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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.

Message from the Governor.

A message from Her Excellency the Governor (under the provisions of Section 8 of Article LXXXIX of the Amendments to the Constitution) authorizing the town of Scituate to grant four additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 4184), was filed in the office of the Clerk on Friday, May 30.

Scituate,—
liquor
licenses.

The message was read; and it was referred, under Rule 30, with the accompanying draft of a bill, to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

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, students from the Morse Elementary School of Cambridge. At the invitation of the Chair, the students participated in the pledge of allegiance to the flag. They were the guests of Mr. Connolly of Cambridge.

Morse
Elementary
School.

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 Sophia Schneider on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout of Scouting America; and

Sophia
Schneider.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Sangiolo of Newton and other members of the House) honoring the celebration of Autistic Pride Day on June 18, 2025;

Autistic
Pride Day.

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. Connolly of Cambridge, 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 Higher Education (see Section 168E(q) of Chapter 6 of the General Laws) on campus sexual misconduct incident data annual report for calendar years 2022 and 2023;

Campus sexual misconduct data.

From the Office of the Inspector General (see Section 12 of Chapter 12A of the General Laws) submitting its annual report for calendar year 2024;

Inspector General.

From the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (see Section 5 of Chapter 27 of the General Laws) submitting the Massachusetts Parole Board annual report for fiscal year 2023;

Parole Board.

From the Department of Correction (see Section 119A(i) of Chapter 127 of the General Laws) submitting its annual report on medical parole for fiscal year 2024;

Medical parole.

From the Office of the Comptroller (see Sections 1A and 1B of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the actual revenue tax and non-tax collections for the third quarter of fiscal year 2025;

Revenue tax and non-tax collections.

From the Department of Revenue (see item 1201-0122 of Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting its annual report on grants to qualified low-income taxpayer clinics (LITC) for fiscal year 2024;

Low-income taxpayer clinic grants.

From the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (see item 7010-0012 of Section 2 of Chapter 126 of the Acts of 2022) submitting the Metropolitan Council for Educational Opportunity (METCO) Program report for fiscal year 2022;

METCO.

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Id.

From the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (see Section 2 of Chapter 170 of the Acts of 2004) submitting the Massachusetts Electronic Control Weapons annual report for calendar year 2022;

Electronic control weapons.

Severally were placed on file.

Report.

A report of the Executive Office for Administration and Finance and the Executive Office for Housing and Livable Communities (under Section 11 of Chapter 1 of the Acts of 2025) on the plan for phasing out the use of hotels and motels in the Emergency Housing Assistance Program, was placed on file.

Emergency housing,—hotel use.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Murray of Milford, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4185) of Brian W. Murray (by vote of the town) relative to the nomination process for candidates for town meeting in the town of Milford. To the committee on Election Laws.

Milford,—town meeting.

By Representative Moakley of Falmouth and Senator Cyr, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4186) of Thomas W. Moakley (by vote of the town) relative to the affordable housing trust fund of the town of Edgartown. To the committee on Housing.

Edgartown,—housing trust fund.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Representative González of Springfield presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Carlos González relative to the installation of security systems; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Security
systems.

Papers from the Senate.

Reports

Of the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, asking to be discharged from further consideration

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 288) of Bruce E. Tarr for legislation relative to bonded warehouses,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on the Judiciary; and

Bonded
warehouses.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 292) of John C. Velis for legislation to create coverage and regulations for group therapeutic care,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Public Health; and

Group
therapeutic
care.

Of the committee on Education, asking to be discharged from further consideration

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 411) of Paul W. Mark and James B. Eldridge for legislation to establish the MassGrant program to provide financial assistance to eligible residents enrolled in higher education,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Higher Education; and

Higher
education,—
financial
assistance.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 347) of Peter J. Durant for legislation relative to the protection of medical exemptions for immunizations for school attendance, — and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Public Health.

School
immunizations.

Severally accepted by the Senate, were considered forthwith, under Rule 42; and they were accepted, 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 relative to the estimated rate of inflation for social service programs. To the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

Social
services.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Colleen M. Garry for legislation to require that all establishments be required to accept cash for transactions; and

Cash
transactions.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Colleen M. Garry relative to the listing of the alcohol by volume for beer selections on menus.

Alcohol
by volume.

Severally to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

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

By Mr. Day of Stoneham, for the committee on the Judiciary, on a joint petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Eric J. Iwaniec (House, No. 1590). Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Eric Iwaniec,—
sick leave.

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