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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 Deborah M. Roussell for being recognized as a 2025 Commonwealth Heroine by the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women;

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Vieira of Falmouth and Moakley of Falmouth) congratulating the 300 Committee Land Trust, Inc. on the occasion of its fortieth anniversary;

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Ferrante of Gloucester and other members of the House) honoring amateur radio operators as they commemorate Amateur Radio Week and Amateur Radio Field Day;

Resolutions (filed by Representative Rogers of Cambridge) congratulating Anne Covino-Goldenberg on her one hundredth birthday;

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Sullivan-Almeida of Abington and Plouffe of Brockton) congratulating Nancy G. Hill on the occasion of her retirement from the East Bridgewater Council on Aging; and

Resolutions (filed by Representative Tarsky of Needham) honoring Kate Fitzpatrick for her thirty-five years of service to the town of Needham;

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.

Deborah Roussell.

300 Committee Land Trust.

Amateur radio.

Anne Covino-Goldenberg. Nancy

Hill.

Kate Fitzpatrick.

Communications.

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From the Massachusetts Gaming Commission (see Section 222 of Chapter 6 and Section 9B of Chapter 128A of the General Laws) submitting regulations related to harness horse racing;

From the Office of the Auditor of the Commonwealth (see Section 12 of Chapter 11 of the General Laws) submitting an audit of the Massachusetts College Building Authority from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2024; and

Harness horse racing.

College Building Authority,— audit.

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From the Office of the Auditor of the Commonwealth (see Section 12 of Chapter 11 of the General Laws) submitting an audit of MassVentures from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023;

Severally were placed on file.

MassVentures,—audit.

Report.

A report of the Massachusetts Housing and Shelter Alliance (under item 7004-0104 of Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting a progress report entitled: Home and Healthy for Good – Advancing solution-driven supportive housing progress from July 1, 2024-February 28, 2025, was placed on file.

Home and Healthy for Good.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Decker of Cambridge, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4231) of Marjorie C. Decker (with the approval of the city council) relative to notices of violation for parking enforcement in the city of Cambridge;

By Representative Sylvia of Fairhaven and Senator Montigny, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4232) of Mark D. Sylvia and Mark C. Montigny (by vote of the town) relative to the charter of the town of Fairhaven; and

By Representative Ultrino of Malden, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4233) of Steven Ultrino (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to amending the charter of the city of Malden.

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

By Representative Sylvia of Fairhaven and Senator Montigny, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4234) of Mark D. Sylvia and Mark C. Montigny (by vote of the town) that the town of Fairhaven be authorized to appoint retired police officers as special police officers in said town;

By Representative Sylvia of Fairhaven and Senator Rodrigues, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4235) of Mark D. Sylvia and Michael J. Rodrigues (by vote of the town) that the town of Rochester be authorized to continue the employment of Scott Weigel as fire chief in said town, notwithstanding the maximum age requirement; and

By Representative Whipps of Athol and Senator Comerford, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4236) of Susannah M. Whipps (by vote of the town) that the town of Northfield be authorized to continue the employment of Floyd Dunnell, III as fire chief, notwithstanding the maximum age requirement.

Severally to the committee on Public Service. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Paper from the Senate.

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. 2540) (on Senate bill No. 2529), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Cambridge,—

Fairhaven,—charter.

enforcement.

Malden,—charter.

Fairhaven,—special police.

Rochester,— Scott Weigel.

Northfield,— Floyd Dunnell.

Supplemental appropriations.

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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 Bruce J. Ayers relative to fraternal organizations conducting bazaars. To the committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies.

Bazaars,—alcohol.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and others relative to a municipal tax amnesty program. To the committee on Revenue.

Municipal tax amnesty.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Jones of North Reading, 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 Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next sitting.

At twenty-eight minutes before twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mrs. Kane of Shrewsbury (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Thursday at eleven o'clock A.M.