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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.

Communications.

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From the Massachusetts Gaming Commission (see Section 70 of Chapter 23K of the General Laws) submitting its annual report for fiscal year 2024;

Gaming
Commission.

From the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (see Section 7 of Chapter 3B and Section 14 of Chapter 38 of the General Laws) submitting the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner's amendment of fees assessed for cremation or burial at sea views;

Burial at sea,—
fees.

From the Executive Office for Housing and Livable Communities (see Section 12 of Chapter 1 of the Acts of 2025) submitting its Emergency Assistance Family Shelter Program Background Check Feasibility Study;

Shelters,—
background
checks.

From the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (see Section 152 of Chapter 135 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the Legislative Report on the Live Firearms Training Component of the Basic Firearms Safety Certificate Requirement;

Firearms
safety.

From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see item 4000-0051 of Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the program evaluation report of the Massachusetts Family Resource Center Network for calendar year 2024;

Family
resource
centers.

From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see item 4000-0300 contained in Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the MassHealth Dual Eligible Initiative report for calendar year 2025;

Dual
eligible
initiative.

From the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (see item 8000-0105 of Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the Chief Medical Examiner's annual report for fiscal year 2024; and

Chief
Medical
Examiner.

From the Massachusetts Health Connector (see Section 81 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting the ConnectorCare Expansion Pilot Annual Report for fiscal year 2025;

ConnectorCare.

Severally were placed on file.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Howard of Lowell, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4266) of Vanna Howard and others (with the approval of the city council) that the city of Lowell be authorized to further regulate the application of second-

Lowell,—
rodenticides.

generation anticoagulant rodenticides in said city. To the committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

By Representative MacGregor of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4267) of William F. MacGregor (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to authorize the appointment of Constantinos Papadopoulos as a police officer in the city of Boston, notwithstanding the maximum age requirement; and

Boston,—
Constantinos
Papadopoulos.

By Representative Vaughn of Wrentham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4268) of Marcus S. Vaughn (by vote of the town) that the town of Wrentham be authorized to remove the position of lieutenant of the police department of said town from the civil service law.

Wrentham,—
civil service.

Severally to the committee on Public Service.

By Representative Vaughn of Wrentham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4269) of Marcus S. Vaughn (by vote of the town) that the town of Wrentham be authorized to exempt certain real estate owned and occupied by the surviving spouse of former deputy police chief George C. Labonte from taxation. To the committee on Revenue.

Wrentham,—
George
Labonte.

Severally sent to the Senate for 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 Christine P. Barber relative to applied behavioral analysis reimbursement rates. To the committee on Health Care Financing.

Behavioral
analysis.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of William F. MacGregor that the commissioner of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance be authorized to release a certain sewer line easement in the West Roxbury section of the city of Boston. To the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

Boston,—
easement.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of James C. Arena-DeRosa and Kathleen R. LaNatra relative to the transportation of farm goods. To the committee on Transportation.

Farm goods,—
transportation.

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

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the following House bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

Authorizing the town of Avon to appoint a town clerk (House, No. 2270) [Local Approval Received];

Avon,—
town clerk.

Authorizing the city of Revere to pay a certain sum of money to Denise Mattera (Condelli), widow of School Committeeman Anthony Mattera (House, No. 2275) [Local Approval Received]; and

Revere,—
Anthony
Mattera.

Validating the results of the special election held in the town of Hardwick on January 18, 2025 (printed in, House, No. 4004);

Hardwick,—
election.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the bills severally were read a second time forthwith; and they were ordered to a third reading.

By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Senate 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), ought to pass with an amendment by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in House document numbered 4265 [Total Appropriation: \$536,832,564.00]. Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Supplemental appropriations.

Mr. Honan of Boston, for said committee, then reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, the bill was read a second time forthwith.

The amendment recommended by the committee on Ways and Means then was adopted; and the bill (Senate, No. 2540, amended) was ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently, under suspension of rules, on further motion of Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, the bill (having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence. Sent to the Senate for concurrence in the amendment adopted by the House.

By Mr. Lewis of Framingham, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a petition, a Bill requiring automatic external defibrillators in Norfolk County public buildings (House, No. 2349).

External defibrillators.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the Barnstable County and the town of Bourne to convey land and certain interests in land in the town of Bourne (House, No. 2351) [Local Approval Received].

Bourne,—land.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. Lewis of Framingham, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a petition, a Bill providing for the establishment of sustainable water resource funds (House, No. 2324).

Water resource funds.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill extending residency requirements for members of the regular police or fire departments and fire alarm division of the city of Newton (House, No. 2335) [Local Approval Received].

