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Thursday, June 16, 2022.

Met according to adjournment, under emergency rules, 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 Prayer.

At the request of Mr. Mom of Lowell and the entire Lowell Delegation, the members, guests and employees stood in a moment of silent prayer in respect to the memory of Harry Kkonde, the 3-year-old Lowell boy who was found in shallow water a day after he was reported missing from his babysitter's home on Tuesday morning, June 14. Tragically, Harry's body was discovered on Wednesday afternoon by a State Police dive team, after a massive search was launched.

Harry
Kkonde.

More than 200 officers from a variety of law enforcement agencies across the Commonwealth and first responders utilized dogs, horses, dive teams and drones in their extensive search.

The hearts and prayers of all the Members and staff of the House of Representatives are extended to the family, who have suffered the loss of their precious son, Harry.

Silent Tributes.

At the request of Mr. Carey of Easthampton, the members, guests and employees stood in a moment of silent tribute in respect to the memory of Sarah Etelman, Vice Chair of the South Hadley Selectboard, who died on June 3, 2022 following a courageous, three-year battle with pancreatic cancer.

Sarah
Etelman.

Sarah served on South Hadley's Selectboard since 2013, chaired South Hadley's Democratic Town Committee, volunteered on local nonprofit boards, and worked at regional nonprofits for decades.

Sarah is survived by sisters Carla Schine and Paula Webb, cousins Faith and Julia Michaels, uncle Fred Wilcon, and countless community members who mourn her loss and celebrate her extraordinary life.

At the request of Ms. Kerans of Danvers, the members, guests and employees stood in a moment of silent tribute in respect to the memory of Wayne Marquis who served his beloved hometown of Danvers from 1977 to 2014, first as Assistant Town Manager, then as Town Manager starting in 1979. A graduate of Danvers High School and Salem State College, Wayne valued open space and recreational resources, and established a culture of professionalism throughout town government. His keen eye for sound fiscal management benefited the Town and earned Wayne the respect of

Wayne
Marquis.

Danvers residents as well as his colleagues in municipal government on the North Shore and across the Commonwealth, several of whom sought his guidance and advice.

In 2006, Wayne steered the town through the aftermath of a devastating explosion in Danversport that destroyed more than 20 homes and worked tirelessly to assist families as they rebuilt their homes and neighborhood. Wayne led the effort to create and build the Essex North Shore Agricultural and Technical School, overseeing the construction of the new building that opened in 2014, and he served with dedication on the Essex North Shore Agricultural and Technical School Committee until his untimely death. His outstanding municipal leadership and appreciation of the worthiness of public service will long be remembered.

The membership joins with the entire town of Danvers in extending our sympathy to Wayne's wife, Nancy Marquis, daughters Jennifer Marquis and Kathryn Azevedo, his mother, Carolyn, and the entire Marquis extended family.

*Message from the Governor — Bill Returned with
Recommendation of Amendments.*

A message from His Excellency the Governor returning with recommendation of amendments the engrossed Bill relative to police detail work in the town of Hudson [see House, No. 4296] (for message, see House, No. 4882), was filed in the office of the Clerk on Wednesday, June 15.

Hudson,—
police details.

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 amendments recommended by His Excellency, the bill was referred, on motion of Ms. Garlick of Needham, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

Message from the Governor.

A message from His Excellency the Governor submitting requests for making appropriations for fiscal year 2022 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (House, No. 4881), was filed in the office of the Clerk on Wednesday, June 15.

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.

Distinguished Guests of the House.

During the session, the Speaker took the Chair and introduced Jonathan Sun, of Taiwan, Director General of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office, accompanied by Johanna Wang, Senior Consular Officer, and photographer, Astrid Chen. The Speaker then read the title of previously adopted Resolutions of the House, reaffirming friendship between Massachusetts and Taiwan, supporting a United States-Taiwan bilateral trade agreement and Taiwan's international participation. Director General Sun then addressed the House.

Jonathan Sun,
Director
General
Taipei
Economic
and Cultural
Office.

Mr. Wong of Saugus, accompanied by Representatives Uyterhoeven of Somerville and Howard of Lowell, then presented Director General Sun with a House Citation, on behalf of the Asian-Pacific Island Caucus.

