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Monday, December 23, 2024.

Met at six minutes after 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.

## *Statement of Representative Diggs of Barnstable.*

A statement of Mr. Diggs of Barnstable, submitted subsequent to the session, was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

MR. SPEAKER: I would like to call to the attention of the House the fact that I was unable to be present in the House Chamber for November 14th's sitting due to a family commitment. Had I been present for the taking of yea and nay numbers 201 and 202, I would have voted, in each instance, in the affirmative. My missing of roll calls on that day was due entirely to the reason stated.

Statement of  
Mr. Diggs of  
Barnstable.

## *Statement of Representative Rogers of Cambridge.*

A statement of Mr. Rogers of Cambridge, submitted subsequent to the session, was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

MR. SPEAKER: I would like to call to the attention of the House the fact that I was absent from the House Chamber for part of the sitting of Thursday, June 5, 2024. Had I been present, I would have voted in the negative on Yea and Nay No. 114.

Statement of  
Mr. Rogers of  
Cambridge.

## *Statement of Representative Lewis of Framingham.*

A statement of Mr. Lewis of Framingham, submitted subsequent to the session, was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

MR. SPEAKER: I would like to call to the attention of the House the fact that I was unable to be present in the House Chamber for the vote on November 14, 2024 due to a another legislative obligation. Had I been present, I would have voted in the affirmative on yea and nay No. 201. My missing this roll call on November 14, 2024 was due entirely to the reason stated.

Statement of  
Mr. Lewis of  
Framingham.

## *Guests of the House.*

During the session, the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford), declared a brief recess and introduced Junya Kobayashi, an expert in Government Technology in Tokyo, Japan. Mr. Kobayashi was accompanied by his family. They were the guests of Representative Wong of Saugus and the Chair.

Junya  
Kobayashi.

During the session, the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford) declared a brief recess and introduced, seated in the House Chamber, the King Philip 12U National Cheer Team. They were the guests of Representative Vaughn of Wrentham.

King Philip  
12U National  
Cheer Team.

### *Resolutions.*

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

Resolutions (filed by Representative Garlick of Needham) congratulating Andrew David McNeill Carter on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout of the Boy Scouts of America;

Andrew  
Carter.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Garlick of Needham) congratulating Charles Thomas Habermas on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout of the Boy Scouts of America;

Charles  
Habermas.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Garlick of Needham) congratulating Edward Thomas Pickett on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout of the Boy Scouts of America; and

Edward  
Pickett.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Garlick of Needham) congratulating Nevan Sujit on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout of the Boy Scouts of America;

Nevan  
Sujit.

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

### *Communications.*

#### Communications

From the Office of the Child Advocate (see Section 2A of Chapter 38 of the General Laws) submitting its fiscal year 2023 Child Fatality Review annual report;

Child fatality  
review.

From the Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth (see Section 25K(b) of Chapter 54 of the General Laws) submitting a report on the costs associated with mail-in voting in the 2024 state primaries and general elections;

Elections,—  
mail-in  
costs.

From the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (see Section 89(kk) of Chapter 71 of the General Laws) submitting the Charter School Data annual report for fiscal year 2024;

Charters,—  
school  
data.

From the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (see Section 89(kk) of Chapter 71 of the General Laws) submitting the Charter School Data annual report for fiscal year 2023;

Id.

From the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (see Section 35 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting a report on the progress of the Green School Works Program; and

Green  
school  
works.

From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see item 1595-1070 of Section 2 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting a report on payments, investment and assessments of the Safety Net Provider Trust Fund;

Safety Net  
Provider  
Trust Fund.

Severally were placed on file.

### *Monthly Report.*

A monthly report of the Department of Revenue (under Section 5(e) of Chapter 62F of the General Laws) on year-to-date net state tax revenue for November, 2024, was placed on file.

Net state  
tax revenue.

*Papers from the Senate.*

The House Bill further regulating the Lawrence school committee (House, No. 5098) (its title having been changed by the Senate committee on Bills in the Third Reading), 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 2999. The amendment was referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading. Said committee then reported that the amendment was correctly drawn; and it was adopted, in concurrence.

Lawrence,—  
school  
committee.

The House Bill authorizing the Massachusetts Department of Transportation to convey a certain parcel of land in the town of Stoneham (House, No. 4965), came from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with amendments striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 2998 [also based on House bill No. 4973]; striking out the emergency preamble and inserting in place thereof the following emergency preamble:

Foxborough  
and Stoneham,—  
land.

“Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to provide forthwith a conveyance of certain parcels of land in the commonwealth, therefore, it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.”; and striking out the title and inserting in place thereof the following title: “An Act authorizing the transfer of certain parcels of land in the Commonwealth”.

The amendments were referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

The House Bill relative to the recall of elected officials in the town of Williamstown (House, No. 5002), 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 2990. The amendment was referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

Williamstown,—  
recall elections.

