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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.

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, seventh graders from the Whitinsville Christian School. They were the guests of Representative Muradian of Grafton and Senator Fattman.

Whitinsville
Christian
School
students.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Representative Gentile and other members of the House) honoring the Buddhist community of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in commemorating Vesak Day of 2025;

Vesak
Day.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Roy of Franklin) congratulating Joshua Robert Bailow on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout of Scouting America;

Joshua
Bailow.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Roy of Franklin) congratulating Siddhanth Rao on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout of Scouting America; and

Siddhanth
Rao.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Sullivan-Almeida of Abington and Plouffe of Brockton) recognizing David Sheedy on his years of service to the town of East Bridgewater;

David
Sheedy.

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.

Communications.

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From the Department of Transitional Assistance (see Section 2(B)(g) of Chapter 18 of the General Laws) submitting its report entitled: Standard Budgets of Assistance for Transitional Aid to Families with Dependent Children;

Transitional
aid.

From the Department of Transitional Assistance (see Section 2 (B)(s) of Chapter 18 of the General Laws) submitting a report entitled: Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) Photo Requirements Exemptions;

EBT photo requirement exceptions.

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 February 20, 2025 to March 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 March 19, 2025 biweekly report on the emergency housing assistance program; and

Emergency housing assistance.

From the Department of Transitional Assistance (see item 4401-1003 of Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting its report entitled: 2-Gen Economic Mobility Programs report;

Economic mobility programs.

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 Representative LeBoeuf of Worcester, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4073) of David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf relative to medical debt reporting and collection. To the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Medical debt reporting.

By Representative Flanagan of Dennis, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4074) of Christopher Richard Flanagan relative to zoning for single family and multi-family housing for veterans. To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Zoning,—veteran housing.

By Representative Cruz of Salem, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4075) of Manny Cruz relative to enhancing emergency infant care response;

Emergency infant care.

By Representative Davis of Great Barrington, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4076) of Leigh Davis for an investigation by a special commission relative to emergency medical services;

Medical services,—study.

By Representative Flanagan of Dennis, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4077) of Christopher Richard Flanagan relative to retrofitting accessibility for all medical facilities; and

Medical facilities,—accessibility.

By the same member, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4078) of Christopher Richard Flanagan relative to early detection and treatment of patients with sepsis.

Sepsis,—treatment.

Severally to the committee on Public Health.

By Representative Diggs of Barnstable, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4079) of Kip A. Diggs relative to public retirees and reforming post-retirement employment and earnings limits. To the committee on Public Service.

Retirees,—earnings.

By Representative Ciccolo of Lexington, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4080) of Michelle L. Ciccolo for legislation to increase airplane fuel taxes;

Airplane fuel tax.

By Representatives LeBoeuf of Worcester and Duffy of Holyoke, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4081) of David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf and Patricia A. Duffy relative to taxation and fire safety of problem properties, so-called;

Properties,—fire safety.

By Representative Vieira of Falmouth, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4082) of David T. Vieira relative to a refundable Title 5 septic tax credit; and	Septic tax credit.
By the same member, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4083) of David T. Vieira relative to the replacement of the Bourne Bridge by a transfer of income surtax revenue.	Bourne Bridge.
Severally to the committee on Revenue.	
By Representatives Vitolo of Brookline and Lewis of Framingham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4084) of Tommy Vitolo and Jack Patrick Lewis relative to a surcharge on the 988 system. To the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.	988 system,—surcharge.
By Representative Flanagan of Dennis, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4085) of Christopher Richard Flanagan that the Registry of Motor Vehicles be authorized to issue distinctive license plates for the establishment of a fund to support the arts;	Arts license plate.
By the same member, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4086) of Christopher Richard Flanagan relative to a study of stormwater engineering to protect habitats along state highways;	Stormwater,—study.
By Representative Ramos of Springfield, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4087) of Orlando Ramos relative to traffic safety at intersections; and	Traffic safety.
By Representative Reyes of Lawrence, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4088) of Estela A. Reyes for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to modernizing the language defining disabled veterans pursuant to registry of motor vehicle laws.	Disabled veterans,—definition.
Severally to the committee on Transportation.	
Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.	
Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:	
By Representative Wells of Milton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4089) of Richard G. Wells, Jr., (by vote of the town) that the town of Milton be authorized to grant five additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises in said town. To the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.	Milton,—liquor licenses.
By Representative Tyler of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4090) of Chynah Tyler (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to the office of district councilor in the city of Boston. To the committee on Election Laws.	Boston,—district city councilor.
By Representative Cruz of Salem, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4091) of Manny Cruz (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Salem be authorized to prohibit the use of second generation anti-coagulant rodenticides in said city. To the committee on Environment and Natural Resources.	Salem,—rodenticides.
By Representative Madaro of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4092) of Adrian C. Madaro (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to authorize the appointment of Chris Glaropoulos as a police officer in the city of Boston, notwithstanding the maximum age requirement; and	Boston,—Chris Glaropoulos.
By the same member, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4093) of Adrian C. Madaro (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to further regulate the appointment of police officers in the city of Boston, notwithstanding the maximum age requirements.	Boston,—police age.
Severally to the committee on Public Service.	
By Representative Wells of Milton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4094) of Richard G. Wells, Jr., (by vote of the town) relative to the establishment of	Milton,—

a means-tested senior property tax exemption in the town of Milton. To the committee on Revenue.

senior property taxes.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Representative Shand of Newburyport presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Dawne Shand for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Daniel Yender, an employee of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Daniel Yender,—
sick leave.

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 Mr. Ouellette of Westport, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Public Service. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Elliott of Lowell, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Rodney M. Elliott that the commissioner of the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance be authorized to grant easements in certain parcels of land to the city of Lowell; and

Lowell,—
land.

By Representative O'Day of West Boylston, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of James J. O'Day relative to the manufacture and sale of toxic-free medical devices. Public Health.

Toxic-free
medical devices.

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

Paper from the Senate.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2511) of Liz Miranda (with approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation relative to the office of district councilor in the city of Boston, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Election Laws.

Boston,—
district
councilor.

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 (accompanied by bill) of Colleen M. Garry for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Mark Kratman, an employee of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Ouelette of Westport, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Public Service. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Mark
Kratman,—
sick leave.

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.

At four minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Frost of Auburn (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.