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Met according to adjournment at 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.

Guests of the House.

At the beginning of the session, the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford) declared a brief recess and introduced, seated in the Chamber, fourth graders from the Sacred Heart School in Weymouth, and their teachers, Janice Kerns and Courtney Witham. They were the guests of Representative Murphy of Weymouth.

Sacred Heart
School
students.

During the session, the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford) declared a brief recess and introduced, seated in the Chamber, the Duxbury High School large co-ed division cheerleading state champions. They were the guests of Representative Sweezey of Duxbury.

Duxbury
High School
cheerleaders.

Communications.

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From the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (see Section 6 of Chapter 7C of the General Laws) submitting its Supplier Diversity – Affirmative Marketing Program for Design and Construction annual report for fiscal year 2024 [copies of said report were forwarded to the committee on Ways and Means, and the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, as required by said law];

Supplier
diversity.

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 April 7, 2025 biweekly report on the emergency housing assistance program;

Emergency
housing
assistance.

From the Executive Office for Administration and Finance (see Section 22 of Chapter 88 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the monthly Working Training for Emergency Assistance Residents report for April, 2025;

Working
training.

From the Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth (see item 0511-0002 of Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting a report relative to the Corporations Division dissolution program for fiscal year 2025;

Corporations,—
dissolution.

From the Department of Transportation (see item 1595-6369 of Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the MBTA Fare-Free Bus Report for fiscal year 2025; and

MBTA
fare-free
buses.

From the Office for Refugees and Immigrants (see item 4003-0123 of Section 2 of Chapter 77 of the Acts of 2023) submitting the monthly Resettlement Agency Report as of March, 2025;
Severally were placed on file.

Resettlement
Agency.

Annual, Quarterly and Special Reports.

The annual report of the Department of Energy Resources (under Section 10(f) of Chapter 25A of the General Laws) submitting the Division of Green Communities 2024 annual report; and

Green
Communities.

Quarterly reports

Of the Sheriff's Department of Plymouth County (under Section 40 of Chapter 126 of the General Laws) submitting the aggregate data on the population of the Plymouth County Correctional Facility for the first quarter of calendar year 2025;

Plymouth County
Correctional
Facility.

Of the Disabled Persons Protection Commission (under item 1107-2501 of Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting its fiscal year 2025 third quarterly report for the period of January-March, 2025; and

Disabled
persons.

A report of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (under Section 27 of Chapter 197 of the Acts of 2024) submitting a report from the Massachusetts Rest Home Task Force;

Rest home
task force.

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 Davis of Great Barrington, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4106) of Leigh Davis and Natalie M. Blais for legislation to establish a farm-to-institution pilot program. To the committee on Agriculture.

Farm-to-
institution
pilot program.

By the same member, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4107) of Leigh Davis relative to CPR training in schools and the promotion of careers in emergency medical services. To the committee on Education.

Emergency
medical service,—
careers.

By Representative Donaghue of Westborough, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4108) of Kate Donaghue relative to the death of candidates running for public office. To the committee on Election Laws.

Candidates,—
death.

By Representatives Hendricks of New Bedford and Cabral of New Bedford, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4109) of Christopher Hendricks relative to relocating certain harbor lines in New Bedford Harbor;

New Bedford,—
harbor lines.

By Representative Kearney of Scituate, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4110) of Patrick Joseph Kearney relative to the North River Commission; and

North River
Commission.

By Representative Ramos of North Andover, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4111) of Adrienne Pusateri Ramos and Sally P. Kerans for legislation to create a battery recycling program.

Battery
recycling.

Severally to the committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

By Representative Hogan of Stow, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4112) of Kate Hogan that a fee on homeowners insurance policies be used to fund firefighting water supplies and a state cistern program. To the committee on Financial Services.

Homeowners
insurance,—
water.

By Representatives Nguyen of Andover and Barber of Somerville, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4113) of Tram T. Nguyen and Christine P. Barber relative to addressing sexual misconduct by certain higher education employees. To the committee on Higher Education.	Higher education,—sexual misconduct.
By Representatives Holmes of Boston and Williams of Springfield, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4114) of Russell E. Holmes and Patrick Joseph Kearney relative to unsolved homicides; and	Unsolved homicides.
By Representative Sena of Acton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4115) of Danilo A. Sena relative to immigration reporting and the right to legal counsel.	Legal counsel and immigration.
Severally to the committee on the Judiciary.	
By Representative Mendes of Brockton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4116) of Rita A. Mendes relative to building permits and job site safety; and	Building permits.
By Representative Scanlon of North Attleborough, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4117) of Adam J. Scanlon relative to arbitration for teachers.	Teachers,—arbitration.
Severally to the committee on Labor and Workforce Development.	
By Representative Davis of Great Barrington, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4118) of Leigh Davis for legislation to establish an emergency medical services treatment-in-place pilot program;	Treatment-in-place pilot program.
By the same member, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4119) of Leigh Davis for legislation to establish an emergency medical services licensure compact;	Emergency medical services.
By the same member, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4120) of Leigh Davis relative to emergency medical services;	Id.
By Representative McMurtry of Dedham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4121) of Paul McMurtry relative to primary care physician loan repayment program; and	Primary care physicians,—loan repayment.
By Representative Sabadosa of Northampton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4122) of Lindsay N. Sabadosa relative to deceptive trade practices for emergency contraceptives and medical abortion.	Deceptive trade,—abortion, etc.
Severally to the committee on Public Health.	
By Representatives Donaghue of Westborough and Vargas of Haverhill, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4123) of Kate Donaghue and Andres X. Vargas relative to the distribution of opioid antagonists at correctional facilities;	Corrections,—opioid antagonists.
By Representative Lewis of Framingham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4124) of Jack Patrick Lewis and Samantha Montañó relative to role-playing games in correctional facilities; and	Correctional facilities,—games.
By Representative Uytterhoeven of Somerville, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4125) of Erika Uytterhoeven and Christopher J. Worrell for legislation to improve food safety and quality in Department of Correction facilities.	Correctional facilities,—food.
Severally to the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security.	
By Representative Uytterhoeven of Somerville, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4126) of Erika Uytterhoeven for legislation to align public pensions with Massachusetts' net zero future; and	Pensions,—net zero.
By the same member, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4127) of Erika Uytterhoeven for legislation to establish a pension innovation fund for intergenerational equity.	Pensions,—innovation fund.
Severally to the committee on Public Service.	
By Representative McMurtry of Dedham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4128) of Paul McMurtry for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to the threshold amounts for lottery and gambling taxation. To the committee on Revenue.	Lottery taxation—study.