During the Session, the Chair (Ms. Hogan of Stow), recognized Mr. Vieira of Falmouth for the purpose of his introducing Lieutenant-Colonel Carleton Jones, Massachusetts Vice Wing Commander, Lieutenant Charles Neudorfer, Commander of the Massachusetts Legislative Squadron, and Lieutenant Colonel Elaine Hoch Neudorfer, Massachusetts Wing Personnel Director, of the Massachusetts 999 Civil Air Patrol.

Civil Air
Patrol
officers.

They were visiting the State House to meet with legislators who are presently Civil Air Patrol members in the squadron and to invite others to join the Civil Air Patrol.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Diggs of Barnstable) recognizing the Cotuit Kettleers on their seventy-fifth anniversary; and

Cotuit
Kettleers.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Fluker Oakley of Boston and other members of the House) recognizing the service and contributions of Suzin Bartley to children and families of Massachusetts for thirty years;

Suzin
Bartley.

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.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Murray of Milford, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4883) of Brian W. Murray (by vote of the town) that the town of Milford be authorized to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be consumed on the premises in said town; and

Milford,—
liquor
license.

By the same member, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4884) of Brian W. Murray (by vote of the town) that the town of Milford be authorized to grant an additional license for the sale of wine and malt beverages not to be consumed on the premises in said town;

Id.

Severally to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

By Representative Sabadosa of Northampton and Senator Comerford, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4885) of Lindsay N. Sabadosa (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to ranked choice voting in the city of Northampton. To the committee on Election Laws.

Northampton,—
ranked choice
voting.

By the same members, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4886) of Lindsay N. Sabadosa (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Northampton be authorized to prohibit landlords and brokers from requiring broker's commissions to be paid by tenants or prospective tenants. To the committee on Housing.

Northampton,—
broker's
commissions.

By Mr. Murray of Milford, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4887) of Brian W. Murray (by vote of the town) that the town of Milford be authorized to establish employment contracts for the positions of building commissioner and

Milford,—
employment
contracts.

facilities director in said town. To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

By Mr. Barrett of North Adams, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4888) of John Barrett, III (by vote of the town) that the town of Hancock be authorized to allow firefighters and police officers to continue serving, notwithstanding the maximum age requirement. To the committee on Public Service.

Hancock,—
public safety
officers.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representatives Cutler of Pembroke and Lipper-Garabedian of Melrose, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Josh S. Cutler and Kate Lipper-Garabedian relative to education and training programs specializing in uses of blockchain technology.

Blockchain
technology
education.

By Representative Kerans of Danvers and Senator Lovely, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Sally P. Kerans and Joan B. Lovely relative to airplane noise data collection.

Airplane
noise.

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

Recess.

At sixteen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Vieira of Falmouth (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House recessed until one o'clock P.M.; and at nineteen minutes after one o'clock, the House was called to order with Ms. Hogan of Stow in the Chair.

Recess.

Quorum.

As required under the provision of Emergency Rule 2(4), a roll call was taken for the purpose of ascertaining the presence of a quorum; and on the roll call 155 members were recorded as being in attendance.

Quorum,—
yea and nay
No. 196.

[See [Yea and Nay No. 196](#) in Supplement.]

Therefore a quorum was present.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the House Bill designating a certain portion of state highway in the town of Plymouth as Plimoth Patuxet highway (House, No. 4743), be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Plimoth
Patuxet
highway.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, 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.

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 House amendment (striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in House document numbered 4367) of the Senate Bill fostering voter opportunities, trust, equity and security (Senate, No. 2554),— recommending passage of a bill with the same title (Senate, No. 2924),— be scheduled for consideration by the House, the question being on acceptance.

Voting,—
regulate.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Ryan of Boston, the report was considered forthwith.

After debate on the question on acceptance of the report, in concurrence, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, at the request of the same member; and on the roll call 126 members voted in the affirmative and 29 in the negative.

[See [Yea and Nay No. 197](#) in Supplement.]

Therefore the report of the committee of conference was accepted, in concurrence.

Conference committee report accepted,—yea and nay No. 197.

Engrossed Bill — State Loan.

The engrossed Bill financing improvements to municipal roads and bridges (see House, No. 4638) (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 “loan” bill as defined by Section 3 of Article LXII of the Amendments to the Constitution); and on the roll call 155 members voted in the affirmative and 0 in the negative.

