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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.

<p>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].</p>	Benzodiazepines.
<p>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].</p>	Substance use disorder treatment.
<p>Severally referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.</p>	
<p>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].</p>	Alternative proteins,— study.
<p>By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the rural policy advisory commission (House, No. 403).</p>	Rural policy,— study.
<p>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].</p>	Involuntary commitment,— study.
<p>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).</p>	Veterans’ transportation,— study.
<p>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).</p>	Motherhood,— combat effects.
<p>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).</p>	Job retention,— low income workers.
<p>Severally read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committee on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.</p>	
<p>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).</p>	Commercial fishing industry.
<p>By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to designated port areas (House, No. 408).</p>	Designated port areas.
<p>By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to supporting veterans organizations (House, No. 417).</p>	Video games.
<p>By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to rail-trail construction (House, No. 422).</p>	Rail-trail construction.
<p>By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing the Abigail Adams entrepreneurial program for women (House, No. 423).</p>	STEM workforce.
<p>By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 3565, a Bill establishing boxer protection (House, No. 4444).</p>	Boxers,— protection.
<p>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].</p>	Overdoses,— prevention.
<p>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).</p>	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.	

*Emergency Measure.*

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.
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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.