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Met according to adjournment at a half past 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.

Silent Prayer.

During the session (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), at the request of Representative Arriaga of Chicopee, the members, guests and employees stood in a moment of silent tribute in respect to the memory of longtime Chicopee Councilor Robert "Ziggy" Zygarowski, who passed away on March 24th, 2025, at the age of 80.

Robert "Ziggy"
Zygarowski.

Councilor Zygarowski was a highly respected community advocate. He was a Police Officer for 28 years for the City of Chicopee from 1974 to 2002, where he started the K-9 Unit and served as a canine officer from 1983 to 1990, he started and directed the D.A.R.E Program from 1990 to 2002, was a Past President of Local #401 I.B.P.O., and a member of the Chicopee Patrolmen's Association. He served his beloved community as a Councilor at Large from 2004 to present.

Mr. Zygarowski will be greatly missed. His passing is a great loss for Chicopee, and he will be deeply missed by the community. He leaves his four loving children, Ryan, Sean, Robert, Jr. and Gina of Chicopee, and their spouses; 7 cherished grandchildren, and many loved great grandchildren.

Communications.

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From the Division of Insurance (see Section 4A of Chapter 175 of the General Laws) submitting its annual Home Insurance report for calendar year 2023 [copies of said report were forwarded to the Attorney General, the committee on Ways and Means and the committee on Financial Services, as required by said law];

Home
insurance.

From the Executive Office of Technology Services and Security (see item 1790-0100 of Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting its annual report on data collection and reporting in the criminal justice system for calendar year 2024; and

Criminal
justice data
collection.

From the Office of the Comptroller (see item 1595-4506 of Section 2E of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the Department of Public Health's transfer schedule for the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program Trust Fund for fiscal year 2025;

Childhood
lead poisoning
program.

Severally were placed on file.

Quarterly Reports.

Quarterly reports

Of the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development (under item 1790-3009 of Section 2 of Chapter 151 of the Acts of 2020) submitting its tenth quarterly report relative to the comprehensive modernization and transformation for the deployment of an online delivery system for unemployment insurance compensation benefits; and

Unemployment
insurance
compensation
benefits.

Of the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development (under item 1790-3009 of Section 2 of Chapter 151 of the Acts of 2020) submitting its eleventh quarterly report relative to the comprehensive modernization and transformation for the deployment of an online delivery system for unemployment insurance compensation benefits;

Id.

Severally were placed on file.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Markey of Dartmouth, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4006) of Christopher M. Markey (by vote of the town) that the town of Dartmouth be authorized to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises in said town. To the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Dartmouth,—
liquor
license.

By Representative Cruz of Salem, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4007) of Manny Cruz (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to the composition of the licensing board for the city of Salem. To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Salem,—
licensing
board.

By Representatives Ayers of Quincy and Wells of Milton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3914) of Bruce J. Ayers, Richard G. Wells, Jr. and William J. Driscoll, Jr. (with the approval of the town council) relative to the disability retirement of Casey L'Italien, a police officer in the city known as the town of Randolph. To the committee on Public Service.

Randolph,—
Casey
L'Italien.

By Representative Cruz of Salem, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4008) of Manny Cruz (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Salem be authorized to increase the local option tax on the sale of marijuana and marijuana products in said city. To the committee on Revenue.

Salem,—
marijuana
tax.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Moakley of Falmouth, a petition (subject to Joint Rules 12 and 9) of Thomas W. Moakley relative to tribal government representation on the Martha's Vineyard Commission.

Martha's
Vineyard
Commission.

By Representative O'Day of West Boylston, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of James J. O'Day for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Dana Johnson, an employee of the Department of Children and Families.

Dana
Johnson,—
sick leave.

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

Report 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 petition of Edward R. Philips and Michael F. Rush for legislation to authorize the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority to provide sewer services to a certain parcel of land in the town of Sharon. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Vitolo of Brookline, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended; and petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Environment and Natural Resources. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Sharon,—
sewer
services.

Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, on House, No. 55, reported, in part, a Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2025 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (House, No. 4005) [Total Appropriation: \$1,244,700,000.00]. Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Supplemental
appropriations.

Mr. Honan of Boston, for said committee, reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House; and, under said rule, it was placed in the Orders of the Day for the next sitting for a second reading.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

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

Next
sitting.

At twenty minutes before twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mrs. Kane of Shrewsbury (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Wednesday at eleven o'clock A.M.