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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.

Changes in Joint Standing Committees.

The Speaker announced, under the provisions of House Rule 18A, that he had made the following changes and appointments to joint standing committees:

That Representative O'Day of West Boylston has been relieved of duty (at his own request) from the committee on Aging and Independence, and that Representative Field of Taunton has been appointed to the fifth position on said committee to fill the vacancy;

Joint
committees.

That Representative Donato of Medford has been relieved of duty (at his own request) from the committee on Bonding, Capital Expenditures and State Assets, and that Representative Field of Taunton has been appointed to the eighth position on said committee to fill the vacancy;

That Representative O'Day of West Boylston has been relieved of duty (at his own request) from the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, and that Representative Field of Taunton has been appointed to the fifth position on said committee to fill the vacancy; and

That Representative O'Day of West Boylston has been relieved of duty (at his own request) from the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, and that Representative Field of Taunton has been appointed to the fifth position on said committee to fill the vacancy.

Guests of the House.

At the beginning of the session, the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford) declared a brief recess and introduced students from Lexington, Arlington, Belmont, Bedford and Burlington. The students are participants in the LABBB Collaborative at Burlington High School. They were the guests of Representatives Gordon of Bedford and Rogers of Arlington.

LABBB
Collaborative
students.

Additional Petition.

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:

Representative Fluker-Reid of Boston presented a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4351) of Brandy Fluker-Reid and Samantha Montañó for legislation to establish the Massachusetts office of freedmen affairs. To the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Office of
freedmen
affairs.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Barrett of North Adams, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4347) of John Barrett, III (by vote of the town) relative to the terms of library trustees in the town of Williamstown; and

Williamstown,—
library
trustees.

By Representatives Howitt of Seekonk and Chaisson of Foxborough, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4348) of Steven S. Howitt and Paul R. Feeney (by vote of the town) that the town of Norton be authorized to pay a certain unpaid bill.

Norton,—
unpaid bill.

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

By Representative Consalvo of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4349) of Rob Consalvo (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to authorize the appointment of Luis Cabral as a police officer in the city of Boston, notwithstanding the maximum age requirement. To the committee on Public Service.

Boston,—
Luis
Cabral.

By Representative Vitolo of Brookline, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4350) of Tommy Vitolo (by vote of the town) that the town of Brookline be authorized to levy a real estate transfer fee on certain real property transfers in said town. To the committee on Revenue.

Brookline,—
transfer
fee.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representatives Badger of Plymouth and LaNatra of Kingston, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Michelle L. Badger for legislation to establish the temporary emergency veterans' assistance program.

Veterans'
assistance
program.

By Representative Berthiaume of Spencer, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr., for legislation to increase the amount of hours that retired public employees may work for certain additional public service.

Retirees,—
hours.

By Representatives Cruz of Salem and Bowen of Beverly, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Manny Cruz, Hannah Bowen and John Francis Moran for legislation to expand access to the family self-sufficiency program.

Family self-
sufficiency
program.

By Representative Field of Taunton, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Lisa Field for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Aayden Daniels, an employee of the Department of Correction.

Aayden
Daniels,—
sick leave.

By Representative Gaskey of Carver, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of John R. Gaskey for legislation to make appropriations for the structural repairs, hazard remediation and modernization of fire stations in the city of Fall River.

Fall River,—
fire
stations.

By Representative Holmes of Boston, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Russell E. Holmes for legislation to establish a local option for ranked choice voting in municipal elections.

Ranked
choice
voting.

By Representative Xiarhos of Barnstable, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Steven George Xiarhos relative to the use of navigational applications for travel routes for heavy motor vehicles.

Navigational
applications.

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

Papers from the Senate.

Bills

Amending certain laws relative to individuals with disabilities (Senate, No. 2563) (on Senate bill No. 137, amended); and

Individuals with disabilities.

Amending certain archaic laws (Senate, No. 2564) (on Senate bill No. 1034, amended);

Archaic laws.

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were read; and they were referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

A Bill facilitating better interactions between police officers and persons with autism spectrum disorder (Senate, No. 2565) (on Senate bill No. 2558, amended), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Police officers,— interactions.

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:

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];

Holyoke,— liquor licenses.

Relative to partial payment (House, No. 362);

Contracting.

Relative to telemarketer disclosures (House, No. 438);

Telemarketers.

Establishing a charter for the city of Cambridge (House, No. 4156) [Local Approval Received];

Cambridge,— charter.

Re-authorizing the town of Swansea to issue additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 4276) [Local Approval Received]; and

Swansea,— liquor licenses.

Relative to successor supplier laws and the termination of sales to wholesalers of alcoholic beverages (House, No. 4281);

Alcohol wholesalers.

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

By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Education, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 516) of Natalie M. Blais for legislation to establish employee screening requirements in schools to prevent child sexual abuse,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

School screening requirements.

By Ms. Barber of Somerville, for the committee on Environment and Natural Resources, asking to be discharged from further consideration

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1058) of Mark D. Sylvia and others relative to a cranberry water use transfer program; and

Cranberry water use.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1059) of Jeffrey Rosario Turco that the Division of Marine Fisheries establish a program for commercial fishing gear;

Commercial fishing gear.

