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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 a group of distinguished citizens who were seated in the Third Division from the Weston Council on Aging. At the invitation of the Chair, the group participated in the pledge of allegiance to the flag. They were the guests of Representative Peisch of Wellesley.

Weston
Council on
Aging.

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 Ken Messina on his retirement after more than thirty years of service; and

Ken
Messina.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Marsi of Dudley) congratulating Cindy Howard, Chief Executive Officer of the Center of Hope Foundation, on her retirement after thirty-four years;

Cindy
Howard.

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. Peisch of Wellesley, 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 for Administration and Finance (see Section 61 of Chapter 7 of the General Laws) submitting the Supplier Diversity Office Comprehensive Annual Report for fiscal year 2024;

Supplier
diversity.

From the Pension Reserves Investment Management Board (see Section 23(2A)(e)(xi) of Chapter 32 of the General Laws) submitting its fiscal year 2025 third quarterly report;

PRIM
Board.

From the Executive Office for Housing and Livable Communities (see Section 6M(c)(8) of Chapter 62 and Section 38EE(c)(8) of Chapter 63 of the General Laws)

Community
investment
tax credit.

submitting the Community Investment Tax Credit (CITC) annual report for calendar year 2024;

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 June, 2025;

Working training.

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 May 29, 2025 biweekly report on the emergency housing assistance program;

Emergency housing assistance.

From the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development (see item 7003-0500 of Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the Department of Industrial Accidents Workplace Safety Training Grant Program annual report for fiscal year 2024;

Workplace safety training grant program.

From the Department of Public Health (see Section 83 of Chapter 179 of the Acts of 2022) submitting a report entitled: “Methods, Best Practices, and Standards for Achieving Green and Healthy Schools in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts”; and

Green and healthy schools.

From the Property and Casualty Initiative, LLC (see Section 3 of Chapter 259 of the Acts of 1998) submitting its annual report for fiscal year 2024 [copies of said report were forwarded to the committee on Ways and Means, the committee on Financial Services, and the committee on Revenue, as required by said law];

Property and Casualty Initiative.

Severally were placed on file.

Annual and Monthly Reports.

The annual report of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (under Section 80 of Chapter 118E of the General Laws) certifying and outlining how the health benefit plans under the office of Medicaid, and their contractors, comply with the federal Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act for calendar year 2024; and

Mental health and addiction equity parity.

A monthly report 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 April, 2025;

Net state tax revenue.

Severally were placed on file.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Blais of Deerfield and Senator Comerford, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4209) of Natalie M. Blais and Joanne M. Comerford (by vote of the town) that the town of Sunderland be authorized to provide legal voting rights in municipal elections for residents of said town aged 16 and 17 years old. To the committee on Election Laws.

Sunderland,—
voting age.

By Representative Davis of Great Barrington and Senator Mark, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4210) of Leigh Davis (by vote of the town) relative to the town resident requirement for the town manager of the town of Dalton;

Dalton,—
town manager.

By Representative Ferguson of Holden and Senator Durant, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4211) of Kimberly N. Ferguson (by vote of the town) relative to changing the term of the elected office of moderator in the town of Holden; and

Holden,—
town moderator.

By Representative Kilcoyne of Clinton and Senator Cronin, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4212) of Meghan K. Kilcoyne and John J. Cronin (by vote of the town) that the town of Lancaster be authorized to dissolve the animal control commission of said town.

Lancaster,—
animal control
commission.

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

By Representative Davis of Great Barrington and Senator Mark, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4213) of Leigh Davis (by vote of the town) relative to the continued employment of firefighters in the town of Egremont, notwithstanding the maximum age requirement;

Egremont,—
firefighters.

By Representative Fiola of Fall River and Senator Rodrigues, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4214) of Carole A. Fiola (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to the appointment of the police chief in the city of Fall River; and

Fall River,—
police
chief.

By Representative Wong of Saugus, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4215) of Donald H. Wong (by vote of the town) that the Saugus retirement board be authorized to increase the accidental disability retirement allowance payable to Christopher Taylor, a retired officer of the police department of the town of Saugus;

Saugus,—
Christopher
Taylor.

Severally to the committee on Public Service.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

A report of the committee on Advanced Information Technology, the Internet and Cybersecurity, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 50) of Pavel M. Payano for legislation to establish a career-to-education data center within the Executive Office of Technology Services and Security,— and recommending the same be referred to the committee on Education,— accepted by the Senate, was considered forthwith, under Rule 42; and it was accepted, in concurrence.

Career-to-
education
data center.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2527) of Kelly A. Dooner (by vote of the town) for legislation to amend the town charter of Wareham, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Wareham,—
charter.

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 joint petition of Carole A. Fiola for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Esther Odufuwa, an employee of the Department of Mental Health. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Peisch of Wellesley, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended; and the joint petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Public Service. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Esther
Odufuwa,—
sick leave.

Orders of the Day.

The House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Steven Forget, an employee of the Worcester County Sheriff's Office (House, No. 4103), reported by the committee

Third
reading
bill.

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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,—

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

Next
sitting.

At four 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 Thursday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.