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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.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Representative Hogan of Stow) congratulating Joseph C. Jacobs for being recognized and honored on Massachusetts Military Appreciation Day;

Joseph
Jacobs.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Hogan of Stow) promoting skin cancer awareness and prevention in Massachusetts in May 2025;

Skin cancer
awareness.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Decker of Cambridge) recognizing May 2025 as Asthma and Allergy Awareness Month in Massachusetts; and

Asthma and
allergy awareness.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Giannino of Revere and other members of the House) commending the National Brain Tumor Society Inc. for its recognition of May 2025 as Brain Tumor Awareness Month;

Brain tumor
awareness.

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. Hogan of Stow, 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 Environmental Protection (see Section 3 of Chapter 21I of the General Laws) submitting its Toxics Use Reduction Information release for calendar year 2023;

Toxics Use
Reduction.

From the Massachusetts Gaming Commission (see Section 69 of Chapter 23K of the General Laws) submitting its gaming revenue reports and associated sports wagering revenue report through December, 2024;

Gaming
and sports
wagering.

From the Office of the Nantucket 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];

Nantucket
County,—
technology
fund.

From the Office of the Child Advocate (see Section 2A of Chapter 38 of the General Laws) submitting its Child Fatality Review annual report for fiscal year 2024;

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 March 20, 2025 to April 17, 2025;

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 22, 2025 biweekly report on the emergency housing assistance program;

From the Massachusetts Peace Officer Standards and Training Commission (see item 0800-0000 of Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) addressing provision (iii) of its annual report for fiscal year 2024;

From the Office of the Comptroller (see item 1599-2040 of Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the Paid Prior Year Deficiency Report for the third quarter of fiscal year 2025;

From the Department of Environmental Protection (see item 2210-0106 of Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting a report related to the implementation of the Toxics Use Reduction Act; and

From the Department of Transportation (see item 1596-2406 of Section 2 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting the final report of the MBTA Fare Free Pilot Program for regional transit authorities;

Severally were placed on file.

Children,—
fatalities.

Temporary
respite
centers.

Emergency
housing
assistance.

POST
Commission.

Paid prior
year deficiency.

Toxics Use
Reduction.

MBTA,—
RTA fare
free program.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Saunders of Belchertown and Senator Comerford, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4148) of Aaron L. Saunders and Joanne M. Comerford (by vote of the town) relative to lawful noncitizen permanent resident voting in the town of Shutesbury. To the committee on Election Laws.

By Representative Cahill of Lynn, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4149) of Daniel Cahill (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to the charter in the city of Lynn. To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Shutesbury,—
permanent
resident
voting.

Lynn,—
charter.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Ashe of Longmeadow, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Brian M. Ashe for legislation to authorize the Massachusetts Teachers' Retirement System to grant credible service to Sara Scibelli.

By Representative Decker of Cambridge, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Marjorie C. Decker relative to family support and poverty alleviation.

By Representative Howitt of Seekonk, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Steven S. Howitt relative to food dyes.

By Representative Lewis of Framingham, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Jack Patrick Lewis relative to pro-rated creditable service.

By Representative Puppolo of Springfield, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr., for legislation to exempt employees of charitable organizations from certain mortgage loan licensure requirements.

Sara Scibelli,—
creditable
service.

Poverty
alleviation.

Food
dyes.

Pro-rated
creditable service.

Mortgage loan
licensure
requirements.

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

Papers from the Senate.

A Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Andrew Setera, an employee of the Trial Court of the Commonwealth (Senate, No. 2508) (on a petition), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Andrew
Setera,—
sick leave.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2517) of Kelly A. Dooner (by vote of the town) for legislation to dissolve the North Carver water district, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

North Carver
water district.

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 William F. MacGregor for legislation to regulate social media feeds. To the committee on Advanced Information Technology, the Internet and Cybersecurity.

Social
media,—
regulation.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Colleen M. Garry relative to providing municipal notices to the public of hazardous waste sites. To the committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Hazardous
waste sites.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Colleen M. Garry relative to prohibiting sex offenders from entering public or private school property for any reason. To the committee on the Judiciary.

Schools,—
sex offenders.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Amy Mah Sangiolo relative to historic districts and commissions. To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Historic
districts.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington, the reports were considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended, in each instance.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

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 eight minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Wednesday at eleven o'clock A.M.