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Thursday, April 10, 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.

Appointment of the Speaker.

The Speaker announced that (under the provisions of Section 241 of Chapter 111 of the General Laws) he had re-appointed Gail Ryan of PharmD of Canton and Dr. Ross Zafonte of Massachusetts General Hospital to the Rare Disease Advisory Council.

Rare Disease
Advisory
Council.

Statement of Representative Ramos of North Andover.

A statement of Ms. Ramos of North Andover was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

MR. SPEAKER: I would like to call to the attention of the House the fact that I was unable to be present in the House Chamber for the remainder of the sitting on Wednesday, April 9th due to a family emergency. Had I been present for Yea and Nay Nos. 26, 28 and 29, I would have voted, in each instance, in the affirmative. Had I been present for roll call number 27 on amendment 10, I would have voted in the negative. My missing of roll calls was due entirely to the reason stated above.

Statement of
Ms. Ramos of
North Andover.

Resolutions.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Representatives Ashe of Longmeadow and Puppolo of Springfield) commemorating the two hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the American Revolutionary War and honoring the memory of the Revolutionary War veterans from the town of East Longmeadow, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

East
Longmeadow,—
Revolutionary
War veterans.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee, reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, 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 Executive Office for Administration and Finance (see item 1599-1213 contained in Section 2A of Chapter 88 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the Temporary Respite Center monthly report from January 23, 2025 to February 19, 2025;

Temporary
respite
centers.

From the Executive Office for Administration and Finance and the Executive Office for Housing and Livable Communities (see item 1599-0514 of Section 2 of Chapter 77 of the Acts of 2023 and Section 19 of Chapter 88 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the February 20, 2025 biweekly report on the emergency housing assistance program;

Emergency
housing
assistance.

From the Division of Insurance (see Section 117C of Chapter 175 of the General Laws) submitting its Credit Insurance report for calendar year 2023;

Credit
insurance.

From the Division of Insurance (see Section 117C of Chapter 175 of the General Laws) submitting its Credit Insurance report for calendar year 2022; and

Id.

From the Office of the Comptroller (see Section 1A and 1B of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting the actual revenue tax and non-tax collections for fiscal year 2024;

Tax revenue
collections.

Severally were placed on file.

Petitions.

The following additional petitions (having been deposited in the office of the Clerk of the House, previously to five o'clock in the afternoon on Friday, January 17, 2025) were referred, under Rule 24 and Joint Rule 13, as follows:

By Representatives Badger of Plymouth and LaNatra of Kingston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4011) of Michelle L. Badger and James C. Arena-DeRosa for legislation to establish a school transportation commission. To the committee on Education.

School
transportation,—
study.

By Representative Ayers of Quincy, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4012) of Bruce J. Ayers relative to access to neurological disorder screenings for firefighters;

Firefighters,—
neurological
screenings.

By Representatives Gentile of Sudbury and Connolly of Cambridge, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4013) of Carmine Lawrence Gentile, Mike Connolly and James B. Eldridge relative to for-profit health care and insurance; and

For-profit
health care.

By Representative Gentile of Sudbury, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4014) of Carmine Lawrence Gentile relative to insurance coverage for pharmacists providing opioid use disorder treatment.

Opioid
treatment,—
insurance.

Severally to the committee on Financial Services.

By Representative Arriaga of Chicopee, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4015) of Shirley B. Arriaga and others relative to expanding a short-term housing bridge pilot program. To the committee on Housing.

Housing
bridge
program.

By Representative Holmes of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4016) of Russell E. Holmes relative to neuroscience in criminal proceedings;

Criminal
proceedings.

By the same member, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4017) of Russell E. Holmes relative to parents involved in custody disputes; and

Custody
disputes.

By Representative Nguyen of Andover, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4018) of Tram T. Nguyen relative to assault survivors.

Assault
survivors.

Severally to the committee on the Judiciary.

By Representative Arriaga of Chicopee, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4019) of Shirley B. Arriaga relative to compensation for warranty service labor. To the committee on Labor and Workforce Development.

Warranty
service
labor.

By Representative Kearney of Scituate, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4020) of Patrick Joseph Kearney relative to owner occupancy requirement for accessory dwelling units; and

Accessory dwelling units.

By Representative Puppolo of Springfield, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4021) of Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr., and others relative to municipal housing zoning requirements.

Housing,—zoning.

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

By Representative Arena-DeRosa of Holliston, a petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 4022) of James C. Arena-DeRosa for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to the rabies vaccine laws and exempting certain pets with illness from said vaccine;

Rabies vaccine.

By Representative Ayers of Quincy, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4023) of Bruce J. Ayers relative to mold inspection standards;

Mold inspections.

By the same member, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4024) of Bruce J. Ayers that the Department of Public Health be authorized to study mold and mold spores in multi-unit dwellings; and

Id.

By Representative Barrett of North Adams, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4025) of John Barrett, III and others for legislation to establish a special commission to study the effectiveness of the executive office of health and human services.

Health and human services,—study.

Severally to the committee on Public Health.

By Representative Holmes of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4026) of Russell E. Holmes relative to the powers of certain employees of the parole board and correctional institutions. To the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security.

Parole Board and correctional employees.

By Representative Ayers of Quincy, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4027) of Bruce J. Ayers relative to motor vehicle excise tax exemptions for persons with a disabilities. To the committee on Revenue.

Motor vehicles,—excise tax.

By Representative Holmes of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4028) of Russell E. Holmes for an investigation and study by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to transferring the Department of Correction and the Parole Board from the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security to the Executive Office of Health and Human Services. To the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

Department of Correction and Parole Board.

By Representative Ayers of Quincy, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4029) of Bruce J. Ayers relative to the use of tinted license plate covers. To the committee on Transportation.

License plates,—tinting.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Representative Sylvia of Fairhaven and Senator Rodrigues presented a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4030) of Mark D. Sylvia and Michael J. Rodrigues (by vote of the town) relative to the organization and governance structure of the town of Rochester; and the same was referred to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Rochester,—governance.

Paper from the Senate.

A petition of Mark C. Montigny and Mark D. Sylvia for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Andrew Setera, an employee of the Trial Court, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on the Judiciary.

Andrew Setera,—sick leave.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2508) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on the Judiciary.

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 Tackey Chan relative to travel insurance. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mrs. Kane of Shrewsbury, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended; and petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Financial Services. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Travel
insurance.

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.

At five minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mrs. Kane of Shrewsbury (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.