**Bills**

Authorizing the commissioner of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to convey a certain parcel of land in the town of Brookfield (Senate No. 2991) (on Senate bill No. 2822);

Brookfield,—  
land.

To increase access to blood donation (Senate, No. 2994) (on Senate bill No. 1372); and

Blood  
donations.

To establish the Massachusetts National Guard museum in Salem (Senate, No. 2996) (on Senate bill No. 2335); and

National  
Guard museum.

The Senate Resolve to establish a commission to investigate and study the feasibility of establishing a Massachusetts Cabo Verdean cultural center (Senate, No. 2995) (on Senate resolve No. 2192);

Cabo Verdean  
cultural center.

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were read; and they were referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

## Bills

Amending the charter for the town of Nantucket (Senate No. 2438) (on a petition) [Local Approval Received];

Amending the charter of the town of Provincetown (Senate No. 2745) (on a petition) [Local Approval Received];

Further regulating the amendment of a conservation restriction in the town of Hanson (Senate No. 2854) (on a petition) [Local Approval Received]; and

Further regulating the provision of health insurance and other benefits in the town of Carver (Senate No. 2870) (on a petition) [Local Approval Received];

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were read; and they were referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Nantucket,—  
charter.

Provincetown,—  
charter.

Hanson,—  
easement.

Carver,—  
health benefits.

## *Reports of Committees.*

By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill relative to genetic counselors (House, No. 274), ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a bill with the same title (House, No. 5147). Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

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

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington, the bill was read a second time forthwith.

The amendment recommended by the committee on Ways and Means then was adopted; and the substituted bill was ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently, the noon recess having terminated, under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Walsh of Peabody, the bill (having been 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. The bill (House, No. 5147) then was sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Genetic  
counselors.

By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill authorizing the Massachusetts Teachers' Retirement System to grant credible service to Kellie Martin (House, No. 3812), ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefore a Bill relative to creditable service for Kellie Martin, a member of the Massachusetts Teachers' Retirement System (House, No. 5148). Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

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

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington, the bill was read a second time forthwith.

The amendment recommended by the committee on Ways and Means then was adopted; and the substituted bill was ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently, the noon recess having terminated, under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Walsh of Peabody, the bill (having been 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, its title having been changed by said committee to read: "An Act relative to creditable service for Kellie Martin, a member of the Teachers' Retirement System". The bill (House, No. 5148) then was sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Kellie  
Martin,—  
retirement.

By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill relative to the creation of a branch of the Boston Public Library within an affordable housing development in the Dorchester section of the city of Boston (House, No. 4432) [Local Approval Received], ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a bill with the same title (House, No. 5149) [Local Approval Received]. Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Boston,—  
public  
library.

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

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington, the bill was read a second time forthwith.

The amendment recommended by the committee on Ways and Means then was adopted; and the substituted bill was ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently, the noon recess having terminated, under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Walsh of Peabody, the bill (having been 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. The bill (House, No. 5149) then was sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill relative to Massachusetts Credit Union Share Insurance Corporation (House, No. 4658), ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a bill with the same title (House, No. 5150). Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Credit Union  
Share Insurance  
Corporation.

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

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington, the bill was read a second time forthwith.

The amendment recommended by the committee on Ways and Means then was adopted; and the substituted bill was ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently, the noon recess having terminated, under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Walsh of Peabody, the bill (having been 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. The bill (House, No. 5150) then was sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill relative to the transportation of marine vessels (House, No. 5129), ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a Bill relative to the transportation of vessels (House, No. 5151). Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Vessels,—  
transportation.

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

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington, the bill was read a second time forthwith.

The amendment recommended by the committee on Ways and Means then was adopted; and the substituted bill was ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently, the noon recess having terminated, under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Walsh of Peabody, the bill (having been 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. The bill (House, No. 5151) then was sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the following House bills ought to pass:

Authorizing the town of Southborough to issue pension obligation bonds or notes (House, No. 5056); and

Providing for the terms of certain bonds to be issued by the Commonwealth (printed in House, No. 5142).

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

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

Under suspension of said rule, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington, the bills severally were read a second time forthwith; and they were ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Walsh of Peabody, the bills (having been 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.

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:

Authorizing Brittany Sproule to take the civil service examination for the position of firefighter in the city of Haverhill notwithstanding the maximum age requirement (House, No. 5101) [Local Approval Received];

Authorizing Javier Vargas to take the civil service examination for the position of firefighter in the city of Haverhill notwithstanding the maximum age requirement (House, No. 5102) [Local Approval Received]; and

Authorizing the town of Clinton to grant 6 additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 5140) [Local Approval Received].

