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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.

Appointment of the Speaker.

The Speaker announced that he had appointed Steve Walsh, President and CEO of the Massachusetts Health & Hospital Association, to the Massachusetts-Ireland Trade Commission (under Section 42 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024).

Ireland Trade
Commission.

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 Hardy family and their cousin Erin Kennedy, from Galway, Ireland. They were the guests of the Chair.

Hardy family
and Erin
Kennedy.

Recess.

At the eight minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mrs. Kane of Shrewsbury (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House recessed subject to the call of the Chair; and at seventeen minutes before one o'clock P.M., the House was called to order with Mr. Donato in the Chair.

Recess.

Resolutions.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Representative Kerans of Danvers) congratulating the Danvers Council on Aging on the twenty-five year anniversary of the Danvers Senior Center at 25 Stone Street, Danvers, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Danvers
Senior
Center.

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.

Communication.

A communication from the Department of Energy Resources (see Section 10 of Chapter 25B of the General Laws) of the effectiveness of energy efficiency in the

Energy
efficiency.

Commonwealth [a copy of the report was forwarded to the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy, as required by said law], was sent to the Senate for its information.

Annual Reports.

Annual reports

Of the Disabled Persons Protection Commission (under Section 15(f) of Chapter 19C of the General Laws) submitting its fiscal year 2024 Summary of the Abuser Registry; and

Disabled
Persons
Protection.

Of the Massachusetts Cannabis Control Commission (under Section 4 of Chapter 94G of the General Laws) submitting its seventh annual activities report;

Cannabis
Control.

Severally were placed on file.

Papers from the Senate.

The following notice was received from the Clerk of the Senate, to wit:—

October 16, 2024

Honorable Steven T. James
Clerk of the House of Representatives
Room 145 State House
Boston, MA. 02133

Dear Mr. Clerk:

I have the honor to inform you that the Honorable Karen E. Spilka, President of the Senate made the following appointments:

Senator Barry R. Finegold (pursuant to Section 16G of Chapter 6A of the General Laws) to the Economic Development Planning Council;

Economic
council.

Juan Cofield, Dr. Bruce A. Rose and Elizabeth Clark (under the provisions of Section 72 of Chapter 3 of the General Laws) to the permanent commission on the status of African Americans;

African
Americans.

Eneida Román and Liliane Costa (pursuant to Section 73 of Chapter 3 of the General Laws) to the permanent commission on the Status of Latinos and Latinas;

Latinos and
Latinas.

Senator William N. Brownsberger as co-chair and Senator Adam Gomez (pursuant to Section 214 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) to the Special Commission on Correctional Consolidation and Collaboration;

Correctional
consolidation,
etc.

Karen Adelman-Foster as co-chair (pursuant to Section 2A of Chapter 71B in the Massachusetts General Laws) to the Bureau of Special Education Appeals Council; and

Special
education
appeals.

Senator James B. Eldridge and Mr. Jason Palitsch (pursuant to Section 25 of Chapter 21A of the General Laws) to the Water Infrastructure Advisory Committee.

Water
Infrastructure.

Respectfully,

MICHAEL D. HURLEY,
Clerk of the Senate.

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October 21, 2024.

Honorable Steven T. James
Clerk of the House of Representatives
Room 145 State House
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Dear Mr. Clerk:

I have the honor to inform you that the Honorable Bruce E. Tarr, Minority Leader of the Senate made the following commission appointments:

Mr. Christopher Carozzi (pursuant to Chapter 207 of the Acts of 2018) to the Tax Expenditure Commission;

Tax Expenditure Commission.

Senator Ryan C. Fattman (pursuant to Section 23 of Chapter 88 of the Acts of 2024) to the special commission to study the emergency housing assistance program;

Emergency housing.

Stephanie Sladen, LICSW (pursuant to Section 219 of Chapter 6 of the General Laws) to serve as his designee to the commission on community behavioral health promotion and prevention; and

Behavioral health commission.

Marc Freedman (under the provisions of Section 201 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) to the Special Commission on Combatting Antisemitism in the Commonwealth.

Antisemitism Commission.

Respectfully,

MICHAEL D. HURLEY,
Clerk of the Senate.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the following bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

The Senate Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Mary Katherine Sheehan, an employee of the Trial Court of the Commonwealth (Senate, No. 2966); and

Mary Katherine Sheehan.

The House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Stephen Brophy (House, No. 5075);

Stephen Brophy.

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

By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on a joint petition, a Bill designating Pastene Day in Massachusetts (House, No. 5052). Read; referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Pastene day.

Engrossed Bill.

The engrossed Bill exempting the position of police chief in the city known as the town of Barnstable from the civil service law (see Senate, No. 2746) (which originated in the Senate), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly

Bill enacted.

prepared for final passage, was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

House bills

Authorizing the city known as the town of Franklin to utilize alternative methods for notice of public hearings (House, No. 2108);

Authorizing the town of Dracut to adopt alternative methods for notice of public hearings (House, No. 4430); and

Authorizing the town of Sharon to adopt alternative methods for notice of public hearings (House, No. 4857); and

Establishing a means tested senior property tax exemption in the town of Williamstown (House, No. 5006);

Severally reported by the committee on the 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 Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next
sitting.

At thirteen minutes before one o'clock P.M., on motion of Mrs. Kane of Shrewsbury (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Thursday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.