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Thursday, November 30, 2023.

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.

*Recess.*

At one minute after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Muratore of Plymouth (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House recessed subject to the call of the Chair; and at one minute before six o'clock P.M., the House was called to order with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair.

Recess.

*Motion to Suspend Rule 24(2).*

Representative Jones of North Reading moved that Rule 24(2) be suspended so that he might offer, from the floor, the following order:

Formal  
sessions,—  
continuation.

*Ordered,* That That, notwithstanding Joint Rule 12A, the House and Senate shall meet in formal sessions subsequent to the third Wednesday in November in the current year to consider any reports of committees of conference and any subsequent legislative action on the following bill:

House bill No. 4204, An Act making appropriations for the fiscal year 2023 for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects.

The motion to suspend Rule 24(2) was negatived; and the order was referred, under said rule, to the committee on Rules.

*Reports of Committees.*

Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches, with reference to the Senate amendment (striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 2505) of the House Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2023 for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (House, No. 4171), reported, in part, a bill with the same title (House, No. 4204) [Total Appropriation: \$3,097,295,925.00]. Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, the question being on acceptance of the report.

Supplemental  
appropriations.

Mr. Honan of Boston, for said committee, then reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Mr. Michlewitz of Boston then moved suspension of the rules so that the report might be considered forthwith; and the motion prevailed.

Mr. Frost of Auburn then asked for a count of the House to ascertain if a quorum was present. The Chair (Mr. Donato) determined that a quorum was not in attendance, and, since a quorum was not present, the previous vote (on suspension of the rules) must be declared void.

Under House Rule 82, the Chair (Mr. Donato), at three minutes after six o'clock P.M., declared an adjournment of the House, until the next day at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.