By Representative Ayers of Quincy, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4129) of Bruce J. Ayers relative to the installation of illegal mufflers;

Illegal
mufflers.

By Representative Davis of Great Barrington, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4130) of Leigh Davis for legislation to establish an accelerated bridge program to finance the repair, replacement and maintenance of structurally-deficient bridges through the use of certain bonds; and

Accelerated
bridge
program.

By Representative McMurtry of Dedham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4131) of Paul McMurtry relative to mitigation during department of transportation projects.

Transportation,—
mitigation.

Severally to the committee on Transportation.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Ciccolo of Lexington, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4132) of Michelle L. Ciccolo (by vote of the town) that the town of Lexington be authorized to grant legal residents with local voting rights in municipal elections. To the committee on Election Laws.

Lexington,—
voting rights.

By the same member, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4133) of Michelle L. Ciccolo (by vote of the town) that the town of Lexington be authorized to regulate the application of second generation anticoagulant rodenticides in said town. To the committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Lexington,—
rodenticides.

By Representatives Decker of Cambridge and Owens of Watertown, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4134) of Marjorie C. Decker and Steven Owens (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Cambridge be authorized to establish an employment and job training trust;

Cambridge,—
job training.

By Representative Garballey of Arlington and Senator Friedman, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4135) of Sean Garballey, Cindy F. Friedman and David M. Rogers (by vote of the town) relative to the appointment and management of the town clerk in the town of Arlington;

Arlington,—
town clerk.

By Representative LeBoeuf of Worcester, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4136) of David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf (by vote of the town) relative to stabilization funds in the town of Leicester;

Leicester,—
stabilization
funds.

By Representatives Linsky of Natick and Gentile of Sudbury, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4137) of David Paul Linsky (by vote of the town) that the town of Wayland be authorized to establish a millennium fund of the Wayland Free Public Library;

Wayland,—
library fund.

By Representative Peisch of Wellesley and Senator Creem, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4138) of Alice Hanlon Peisch (by vote of the town) that the town of Wellesley be authorized to satisfy legal notice requirements by digital publications;

Wellesley,—
digital legal
notices.

By the same members, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4139) of Alice Hanlon Peisch (by vote of the town) that the town of Wellesley be authorized to dissolve the housing development corporation of said town; and

Wellesley,—
housing.

By the same members, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4140) of Alice Hanlon Peisch (by vote of the town) that the town of Wellesley be authorized to increase the 15-mile residency limit to certain non-civil service public safety personnel;

Wellesley,—
residency.

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

By Representative Barrett of North Adams, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4141) of John Barrett, III (by the approval of the mayor and city council)

North Adams,—
special police.

that the city of North Adams be authorized to appoint retired North Adams police officers as special police officers within said city for paid detail assignments; and

By Representative Tyler of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4142) of Chynah Tyler (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to authorize the appointment of Jason DeLeon as a police officer in the city of Boston, notwithstanding the maximum age requirement;

Boston,—
Jason
DeLeon.

Severally to the committee on Public Service.

By Representative Peisch of Wellesley and Senator Creem, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4143) of Alice Hanlon Peisch (by vote of the town) relative to real property tax deferrals in the town of Wellesley. To the committee on Revenue.

Wellesley,—
property tax
deferrals.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Paper from the Senate.

Notice was received that the following proposals for legislative amendments to the Constitution had been called for consideration in the Joint Session by the Senate:

Proposal for a legislative amendment to the Constitution relative to agricultural and horticultural lands (see Senate, No. 11), with reference to which the committee on Revenue has reported, in accordance with Joint Rule 23, that the amendment ought to pass.

Agricultural
and
horticultural
lands.

Proposal for a legislative amendment to the Constitution to cap the state income tax (see Senate, No. 12), with reference to which the committee on Revenue has reported, in accordance with Joint Rule 23, that the amendment ought NOT to pass.

Income tax,—
cap.

Proposal for a legislative amendment to the Constitution to require a supermajority vote for the utilization of rainy day funds (see Senate, No. 13) with reference to which the committee on Revenue has reported, in accordance with Joint Rule 23, that the amendment ought NOT to pass.

Rainy day
funds.

Reports of Committees.

Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, on House, No. 4003, 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. 4100) [Total Appropriation: \$240,000,000.00]. Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Supplemental
appropriations.

Mr. Honan of Boston, for said committee, then reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Michlewitz, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently, under further suspension of the rules, on motion of the same member, the bill (having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn), was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

UNCORRECTED PROOF.

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

Next
sitting.

At seven minutes before twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mr. Berthiaume of Spencer (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Thursday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.