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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.

Guests of the House.

At the beginning of the session, the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford), declared a brief recess and introduced, seated in the Chamber, the Weston boys swim and dive team and the Weston girls swim and dive team both of whom won the Division 2 State Championship. This is the boy's team's third straight state title and girl's team's second ever state title; and the second time in the program's history that both teams have won the state championship in the same year. The teams are coached by Jim McLaughlin, Cary Monz, Mike Gavin, and Sarah Altman. At the invitation of the Chair, the teams and coaches participated in the pledge of allegiance to the flag. They were the guests of Representative Peisch of Wellesley.

Weston,—
swim and
dive teams.

During the Session, the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford), declared a brief recess and introduced the Wellesley Girls Indoor track team, who defended their Division 2 state title and won the championship meet by over 20 points. The girls team an undefeated season to win their seventh straight championship. The team was accompanied by their coach, John Giffith. They were the guests of Representative Peisch of Wellesley.

Wellesley,—
girls indoor
track team.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Representative Peisch of Wellesley) honoring Colin Izumo Anderson on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout of the Boy Scouts of America;

Colin
Anderson.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Peisch of Wellesley) honoring Timothy Samuel Fitzgibbon on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout of the Boy Scouts of America;

Timothy
Fitzgibbon.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Peisch of Wellesley) honoring Ciaran Battles Gavin on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout of the Boy Scouts of America;

Ciaran
Gavin.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Peisch of Wellesley) honoring Tanner James Guardino on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout of the Boy Scouts of America; and

Tanner
Guardino.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Linsky of Natick) congratulating Ethan Opela on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout of the Boy Scouts of America;

Ethan
Opela.

UNCORRECTED PROOF.

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 Ms. Peisch of Wellesley, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Orders.

The following orders were referred, under Joint Rule 30, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently:

Order (filed by Mr. Murphy of Weymouth) relative to extending until Friday, June 30, 2024 the time within which the committee on Financial Service is authorized to report on current House documents (House, No. 4657); and.

Extension of time for committees reporting.

Order (filed by Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett) relative to extending until Monday, July 1, 2024 the time within which the committee on Transportation is authorized to report on current Senate and House documents (House, No. 4660);

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the orders ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Peisch of Wellesley, the orders were considered forthwith; and they were adopted. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Communications.

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From the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (see Section 39 of Chapter 7C of the General Laws) submitting a listing of the Commonwealth's real property holdings and leased property for calendar year 2023;

Real and leased property.

From the Massachusetts District Attorneys Association (see Section 20D of Chapter 12 of the General Laws) submitting its report on the status of child abuse and neglect cases for fiscal year 2023;

MDAA,—
Children and Families.

From the Department of Energy Resources (see Section 5 of Chapter 25A of the General Laws) submitting its calendar year 2023 annual report;

Department of Energy Resources.

From the Division of Medical Assistance (see Section 10F of Chapter 118E of the General Laws) submitting a quarterly report for the first quarter of fiscal year 2024 legislative report for the Children's Medical Security Plan (CMSP) for the period July 1, 2023 through September 30, 2023;

Medical Assistance,—
CMSP report.

From the Division of Medical Assistance (see Section 10F of Chapter 118E of the General Laws) submitting a quarterly report for the second quarter of fiscal year 2024 legislative report for the Children's Medical Security Plan (CMSP) for the period October 31, 2023 through December 31, 2023;

Id.

From the Department of Correction (see Section 119A(i) of Chapter 127 of the General Laws) submitting its fiscal year 2023 annual report on medical parole;

Medical parole.

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 2023;

GATRA,—
financial reports.

From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see item 4000-0300 contained in Section 2 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting its report on methodology for projecting caseload and utilization for fiscal year 2024;

Caseload and utilization methodology.

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From the Department of Higher Education (see item 7066-9600 of Section 2 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting the Massachusetts Inclusive Concurrent Enrollment Initiative (MAICEI) report for fiscal year 2023; and

Higher Education,—
MAICEI report.

From the Executive Office for Administration and Finance (see item 1599-0514 of Section 2 of Chapter 77 of the Acts of 2023) submitting the May 2, 2024 biweekly report on the Emergency Housing Assistance Program;

Emergency housing assistance.

Severally were placed on file.

Annual and Monthly Reports.