Under suspension of Rule 7A, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington, 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 House, No. 3037, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight to make an investigation and study of a certain House document relative to state administration and regulatory oversight matters (House, No. 5145) [Representative Keefe of Worcester dissenting].

By Mr. Cabral, for the same committee, on House, No. 3062, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight to make an investigation and study of a certain House document relative to state administration and regulatory oversight matters (House, No. 5146) [Representative Keefe of Worcester dissenting].

Severally referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Southborough,—  
bonds.

Bonds,—  
terms.

Haverhill,—  
Brittany  
Sproule.

Haverhill,—  
Javier  
Vargas.

Clinton,—  
liquor  
licenses.

Procurement,—  
study.

Id.

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

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

By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on a petition, a Bill promoting the civil rights and inclusion of American Muslims in the Commonwealth (House, No. 3052). Read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Civil rights  
and inclusion.

#### *Orders of the Day.*

The Senate amendment of the House Bill providing for the annual election of members of the Spencer East Brookfield Regional School Committee (printed as Senate, No. 421), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was adopted, in concurrence.

Spencer East  
Brookfield  
regional schools.

The Senate amendment of the House Bill further regulating vacancies in the office of town manager in the town of Arlington (House, No. 4026), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was adopted, in concurrence.

Arlington,—  
vacancies.

The Senate amendment of the House Bill further regulating town meeting vacancies in the town of Burlington (House, No. 4708), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was adopted, in concurrence.

Burlington,—  
vacancies.

The Senate amendment of the House Bill designating the state public health laboratory campus as the Doctor Alfred DeMaria, Jr. campus (House, No. 5063), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was adopted, in concurrence.

Public health  
laboratory  
campus.

#### Senate bills

Providing for recall elections in the town of Granby (Senate, No. 2444);  
Authorizing the select board of the town of Provincetown to establish a schedule of fines for parking violations (Senate, No. 2978); and

Authorizing the town of Raynham to appoint retired police officers as special police officers (Senate, No. 2983);

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, in concurrence.

Third  
reading  
bills.

#### *Recess.*

At seventeen minutes after twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mr. Frost of Auburn (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House recessed until a quarter before one o'clock P.M.; and at twenty-five minutes after one o'clock, the House was called to order with Mr. Donato in the Chair.

Recess.

#### *Emergency Measures.*



The engrossed Bill relative to the regulation of money transmission by the Division of Banks (see House, No. 4840, amended), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was considered, the question being on adopting the emergency preamble.

Division of  
Banks,—  
money  
transmission.

Pending the question on adoption of the emergency preamble, Mr. Walsh of Peabody moved that Rule 40 be suspended; and the motion prevailed.

Rule 40  
suspended.

The same member then moved to amend the bill by striking out the emergency preamble. The amendment was adopted; and the bill (see House, No. 4840, amended) was sent to the Senate for concurrence in the amendment.

Subsequently, the Senate having concurred in adoption of the amendment, the bill (which originated in the House) was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill  
enacted.

The engrossed Bill designating a certain bridge as the Lieutenant David S. Cutler memorial bridge (see House, No. 4108, amended), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was considered, the question being on adopting the emergency preamble.

Lieutenant  
David S.  
Cutler  
bridge.

A separate vote was taken, as required by the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXVII) of the Amendments to the Constitution; and the preamble was adopted, by a vote of 5 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Subsequently, the Senate having concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, the bill (which originated in the House) was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill  
enacted.

The engrossed Bill designating the state public health laboratory campus as the Doctor Alfred DeMaria, Jr. campus (see House, No. 5063, amended), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was considered, the question being on adopting the emergency preamble.

Public health  
laboratory  
campus.

A separate vote was taken, as required by the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXVII) of the Amendments to the Constitution; and the preamble was adopted, by a vote of 2 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

### *Engrossed Bills.*

#### Engrossed bills

Providing for recall elections in the town of Granby (see Senate, No. 2444);

Authorizing the select board of the town of Provincetown to establish a schedule of fines for parking violations (see Senate, No. 2978);

Authorizing the town of Raynham to appoint retired police officers as special police officers (see Senate, No. 2983);

(Which severally originated in the Senate);

Providing for the annual election of members of the Spencer East Brookfield Regional School Committee (see House bill printed as Senate, No. 421);

Authorizing the town of Rowe to continue the employment of Dennis Annear as an on-call firefighter (see House, No. 3989, amended);

Further regulating vacancies in the office of town manager in the town of Arlington (see House, No. 4026);

Further amending the fair housing ordinance in the city of Cambridge (House, No. 4234);

Bills  
enacted.

Further regulating town meeting vacancies in the town of Burlington (see House, No. 4708); and

Further regulating the Lawrence school committee (see House, No. 5098);  
(Which severally originated in the House);

Severally 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.

*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.

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At six minutes before two o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Frost of Auburn (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.