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Thursday, May 15, 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.

Message from the Governor.

A message from Her Excellency the Governor recommending legislation relative to energy affordability, independence and innovation (House, No. 4144), was filed in the office of the Clerk on Tuesday, May 13.

Energy
affordability.

The message was read; and it was referred, under Rule 30, with the accompanying draft of a bill, to the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Representative Arciero of Westford) congratulating Angela Harkness on being named the 2025 Westford Kiwanis Person of the Year;

Angela
Harkness.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Biele of Boston and Finn of West Springfield) recognizing the month of May 2025 as Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Month;

Cystic
Fibrosis
awareness.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Garcia of Chelsea and other members of the House) recognizing Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis awareness in May 2025;

Amyotrophic
Lateral Sclerosis.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Lipper-Garabedian of Melrose and Wong of Saugus) commending the town of Wakefield on the occasion of the rededication of the Soldiers and Sailors Monument;

Wakefield,—
monument.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Pease of Westfield and other members of the House) commending local veterans' organizations and veterans for their efforts to raise awareness and recognize the victims of Agent Orange; and

Agent
Orange.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Philips of Sharon) congratulating Eleanor Jane O'Leary on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout of Scouting America;

Eleanor
O'Leary.

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 Massachusetts Peace Officer Standards and Training Commission (see Section 222 of Chapter 6 of the General Laws) submitting its annual report for fiscal year 2024;

POST
Commission.

From the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (see Section 39 of Chapter 7C of the General Laws) submitting listing of the Commonwealth's real property holdings and leased property as of February, 2025;

Real and
leased
property.

From the Office of the Comptroller (see Section 35T of Chapter 10 of the General Laws) submitting the certification of MBTA Sales Tax Revenues for fiscal year 2025;

MBTA,—
sales tax
revenues.

From the Office of the Dukes County Registry of Deeds (see Section 2KKK of Chapter 29 of the General Laws) submitting its plan for expenditure for technological improvements from the County Registers Technological Fund [copies of said report were forwarded to the committee on Ways and Means and the committee on Post Audit and Oversight, as required by said law];

Dukes County,—
technology
fund.

From the Office of the Comptroller (see Section 6B(b) of Chapter 29 of the General Laws) submitting a report on the status of federal funds applied for, received and expended for the third quarter of fiscal year 2025;

Federal
funds.

From the Department of Revenue (see item 1232-0200 of Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting a status report of the Massachusetts Underground Storage; and

Underground
storage.

From the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development (see item 7003-0150 of Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the PY24-25 Legislative Report: Re-Entry Workforce Development Demonstration Grants;

Re-entry
workforce
grants.

Severally were placed on file.

Monthly and Special Reports.

Monthly Reports

Of the Department of Unemployment Assistance (under Section 14F of Chapter 151A of the General Laws) relative to the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund for March, 2025; and

Unemployment
Insurance
Trust Fund.

Of the Executive Office of the Trial Court (under Section 15 of Chapter 239 of the General Laws, as amended by Section 64 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting its report on filings, actions, and dispositions of summary process cases relative to permanent rental protections; and

Permanent
rental
protections.

A report of the Massachusetts District Attorneys Association (under Section 20D of Chapter 12 of the General Laws) submitting its report on the status of child abuse and neglect cases for fiscal year 2024;

Child abuse
and neglect.

Severally were placed on file.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Connolly of Cambridge, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4145) of Mike Connolly (with the approval of the city council) relative to broker fees in the city of Cambridge. To the committee on Housing.

Cambridge,—
broker
fees.

By Representative Donato of Medford, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4146) of Paul J. Donato, Christine P. Barber and Sean Garballey (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to the charter of the city of Medford. To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Medford,—
charter.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Armini of Marblehead (by request), a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Adrienne Monks relative to labeling food from mRNA-treated animals and aquaculture.

Food
labeling.

By Representative DeCoste of Norwell, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of David F. DeCoste relative to the school choice tuition amount.

School
choice.

By Representative Gaskey of Carver, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of John R. Gaskey relative to solar photovoltaic system disconnection, recycling and battery storage.

Photovoltaic
systems, etc.

By Representative Howitt of Seekonk, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Steven S. Howitt relative to motor vehicle license suspensions.

License
suspensions.

By Representative Puppolo of Springfield, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr., relative to damages for employees aggrieved by violations of the Massachusetts Wage Act.

Wage act,—
violations.

By Representative Scanlon of North Attleborough and Senator Feeney, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Adam J. Scanlon for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Jato Charlotin, an employee of Massachusetts Department of Transportation.

Jato
Charlotin,—
sick leave.

By Representative Vargas of Haverhill, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Andres X. Vargas for legislation to further regulate zoning for accessory dwelling units.

Accessory
dwelling
units.

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

Papers from the Senate.

The House Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2025 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (House, No. 4010), came from the Senate, passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 2514.

Supplemental
appropriations.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Donato of Medford, the amendment was considered forthwith. The House then non-concurred with the Senate in its amendment; and on motion of the same member, asked for a committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches. Representatives Michlewitz of Boston, Ferrante of Gloucester and Smola of Warren were appointed the committee on the part of the House. Sent to the Senate to be joined.

Committee of
Conference.

Subsequently notice was received from the Senate that said branch had insisted on its amendment, concurred with the House in the appointment of a committee of conference; and that Senators Rodrigues, Comerford and O'Connor had been joined as the committee on the part of the Senate.

Id.

A petition (accompanied by bill) of John F. Keenan for legislation to authorize the State Board of Retirement to grant creditable service to Roberta Wollons, came

from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Public Service.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2518) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Public Service.

Reports 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 following petitions:

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Paul McMurtry relative to arts education programs. To the committee on Education.

Arts
education.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of James J. O'Day for legislation to authorize a pilot program for the use of psychedelics in certain licensed treatment facilities. To the committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery.

Psychedelics.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of James J. O'Day relative to the manufacture and sale of toxic-free medical devices. To the committee on Public Health.

Toxic-free
medical devices.

Petition (accompanied by bill) 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. To the committee on Public Service.

Joseph
Suppa,—
retirement.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Ouellette of Westport, the reports were considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended, in each instance. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Recess.

At twenty-six minutes before twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mr. Berthiaume of Spencer (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House recessed subject to the call of the Chair; and at six minutes before twelve o'clock noon, the House was called to order with Mr. Garballey in the Chair.

Recess.

Emergency Measure.

The engrossed Bill making appropriations for fiscal year 2025 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (House, No. 4100), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was considered, the question being on adopting the emergency preamble.

Supplemental
appropriations.

A separate vote was taken, as required by the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXVII) of the Amendments to the Constitution; and the preamble was adopted, by vote of 3 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Subsequently, the Senate having concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, the bill (which originated in the House) was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill
enacted.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

UNCORRECTED PROOF.

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

Next
sitting.

At four minutes after twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mr. Berthiaume of Spencer (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.