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Thursday, July 17, 2025.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Garballey of Arlington 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. Garballey), 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 recommending legislation relative to empowering municipalities and local governments (House, No. 56) was filed in the office of the Clerk on Friday, January 31.

Municipalities.

The message was read; and, along with the accompanying draft of a bill, and it was referred, under Rule 30, as follows:

So much as relates to sections 1 to 17, inclusive, 20 to 44, inclusive, 73 to 82, inclusive, and 87 — to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government;

So much as relates to sections 18, 19, 83, 84 and 88— to the committee on Public Service; and

So much as relates to sections 45 to 72, inclusive, 85 and 86 — to the committee on Revenue.

Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Guests of the House.

During the session, the Chair declared a brief recess and introduced, seated in the Chamber, the Green Team of the Southwest Boston Community Development Corporation. These young adults are working in Boston to protect our environment. They were the guests of Mr. Consalvo of Boston.

The Green
Team.

During the session, the Chair declared a brief recess and introduced, seated in the Chamber, exchange students from France and Sweden who were taking part in Operation Friendship from Palmer. They were the guests of Mr. Smola of Warren.

Operation
Friendship

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Arena-DeRosa of Holliston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4292) of James C. Arena-DeRosa (by vote of the town) relative to appointment powers of the board of library trustees in the town of Hopkinton; and

Hopkinton,—
library
trustees.

By the same member, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4293) of James C. Arena-DeRosa (by vote of the town) that town of Hopkinton be authorized to establish an economic development special revenue account in said town.

Hopkinton,—
economic
development.

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.
Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Hawkins of Attleboro, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of James K. Hawkins and others relative to penalties for law enforcement officers wearing masks or personal disguises while interacting with the public in the performance of their duties.

Law
enforcement,—
masks.

By Representative Madaro of Boston, a petition (subject to Joint Rules 12 and 9) of Adrian C. Madaro relative to modernizing the governance of port authority parks in the East Boston section of the city of Boston.

Boston,—
port authority.

By Representative Marsi of Dudley, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of John J. Marsi relative to exempting precious metal purchases from the sales tax.

Precious metals,—
sales tax.

By Representative Puppolo of Springfield, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr., relative to witness intimidation.

Witness
intimidation.

By Representative Scanlon of North Attleborough, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Adam J. Scanlon for legislation to establish an exemption for personal vehicle values from the MassHealth asset limits.

Asset limits,—
vehicle value.

By Representative Xiarhos of Barnstable, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Steven George Xiarhos that a certain overpass on State Route 6 in the town of Sandwich be designated as the U.S. Marine Staff Sergeant Raymond G. Tourville veterans memorial overpass.

Sandwich,—
overpass.

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

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 Frank A. Moran, Adam J. Scanlon and others for legislation to establish a special task force (including members of the General Court) to review and report on vocational admissions policies. To the committee on Education.

Vocational
schools,—
admissions.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Rob Consalvo that the Department of Conservation and Recreation be authorized to designate the tennis courts located in Weider Park in the Roslindale section of the city of Boston as the Kim O'Connell tennis courts. To the committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Boston,—
park.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Sally P. Kerans relative to newborn screenings for congenital cytomegalovirus. To the committee on Public Health.

Newborn
screenings.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Sally P. Kerans for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Stephanie Bramante Miller, an employee of the Massachusetts Appellate Tax Board. To the committee on Public Service.

Stephanie
Bramante
Miller.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Kerans of Danvers, 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:

Relative to local journalism (House, No. 2323);

Journalism.

Relative to assessor certificates (House, No. 2336);

Assessors.

Relative to Machado-Joseph Disease Awareness Day (House, No. 3298);
Amending the charter of the town of Seekonk (House, No. 3913) [Local Approval Received];

Authorizing Dartmouth Fire District No. 1 to appoint the position of treasurer (House, No. 3952); and

Authorizing the town to establish a millennium fund of the Wayland Free Public Library (House, No. 4137) [Local Approval Received];

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

By Mr. Chan of Quincy, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, on a joint petition, a Bill investigating the economic impact of certain Massachusetts laws (House, No. 334). Read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committee on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

By Mr. Chan of Quincy, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, on a petition, a Bill relative to the registration of veterinarians (House, No. 337).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to genetic counselors (House, No. 338).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 343 and 436, a Bill requiring fair housing education for all real estate licensees (House, No. 343).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill further regulating thoroughbred breeding (House, No. 347).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the licensure of behavior analysts (House, No. 348).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to regulating the septic industry (House, No. 391).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to increasing professional licensure opportunities (House, No. 420).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 346, a Bill relative to posting information about the National Human Trafficking Resource Center hotline (House, No. 4270).

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

By Mr. Chan of Quincy, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, on a petition, a Bill relative to sales at retail (House, No. 318).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to clarifying the self-storage law for consumers (House, No. 340).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to certain licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises in the city of Holyoke (House, No. 360) [Local Approval Received].

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to protect innovation and entrepreneurship in the Commonwealth (House, No. 401).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 37, 440 and 442 and on a part of House, No. 35, a Bill authorizing charity alcohol auctions (House, No. 442).

Machado-Joseph.
Seekonk,—
charter.

Dartmouth
Fire District.

Wayland Free
Public Library.

Minimum
pricing laws,—
commission.

Veterinarians,—
registration.

Genetic
counselors.

Realtors,—
education.

Thoroughbred
breeding.

Behavior
analysts.

Septic
regulations.

Occupational
licenses.

Human
trafficking.

Food sales.

Self-storage
laws.

Holyoke,—
liquor
licenses.

Patent
infringement.

Alcohol,—
charity
auctions.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Lexington to grant ten additional licenses for the sale of wine and malt beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 3893) [Local Approval Received].

Lexington,—
liquor
licenses.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Dartmouth to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 4006) [Local Approval Received].

Dartmouth,—
liquor
license.

By Mr. Lewis of Framingham, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a joint petition, a Bill authorizing the Wellfleet selectboard to lease property to the Wellfleet food pantry, inc (House, No. 2310, changed in section 1, in line 2, by inserting after the word “contrary,” the following: “but subject to paragraphs (a),(b) and (g) of section 16 of chapter 30B of the General Laws,”) [Local Approval Received].

Wellfleet,—
lease.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the city of Watertown to publish digital legal notices (House, No. 2321, changed in section 2, in lines 15 and 18, by striking out the figure: “2” and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the figure: “1”) [Local Approval Received].

Watertown,—
digital legal
notices.

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

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 eleven minutes after eleven o’clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Howitt of Seekonk (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o’clock A.M., in an Informal Session.