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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.

<p>Repealing certain fiscal stability procedures in the towns of Chesterfield and Goshen (House, No. 4019);</p>	<p>Chesterfield and Goshen.</p>
<p>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.</p>	
<p>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).</p>	<p>GIC,— hearings.</p>
<p>By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to health insurance for surviving spouses (House, No. 2495).</p>	<p>Survivors,— healthcare.</p>
<p>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).</p>	<p>Firefighters,— screenings.</p>
<p>Severally referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.</p>	
<p>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.</p>	<p>Municipal roads and bridges.</p>
<p>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).</p>	<p>Retirement purchases,— study.</p>
<p>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).</p>	<p>State police retirees,— COLA study.</p>
<p>Severally read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.</p>	
<p>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).</p>	<p>Pension forfeiture.</p>
<p>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 ).</p>	<p>Overearnings,— recovery.</p>
<p>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).</p>	<p>Retirement allowances.</p>
<p>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).</p>	<p>Group 1 emotional distress.</p>
<p>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).</p>	<p>Creditable service.</p>
<p>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).</p>	<p>Wages,— definition.</p>
<p>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).</p>	<p>Refund buybacks,— interest.</p>
<p>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).</p>	<p>Support orders.</p>

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.

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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  
Relative to the Greater Lawrence Regional Vocational Technical high school  
(House, No. 4384);

Third  
reading  
bills.

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.

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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.

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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.