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Thursday, July 24, 2025.

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.

Statement of Representative Lombardo of Billerica.

A statement of Mr. Lombardo of Billerica was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

MR. SPEAKER: I would like to call to the attention of the House the fact that I was unable to be present in the House Chamber for yesterday's sitting due to illness. Had I been present, I would have voted in the affirmative on Yea and Nay No. 66. My missing of roll calls was due entirely to the reason stated.

Statement of
Representative
Lombardo of
Billerica.

Resolutions.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Representative Vieira of Falmouth) congratulating the Sport Fish Restoration Program on the occasion of its seventy-fifth anniversary, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Sport Fish
Restoration
Program.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee, reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Vieira of Falmouth, 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 Energy Resources (see Section 22 of Chapter 25 of the General Laws) submitting the Energy Efficiency Advisory Council (EEAC) report for calendar years 2022 and 2023;

Energy
Efficiency
Council.

From the Office of the Comptroller (under Section 5G of Chapter 29 of the General Laws) submitting the Capital Gains Tax Revenue Transfers to the Stabilization Fund, the State Retiree Trust Fund, and the Pension Liability Fund for the third quarter of fiscal year 2025;

Capital
gains
transfers.

From the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (see Section 35EEE of Chapter 10 of the General Laws) submitting the Municipal Police Training Fund (MPTF) legislative report for fiscal year 2024;

Municipal
Police
Training Fund.

From the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (see Section 40 of Chapter 126 of the General Laws) submitting the aggregate data on the population of the Plymouth County Correctional Facility for the second quarter of calendar year 2025;

Plymouth County
Correctional
Facility.

From the Executive Office for Administration and Finance (see item 1599-1213 contained in Section 2A of Chapter 88 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the Temporary Respite Center monthly report from June 13, 2025 to July 10, 2025;

Temporary
Respite
Center.

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 July 10, 2025 biweekly report on the emergency housing assistance program;

Emergency
housing
assistance.

From the Department of Higher Education (see item 7066-0025 of Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the Higher Education Innovation Fund (HEIF) legislative report for fiscal year 2024;

Higher
Education
Innovation Fund.

From the Department of Higher Education (see item 7066-0036 of Section 2 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting the STEM Starter Academy Annual Evaluation Report, Year 10, for fiscal year 2024; and

STEM.

From the Office for Refugees and Immigrants (see item 4003-0123 of Section 2 of Chapter 77 of the Acts of 2023) submitting the monthly Resettlement Agency Report for June, 2025;

Resettlement
Agency.

Severally were placed on file.

Monthly Report.

A monthly report of the Department of Unemployment Assistance (under Section 14F of Chapter 151A of the General Laws) relative to the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund for June, 2025, was placed on file.

Unemployment
Insurance
Trust Fund.

Petitions.

An additional petition (having been deposited in the office of the Clerk of the House, previously to five o'clock P.M., on Friday, January 17, 2025) was referred, under Rule 24, as follows:

By Representative Kearney of Scituate, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4317) of Patrick Joseph Kearney and Steven George Xiarhos that the State Retirement Board be authorized to grant creditable service for certain employment with the federal fire department at the Otis Air National Guard Base. To the committee on Public Service. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

National
Guard,—
creditable
service.

Representative Luddy of Orleans and Senator Cyr presented a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4318) of Hadley Luddy and Julian Cyr (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the town of Harwich affordable housing trust to provide for the creation of attainable housing; and the same was referred to the committee on Housing. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Harwich,—
affordable
housing.

Papers from the Senate.

A petition (accompanied by bill) of Kelly A. Dooner and Justin Thurber for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Carlos Borges, an employee of the department of correction, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on the Public Service.

Carlos
Borges,—
sick leave.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2562) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on the Public Service.

Reports of Committees.

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 city of Quincy to enter into a lease extension to Quarry Hills Associates, Limited Partnership (House, No. 3897) [Local Approval Received];

Amending the town manager act of Arlington relative to the appointment and management of the town clerk (House, No. 4135) [Local Approval Received];

Authorizing the town of Hudson to grant 1 additional license for the sale of wine and malt beverages not to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 4272) [Local Approval Received]; and

Authorizing the town of Maynard to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 4273) [Local Approval Received].