Newton,—residency requirements.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to assessor certificates (House, No. 2336).

Assessor certificates.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to additional inspectors; inspector engaging in plumbing or gas fitting work (House, No. 2337).

Plumbing or gas fitting work.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to the charter of the town of Acushnet (House, No. 2341) [Local Approval Received].

Acushnet,—charter.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill amending the charter of the town of Sandwich (House, No. 2357) [Local Approval Received].

Sandwich,—charter.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the city of Quincy to enter into a lease extension to Quarry Hills Associates, Limited Partnership (House, No. 3897) [Local Approval Received].

Quincy,—lease extension.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to amend the town of Natick home rule charter (House, No. 3898) [Local Approval Received].

Natick,—charter.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill revising the charter of the town of Millis, as amended (House, No. 3911) [Local Approval Received].

Millis,—charter.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill increasing the membership of the board of health of the town of Marblehead from three members to five (House, No. 3912) [Local Approval Received].

Marblehead,—
board of
health.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill amending the charter of the town of Seekonk (House, No. 3913) [Local Approval Received].

Seekonk,—
charter.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing Dartmouth Fire District No. 1 to appoint the position of treasurer (House, No. 3952).

Dartmouth
Fire District.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill in the town of Hanson local licenses and permits; denial, revocation or suspension for failure to comply with conditions of approval (House, No. 3953) [Local Approval Received].

Hanson,—
licenses
and permits.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill providing for alternate members of the conservation commission of the town of Becket (House, No. 3977) [Local Approval Received].

Becket,—
conservation
commission.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to the organization and governance structure of the town of Rochester (House, No. 4030) [Local Approval Received].

Rochester,—
governance.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the Lanesborough Select Board (House, No. 4056) [Local Approval Received].

Lanesborough,—
select board.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to authorize the mayor of the city of Haverhill to submit special legislation to increase the membership of the board of health from three members to five members (House, No. 4057) [Local Approval Received].

Haverhill,—
board of
health.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing the city of Cambridge employment and job training trust (House, No. 4134) [Local Approval Received].

Cambridge,—
job training
trust.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill amending the town manager act of Arlington relative to the appointment and management of the town clerk (House, No. 4135) [Local Approval Received].

Arlington,—
town clerk.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to stabilization funds in the town of Leicester (House, No. 4136) [Local Approval Received].

Leicester,—
funds.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the town to establish a millennium fund of the Wayland Free Public Library (House, No. 4137) [Local Approval Received].

Wayland Free
Public Library.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill allowing “print-free” digital legal notices for the town of Wellesley (House, No. 4138) [Local Approval Received].

Wellesley,—
digital
notices.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Wellesley to dissolve its Housing Development Corporation (House, No. 4139) [Local Approval Received].

Wellesley,—
corporation.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to non-civil service public safety personnel in the town of Wellesley (House, No. 4140) [Local Approval Received].

Wellesley,—
residency
requirement.

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

Papers from the Senate.

The Senate Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2025 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and

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appropriations.

projects (Senate, No. 2540, amended), came from the Senate with the endorsement that said branch had non-concurred with the House in its amendment (striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in House document numbered 4265).

The bill bore the further endorsement that the Senate had asked for a committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches; and that Senators Rodrigues, Comerford and O'Connor had been appointed the committee on the part of the Senate.

Committee of
conference.

On motion of Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, the House insisted on its amendment; and concurred with the Senate in the appointment of a committee of conference. 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 noted.

Id.

A report of the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2100) of John F. Keenan and Rebecca L. Rausch that provisions be made for an investigation and study by a special commission on additional regular compensation for certain members and annual expenses for members of general court, and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Public Service,—accepted by the Senate, was considered forthwith, under Rule 42; and it was accepted, in concurrence.

General Court,—
compensation.

Petitions were referred, in concurrence, as follows:

Joint petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2553) of Kelly A. Dooner and Norman J. Orrall (by vote of the town) to authorize the town of Berkley to grant additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises. To the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Berkley,—
liquor
licenses.

Joint petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2552) of Kelly A. Dooner and Norman J. Orrall (by vote of the town) to authorize the town of Berkley to recall elected officials. To the committee on Election Laws.

Berkley,—
recall
elections.

Orders of the Day.

The House Bill authorizing the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority to supply water to the Lynnfield Center Water District within the town of Lynnfield (House, No. 972), reported by the committee 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.

Third
reading
bill.

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.

UNCORRECTED PROOF.

At twenty-three minutes before one o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Howitt of Seekonk (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Wednesday at eleven o'clock A.M.