the Judiciary, on Senate, No. 928 and House, Nos. 1489 and 1664, a Bill improving medical decision making (House, No. 4597).

Medical
decision
making.

By Mr. Cassidy of Brockton, for the committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs, on a petition, a Bill relative to soldiers' home eligibility for certain national guard members (House, No. 3496).

Soldiers'
home
eligibility.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to EMT certification of veterans and military medics (House, No. 3532).

Veterans,—
EMT licenses.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a message from Her Excellency the Governor, a Bill honoring, empowering, and recognizing our servicemembers and veterans (printed in House, No. 4172, changed in section 33, in line 222, by striking out the words "to include active duty solely for training purposes,").

Veterans,—
benefits.

Referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

By Mr. Day of Stoneham, for the committee on the Judiciary, on House, No. 1430, a Bill relative to the examination of evidence rooms and evidentiary procedures (House, No. 4596). Read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Evidentiary
procedures.

By Mr. Chan of Quincy, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, on Senate, No. 2451 and House, No. 348, a Bill relative to increasing professional licensure opportunities (House, No. 4602).

Professional
licensure
opportunities.

By Mr. Cassidy of Brockton, for the committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs, on House, Nos. 2627 and 2662, a Bill relative to veterans' buyback (House, No. 2627).

Veterans'
buybacks.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill recognizing Gold Star Families (House, No. 3490).

Gold Star
families.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 3491, 3509 and 3523, a Bill increasing the annuity for gold star families (House, No. 3491).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to establish the Massachusetts National Guard Museum in Salem (House, No. 3492).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to modernize property tax abatements for veterans (House, No. 3503).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to establish the Guard enlistment enhancement program (House, No. 3514).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to treating veterans under the pension laws (House, No. 3526).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to headstones for long-serving or perished members of the Massachusetts National Guard (House, No. 3531).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the military family advocacy program, domestic violence and child abuse and neglect (House, No. 3537).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill requiring employers to post information on veterans' benefits and services (House, No. 4021).

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. Cassidy of Brockton, for the committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs, on a petition, a Bill relative to recognition of the "Honor and Remember" flag in the Commonwealth (House, No. 3498). Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Id.

Salem,—
museum.

Veterans,—
tax abatements.

Guard
enlistment.

Veterans,—
pension laws.

National
Guard,—
headstones.

Military
families.

Veterans
benefits,—
notices.

Flag
recognition.

Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed bills

Amending the charter of the town of Rockland (see House, No. 4036); and
Correcting the membership date of North Reading police officer Thomas Romeo in the Middlesex County retirement system (see House, No. 4437);

(Which severally originated in the House);

Severally having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, were passed to be enacted; and they were signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bills
enacted.

Orders of the Day.

House bills

To recall elected officials in the town of Manchester-by-the-Sea (printed as Senate, No. 440); and

Relative to the Adams Fire District (House, No. 2031);

Severally reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Third
reading
bills.

The House Bill designating a certain bridge as the Lt. David S. Cutler memorial bridge (House, No. 4108), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Marshfield
and Norwell.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Walsh of Peabody moved to amend it by striking out section 3; and by inserting before the enacting clause the following emergency preamble:

“Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to designate a bridge on the North river, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.”.

The amendments were adopted; and the bill (House, No. 4108, amended) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

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

Next
sitting.

At a quarter after eleven o’clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Thursday at eleven o’clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

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Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Garballey of Arlington 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. Garballey), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of
allegiance.

Resolutions.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Representative Hogan of Stow) congratulating Ronan Wheeler on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout of the Boy Scouts of America, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Ronan
Wheeler.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee, reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, 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.

Order.

An Order (filed by Mr. Diggs of Barnstable) relative to extending until Wednesday, July 31, 2024 the time within which the committee on Labor and Workforce Development is authorized to report on current Senate and House documents (House, No. 4633), was referred, under Joint Rule 30, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Labor and
Workforce
Development,—
extension of
time for
reporting.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the order ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

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:

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Michael S. Day and Jason M. Lewis for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Kendra Winner, an employee of the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. To the committee on Public Service.

Kendra
Winner,—
sick leave.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Michael S. Day that the Massachusetts Department of Transportation be authorized to convey a certain parcel of land in the town of Stoneham for the purposes of reconstructing an off-ramp from Interstate

Stoneham,—
land.

Route 93 northbound. To the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

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. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, asking to be discharged from further consideration:

Of the Bill to protect pollinator habitat (House, No. 4562); and

Of the Bill to promote social emotional learning and the mental and behavioral health of students (House, No. 4576);

And recommending that the same severally be referred to the House committee on Rules.

Under Rule 42, the reports severally were considered forthwith; and they were accepted.