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

By Ms. Decker of Cambridge, for the committee on Public Health, on a petition, a Bill regulating surgical assistants (House, No. 327) [Representative Thurber of Somerset dissenting].

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill boosting flu prevention for seniors (House, No. 764) [Representative Thurber of Somerset dissenting].

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to collaborative drug therapy management optimization (House, No. 2372).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to protecting public health and reducing health care costs (House, No. 2389) [Representative Thurber of Somerset dissenting].

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to strengthen our public health infrastructure to address Alzheimer's and all dementia (House, No. 2398).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to patient assessment and notification prior to prescribing certain medications (House, No. 2414).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to reduce incidence and death from pancreatic cancer (House, No. 2432).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to diabetes prevention (House, No. 2441) [Representative Thurber of Somerset dissenting].

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to proper classification of health care workers during a public health emergency (House, No. 2463).

Severally referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

Quincy,—
lease.

Arlington,—
town clerk.

Hudson,—
liquor
license.

Maynard,—
liquor
license.

Surgical
assistants.

Flu
prevention.

Collaborative
drug therapy.

Health
impacts,—
energy use.

Alzheimer's and
dementia care.

Medication
prescriptions.

Pancreatic
cancer.

Diabetes,—
prevention.

Health care
workers,—
vaccine access.

By Ms. Decker of Cambridge, for the committee on Public Health, on a petition, a Bill advancing health care research and decision-making centered on patients and people with disabilities (House, No. 1358).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 2394 and 2521, a Bill to restrict the use of polystyrene (House, No. 2394).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing a special commission to study the youth sports industry and other related matters (House, No. 2474) [Representative Thurber of Somerset dissenting].

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill promoting best practices in youth athletic coaching (House, No. 2508) [Representative Thurber of Somerset dissenting].

By Mr. Cahill of Lynn, for the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, on House, Nos. 2574 and 2581, a Bill to require seat belts on school buses (House, No. 2574).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to enhance child passenger safety (House, No. 2603).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill providing for a study relative to the necessity of certain snow safety procedures (House, No. 2613).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to more accessible 911 disability indicator forms (House, No. 2633).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill requiring health care employers to develop and implement programs to prevent workplace violence (House, No. 2655).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to American Sign Language training (House, No. 2723).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill [sic] preserve license plate actionable toll enforcement and safety (House, No. 2725).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill requiring human trafficking recognition training for certain hospitality workers (House, No. 2726).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the availability of personal floatation devices at certain municipal and recreational programs and camps (House, No. 2731).

By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on a petition, a Bill facilitating access to justice in the city of Cambridge (House, No. 3309).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the division of capital asset management and maintenance to convey certain parcels of land to the city of Framingham (House, No. 3418).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 3324, a Bill authorizing the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to dispose of certain parcels of land in the city of Brockton (House, No. 4296).

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

By Ms. Decker of Cambridge, for the committee on Public Health, on House, Nos. 2412 and 2517, a Bill to update postural screenings in schools (House, No. 2517).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to routine childhood immunizations (House, No. 2554) [Representative Thurber of Somerset dissenting].

Persons with disabilities,—
health research.

Polystyrene,—
restrictions.

Youth
sports,—
commission.

Youth
sports,—
coaching.

School buses,—
safety belts.

Child
passengers.

Snow,—
roofs.

Disability
indicators.

Workplace
violence
prevention.

American Sign
Language.

License plates,—
covering.

Human
trafficking.

Personal
floatation
devices.

Middlesex
South registry
of deeds.

Framingham,—
land.

Brockton,—
land.

Postural
screenings.

Childhood
immunizations.

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By Mr. Cahill of Lynn, for the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, on a petition, a Bill relative to motor vehicle battery storage (House, No. 2652).

Motor vehicle
battery storage.

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

Orders of the Day.

The House Bill relative to the town of Cheshire's special election (House, No. 801), 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 Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next
sitting.

At nine 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 Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.