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Wednesday, November 29, 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.

## *Resignation of Representative Durant of Spencer.*

The following communication was read; and spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

November 28, 2023.

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

Dear Mr. Clerk:

I would like to take this opportunity to first, thank you for your work and guidance over the years in your service to the Commonwealth as Clerk of the Massachusetts House of Representatives. I, like many of my colleagues in the House have careers that span multiple Speakers and changing leaders, but you are the glue that holds the House together and I am truly appreciative for you and your office.

Resignation of  
Mr. Durant  
of Spencer.

With my recent election to the Massachusetts Senate, I am hereby resigning from the House of Representatives effective upon my swearing in as the new Senator of the Worcester and Hampshire District. It has been my great honor to serve the 6th Worcester District as State Representative for the past 12 years. I will carry many great memories from the district and the people who call the district home. I leave them, I hope, with the feeling that my time in the office was positive for them and their communities.

I look forward with great excitement to my new role as Senator and the opportunity to serve the people who call the Worcester and Hampshire District home.

Sincerely yours,  
PETER J. DURANT  
*State Representative  
6th Worcester District.*

*Petitions.*

Representative Arena-DeRosa of Holliston presented a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4203) of James C. Arena-DeRosa (by vote of the town) relative to town elections in the town of Hopkinton; and the same was referred to the committee on Election Laws. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Hopkinton,—  
elections.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Hunt of Boston, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Daniel J. Hunt relative to access to motor vehicle data by owners or designees of said data.

Motor vehicle  
data access.

By Representative Jones of North Reading, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., for legislation to establish a special commission (including members of the General Court) to study the feasibility of joining the counseling compact.

Counseling  
compact,—  
study.

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

*Paper from the Senate.*

A petition of Michael O. Moore for legislation to allow temporary door-locking devices in public buildings, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security.

Public  
buildings,—  
door locks.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2514) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security.

*Orders of the Day.*

House bills

Relative to the school committee of the city of Revere (House, No. 2058);

Facilitating the appropriation and expenditure of community preservation funds for community housing purposes in the town of Wellesley (House, No. 4042); and

Establishing a sick leave bank for Anthony Fannoh, Jr. an employee of the Department of Mental Health (House, No. 4165);

Third  
reading  
bills.

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.

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The House Bill expanding the select board of the town of Sharon (House, No. 3905, changed), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Sharon,—  
select board.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Walsh of Peabody moved to amend it by striking out section 2 and inserting in place thereof the following section:—

SECTION 2. This act shall be submitted to the voters of the town of Sharon at the next annual town election occurring not less than 90 days after the effective date of this act in the form of the following question:

“Shall an act passed by the General Court entitled ‘An Act expanding the select board of the town of Sharon’ be accepted?”

Below the question shall appear a summary of the act prepared by town counsel and approved by the select board. If a majority of the votes cast to the question is in the affirmative, sections 1 and 3 of this act shall take effect in the town of Sharon, but not otherwise.

The amendment was adopted; and the bill (House, No. 3905, changed and amended) was passed to be engrossed. 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 tomorrow at eleven o’clock A.M.

Next  
sitting.

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At fourteen minutes after eleven o’clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Muratore of Plymouth (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following day at eleven o’clock A.M., in an Informal Session.