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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, Representative Peisch of Wellesley took the Chair and, at her request, the members, guests, and employees stood in a moment of silent tribute in respect to the memory of Joseph Albert LeBrun, a remarkable husband, father, grandfather, businessman, and an integral member of the Wellesley community who passed away February 9th at the age of 83.

Joseph
LeBrun.

Born in 1941, Mr. LeBrun, provided a great service to the community through his friendship and generosity. In the 1970s, he purchased a small sandwich shop in Wellesley, which he ran with his family until his death. The Linden Store has been the hub of the community, attracting customers from all walks of life. Until shortly before his death, customers of The Linden Store would find Joe mixing with the "regulars." Mr. LeBrun's sons, Greg and Mark, followed him into the business and along with their mother continue to operate The Linden Store as Joe would have.

Mr. LeBrun is survived by his beloved wife, Bonnie L. (Chabot) LeBrun, son J. Gregory LeBrun and his wife, Kerin, of Natick, son Mark LeBrun of Wellesley, and grandchildren Bella, Ryan, Abby, Kaitlyn, Lindsey, and Max LeBrun. His passing has left a void in the Wellesley community that will not be easily filled.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Kerans of Danvers, Garballey of Arlington and Rogers of Cambridge) commemorating the two hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the American Revolution and honoring the Danvers Alarm List Company at the Battle of Menotomy;

Danvers Alarm
List Company.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Lombardo of Billerica) commemorating March 29, 2025 as National Vietnam War Veterans day and the fiftieth anniversary concluding the Vietnam War; and

Vietnam War
veterans.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Sabadosa of Northampton) recognizing the Literacy Project's fortieth anniversary;

Literacy
Project.

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 Ms. Badger of Plymouth, the resolutions (reported by the

committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

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 Sangiolo of Newton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3938) of Amy Mah Sangiolo and others for legislation to establish the Massachusetts Flood Management and Mitigation Authority to coordinate flood management and mitigation efforts. To the committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Flood
management
and mitigation.

By Representative Meschino of Hull, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3937) of Joan Meschino and others for legislation to create a climate bank to facilitate innovative financing solutions for climate and clean energy innovations in the public, private, and non-profit sectors. To the committee on Financial Services.

Climate
bank.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Davis of Great Barrington and Senator Mark, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Leigh Davis for legislation to authorize the Dalton Fire District to continue the employment of interim fire chief Christopher Francis Cachat.

Christopher
Cachat,—
employment.

By Representative Garry of Dracut and Senator Kennedy, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Colleen M. Garry for legislation to authorize the Dracut Water Supply District to sell water to certain communities.

Dracut Water
Supply District.

By Representative Garry of Dracut, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Colleen M. Garry relative to notification of alcohol by volume in beers to be consumed on the premises.

Alcohol
by volume.

By the same member, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Colleen M. Garry relative to the listing of the alcohol by volume for beer selections on menus.

Id.

By the same member, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Colleen M. Garry relative to manslaughter caused by reckless disregard of life while protesting or blocking highways or roadway access.

Blocking
highways,—
protesting.

By the same member, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Colleen M. Garry relative to cannabis industry host community agreements.

Cannabis,—
agreements.

By the same member, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Colleen M. Garry for legislation to establish an opt-out admissions lottery process for charter schools.

Charter schools,—
admissions.

By the same member, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Colleen M. Garry for legislation to establish parity in funding for regional vocational school districts and traditional public school districts.

Education
parity.

By the same member, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Colleen M. Garry for legislation to require that all establishments be required to accept cash for transactions.

Cash
transactions.

By the same member, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Colleen M. Garry relative to income tax deductions for certain school expenses.

Schools,—
tax deductions.

By the same member, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Colleen M. Garry for legislation to regulate the sale of kratom.

Kratom,—
sales.

By the same member, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Colleen M. Garry that the Department of Developmental Services consider neuropsychological evaluations of certain persons with intellectual disabilities.

By the same member, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Colleen M. Garry relative to the rights of pharmacists to participate as preferred health care providers.

By the same member, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Colleen M. Garry relative to the estimated rate of inflation for social service programs.

By Representative Gómez of Easthampton, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Homar Gómez and Lindsay N. Sabadosa relative to charter school reimbursements.

By Representative LaNatra of Kingston, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Kathleen R. LaNatra and Patrick M. O'Connor that the Massachusetts State Board of Retirement be authorized to credit Joseph Suppa with certain creditable service.

By Representatives Luddy of Orleans and Moakley of Falmouth, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Hadley Luddy and Thomas W. Moakley relative to housing in seasonal communities.

By Representative MacGregor of Boston, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of William F. MacGregor that the commissioner of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance be authorized to release a certain sewer line easement in the West Roxbury section of the city of Boston.

By Representative McMurtry of Dedham, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Paul McMurtry relative to arts education programs.

By Representatives Moran of Lawrence and Scanlon of North Attleborough, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Frank A. Moran, Adam J. Scanlon and others for legislation to establish a special task force (including members of the General Court) to review and report on vocational admissions policies.

By Representative Moran of Lawrence, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Frank A. Moran for legislation to establish a commission to research topical steroid addiction and Topical Steroid Withdrawal Syndrome.

By Representative O'Day of West Boylston, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of James J. O'Day for legislation to authorize a pilot program for the use of psychedelics in certain licensed treatment facilities.

By Representative Puppolo of Springfield, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr., and Samantha Montañó relative to school library standards.

By Representative Scanlon of North Attleborough, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Adam J. Scanlon and Manny Cruz for legislation to further regulate the retail sale of dogs, cats, rabbits, and guinea pigs in pet shops.

By the same member, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Adam J. Scanlon for legislation to authorize spouses to serve as caregivers in the MassHealth program for home-based care and services.

By the same member, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Adam J. Scanlon and Steven S. Howitt relative to utility services.

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

Papers from the Senate.

Reports

Of the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, asking to be discharged from further consideration

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 113) of Julian Cyr for legislation to require all private early education and care programs to publicly display

Neuro-psychological evaluations.

Pharmacists.

Social services.

Charter schools,—reimbursements.

Joseph Suppa,—retirement benefits.

Seasonal communities,—housing.

Boston,—easement.

Arts education.

Vocational schools,—admission.

Topical steroids.

Psychedelics treatment.

School libraries.

Pet shops,—regulation.

Spousal caregivers.

Utility services.

Child care rates.

child care rates on their website,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Education; and

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 144) of Robyn K. Kennedy for legislation to protect the interests of minor children featured on for-profit family vlogs,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Labor and Workforce Development;

Minor children,—
interests.

Severally accepted by the Senate, were considered forthwith, under Rule 42; and they were accepted, in concurrence.

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 Arriaga of Chicopee then moved that when the House adjourns today, it do so in respect to the memory of Francis C. LaPointe, a member of the House from Chicopee from 1969 to 1978; and the motion prevailed.

Accordingly, at seven minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Orrall of Lakeville (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.