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Thursday, March 20, 2025.

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.

Silent Tribute.

During the session (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), at the request of Representatives Gregoire of Marlborough and Gentile of Sudbury, the members, guests, and employees stood in a moment of silent tribute in respect to the memory of longtime Marlborough City Councilor Donald Landers, Sr., who passed away after a courageous battle with cancer at the age of 83.

Donald
Landers, Sr.

Mr. Landers dedicated over 30 years to Marlborough Public Schools as assistant superintendent, business department chairman, and director of adult education. He also founded Marlborough Youth Baseball and the Akiruno (Japan) Cultural Exchange Program, leaving a lasting mark on the city's youth.

For 18 years, he served as Ward 7 city councilor, known for his tireless advocacy, warm demeanor, and role as 'Marlborough's ambassador.' He took pride in welcoming new city employees and was a strong supporter of the city's workforce. His leadership extended to the Marlborough Regional Chamber of Commerce, where he once served as chairman.

Mr. Landers will be deeply missed. His legacy of service and dedication to Marlborough will not be forgotten. He is survived by his beloved wife, Betsy, his sons, Donald Jr. and Michael, and a grateful community.

Guests of the House.

At the beginning of the session, the Chair (Mr. Garballey of Arlington), declared a brief recess and introduced, seated in the House Chamber, Girl Scout Brownie Troop 77133 from Burlington. At the invitation of the Chair, the troop participated in the pledge of allegiance to the flag. They were the guests of Representative Gordon of Bedford.

Burlington,—
Girl Scout
Troop 77133.

During the session, the Chair (Mr. Garballey of Arlington), declared a brief recess and introduced, seated in the Chamber, the Longmeadow High School girls tennis team, who won the Division 2 State Championship. The team had an outstanding record of 23 to 0, the only time a division 2 team has gone undefeated. They were the guests of Representative Ashe of Longmeadow.

Longmeadow
High School
girls tennis
team.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Representative Chan of Quincy and other members of the House) reaffirm friendship between Massachusetts and Taiwan, support increased United States-Taiwan bilateral trade, signing an avoidance of double taxation agreement, and Taiwan's international participation; and

Taiwan.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Walsh of Boston) congratulating Owen Michael Addesa on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout of Scouting America;

Owen
Addesa.

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

Communications.

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From the Office of the Comptroller (see Section 12(a) of Chapter 7A of the General Laws) submitting the Statutory Basis Financial Report for fiscal year 2024;

Statutory
basis.

From the Department of Children and Families (see item 4000-0051 contained in Section 28 of Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2023) submitting the program evaluation report of the Massachusetts Family Resource Center Network for calendar year 2023; and

Family
Resource
Center
Network.

From the Department of Transportation (see Section 87 of Chapter 179 of the Acts of 2022) submitting the Massachusetts Zero-Emission School Bus Transition Report;

Zero-emission
school bus
transition.

Severally were placed on file.

Quarterly and Monthly Reports.

A quarterly report of the Office of the State Auditor (under item 0710-0200 of Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting its first quarter fiscal year report of the Bureau of Special Investigations from July 1, 2024 to September 30, 2024; and

Bureau of
Special
Investigations.

A monthly report of the Executive Office of the Trial Court (under Section 15 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;

Rental
protections.

Severally were placed on file.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Barber of Somerville, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3918) of Christine P. Barber (with the approval of the mayor and city council)

Somerville,—
voting
rights.

that the city of Somerville be authorized to provide voting rights in municipal elections for certain residents aged 16 and 17 years old; and

By Representative Blais of Deerfield and Senator Comerford, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3919) of Natalie M. Blais and Joanne M. Comerford (by vote of the town) that the town of Leverett be authorized to provide for local voting rights for certain lawful permanent residents residing in said town;

Leverett,—
voting
rights.

Severally to the committee on Election Laws.

By Representative Garry of Dracut, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3920) of Colleen M. Garry (by vote of the town) for legislation to provide sustainable water resources in the town of Tyngsborough. To the committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Tyngsborough,—
water.

By Representative Barber of Somerville, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3921) of Christine P. Barber (with approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to further regulate the affordable housing trust in the city of Somerville; and

Somerville,—
affordable
housing
trust.

By Representative Connolly of Cambridge, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3922) of Mike Connolly and others relative to broker fees in the city of Somerville;

Somerville,—
broker
fees.

Severally to the committee on Housing.

By Representative Barber of Somerville, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3923) of Christine P. Barber (with the approval of the mayor and board of aldermen) that the city of Somerville be authorized to impose municipal reviews on institutional master plans of certain institutional facilities. To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Somerville,—
municipal
reviews.

By Representative Decker of Cambridge, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3924) of Marjorie C. Decker (with the approval of the city council) relative to expanding the definition of dependent for the purposes of municipal employee benefits in the city of Cambridge;

Cambridge,—
dependents.

By Representative Fluker-Reid of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3925) of Brandy Fluker-Reid (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to authorize the appointment of Pierre Charles Darius as a police officer in the city of Boston, notwithstanding the maximum age requirement;

Boston,—
Pierre
Darius.