[See [Yea and Nay No. 198](#) 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,—financing.

Bill enacted (state loan),—yea and nay No. 198.

Engrossed Bill — Land Taking.

The engrossed Bill authorizing the exchange of certain parcels of land between the town of Nantucket and the Nantucket Islands Land Bank (see House, No. 4360) (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 155 members voted in the affirmative and 0 in the negative.

[See [Yea and Nay No. 199](#) in Supplement.]

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

Nantucket,—land.

Bill enacted (land taking),—yea and nay No. 199.

Emergency Measure.

The engrossed Bill fostering voter opportunities, trust, equity and security (see Senate, No. 2924), 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 49 to 12. 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 put upon its final passage.

Voting,—regulate.

On the question on passing the bill to be enacted, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, as required under Emergency Rule 2; and on the roll call 126 members voted in the affirmative and 29 in the negative.

Bill enacted,—
yea and nay
No. 200.

[See Yea and Nay No. 200 in Supplement.]

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

Motions to Discharge Certain Matters in the Orders of the Day.

The House Bill to further regulate the attendance by police officers at police association executive board meetings (House, No. 2163), reported 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 Ms. Giannino of Revere; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Police
associations,—
board meetings.

The House Bill removing the residency requirement for the city of Lynn's water and sewer commission (House, No. 4626), reported 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. Cahill of Lynn; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Lynn,—
water and sewer
commission.

The House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Rhonda Brewster, an employee of the Department of Mental Health (House, No. 4831), reported 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 Ms. Fiola of Fall River; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Rhonda
Brewster,—
sick leave.

The Senate Bill addressing barriers to care for mental health (Senate, No. 2584, amended), reported 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. Madaro of Boston.

Mental
health.

The Speaker having been in the Chair,— After debate on the question on passing the bill, as amended, to be engrossed, in concurrence (Ms. Hogan of Stow having returned to the Chair), Mr. Jones of North Reading and other members of the House moved to amend it by adding the following section:

“SECTION 69. There is hereby established a permanent standing student stakeholder advisory commission on mental health whose members shall work in collaboration with the department of elementary and secondary education to develop and implement school-based programs to promote student mental health and well-being and to evaluate the effectiveness of current statutes related to these issues. The commission shall meet not less than two times a year with the commissioner of elementary and secondary education and not less than once a year with the board of elementary and secondary education to ensure that students and their families in the commonwealth have access to a wide range of comprehensive mental health programs and services. The commission shall work with the department and the board

to develop programs and services related to, but not limited to, the following: (i) eliminating the stigma associated with mental health illness; (ii) recognizing the signs of mental health problems; (iii) addressing cyberbullying; (iv) preventing and responding to student suicide and actions involving self-harm; (v) helping students avoid negative coping behaviors such as substance use; and (vi) promoting treatment and recovery from mental illness. The commission shall consist of 15 members, including the commissioner of the department of mental health, or a designee, who shall serve as the chair; one representative from the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Massachusetts' Allies for Student Mental Health program; one representative from the Massachusetts Association for Mental Health; four representatives from the Massachusetts School Mental Health Consortium who shall each reflect geographically diverse areas of the commonwealth; one representative from the Massachusetts School Counselors Association; one representative from the Parent Professional Advocacy League (PPAL); one medical professional appointed by the Massachusetts Medical Society who shall be a licensed psychiatrist specializing in adolescent mental health care; one student representative from the Massachusetts Association of Student Councils; and four secondary school students, one of whom shall be appointed by the speaker of the house, one of whom shall be appointed by the president of the senate, one of whom shall be appointed by the minority leader of the house of representatives, and one of whom shall be appointed by the minority leader of the senate. All secondary school student members of the commission shall be appointed on an annual basis and shall be eligible for re-appointment provided they have not yet graduated high school. The commission shall issue an annual report by June 30 updating the legislature on its findings and recommendations, including any proposed changes to current statute, with copies provided to the house and senate chairs of the joint committee on mental health, substance use and recovery, the house and senate chairs of the joint committee on health care financing, the house and senate chairs of the joint committee on education, the house and senate chairs of ways and means, and the clerks of the house and the senate.”.