And recommending that the same severally be referred to the committee on Agriculture and Fisheries.

Under Rule 42, the reports severally were considered forthwith; and they were accepted. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Stanley of Waltham, for the committee on Aging and Independence, on House, No. 769, a Bill to improve care and prepare for the new era of Alzheimer's and dementia (House, No. 4302). Referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

Alzheimer's
and dementia
care.

By Mr. Stanley of Waltham, for the committee on Aging and Independence, on House, No. 778, a Bill relative to the LGBTQ aging commission (House, No. 4304). Read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

LGBTQ
aging
commission.

By Mr. Stanley of Waltham, for the committee on Aging and Independence, on House, No. 777, a Bill supporting seniors' financial stability (House, No. 4303).

Seniors'
financial stability.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 783, a Bill relative to Massachusetts home care eligibility (House, No. 4305).

Home
care.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 789, a Bill to improve Massachusetts home care (House, No. 4306).

Id.

By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Financial Services, on House, No. 1275, a Bill relative to fairness in debt collection (House, No. 4316).

Debt
collection.

By Mr. Madaro of Boston, for the committee on Revenue, on a petition, a Bill to allow individual donations to countries vulnerable to climate change (House, No. 3037) [Representative Lombardo of Billerica dissenting].

Taxes,—
voluntary
contributions.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to creating the massachusetts (sic) against discrimination fund (House, No. 3109).

Discrimination
fund.

By Mr. Arciero of Westford, for the committee on Transportation, on a petition, a Bill relative to the certification of inspection for new motor vehicles (House, No. 3603).

Motor
vehicles,—
inspection.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to educational requirements for class 2 motor vehicle licenses (House, No. 3641).

Motor vehicle
licenses.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to low digit number plates on leased vehicles (House, No. 3665).

Leased
vehicles.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to interstate highway noise abatement in certain cities and towns (House, No. 3673).

Bedford, etc.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill limiting motor vehicle dealer documentation fees (House, No. 3690).

Documentation
fees.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to federal motor vehicle safety standards compliance (House, No. 3698).

Safety standard
compliance.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill ensuring the timely release of a vehicle title (House, No. 3701).

Motor vehicles,—
title release.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill allowing for temporary license plates (House, No. 3704).

Temporary
license plates.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to duplicate license plates (House, No. 3747).

Duplicate
license plates.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to motor vehicle leasing parity (House, No. 3779).

Motor vehicle
licensing parity.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill clarifying the vehicle transfer and registration laws (House, No. 3781).

Motor
vehicles.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to Massachusetts Civil Air Patrol vehicles and trailers (House, No. 3802).

Civil Air
Patrol.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to legalize Kei vehicles in the Commonwealth (House, No. 4053).

Kei
vehicles.

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

By Mr. Stanley of Waltham, for the committee on Aging and Independence, on House, No. 765, a Bill relative to councils on aging (House, No. 4301).

By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Financial Services, on House, Nos. 1110, 1199, 1270, 1272 and 1282, a Bill to protect consumers by further defining subprime loans (House, No. 1110).

By Mr. Lewis of Framingham, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to the Mattapoisett select board (House, No. 4245) [Local Approval Received].

By Mr. Madaro of Boston, for the committee on Revenue, on a joint petition, a Bill to increase the income limit for Clause 41A, Senior Tax Deferral Program in Ipswich (House, No. 3156) [Local Approval Received].

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the City of Melrose to establish a means tested senior citizen property tax exemption (House, No. 3979) [Local Approval Received].

By Mr. Arciero of Westford, for the committee on Transportation, on a petition, a Bill relative to simplifying processes at the Registry of Motor Vehicles for surviving spouses and next of kin (House, No. 3722).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to motor vehicle distributors (House, No. 3791).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to banning the use of tinted license plate covers (House, No. 4029).

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

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 Watertown to publish digital legal notices (House, No. 2321, changed) [Local Approval Received];

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];

Relative to the assessment of local property taxes in the city of Springfield (House, No. 3213) [Local Approval Received];

To amend the town of Natick home rule charter (House, No. 3898) [Local Approval Received];

Providing for alternate members of the conservation commission of the town of Becket (House, No. 3977) [Local Approval Received]; and

Relative to stabilization funds in the town of Leicester (House, No. 4136) [Local Approval Received].

Severally placed in the Orders of the Day for the next sitting for a second reading.

Orders of the Day.

The House Bill authorizing the city of Revere to pay a certain sum of money to Denise Mattera (Condelli), widow of School committee member Anthony Mattera (House, No. 2275) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the

Councils
on aging.

Subprime
loans.

Mattapoisett,—
select board.

Ipswich,—
senior tax
deferrals.

Melrose,—
property
taxes.

RMV,—
surviving
spouses.

Motor vehicle
distributors.

License
plate covers.

Watertown,—
legal notices.

Newton,—
residency
requirements.

Springfield,—
property taxes.

Natick,—
charter.

Becket,—
commission.

Leicester,—
funds.

Third
reading
bill.

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Third Reading), reported by said committee to be correctly drawn, was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed. 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 Wednesday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next
sitting.

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