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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.

Communications.

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From the Department of Energy Resources (see Section 19 of Chapter 25A of the General Laws) submitting its report entitled 'Massachusetts Offers Rebates for Electric Vehicles (MOR-EV) Program' for calendar year 2024;

Electric vehicle rebates.

From the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (see Section 131Q of Chapter 140 of the General Laws) submitting the Crime Gun annual report of the Department of the Massachusetts State Police for calendar year 2023; and

Crime guns.

From the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (see Section 5 of Chapter 276B of the General Laws) submitting its fiscal year 2024 annual report for the Restorative Justice Advisory Committee;

Restorative justice.

Severally were placed on file.

Monthly Reports.

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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, 2025; and

Net state tax revenue.

Of the Executive Office of the Trial Court (under Section 15(c) of Chapter 239 of the General Laws, as amended by Section 64 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting its report on filings, actions, and dispositions of summary process cases relative to permanent rental protections;

Permanent rental protections.

Severally were placed on file.

Petition.

Representative Peisch of Wellesley presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Alice Hanlon Peisch relative to the Massachusetts Uniform Commercial Code; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Uniform Commercial Code.

Papers from the Senate.

The House Bill authorizing the commissioner of capital asset management and maintenance to convey a certain parcel of land in the town of Wellesley (House, No.

Wellesley,— land.

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4363), 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 2724. The amendment was referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

A Bill authorizing the appointment of retired police officers as special police officers in the town of Plainville (Senate, No. 1898) (on a petition) [Local Approval Received], passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Plainville,—
police
officers.

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 following petitions:

Joint petition (accompanied by bill) of John Barrett, III and Lindsay N. Sabadosa relative to the sale of nitrous oxide. To the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Nitrous oxide,—
sale.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Jim Durkin for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for William Blalock, an employee of the Suffolk County Sheriff's Office. To the committee on Public Service.

William
Blalock,—
sick leave.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Moakley of Falmouth, the reports were considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended, in each instance. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, asking to be discharged from further consideration:

Of the Bill establishing a special commission on retirement credit purchases (House, No. 27);

Retirement
credits.

Of the Bill to establish a Massachusetts children's cabinet (House, No. 3302);
Of the Bill relative to the Massachusetts Poland Trade Commission (House, No. 3376); and

Children's cabinet.
Commission,—
Poland trade.

Of the Resolve establishing a commission on infrastructure resilience (House, No. 3437);

Commission,—
infrastructure.

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

Personnel
records.

Protecting an employee's right to rebuttal of personnel records (House, No. 2112);

Boston,—
Chris
Glaropoulos.

Directing the city of Boston Police Department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Chris Glaropoulos (House, No. 4092) [Local Approval Received];

Boston,—
Jason
DeLeon.

Directing the city of Boston police department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Jason DeLeon (House, No. 4142) [Local Approval Received]; and

Breast cancer.

Establishing Lobular Breast Cancer Awareness Day (House, No. 4625);

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

By Ms. Decker of Cambridge, for the committee on Public Health, on House, No. 2410, a Bill to improve oral health for all Massachusetts residents (House, No. 4869).

Oral health.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 2450, a Bill to protect Massachusetts public health from PFAS (House, No. 4870).

PFAS.

Severally referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

By Ms. Decker of Cambridge, for the committee on Public Health, on a petition, a Bill establishing an advisory committee on the accessibility of fresh food retail in communities throughout the Commonwealth (House, No. 2516). Read; and referred under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Fresh food retail.

By Ms. Decker of Cambridge, for the committee on Public Health, on a petition, a Bill concerning disposable menstrual products in schools (House, No. 684).

Menstrual products.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the promotion of food donation (House, No. 2455).

Food donation.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to newborn screenings for congenital cytomegalovirus (House, No. 4367).

Cytomegalovirus.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House Nos. 2362 and 2401, a Bill relative to chaperones for medical exams (House, No. 4868) [Representative Thurber of Somerset dissenting].

Medical exams,— chaperone.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. Lewis of Framingham, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a petition, a Bill relative to the charter of the town of Westborough (House, No. 4751) [Local Approval Received].

Westborough,— charter.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill permitting the city of Revere to establish penalties and liens for rooming house & certificates of fitness ordinance violations (House, No. 4752) [Local Approval Received].

Revere,— charter.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to the charter of the town of Westwood (House, No. 4753) [Local Approval Received].

Westwood,— charter.

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

Engrossed Bills.

The engrossed Bill authorizing the town of Scituate to issue 4 additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (see House, No. 4657, amended) (which originated in the House), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be enacted (more than two-thirds of the members having agreed to pass the same); and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill enacted.

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The engrossed Bill amending the charter of the town of Acushnet (see House, No. 2341) (which originated in the House), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Id.

Orders of the Day.

The House Bill authorizing the select board of the town of Hull to establish a schedule of fines for parking violations (House, No. 4247), 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. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Third
reading
bill.

The House Bill relative to the charter of the city known as the town of Randolph (House, No. 4400), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Randolph,—
charter.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Walsh of Peabody moved to amend it by substitution of a Bill amending the charter of the city known as the town of Randolph regarding compensation of town council and school committee members and meetings of multiple-member bodies (House, No. 4891), which was read.

The amendment was adopted; and the substituted bill was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

At seven minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned.

[Under the provisions of Article X of the Amendments to the Constitution, the 2025 session of the General Court was dissolved on the day next preceding the first Wednesday of January, without any proclamation of other act of Her Excellency the Governor.]