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Fiola of Fall River then moved to amend the bill by adding the following section:

“SECTION 70. Chapter 118E of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 10A the following section:—

Section 10A½. The division shall provide coverage of screenings by pediatricians for postpartum depression in mothers of newly born children during any visit to a pediatrician’s office taking place for up to 1 year from the date of the child’s birth.”.

After remarks the amendment was adopted.

At twenty-eight minutes after four o’clock P.M., the Chair (Ms. Hogan of Stow), declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair; and at nine minutes after five o’clock, the House was called to order with Ms. Hogan in the Chair.

Recess.

Ms. Higgins of Leominster and other members of the House then moved to amend the bill by inserting after section 8 the following section:

“SECTION 8A. Said chapter 6A is hereby further amended by inserting after section 18D the following section:—

Section 18D½. (a) The department shall, in consultation with organizations representing the mobility, hearing, speech and sight impaired communities, create and publish on its website a statewide disability indicator form which a person may complete and submit to the department to notify primary and regional PSAPs of

certain disabilities as described in subsection (c). The disability indicator form shall be available to subscribers of a wireless carrier, a wireline carrier or a prepaid wireless telephone service.

(b) The disability indicator form shall be written in clear language that is comprehensible to a person proficient in English at the fifth grade level and accessible to persons with visual disabilities. In any area where at least 5 per cent of citizens speak a language other than English as determined by the most recent American Community Survey of the United States Census Bureau, the disability indicator form shall be translated into such language.

(c) The disability indicator form shall include space for the person to identify any mental health needs, intellectual and developmental disabilities, complex medical needs or neurological impairments, including, but not limited to, identification that the person: (i) uses equipment required to sustain the person's life; (ii) is bedridden, a wheelchair user or has another mobility impairment; (iii) is legally blind; (iv) is deaf or hard of hearing; (v) may communicate on the telephone via teletypewriter; (vi) has a speech impairment; (vii) is cognitively impaired; (viii) has a service animal; (ix) requires translation services; or (x) has other potential triggers for which first responders should be aware. The disability indicator form shall also include an option for a person to remove or change any disability indicators.

(d) The department, in consultation with organizations representing the mobility, hearing, speech and sight impaired communities, shall annually review the contents of the disability indicator form and amend the disability indicator form as needed, as determined by the department.”.

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Ultrino of Malden and other members of the House then moved to amend the bill by inserting after section 25 the following section:

“SECTION 25A. Section 37H³/₄ of chapter 71 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out paragraph (b) and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:—

(b) Any principal, headmaster, superintendent or person acting as a decision-maker at a student meeting or hearing, when deciding the consequences for the student, shall consider ways to re-engage the student in the learning process; and shall not suspend or expel a student until alternative remedies have been employed and their use and results documented, following and in direct response to a specific incident or incidents, except in cases where the student's continued presence in school would pose a specific, documentable concern about the infliction of serious bodily injury upon another person while in school. Alternative remedies may include, but shall not be limited to: (i) mediation; (ii) conflict resolution; (iii) restorative justice; and (iv) collaborative problem solving. The principal, headmaster, superintendent or person acting as a decision-maker shall also implement school- or district-wide models to re-engage students in the learning process, which shall include but not be limited to: (i) positive behavioral interventions and supports models and (ii) trauma sensitive learning models; provided, however, that school- or district-wide models shall not be considered a direct response to a specific incident.”.

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Cutler of Pembroke and other members of the House then moved to amend the bill by inserting after section 13 the following two sections:

“SECTION 13A. Section 88 of chapter 13 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out the figure ‘13’, in line 4, and inserting in place thereof the following figure:— 15.

SECTION 13B. Section 89 of said chapter 13, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out paragraph (A) in its entirety and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:—

(A) 12 members shall be licensed practicing mental health and human services professionals and shall have been, for at least 5 years immediately preceding appointment, actively engaged as a practitioner rendering professional services in that field, in the education and training of graduate students or interns in the field, in appropriate human developmental research, or in another area substantially equivalent thereto, and shall, during the 2 years preceding the appointment, have spent the majority of their professional time in such activity in the commonwealth. One of the 12 shall also be a member of a union licensable under sections 163 to 172, inclusive, of chapter 112.