By Mr. Lawn of Watertown, for the committee on Health Care Financing, on Senate, Nos. 193, 593, 594, 601, 605, 609, 612, 614, 618, 620, 630, 635, 636, 637, 638, 640, 642, 645, 649, 655, 656, 657, 660, 662, 663, 664, 665, 667, 668, 670, 673, 682, 691, 700, 704, 706, 707, 708, 715, 716, 717, 718, 722, 724, 730, 731, 733, 735, 737, 741, 742, 744, 745, 751, 754, 758, 759, 763, 764, 766, 768, 771, 772, 773, 776, 779, 786, 787, 792, 793, 796, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 809, 811, 1106, 1209, 1212, 1251, 1269, 1271, 1355, 1369, 1385, 1387, 1428, 1444, 1661 and 2637 and House, Nos. 211, 381, 733, 927, 934, 936, 939, 943, 944, 945, 948, 953, 959, 962, 963, 968, 978, 980, 982, 986, 997, 999, 1001, 1004, 1007, 1010, 1016, 1017, 1021, 1036, 1038, 1164, 1167, 1169, 1171, 1172, 1177, 1182, 1183, 1186, 1187, 1188, 1190, 1194, 1196, 1198, 1199, 1204, 1207, 1208, 1213, 1217, 1221, 1223, 1224, 1225, 1227, 1230, 1231, 1234, 1235, 1236, 1238, 1239, 1241, 1242, 1243, 1244, 1847, 2129, 2147, 2150, 2182, 2194, 3588, 3600, 3622, 3625, 3629, 3764, 3832, 4270 and 4411, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Health Care Financing to make an investigation and study of certain Senate and House documents relative to medications, health care and other health care financing issues (House, No. 4634). Referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Subsequently, Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committees, reported asking to be discharged from further consideration of the order; and recommending that the same be referred to the House committee on Rules.

Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, on the foregoing Order, then reported, in part, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the Bill to modernize the Massachusetts insurer's insolvency fund (House, No. 962),— and recommending that the same be recommitted to the committee on Health Care Financing. Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted.

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:

Relative to prepaid wireless surcharges (House, No. 3134);

Relative to energy conservation (House, No. 3207);

Relative to municipal light plant emergency mutual aid (House, No. 3699);

Relative to the retirement classification of certain employees of the city of Beverly (House, No. 4455) [Local Approval Received];

Pollinators.
Students,—
health.

Medications,
health care
and other
health care
financing
issues,—
study.

Insurers'
insolvency
fund.

Wireless.
Rental housing.
Mutual aid.
Beverly,—
retirement.

Establishing a building permit surcharge and special revenue fund in the town of Winchester (House, No. 4469) [Local Approval Received];

Designating a certain roundabout in the town of Orleans in honor of Dorofei Klimshuk (House, No. 4484); and

Increasing the maximum amount of fines which may be imposed for violations of ordinances in the city of Boston (House, No. 4507) [Local Approval Received];

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.

By Mr. Cusack of Braintree, for the committee on Revenue, on Senate, Nos. 921, 1774, 1794, 1876, and 1953 and House, Nos. 2883, 2907 and 2937, a Bill relative to municipal tax lien procedures and protections for property owners in the Commonwealth (House, No. 4624). Read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

By Mr. Lawn of Watertown, for the committee on Health Care Financing, on Senate, No. 608 and House, Nos. 1025 and 1080, that the Bill mandating access to cancer screenings for firefighters through health care benefits plans or programs provided by the public employer (House, No. 1080), ought to pass [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00].

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 680 and House, No. 1139, that the Bill relative to insurance coverage for doula services (House, No. 1139), ought to pass [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00].

By Mr. Cassidy of Brockton, for the committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs, on a petition, a Bill relative to the United States Space Force and military childcare innovation, learning, and development (House, No. 3540).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to modernizing Chapter 115 (House, No. 4152).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 3506, a Bill to exclude Chapter 115 payments to veterans from gross household income calculations (House, No. 4616).

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. Lawn of Watertown, for the committee on Health Care Financing, that the following House bills ought to pass:

To improve sickle cell care (House, No. 1161) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00];

Relative to preceptorship programs for students of chiropractic (House, No. 2121) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00];

Relative to patient access to information regarding breast reconstructive surgery (House, No. 2169) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00];

Requiring automatic external defibrillator devices in health clubs (House, No. 2173) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00];

Relative to PANDAS/PANS screening in medical/clinical settings (House, No. 3920) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00];

Relative to the Massachusetts maternal mortality and morbidity review committee (House, No. 4487) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00];

Promoting access to midwifery care and out-of-hospital birth options (House, No. 4566) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00].

Winchester,—
surcharge.

Klimshuk
roundabout.

Boston,—
maximum fines.

Municipal
tax lien
procedures.

Firefighters,—
cancer
screenings.

Insurance,—
doula
services.

United States
Space Force.

Veterans
benefits.

Id.

Sickle cell.
Chiropractic,—
preceptorships.

Breast
reconstruction.

Health clubs,—
defibrillators.

PANDAS/PANS
screening.

Maternal
mortality.

Midwifery
care.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. Day of Stoneham, for the committee on the Judiciary, on Senate, No. 993 and House, No. 1494, a Bill updating bail procedures for justice-involved youth (House, No. 4598).

Youth,—
bail
procedures.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1720, a Bill relative to offenses while driving on a non-administrative license suspension (House, No. 4599).

License
suspension
offenses.

By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill regarding the age requirement for police officers for the city of Malden (House, No. 4526) [Local Approval Received].

Malden,—
police
officers.

By Mr. Cassidy of Brockton, for the committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs, on a petition, a Bill relative to veteran inclusion (House, No. 3515).

Veterans,—
inclusion.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Orders of the Day.

House bills

Exempting the position of deputy fire chief of the town of Chelmsford from the civil service law (House, No. 4179);

Third
reading
bills.

Authorizing the town of Warren to continue the employment of Steven Perkins (House, No. 4215); and

Relative to retired fire fighters in the city of Newton (House, No. 4561);

Severally reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

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

Next
sitting.

At twelve minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.