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Monday, September 25, 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.

## *Petition.*

Representative Lombardo of Billerica presented (by request) a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Kelly Calascibetta relative to metal detectors in public schools and municipal buildings; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Metal  
detectors,—  
regulate.

## *Paper from the Senate.*

The House Bill changing the timing of preliminary elections in the city known as the town of Agawam to 8 weeks preceding regular elections (House, No. 4023) (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 in section 2, in line 20, striking out the following: "in the year 2025" and inserting in place thereof the following: "beginning in the year 2025, but not otherwise"; in section 3, in line 22, striking out the figures: "60" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "35"; and adding the following section:

Agawam,—  
elections.

"SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage."

The amendments were referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading. Said committee then reported that the amendments were correctly drawn; and they were adopted, in 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 Carlos González for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Jaer J. Martinez, an employee of the Department of Transitional Assistance. To the committee on Public Service.

Jaer Martinez,—  
sick leave.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Danielle W. Gregoire relative to a sales tax exemption for certain disabled veterans with purple heart license plates. To the committee on Revenue.

Disabled  
veterans,—  
sales tax.

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, that the following bills ought to pass:

Promoting equity in agriculture (House, No. 87); and

Establishing a commission on automated decision-making by government in the Commonwealth (House, No. 4024);

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

Agriculture.  
Automated decisions.

By Mr. Cutler of Duxbury, for the committee on Labor and Workforce Development, on Senate, Nos. 1181 and 1191 and House, Nos. 1849 and 1940, a Bill relative to salary range transparency (House, No. 4100). Read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Salary range transparency.

By Ms. Fiola of Fall River, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a petition, a Bill authorizing certain investments by the treasurer of the town of Hopkinton (House, No. 2018) [Local Approval Received].

Hopkinton,—  
investments.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing a department of public works in the town of Tyngsborough (House, No. 2052) [Local Approval Received].

Tyngsborough,—  
public works.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Mashpee to convey certain town owned conservation land to Jacques and Rosalie Fresco (House, No. 2118) [Local Approval Received].

Mashpee,—  
land.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill providing for an increase in the membership of the select board in the town of Sterling (House, No. 3727) [Local Approval Received].

Sterling,—  
select board.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill amending the act authorizing the town of Deerfield to construct and operate systems of sewers (House, No. 3841) [Local Approval Received].

Deerfield,—  
sewers.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill creating the appointed positions of town treasurer and tax collector in the town of Westwood (House, No. 3879) [Local Approval Received].

Westwood,—  
treasurer and  
tax collector.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill amending the board of works in the town of Lee (House, No. 3890) [Local Approval Received].

Lee,—  
board of  
works.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the select board of the town of Northborough (House, No. 3902) [Local Approval Received].

Northborough,—  
select board.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill amending the charter of the town of Northborough (House, No. 3903) [Local Approval Received].

Northborough,—  
charter.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill expanding the Select Board of the town of Sharon (House, No. 3905, changed in section 3, in line 16, by striking out the words “effective date of this act in the Town of Sharon” and inserting in place thereof the following: “acceptance of this act by the voters of the Town of Sharon pursuant to section 2”) [Local Approval Received].

Sharon,—  
select board.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to the town of Plymouth’s Facilities Improvement Fund (House, No. 3909) [Local Approval Received].

Plymouth,—  
fund.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill establishing the position of town Manager in the town of Belchertown (House, No. 3960) [Local Approval Received].

Belchertown,—  
town manager.

By Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett, for the committee on Transportation, on a petition, a Bill to designate a certain bridge in the town of Lexington in honor of Henry N. “Hank” Manz (House, No. 3286).

Lexington,—  
Manz  
bridge.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill designating a certain bridge in the city of Leominster as the Captain Ross A. Reynolds memorial bridge (House, No. 3334).

Leominster,—  
Reynolds  
bridge.

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 2232 and House, No. 3337, a Bill designating historic routes (House, No. 3337).

Historic  
routes.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill designating a certain bridge in the town of Dedham as the Honorable Deborah R. Cochran memorial bridge (House, No. 3382).

Dedham,—  
Cochran  
bridge.

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 2292 and House, No. 3383, a Bill designating a certain bridge in the town of Dedham as the Honorable Kelly A. Timilty memorial bridge (House, No. 3383).

Dedham,—  
Timilty  
bridge.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill designating a portion of state highway Route 28 in the town of Harwich as the Alphonso Palmer Rogers highway (House, No. 3838).

Harwich,—  
Rogers  
highway.

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

### *Engrossed Bills.*

#### Engrossed bills

Merging certain voting precincts in the town of Groton (see House, No. 3884);

Changing the timing of preliminary elections in the city known as the town of Agawam to 8 weeks preceding regular elections (see House, No. 4023, amended); and

Amending the home rule charter of the city of Beverly (see House, No. 4093); (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 bill

Authorizing the city of Pittsfield to award a 1 year or multiple year contract to audit (House, No. 2045);

Authorizing Thomas Harmon to purchase creditable service from the Barnstable County Retirement Board (House, No. 3655); and

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

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 Wednesday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next  
sitting.

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At eleven 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 Wednesday at eleven o'clock A.M.