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Wednesday, July 3, 2024.

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.

## *Communications.*

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From the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (see item 1596-2422 of Section 2 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting its Universal Free School Meals Report for fiscal year 2024;

Universal school meals.

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 July 1, 2024 biweekly report on the Emergency Housing Assistance Program; and

Emergency housing assistance.

From the Executive Office for Administration and Finance (see item 4003-0123 of Section 2 of Chapter 77 of the Acts of 2023) submitting the monthly Resettlement Agency Report for May 2024;

Resettlement Agency.

Severally were placed on file.

## *Annual and Quarterly Reports.*

The annual report of the Division of Banks (under Section 13 of Chapter 167 of the General Laws) for fiscal year 2023; and

Division of Banks.

A quarterly report of the Office of the Inspector General (under item 1599-2051 of Section 2 of Chapter 102 of the Acts of 2021, as most recently amended by Section 54 of Chapter 77 of the Acts of 2023) submitting its second Pandemic Funding Oversight Quarterly Report for calendar year 2024;

Pandemic oversight funding.

Severally were placed on file.

## *Petitions.*

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Giannino of Revere, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4823) of Jessica Ann Giannino (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Revere be authorized to grant up to two additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises in said city. To the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Revere,—liquor licenses.

By Representatives Vieira of Falmouth and Fernandes of Falmouth, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4827) of David T. Vieira and Dylan A. Fernandes (by vote of the town) that the town of Falmouth be authorized to establish a real estate

Falmouth,—real estate transfer fee.

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transfer fee upon the transfer of residential property in said town for the purpose of funding affordable housing. To the committee on Revenue.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

*Paper from the Senate.*

The House Bill relative to the Affordable Homes Act (House, No. 4726), 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 2850.

Affordable housing,—  
bond bill.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Owens of Watertown, the amendment was considered forthwith. The House then non-concurred with the Senate in its amendment; and, on further motion of Mr. Arciero of Westford, asked for a committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches. Representatives Arciero, Michlewitz of Boston and DeCoste of Norwell were appointed to the committee on the part of the House. Sent to the Senate to be joined.

Conference committee.

*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 (subject to Joint Rule 12) of James K. Hawkins for legislation to establish an excise tax for certain applicable taxpayers in excess of the maximum permissible for single-family residences. Under suspension of the Rules, on motion of Mr. Donato of Medford, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Revenue. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Single-family residences.

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 protecting our waterways (House, No. 2390);

Relative to public safety around hospitals with air emergency helipads (House, No. 2400); and

Relative to access to local journalism (House, No. 4787);

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

Waterways.  
Hospitals,—  
helipads.

Local journalism.

By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill restoring the retirement rights of certain employees (House, No. 2492).

Plymouth County Sheriff's Office.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to retirement for nuclear reactor operators (House, No. 2512).

Nuclear reactor operators.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill designating Aerial Foresters of the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation to be in Group 2 of the contributory retirement system (House, No. 2573).

Aerial foresters,—  
retirement.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to ensure fairness in retirement benefits for certain employees of the Department of Correction (House, No. 2618).

Correctional program officers.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to retirement benefits for county correctional nurses (House, No. 2673).

Nurses,—  
retirement.

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By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to employees of the Commonwealth that are required to respond to crime scenes (House, No. 2674).

Crime scene responders.

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, Nos. 1706 and 1746, and House, Nos. 2501, 2688 and 2689, a Bill relative to law enforcement officer benefit equity (House, No. 2688).

Officer benefit equity.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to the retirement benefits of Officer Brian Murphy of the Massachusetts State Police (House, No. 3891).

Brian Murphy,— 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 authorizing the town of Natick to continue the employment of police officer John Haswell (House, No. 4686) [Local Approval Received].

Natick,— John Haswell.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Northfield to continue the employment of Floyd Dunnell, III (House, No. 4687) [Local Approval Received].

Northfield,— Floyd Dunnell.

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

*Engrossed Bill.*

The engrossed Bill designating a certain bridge in the town of Dedham as the Honorable Kelly A. Timilty memorial bridge (see House, No. 3383, amended) (which originated in the House), in respect to which the Senate had concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill enacted.

*Orders of the Day.*

House bills  
Relative to electronic meetings and voting in condominiums (House, No. 1338);  
and  
Relative to the safe operation of motor vehicles (House, No. 4490);  
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 Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next sitting.

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At ten 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 Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.