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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 Representatives Arciero of Westford and Murray of Milford) recognizing April 2023 as Donate Life month in Massachusetts, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Donate Life
month.

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.

Communications.

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From the Department of Transitional Assistance (see Sections 2(B) and 5I of Chapter 18 of the General Laws) submitting a report entitled: Consolidated Report on the Department of Transitional Assistance Program Integrity Division;

DTA,—
program
integrity.

From the Office of the Inspector General (see Section 9(e) of Chapter 6C of the General Laws) submitting the 2022 Inspector General's Internal Special Audit Unit annual report;

Inspector
General,—
internal audit.

From the Community Economic Development Assistance Corporation (see Section 6 of Chapter 40H of the General Laws) submitting its fiscal year 2022 annual report;

Economic
Development
Assistance.

From the Greater Attleboro-Taunton 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 2022;

Attleboro-
Taunton Transit
Authority.

From the Montachusett 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 2022;

Montachusett
Transit
Authority.

From the Office of Community Corrections of the Trial Court (see Section 5 of Chapter 211F of the General Laws) submitting fiscal year 2022 annual report of the Massachusetts Probation Service, Office of Community Corrections, including a statistical report on the utilization of community corrections centers;

Community
Corrections.

From the Secretary of Health and Human Services (see Section 30 of Chapter 22 of the Acts of 2022) submitting an update on the progress towards achieving the goals of the comprehensive COVID-19 vaccination equity plan;	COVID-19 vaccination plan.
From the Executive Office of Elder Affairs (see item 9110-1637 of Chapter 26 of the Acts of 2022) submitting a report entitled: Home Care Aide Training Grant Program;	Home Care Aide Training Grant Program.
From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see item 4000-0700 of Section 2 of Chapter 126 of the Acts of 2022) submitting a report on MassHealth Dental Coverage;	MassHealth Dental Coverage.
From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see Section 16EE of Chapter 177 of the Acts of 2022) submitting the annual report of the 988 Commission, summarizing its activities;	988 Commission.
From the Department of Revenue (see Chapter 207 of the Acts of 2018) submitting an annual review of tax expenditures;	Tax expenditures.
From the Massachusetts Advisory Council on Alzheimer’s Disease and All Other Dementias (see Chapter 220 of the Acts of 2018) submitting the 2022 annual report of said council; and	Alzheimer’s disease and dementias.
From the Department of Mental Health (see Section 9 of Chapter 321 of the Acts of 2008) submitting the annual report for fiscal year 2022 of the Children’s Behavioral Health Knowledge Center;	Children’s behavioral health.
Severally were placed on file.	

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:	
By Representatives McKenna of Webster and Soter of Bellingham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3714) of Joseph D. McKenna and Michael J. Soter (by vote of the town) that the town of Uxbridge be authorized to grant four additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises in said town; and	Uxbridge,— liquor licenses.
By Representative Sabadosa of Northampton and Senator Comerford, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3715) of Lindsay N. Sabadosa and Joanne M. Comerford (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Northampton be authorized to grant seven licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises in said town;	Northampton,— liquor licenses.
Severally to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.	
By Representative Ashe of Longmeadow, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3716) of Brian M. Ashe, Ryan C. Fattman and Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr. (by vote of the town) relative to the position of treasurer-collector in the town of Monson; and	Monson,— treasurer-collector.
By Representative Vaughn of Wrentham and Senator Rausch, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3717) of Marcus S. Vaughn and Rebecca L. Rausch (by vote of the town) relative to changing the name of the board of selectmen to select board in the town of Wrentham;	Wrentham,— select board.
Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.	
By Representative Decker of Cambridge, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3718) of Marjorie C. Decker (with the approval of the city council) relative to expanding the definition of dependent for the purposes of municipal employee benefits in the city of Cambridge;	Cambridge,— dependents.

By Representative Sabadosa of Northampton and Senator Comerford, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3719) of Lindsay N. Sabadosa and Joanne M. Comerford (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to civil service positions in the department of public works of the city of Northampton; and	Northampton,— civil service.
By Representative Vaughn of Wrentham and Senator Rausch, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3720) of Marcus S. Vaughn and Rebecca L. Rausch (by vote of the town) that the town of Wrentham be authorized to exempt the position of deputy fire chief of said town from certain provisions of the civil service law; Severally to the committee on Public Service. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.	Wrentham,— civil service.
Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:	
By Representative Cabral of New Bedford, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Antonio F. D. Cabral and others relative to requiring school attendance up to age 18 or until graduation.	Schools,— attendance.
By Representative Chan of Quincy, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Tackey Chan and Michael D. Brady relative to dental hygienist reciprocal licensure.	Dental hygienists.
By Representative Coppinger of Boston, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Edward F. Coppinger relative to increasing the minimum pension for public retirees.	Minimum pension.
By Representative Day of Stoneham (by request), a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Vincent L. Dixon relative to environmental and water testing requirements.	Water, etc.,— testing.
By the same member (by request), a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Vincent L. Dixon relative to police chief certification reform and improvement.	Police chiefs,— certification.
By the same member (by request), a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Vincent L. Dixon relative to the uniform sales tax.	Uniform sales tax.
By the same member (by request), a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Vincent L. Dixon for legislation to improve pedestrian and vehicular safety.	Safety improvements.
By Representative Decker of Cambridge, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Marjorie C. Decker and Russell E. Holmes relative to insurance coverage to expand access to mental health services.	Mental health services.
By Representative DeCoste of Norwell, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of David F. DeCoste and David Allen Robertson relative to the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts.	Artillery Company.
By Representative Driscoll of Milton (by request), a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Clinton Graham for legislation to prohibit hate speech.	Hate speech,— prohibition.
By Representative Gifford of Wareham, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Susan Williams Gifford and Joseph D. McKenna relative to the maintenance of records on the transfer of firearms, rifles, shotguns, machine guns and ammunition.	Firearms,— records maintenance.
By Representative González of Springfield, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Carlos González and others for legislation to establish a foreclosure review division within the Superior Court Department.	Foreclosure review division.
By Representative Hunt of Boston, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Daniel J. Hunt relative to the assistant clerks of the Supreme Judicial Court for Suffolk County.	Suffolk County,— clerks.
By Representatives Lewis of Framingham and Schmid of Westport, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Jack Patrick Lewis for legislation to designate a certain bridge in the town of Ashland as the Harold Wadhams Gates memorial bridge.	Ashland,— Gates bridge.
By Representative Robertson of Tewksbury, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of David Allen Robertson relative to the retirement group for public safety officers,	Public safety officials,— retirement.

police officers or public safety officials of the Department of Mental Health, Department of Public Health or Department of Developmental Services.

By Representative Schmid of Westport and Senator Rodrigues, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 7B) of Paul A. Schmid, III relative to the board of selectmen in the town of Westport.

Westport,—
select board.

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

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 Antonio F. D. Cabral and Mark C. Montigny for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for David Benway, an employee of the Massachusetts Maritime Academy. 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.

David
Benway,—
sick leave.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the Senate Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Christopher Trigilio, an employee of the Trial Court of the Commonwealth (Senate, No. 2376), be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Christopher
Trigilio,—
sick leave.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

By Mr. Schmid of Westport, for the committee on Agriculture, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 102) of William M. Straus and Sarah K. Peake relative to farmer-distilleries,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure. Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Farmer-
distilleries.

Orders of the Day.

The House Bill further regulating the appointment of special police officers in the city of Watertown (House, No. 2622), 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 five 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 Thursday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.