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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 Badger of Plymouth and LaNatra of Kingston, the members, guests and employees stood in a moment of silent tribute in respect to the memory of Margie Clausson Burgess, a dedicated, lifelong long member of our Plymouth community, who passed away on March 14th, at 86 years old.

Margie
Clausson
Burgess.

Margie's life was marked by service through her extensive volunteer work. Active in the Plymouth community, she served on the Plymouth School Committee for 23 years and was a member of Town Meeting, Energy Committee, Capital Outlay Committee, and Distinguished Visitors Committee.

Margie opened her heart and home to countless young people, hosting students on international exchanges. She also volunteered with the Spire Center and was active with the Plymouth Rotary Club and the League of Women Voters.

Margie was the beloved mother of Andrea Nedley and her husband, Scott of Plymouth, Margaret Fisher, and her late husband, Richard of Virginia. She is the cherished grandmother of Christie Wilbur of Virginia.

Her legacy of kindness, service, and dedication to Plymouth will be remembered by all who had the privilege of knowing her.

Appointments of the Speaker and Minority Leader.

The Speaker announced that he had made the following appointments:

That (under the provisions of Section 306 of Chapter 238 of the Acts of 2024) he had appointed Representative Arciero of Westford to the Micro-Mobility Vehicles special commission;

Mirco
mobility
vehicles.

That (under the provisions of Section 74 of Chapter 3 of the General Laws) he had appointed Representatives Livingstone of Boston and Sabadosa of Northampton to the Commission on the Status of Persons with Disabilities; and

Status of
persons with
disabilities.

That (under the provisions of Section 213 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) he had appointed Representative Philips of Sharon to the Delinquent Property Tax Revenue Collection special commission.

Delinquent
property taxes.

The House Minority Leader announced that he had made the following appointments:

That (under the provisions of Section 213 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) he had appointed Representative Marsi of Dudley to the Delinquent Property Tax Revenue Collection special commission; and

Delinquent
property taxes.

That (under the provisions of Section 36 of Chapter 285 of the Acts of 2024) he had appointed Representative Xiarhos of Barnstable to the Public Health Effects of Xylazine special commission.

Xylazine.

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 Chamber, the Weston High School girls swim and dive team, who won their third overall and second consecutive MIAA Division 2 state championship. They were accompanied by their head coach, Jim McLaughlin. They were the guests of Representative Peisch of Wellesley.

Weston High
School girls
swim and
dive team.

Petitions.

The following petitions (having been returned by the State Secretary, under the provisions of Chapter 3 of the General Laws with letters relative thereto) were referred, under Rule 24, as follows:

By Representative Cahill of Lynn, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3933) of Daniel Cahill relative to the Massachusetts Credit Union Share Insurance Corporation. To the committee on Financial Services.

Credit union
share insurance
corporation.

By Representatives Badger of Plymouth and LaNatra of Kingston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3934) of Michelle L. Badger (by vote of the town) for legislation to establish a Plymouth land bank in the town of Plymouth. To the committee on Housing.

Plymouth—
land bank.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Gentile of Sudbury presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Carmine Lawrence Gentile, Liz Miranda and Samantha Montañó for legislation to establish LGBTQIA+ parent advisory councils in public schools; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

LGBTQIA+
advisory
council.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, then reported recommending that Joint Rule 12 be suspended. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Peisch of Wellesley, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Education. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Blais of Deerfield (by request), a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Barbara Kellogg relative to the distribution of certain gaming revenue.

Revenue,—
gaming.

By Representative Chan of Quincy, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Tackey Chan relative to travel insurance.

Travel
insurance.

By Representative Garry of Dracut, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Colleen M. Garry relative to credit card surcharges.

Credit cards,—
surcharges.

By the same member, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Colleen M. Garry relative to the penalties for protests intentionally blocking or preventing access to a public roadway or highway.

Roadways,—
protests.

By the same member, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Colleen M. Garry relative to funding for public safety and education for certain Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority communities.

MBTA
communities,—
public safety.

By the same member, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Colleen M. Garry relative to marijuana establishment or medical marijuana treatment center host community impact fees.

Marijuana,—
impact fees.

By the same member, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Colleen M. Garry relative to providing municipal notices to the public of hazardous waste sites.

Hazardous
waste sites.

By the same member, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Colleen M. Garry relative to prohibiting sex offenders from entering public or private school property for any reason.

Schools,—
sex offenders.

By Representative Gaskey of Carver, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of John R. Gaskey and Christopher Thibeault relative to the legal gambling age.

Gambling,—
legal age.

By the same member, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of John R. Gaskey and Christopher Ryan Thibeault relative to the age of majority.

Age of
majority.

By the same member, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of John R. Gaskey relative to the purchasing of firearms.

Firearms,—
purchase.

By Representative Lombardo of Billerica, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Marc T. Lombardo for legislation to increase the allowable earnings for individuals pensioned or retired for disability.

Allowable
earnings.

By Representative MacGregor of Boston, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of William F. MacGregor for legislation to regulate social media feeds.

Social media,—
regulation.

By Representative Ultrino of Malden, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Steven Ultrino relative to the treatment of cleft palate and cleft lip.

Cleft palate
and lip.

By Representative Xiarhos of Barnstable, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Steven George Xiarhos for legislation to authorize the solicitation of private donations for supporting certain first responders.

First
responders,—
donations.

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

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 Lindsay N. Sabadosa relative to safety in schools. To the committee on Education.

School
safety.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Jay D. Livingstone and others relative to ivory and rhinoceros horn trafficking. To the committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Horns,—
trafficking.

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

By Mr. Stanley of Waltham, for the committee on Elder Affairs, asking to be discharged from further consideration:

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 767) of Carmine Lawrence Gentile and others clarifying rate setting processes for home health and home care services; and

Home health
and home
care services.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 779) of Kate Lipper-Garabedian relative to hospital access to discounted purchase of prescription drugs;

Prescription
drugs.

And recommending that the same severally be referred to the committee on Health Care Financing.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 764) of Marjorie C. Decker relative to flu prevention for seniors,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Public Health.

Seniors,—
flu prevention.

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

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.

Representative Shand of Newburyport then moved that when the House adjourns today, it do so in respect to the memory of Nicholas J. Costello, a member of the House from Amesbury from 1979 to 1983, inclusive, and a member of the Senate from 1983 to 1990, inclusive; and the motion prevailed.

Accordingly, at six minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Soter of Bellingham (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Thursday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.