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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.

During the session, the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford), declared a brief recess and introduced, seated in the Chamber, fifth grade students from the William S. Greene Elementary School in Fall River. The group, along with their teachers and chaperones, were guests of Representative Silvia of Fall River.

Greene
Elementary
School
students.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Gentile of Sudbury and Cataldo of Concord) recognizing the Concord-Nanae Network on its celebration of the twenty-eighth anniversary of the Concord-Nanae sister city relationship;

Concord-Nanae
Network.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Gentile of Sudbury) commending the Commonwealth and Hokkaido Prefecture of Japan on its thirty-fifth sister state relationship; and

Hokkaido
Prefecture.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Roy of Franklin) congratulating Rachel Cronin on achieving the rank of Eagle of Scouting America;

Rachel
Cronin.

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 Mr. Gentile of Sudbury, 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 of Public Safety and Security (see Section 220 of Chapter 6 of the General Laws) submitting the Facial Recognition annual report for fiscal year 2024;

Facial
recognition.

From the Office of the State Auditor (see item 0710-0200 of Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting its third quarter fiscal year 2025 report of the Bureau of Special Investigations from January 1, 2025 to March 31, 2025;

Bureau of
Special
Investigations.

From the Department of Higher Education (see item 1596-2418 of Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the MassReconnect legislative report for fiscal year 2025;

MassReconnect.

From the Department of Higher Education (see item 1596-2501 of Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the MassEducate legislative report for fiscal year 2025;

MassEducate.

From the Department of Higher Education (see item 7061-9805 of Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting its report entitled: “Tomorrow’s Teacher Scholarship and Educator Loan Repayment Program”;

Teacher scholarship and loan repayment.

From the Department of Higher Education (see item 7100-4003 of Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting a report on the methodology used to distribute funds to the Hunger Free Campus Pilot Program; and

Hunger Free Campus.

From the Department of Correction (see item 8900-0001 of Section 2 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting the first quarter data report for calendar year 2024;

Department of Correction.

Severally were placed on file.

Monthly Reports.

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Of the Department of Revenue (under Section 5(e) of Chapter 62F of the General Laws) on year-to-date net state tax revenue for March, 2025;

Net state tax revenue.

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

Permanent rental protections.

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 Consalvo of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4162) of Rob Consalvo relative to insurance coverage for healthcare for ostomy patients. To the committee on Financial Services.

Ostomy patients,—insurance.

By Representative Kassner of Hamilton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4163) of Kristin E. Kassner relative to including accessory dwelling units in subsidized housing inventory. To the committee on Housing.

Accessory dwelling units.

By Representative Consalvo of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4164) of Rob Consalvo relative to lien exposure. To the committee on the Judiciary.

Lien exposure.

By Representatives Sena of Acton and Cataldo of Concord, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4167) of Danillo A. Sena and Simon Cataldo (by vote of the town) that the town of Acton be authorized to establish a minimum charge for checkout bags in said town; and

Acton,—checkout bags.

By the same members, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4168) of Danillo A. Sena and Simon Cataldo (by vote of the town) that the town of Acton be

Acton,—police and fire residency.

authorized to increase the residency limit for members of the police and fire departments of said town.

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

By Representative Sabadosa of Northampton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4165) of Lindsay N. Sabadosa and Erika Uytterhoeven relative to parent names on birth certificates. To the committee on Public Health.

Birth
certificates.

By Representative Ciccolo of Lexington, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4166) of Michelle L. Ciccolo relative to climate adaptation and transportation infrastructure. To the committee on Transportation.

Transportation
infrastructure.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Murray of Milford, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4169) of Brian W. Murray (by vote of the town) that the town of Milford be authorized to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be consumed on the premises in said town. To the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Milford,—
liquor
license.

By Representatives Gregoire of Marlborough and Gentile of Sudbury, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4170) of Danielle W. Gregoire and Carmine Lawrence Gentile (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to a vacancy in the office of ward 7 councilor in the city of Marlborough; and

Marlborough,—
vacancy.

By Representative Murray of Milford, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4171) of Brian W. Murray (by vote of the town) relative to vacancies among town meeting members in the town of Milford.

Milford,—
vacancies.

Severally to the committee on Election Laws.

By Representative Luddy of Orleans and Senator Cyr, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4172) of Hadley Luddy and Julian Cyr (by vote of the town) that the town of Provincetown be authorized to prohibit use or sale of second generation anti-coagulant rodenticides. To the committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Provincetown,—
rodenticides.