By the same member, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3926) of Brandy Fluker-Reid (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Boston be authorized to appoint Keny Gateau a police officer notwithstanding the maximum age requirement;

Boston,—
Keny
Gateau.

By the same member, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3927) of Brandy Fluker-Reid (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Boston be authorized to appoint Jean E. Roseney a police officer notwithstanding the maximum age requirement;

Boston,—
Jean
Roseney.

By the same member, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3928) of Brandy Fluker-Reid (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Boston be authorized to appoint Adam Watt a police officer notwithstanding the maximum age requirement; and

Boston,—
Adam
Watt.

By Representative O'Day of West Boylston and Senator Moore, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3929) of James J. O'Day and Michael O. Moore (with the approval of the city council) relative to the maximum age requirement for original appointment as a police officer for the city of Worcester;

Worcester,—
police
officers.

Severally to the committee on Public Service.

By Representatives Connolly of Cambridge and Uytterhoeven of Somerville, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3930) of Mike Connolly and Erika

Somerville,—
real estate

Uyterhoeven (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Somerville be authorized to establish a real estate transfer fee on certain real estate transactions in said city; and

By Representatives Moakley of Falmouth and Vieira of Falmouth, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3931) of Thomas W. Moakley and David T. Vieira (by vote of the town) that the town of Falmouth be authorized to establish a real estate transfer fee upon the transfer of residential property in said town for the purpose of funding affordable housing;

Severally to the committee on Revenue.

By Representative Worrell of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3932) of Christopher J. Worrell (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to the procurement and award of contracts for construction of a certain subsidized affordable housing project, including space for a branch library to be procured by the Boston Public Library, in the city of Boston. To the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Arena-DeRosa of Holliston, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of James C. Arena-DeRosa and Kathleen R. LaNatra relative to the transportation of farm goods.

By Representative Cruz of Salem, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Manny Cruz that the South Essex Sewerage District shall pay to the city of Salem an annual payment in lieu of taxes for all lands.

By Representative Doherty of Taunton, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Carol A. Doherty for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Carlos Borges, an employee of the Department of Correction.

By Representative Frost of Auburn, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Paul K. Frost and Michael O. Moore for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Stephen Brophy, an employee of the Worcester County Sheriff's Office.

By Representative Garry of Dracut, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Colleen M. Garry for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Mark Kratman, an employee of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation.

By Representative Haggerty of Woburn, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Richard M. Haggerty for legislation to include bone marrow and organ donation in the paid family and medical leave program.

By Representative Livingstone of Boston, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Jay D. Livingstone and others relative to ivory and rhinoceros horn trafficking.

By Representative Luddy of Orleans and Senator Cyr, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Hadley Luddy and Julian Cyr relative to funding housing and mitigating investor real estate in seasonal communities.

By Representative Montaña of Boston, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Samantha Montaña and others relative to underperforming schools.

By Representative Sabadosa of Northampton, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Lindsay N. Sabadosa relative to safety in schools.

By Representative Sangiolo of Newton, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Amy Mah Sangiolo relative to historic districts and commissions.

By Representative Vaughn of Wrentham, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Marcus S. Vaughn and David T. Vieira for legislation to further regulate pipefitting exemptions.

Severally, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

transfer fee.

Falmouth,—
real estate
transfer fee.

Boston,—
contracts.

Farm goods,—
transportation.

Salem—
sewerage
district.

Carlos
Borges,—
sick leave.

Stephen
Brophy,—
sick leave.

Mark
Kratman,—
sick leave.

Bone marrow
and organ
donation.

Horns,—
trafficking.

Seasonal
communities.

School
supports.

Schools,—
safety.

Historic
districts.

Pipefitting
exemptions.

Paper from the Senate.

The House Bill extending certain COVID-19 measures adopted during the state of emergency (House, No. 62) (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 2506.

COVID-19
measures.

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.

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:

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Danillo A. Sena relative to establishing a sick leave bank for Richard Curley, an employee of the Middlesex Sheriff's Office. To the committee on Public Service.

Richard
Curley,—
sick leave.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Rob Consalvo (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to property tax classification, the senior homeowner property tax exemption, and the personal property tax exemption in the city of Boston. To the committee on Revenue.

Boston,—
property tax
exemption.

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

By Mr. Livingstone of Boston, for the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 275) of Tram T. Nguyen and Vanna Howard relative to child care cost transparency,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Education.

Child care,—
cost
transparency.

By Mr. Madaro of Boston, for the committee on Revenue, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3154) of Hannah Kane and others for legislation to establish a tax credit for and to regulate the donation of food to persons in need,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Food,—
donations.

Under Rule 42, the reports severally were considered forthwith; and they were accepted. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Emergency Measure.

The engrossed Bill extending certain COVID-19 measures adopted during the state of emergency (see House, No. 62, 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.

COVID-19
measures.

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 3 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

UNCORRECTED PROOF.

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.

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.

Representative Sousa then moved that when the House adjourns today, it do so in respect to the memory of John H. Stasik, a member of the House from Framingham from 1997 to 2000, inclusive; and the motion prevailed.

Accordingly, at one minute after twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Ms. Ferguson of Holden (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.