The annual report of the Hate Crimes Task Force (under Section 221(e) of Chapter 6 of the General Laws) addressing the mission of the task force, targeted objectives, options, recommended actions and metrics to measure the effect of such recommendations on hate crimes for calendar year 2023; and

Hate Crimes Task Force.

Monthly Reports

Of the Department of Revenue (under Section 5 of Chapter 62F of the General Laws) on year-to-date net state tax revenue for February, 2024;

Net state tax revenue.

Of the Department of Unemployment Assistance (under Section 14F of Chapter 151A of the General Laws) relative to the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund for April 2024; and

Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund.

Of the Executive Office of the Trial Court (under Section 15 of Chapter 239 of the General Laws, as amended by Section 64 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting its report on filings, actions, and dispositions of summary process cases relative to permanent rental protections;

Permanent rental protections.

Severally were placed on file.

Petition.

Representative Sabadosa of Northampton presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Lindsay N. Sabadosa relative to adoptions outside of the Commonwealth; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Out of state adoptions.

Papers from the Senate.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2784) of Barry R. Finegold (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the town of Andover to convey a non-exclusive access easement over a certain parcel of land, was referred, in concurrence, to the Municipalities and Regional Government.

Andover,—
land.

A petition of Bruce E. Tarr, Kathleen R. LaNatra, Joan B. Lovely, Susan Williams Gifford, and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to abandoned fishing gear, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Fishing gear.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2793) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

A report of the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure , recommending that the report of the Massachusetts Gaming Commission (under the provisions of Section 9B of Chapter 128A of the General Laws) submitting proposed

Simulcast-Only Facility.

regulations 205 CMR 15.00: Procedures for the Approval of a Simulcast-Only Facility (Senate, No. 2726), be placed on file,— accepted by the Senate, was considered forthwith, under Rule 42; and it was accepted, 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 petition of Kip A. Diggs relative to creditable service for Charles G. Lawrence, a member of the Massachusetts Teachers' Retirement System. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Peisch of Wellesley, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on the Public Service. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Charles G. Lawrence,—
benefits.

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:

To provide sustainable water resources in the town of Tyngsborough (House, No. 28) [Local Approval Received];

Tyngsborough,—
water.

Relative to the Quabbin Watershed Advisory Committee (House, No. 896);

Quabbin.

To establish a surcharge on specific commercial development activities for the purpose of funding the creation of community housing (House, No. 2740) [Local Approval Received];

Lexington,—
housing
surcharge.

Authorizing a development surcharge for community housing in the town of Lexington (House, No. 2741) [Local Approval Received];

Id.

Directing the Worcester County Retirement Board to credit Curtis Meskus (House, No. 4494);

Curtis
Meskus.

Relative to landfills and areas of critical environmental concern (House, No. 4563); and

Landfills.

Establishing a sick leave bank for Kendra Winner (House, No. 4644);

Kendra Winner,—
sick leave.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, in each instance, on motion of Ms. Peisch of Wellesley, the bills severally were read a second time forthwith; and they were ordered to a third reading.

By Mr. González of Springfield, for the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, on a petition, a Bill relative to health insurance and incarcerated individuals (House, No. 2327) [Senator Velis dissenting].

Health
insurance.

By Mr. González of Springfield, for the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, on a petition, a Bill requiring health care employers to develop and implement programs to prevent workplace violence (House, No. 2330) [Senator Velis dissenting].

Workplace
violence.

By Mr. González of Springfield, for the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, on a petition, a Bill to establish the Massachusetts incarcerated individual bone marrow and organ donation program (House, No. 2333) [Senator Velis dissenting].

Bone marrow
and organ
donation.

By Mr. González of Springfield, for the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, on a petition, a Bill relative to health education in women's correctional institutions (House, No. 2349) [Senator Velis dissenting].

Health
education.

By Mr. González of Springfield, for the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, on a petition, a Bill to ensure compliance with the anti-shackling law for pregnant incarcerated women (House, No. 2350) [Senator Velis dissenting].

Pregnant
incarcerated
women.

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By Mr. González of Springfield, for the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, on a petition, a Bill relative to the well-being of law enforcement officers after involvement in a critical incident (House, No. 2355) [Senator Velis dissenting].

Law enforcement officers.

By Mr. González of Springfield, for the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, on a petition, a Bill to promote rehabilitation including guaranteed health, treatment, and safety for incarcerated LGBTQI+ People (House, No. 2357) [Senator Velis dissenting].

Incarcerated LGBTQI+ people.

