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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 Representatives Walsh of Peabody and Kerans of Danvers) congratulating Louis Guiffre on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout of Scouting America; and

Louis
Guiffre.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Walsh of Peabody and Kerans of Danvers) congratulating Steven Hachey on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout of Scouting America;

Steven
Hachey.

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 Mr. Wong of Saugus, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Communications.

A communication from the Public Employee Retirement Administration Commission PERAC (under the provisions of Section 50 of Chapter 7 of the General Laws) submitting proposed amendments to the rules and regulations governing retirement of public employees in Massachusetts (840 CMR 6.00) (House, No. 5608), was referred to the committee on Public Service. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Public Employee
Retirement
Administration
Commission.

Communications

From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see Section 2KKKKK of Chapter 29 of the General Laws) submitting the MassHealth Nonpublic Ambulance Service Reimbursement Trust Fund report for fiscal year 2025;

MassHealth,—
ambulance
services.

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 2026;

Plymouth
correctional
facility data.

From the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (see item 7061-9650 of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting the Supporting Healthy Alliances Reinforcing Education (SHARE) legislative report for fiscal year 2026; and

Education,—
healthy
alliances.

From the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (see item 7061-0028 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting a report relative to social emotional learning grants for fiscal year 2025;
Severally were placed on file.

Social emotional
learning grants.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative DeCoste of Norwell, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5605) of David F. DeCoste and John F. Keenan (by vote of the town) relative to liquor license extensions in the town of Hanover. To the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Hanover,—
liquor
licenses.

By Representative Uytterhoeven of Somerville, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5606) of Erika Uytterhoeven (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Somerville be authorized to appoint special police officers in said city. To the committee on Public Service.

Somerville,—
special
police.

By Representative Decker of Cambridge, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5607) of Marjorie C. Decker (with the approval of the city council) that the city of Cambridge be authorized to allow for a personal property tax exemption of certain personal property. To the committee on Revenue.

Cambridge,—
property tax
exemptions.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Reports of Committees.

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

The Senate Bill amending the membership of the Quabbin watershed advisory committee (Senate, No. 3133); and

Quabbin advisory
committee.

The House Bill relative to amending the town charter of the town of Provincetown (House, No. 5476) [Local Approval Received].

Provincetown,—
charter.

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 Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules of two branches acting concurrently, that the Resolve providing for an investigation by a special commission relative to the strengths and sustainability of the Commonwealth's emergency food network (House, No. 4419), ought to pass. Referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Emergency
food
network.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the Bill to improve long-term care staffing and dignity for caregivers (printed as Senate, No. 2085),— and recommending that the same be referred to the House committee on Rules. Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted.

Caregivers,—
long-term care
staffing and
dignity.

By Mr. Lawn of Watertown, for the committee on Health Care Financing, that the following bills ought to pass:

Relative to telehealth parity for nutrition counseling (House, No. 4340) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00];

Nutrition
counseling.

To protect health care consumers from surprise billing (House, No. 4619) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00];	Health care,— billing.
To establish a perinatal behavioral health care workforce trust fund (House, No. 4668) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00];	Perinatal care.
Establishing a Naloxone Purchase Trust fund (House, No. 4730) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00];	Naloxone.
To improve oral health for all Massachusetts residents (House, No. 4869) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00];	Oral health care.
To address barriers to HIV prevention medication (House, No. 4951) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00];	HIV medication.
Relative to IUD pain management coverage (House, No. 4957) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00];	IUD coverage.
Relative to opioid use disorder treatment and rehabilitation coverage (House, No. 4958) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00];	Opioid treatment.
To increase access to healthcare for ostomy patients (House, No. 4961) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00]; and	Ostomy care.
To establish a celiac disease screening pilot program (House, No. 5013) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00].	Celiac disease screening.
Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.	
By Mr. Ryan of Boston, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill exempting the positions of police chief and deputy police chief in the city of Medford from the civil service law (House, No. 5380) [Local Approval Received].	Medford,— civil service.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing Craig Riley to take the civil service examination for the position of firefighter in the city of Haverhill notwithstanding the maximum age requirement (House, No. 5384) [Local Approval Received].	Haverhill,— Craig Riley.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Natick to continue the employment of Police Chief James Hicks beyond the age of 65 (House, No. 5427) [Local Approval Received].	Natick,— James Hicks.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Natick to continue the employment of Deputy Police Chief Brian Lauzon (House, No. 5428) [Local Approval Received].	Natick,— Brian Lauzon.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Topsfield to continue to [sic] employment of police chief Neal Hovey (House, No. 5435) [Local Approval Received].	Topsfield, — Neal Hovey.
Severally read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.	

Orders of the Day.

The Senate amendment of the House Bill amending the charter of the town of Millis (House, No. 3911), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was adopted, in concurrence.	Millis,— charter.
The Senate Bill authorizing the town of Dighton to use a portion of conservation land for public way purposes (Senate, No. 3052), 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.	Third reading bill.

The House Bill relative to amending the Traffic Commission in the city of Westfield (House, No. 5449), 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.

Id.

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.

At eight minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Vieira of Falmouth (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Wednesday at eleven o'clock A.M.