By Representative Luddy of Orleans and Senator Cyr, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4175) of Hadley Luddy and Julian Cyr (by vote of the town) relative to fire department governance in the town of Provincetown;

Provincetown,—
fire department.

By the same members, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4176) of Hadley Luddy and Julian Cyr (by vote of the town) relative to town boards in the town of Provincetown;

Provincetown,—
town
boards.

By Representatives Sena of Acton and Cataldo of Concord, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4173) of Danillo A. Sena (by vote of the town) for legislation to amend the special legislation establishing the Acton Memorial Library in the town of Acton; and

Acton,—
library.

By Representative Sena of Acton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4174) of Danillo A. Sena (by vote of the town) relative to the Ayer Library in the town of Ayer.

Ayer,—
library.

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

By Representative Kilcoyne of Clinton and Senator Cronin, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4177) of Meghan K. Kilcoyne and John J. Cronin (by vote of the town) that the town of Lancaster be authorized to exempt certain positions of the police department in said town from the civil service law; and

Lancaster,—
civil service.

By Representative Vargas of Haverhill, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4178) of Andres X. Vargas (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to authorize Adam T. Jankowski to take the civil service examination for

Haverhill,—
Adam
Jankowski.

the position of police officer in the city of Haverhill, notwithstanding the maximum age requirement.

Severally to the committee on Public Service.

By Representative Barber of Somerville, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4179) of Christine P. Barber (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Somerville be authorized to employ automated enforcement of certain traffic violations in said city. To the committee on Transportation.

Somerville,—
traffic
violations.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative O'Day of West Boylston, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of James J. O'Day relative to access and continuity of care to specialist and hospital services for dually eligible individuals.

Healthcare,—
dual
eligibility.

By Representative Sabadosa of Northampton, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Lindsay N. Sabadosa for legislation to rescind all previous calls for a federal constitutional convention.

Federal
constitutional
convention.

By Representative Smola of Warren, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Todd M. Smola for legislation to create a Legion of Merit motor vehicle license plate.

License plate,—
Legion of Merit.

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

Papers from the Senate.

The House Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2026 for the maintenance of the departments, boards, commissions, institutions, and certain activities of the Commonwealth, for interest, sinking fund, and serial bond requirements, and for certain permanent improvements (House, No. 4001), 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 2525.

General
Appropriation
Bill.

Under suspension of Rule 35, on motion of Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, 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, 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 Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2025 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (Senate, No. 2521) (on a part of House, No. 4151), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read.

Supplemental
appropriations.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, the bill was read a second and (having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) a third time forthwith; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

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 Colleen M. Garry that the Department of Developmental Services consider neuropsychological evaluations of certain persons with intellectual disabilities. To the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

Neuro-
psychological
evaluations.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Colleen M. Garry relative to the rights of pharmacists to participate as preferred health care providers. To the committee on Financial Services.

Pharmacists.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Adam J. Scanlon for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Jato Charlotin, an employee of Massachusetts Department of Transportation. To the committee on Public Service.

Jato
Charlotin,—
sick leave.

Petition (accompanied by bill) 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. To the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

Lowell,—
land.

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

By Mr. Chan of Quincy, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 377) of Jessica Ann Giannino relative to group therapeutic care services and the establishment of a board of certification of group therapeutic specialists,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Public Health. Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Group
therapeutic
care.

By Mr. Donahue of Worcester, for the committee on Cannabis Policy, on House, Nos. 143, 146, 148, 149, 155, 156, 158, 160, 162, 163, 168, 169, 170, 171, 173, 174, 179, 182, 183, 192 and 194, a Bill modernizing the commonwealth's cannabis laws (House, No. 4160). Read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Cannabis
laws.

By Mr. Ryan of Boston, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Kendra Winner (House, No. 2798).

Kendra Winner,—
sick leave.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Dana Johnson (House, No. 4032).

Dana Johnson,—
sick leave.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Steven Forget, an employee of the Worcester County Sheriff's Office (House, No. 4103).

Steven
Forget,—
sick leave.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Daniel Yender, an employee of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (House, No. 4104).

Daniel
Yender,—
sick leave.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 4102, a Bill relative to a sick leave bank for Mark Kratman, an employee of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (House, No. 4161).

Mark
Kratman,—
sick leave.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Mr. Honan of Boston for said committee then reported, in each instance, that the matters be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of the same member, the bills severally were read a second time forthwith; and they were ordered to a third reading.

Emergency Measure.

The engrossed Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2025 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (see Senate, No. 2521), 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 a vote of 2 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 Senate) 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,—

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

Next
sitting.

At twenty minutes before one o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Pease of Westfield (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.