Severally referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

By Ms. Garlick of Needham, for the committee on Education, on House Nos. 429, 448, 458, 460, 475, 479, 480, 481, 483, 485, 494, 510, 533, 554, 559, 562, 567, 574, 577, 585, 3569, 3571, 3753, 3784, 3881, 3894, 3972, 3990, 4180 and 4207, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Education to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to extracurriculars, student learning, vocational-technical education, personnel, health, school buildings, and school finance (House, No. 4583).

Education,— study.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committees, reported asking to be discharged from further consideration of the order; and recommending that the same be referred to the House committee on Rules.

Under Rule 42, the reports severally were considered forthwith; and they were accepted.

By Mr. González of Springfield, for the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, on a petition, a Bill relative to successful transition and re-entry to tomorrow for incarcerated persons (House, No. 2326) [Senator Velis dissenting].

Incarcerated persons,— re-entry.

By Mr. González of Springfield, for the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, on a petition, a Bill providing for a study relative to the necessity of certain snow safety procedures (House, No. 2329) [Senator Velis dissenting].

Snow safety procedures.

By Mr. González of Springfield, for the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, on a petition, a Bill to establish a window falls prevention program within the Department of Public Health and mandate window guards in residential homes AKA “Zella Ray’s Law” (House, No. 2331) [Senator Velis dissenting].

Window falls prevention.

By Mr. González of Springfield, for the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, on a petition, a Bill relative to tracking, tracing and stopping illegal firearms (House, No. 2334) [Senator Velis dissenting].

Illegal firearms.

By Mr. González of Springfield, for the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, on a petition, a Bill to reduce recidivism through evidence-based programs (House, No. 2335) [Senator Velis dissenting].

Recidivism.

By Mr. González of Springfield, for the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, on a petition, a Bill to ensure pay parity for county sheriffs’ correction officers and jail officers (House, No. 2338) [Senator Velis dissenting].

County officers,— pay parity.

By Mr. González of Springfield, for the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, on a petition, a Bill relative to hoisting license renewal (House, No. 2346) [Senator Velis dissenting].

Hoisting license renewal.

By Mr. González of Springfield, for the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, on a petition, a Bill relative to police interactions with persons on the autism spectrum (House, No. 2351) [Senator Velis dissenting].

Autistic persons,— police interactions.

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By Mr. González of Springfield, for the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, on a petition, a Bill updating the Massachusetts assault weapons ban (House, No. 2358) [Senator Velis and Representatives Zlotnik of Gardner, Vieira of Falmouth and Xiarhos of Barnstable dissenting].

Assault
weapons
ban.

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

By Mr. González of Springfield, for the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, on a petition, a Bill relative to the use of hoisting equipment in Chapter 74 vocational technical education (House, No. 2337) [Senator Velis dissenting].

Hoisting
equipment
usage.

By Mr. González of Springfield, for the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, on a petition, a Bill relative to the reduction of certain toxic chemicals in firefighter personal protective equipment (House, No. 2339) [Senator Velis dissenting].

Firefighters,—
protective
equipment.

By Mr. González of Springfield, for the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, on a petition, a Bill relative to medical services (House, No. 2352) [Senator Velis dissenting].

Medical
services.

By Mr. González of Springfield, for the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, on a petition, a Bill to prohibit carrying firearms in sensitive places (House, No. 2359) [Senator Velis and Representatives Zlotnik of Gardner, Vieira of Falmouth and Xiarhos of Barnstable dissenting].

Firearms,—
prohibition
to carry.

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

Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed bills

Exempting the position of police chief of the town of Wrentham from the civil service law (see House, No. 2678);

Bills
enacted.

Exempting the position of deputy police chief in the town of Wrentham from the civil service law (see House, No. 2679);

Authorizing the town of Mashpee to lease certain town land to the Boys and Girls Club of Cape Cod, Inc. (see House, No. 4185, amended);

Establishing the position of treasurer-collector of the town of Sherborn (see House, No. 4224);

(Which severally originated in the House), 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 Senate Bill eliminating the residency requirement for the town manager of the town of Andover (Senate, No. 2580), 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

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Designating the Greatest Neighborhood Park, in the city of Boston, as the “Jim Campano Park” (House, No. 4175) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading); and

Third
reading
bills.

Increasing the town of Northfield Board of Sewer Commissioners from three to five members (House, No. 4404);

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 sixteen minutes after eleven o’clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Wednesday at eleven o’clock A.M.