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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.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Garballey of Arlington and Consalvo of Boston) commending the Admetech Foundation recognizing the sixteenth annual Prostate Cancer Awareness Day on March 27, 2025; and

Prostate
cancer
awareness.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Saunders of Belchertown) commending the Ludlow Community Center/Randall Boys and Girls Club on the seventy-fifth anniversary of its founding;

Ludlow,—
anniversary.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the temporary 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 Mr. Walsh of Peabody, the resolutions (having been certified by House Counsel to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Orders.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the temporary committee on Rules, reported (under the provisions of House Rules 7B and 7C) an Order relative to special procedures for consideration of the proposed House Rules governing the 2025-2026 legislative session (House, No. 2024) [for order, see House, No. 59]. The order was adopted.

House Rules,—
special
procedures.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the temporary committee on Rules, reported (under the provisions of House Rules 7B and 7C) an Order relative to special procedures for consideration of the proposed Joint Rules governing the 2025-2026 legislative session (House, No. 2026) [for order, see House, No. 60]. The order was adopted.

Joint Rules,—
special
procedures.

An Order (filed this day by Mr. Galvin of Canton) relative to the adoption of permanent House Rules for the 194th General Court governing the 2025-2026 legislative session, was referred, under Rule 24, to the temporary committee on Rules.

House
Rules.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee, then reported that the order ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of the same member, the order (House, No. 2024), was considered forthwith.

UNCORRECTED PROOF.

Pending the question on adoption of the order, further consideration thereof was postponed, on motion of Mr. Galvin, until the next sitting and specially assigned to the hour of one o'clock P.M.

An Order (filed this day by Mr. Galvin of Canton) relative to the adoption of permanent Joint Rules for the 194th General Court governing the 2025-2026 legislative session, was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Joint
Rules.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee, then reported that the order ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of the same member, the order (House, No. 2026), was considered forthwith.

Pending the question on adoption of the order, further consideration thereof was postponed, on motion of Mr. Galvin, until the next sitting and specially assigned to the hour of one o'clock P.M.

Communications.

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From the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (see Section 6A of Chapter 124 of the General Laws) submitting its operational capacity report for July 1 to December 31, 2024;

Operational
capacity.

From the Greater Attleboro-Taunton Regional Transit Authority (see Section 8(g) of Chapter 161B of the General Laws) submitting the Attleboro Commuter Rail Station and Parking Lot Statement of Income and Calculation of MBTA Share of Income for fiscal year 2024;

GATRA,—
Attleboro
rail station.

From the District Attorney of Essex County (see Section 70C of Chapter 277 of the General Laws) submitting notification of objections to motions to decriminalize certain offenses;

Essex
County,—
objections.

From the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (see item 8910-7110 contained in Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting its Grants Awarded report for calendar year 2024; and

Sheriffs,—
grants.

From the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (see item 8910-7110 contained in Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting its Services and Goods, Fees, Commissary and Trust Fund Balances, Revenues and Expenditures report for fiscal year 2024;

Sheriffs,—
services
and goods.

Severally were placed on file.

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.

At nine minutes before twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mr. Vieira of Falmouth (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following day at eleven o'clock A.M.