Said members shall be appointed in such a manner as to proportionally represent the total number of active holders of each professional license type, as determined from time to time by the board; provided, that at least 1 member shall be a marriage and family therapist, at least 1 shall be a rehabilitation counselor, at least 1 shall be a clinical mental health counselor, at least 1 shall be an educational psychologist and at least 1 shall be a behavior analyst who meet the qualifications in the last 2 paragraphs of section 165 of chapter 112.”; and

By inserting after section 56 the following section:

“SECTION 56A. The executive office of health and human services and the department of public health shall conduct a study relative to the feasibility and cost, if any, of creating a board of registration of mental health counselors. The report shall be submitted not later than June 30, 2023 to the clerks of the senate and house of representatives, the joint committee on mental health and substance use and recovery and the joint committee on labor and workforce development.”.

The amendments were adopted.

Representatives DuBois of Brockton and Ultrino of Malden then moved to amend the bill by striking out section 15 and inserting in place thereof the following section:

“SECTION 15. Chapter 15D of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 12 the following section:—

Section 12A. (a)(1) The department shall develop performance standards necessary for prohibiting or significantly limiting the use of suspension and expulsion in all licensed early education and care programs pursuant to clause (t) of section 2. The standards shall be developed with input from relevant stakeholders including, but not limited to the mixed delivery early education and child care field.

(2) The standards shall ensure that expulsion and suspension are limited to extraordinary circumstances where there is a documented assessment that the child’s behavior poses a serious ongoing threat to the safety of others that cannot be reduced or eliminated by reasonable program modifications that are accessible to the program.

(b) The performance standards shall include, but not be limited to: (i) benchmarks and goals for supporting children’s social, emotional and behavioral development to (A) reduce the use of expulsion as a disciplinary tool; (B) guidance on eliminating disparities in the use of suspension and expulsion, (C) facilitate referrals for children with intensive needs; and (D) establish programs to provide transitional support for children returning to early education and care programming after extended absences, including behavioral health-related absences; (ii) engagement steps to be taken with the child and parent or guardian prior to suspension or expulsion; (iii) requirements for communicating disciplinary policies, including suspension and expulsion policies, to staff, families, guardians and community

partners; (iv) pathways for programs to access technical assistance through the statewide program established in section 16EE of chapter 6A to support ongoing development of staff and teacher skills for supporting children’s social, emotional and behavioral development, reducing disparities and limiting the use of suspension and expulsion; and (v) requirements for assessing and documenting a serious ongoing threat to the safety of others.”.

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Gouveia of Acton and other members of the House then moved to amend the bill in section 1, in line 5, by striking out the word “trauma-informed” and inserting in place thereof the word “trauma-responsive”, and in lines 12 and 13, by striking out the word “trauma-specific” and inserting in place thereof the word “trauma-responsive”. The amendments were adopted.

Ms. Gouveia and other members of the House then moved to amend the bill in section 56 by adding the following paragraph:

“(4) a study of the short- and long-term barriers to students’ entry into the human services, mental health services, and behavioral health services fields. This study shall include examination of the educational, financial, childcare, transportation, and other systemic barriers to students’ ability to pursue degrees in these fields and the anticipated impact of debt-free higher education on the mental health, human services, and behavioral health workforce.”.

After remarks the amendment was rejected.

Ms. Decker of Cambridge and other members of the House then moved to amend the bill by inserting after section 61 the following section:

“SECTION 61A. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the division of insurance shall promulgate regulations or issue sub-regulatory guidance, within 30 days of the effective date of this act, to establish reasonable rates at which carriers shall reimburse acute care hospitals for the delivery of health care services for each day a member waits in an emergency department, observation unit or inpatient floor, for placement in an appropriate inpatient psychiatric placement. The division of insurance shall consult with the division of medical assistance on establishing a reasonable rate for said reimbursement.”.

The amendment was adopted.

On the question on passing the bill, as amended, to be engrossed, in concurrence, the sense of the House taken by yeas and nays, at the request of Mr. Madaro of Boston; and on the roll call 155 members voted in the affirmative and 0 in the negative.

[See [Yea and Nay No. 201](#) in Supplement.]

Therefore the bill (Senate, No. 2584, amended) was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence. Sent to the Senate for concurrence in the amendment [for text of the House amendment, as amended, see House document numbered 4891].

Bill passed to
be engrossed,—
yea and nay
No. 201.

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.

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 four minutes after six o'clock P.M. (Ms. Hogan of Stow being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Tuesday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.