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Thursday, January 23, 2025.

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.

Messages from the Governor.

A message from Her Excellency the Governor submitting the annual budget of the Commonwealth for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 (House, No. 1), was filed in the office of the Clerk on Wednesday, January 22.

General
Appropriations
Bill.

The message was read; and it was referred, under Rule 30, with the accompanying schedules, to the temporary committee on Ways and Means.

A message from Her Excellency the Governor submitting requests for making appropriations for the fiscal year 2025 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (House, No. 55), was filed in the office of the Clerk on Wednesday, January 22.

Supplemental
appropriations.

The message was read; and it was referred, under Rule 30, with the accompanying draft of a bill, to the temporary committee on Ways and Means.

A message from Her Excellency the Governor recommending legislation to build resilient infrastructure to generate higher-ed transformation (House, No. 54), was filed in the office of the Clerk on Tuesday, January 21.

Higher
education,—
infrastructure.

The message was read; and it was referred, under Rule 30, with the accompanying draft of a bill, to the committee on Higher Education. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Resolutions.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Representative Galvin of Canton) congratulating Anthony R. Pate on his one hundredth birthday, were referred under Rule 85, to the temporary committee on Rules.

Anthony
Pate.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee, reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of the same member, the resolutions (having been certified by House Counsel to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Communications.

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From the State Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team (see Section 18N of Chapter 6A of the General Laws) submitting its annual report for calendar year 2024;

Domestic violence.

From the Cape and Islands District Attorney's Office (see Section 6 of Chapter 258B of the General Laws) submitting a report on the Victim Witness Assistance program; and

Cape and Islands,— victims.

From the Chief Justice of the Trial Court (see Section 5 of Chapter 205 of the Acts of 2008) submitting the prosecution and disposition of certain cases which involved child protection offenses for fiscal year 2024;

Child protection offenses.

Severally were placed on file.

Annual and Quarterly Reports.

The annual report of the Public Employee Retirement Administration Commission (under sections 21, 102 and 103 of Chapter 32 of the General Laws) relative to the per centum change in the average cost-of-living as shown by the United States consumer price index for the year 2025 compared with such index for the year 2024 (House, No. 52), was referred to the committee on Public Service. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Cost-of-living adjustment,— retirees.

Reports

Of the District Attorney of Essex County (under Section 99 of Chapter 272 of the General Laws) submitting its annual report relative to wiretaps for calendar year 2024; and

Essex County,— wiretaps.

Of the District Attorney of Worcester County (under Section 99 of Chapter 272 of the General Laws) submitting its annual report relative to wiretaps for calendar year 2024; and

Worcester County,— wiretaps.

A quarterly report of the Sheriff's Department of Plymouth County (under Section 40 of Chapter 126 of the General Laws) submitting the aggregate data on the population of the Plymouth County Correctional Facility for the fourth quarter of calendar year 2024;

Plymouth County,— correctional facility data.

Severally were placed on file.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next sitting.

At six minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Ms. Ferguson of Holden (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.