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Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M. 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 Ferguson of Holden.

A statement of Ms. Ferguson of Holden 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 am unable to be present in the House Chamber for today's sitting due to a family matter. Had I been present, I would have voted in the affirmative on Yea and Nay Nos. 67 and 68. My missing of said roll calls was due entirely to the reason stated.

Statement of
Representative
Ferguson of
Holden.

Statement of Representative Linsky of Natick.

A statement of Mr. Linsky of Natick 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 am unable to be present in the House Chamber for today's sitting due to official business outside the State House. Had I been present, I would have voted in the affirmative on Yea and Nay Nos. 67 and 68. My missing of said roll calls was due entirely to the reason stated.

Statement of
Representative
Linsky of
Natick.

Remote Participation.

Notice had been received from House Counsel that, under the provisions of House Rule 49, Representatives Boldyga of Southwick, Duffy of Holyoke, Ferrante of Gloucester, González of Springfield and Sullivan-Almeida of Abington had been approved to participate remotely for today's formal sitting.

Remote
participation.

Resolutions.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Representative Chan of Quincy and other members of the House) recognizing the National Asian Pacific American Caucus for State Legislators, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee, reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Ouellette of Westport, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

National Asian
Pacific American
Caucus.

Orders.

The following orders were referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules:

Order (filed by Ms. Farley-Bouvier of Pittsfield) relative to extending until Wednesday, November 12, 2025 the time within which the committee on Advanced Information Technology, the Internet, and Cybersecurity is authorized to report on current House documents (House, No. 4528).

Extensions of time for committees to make reports.

Order (filed by Mr. Cabral of New Bedford) relative to extending until Wednesday, December 3, 2025 the time within which the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight is authorized to report on current House documents (House, No. 4529).

Order (filed by Mr. Cabral of New Bedford) relative to extending until Wednesday, December 3, 2025 the time within which the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight is authorized to report on current House documents (House, No. 4308).

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported that the orders ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Ms. Badger of Plymouth, the orders were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Communications.

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From the Office of the Comptroller (see Section 6B(b) of Chapter 29 of the General Laws) submitting a report on the status of federal funds applied for, received and expended for the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2025;

Federal funds.

From the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (see Section 2B(f) of Chapter 64C of the General Laws) submitting the annual report of the State Fire Marshall regarding the effectiveness of the Massachusetts Fire Standard Compliant Cigarette Law for calendar year 2024;

Fire Standard Cigarette Law.

From the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (see Section 101 of Chapter 159 of the General Laws) submitting a report detailing fare evasion warnings or citations issued by the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority for calendar year 2024;

MBTA fare evasion.

From the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (see Section 101 of Chapter 159 of the General Laws) submitting a report detailing fare evasion warnings or citations issued by the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority for calendar year 2023;

Id.

From the Disabled Persons Protection Commission (see item 1107-2501 of Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting its fiscal year 2025 fourth quarterly report for the period of April-June, 2025; and

Disabled Persons Protection Commission.

From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see item 4000-0300 of Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting a report for total spending related to pharmaceutical utilization for fiscal year 2024; estimated spending related to pharmaceutical utilization for fiscal year 2025; and other spending impacts for fiscal years 2024 and 2025;

Pharmaceutical utilization.

Severally were placed on file.

Papers from the Senate.

A Bill further regulating the Gloucester Fisheries Commission (Senate, No. 2566) (on Senate bill No. 2507), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Gloucester
Fisheries
Commission.

A petition (accompanied by bill) of Nick Collins and Daniel J. Hunt for legislation to provide accidental death benefits for the surviving spouse of Mathew M. Troy, a former firefighter of the city of Boston, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on the Public Service.

Boston,—
Mathew
Troy.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2574) 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, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the House Bill relative to routine childhood immunizations (House, No. 2554),— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Health Care Financing. Under Rule 42A, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted.

Childhood
immunizations.

By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill authorizing the town of Westford to release agricultural preservation restrictions over land owned by Westford Gateway, LLC (House, No. 3282), ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a bill with the same title (House, No. 4362) [Local Approval Received]. Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Westford,—
land.

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 substituted bill was ordered to a third reading.

By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill authorizing the commissioner of capital asset management and maintenance to convey a certain parcel of land in the town of Wellesley (House, No. 3402), ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a bill with the same title (House, No. 4363). Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Wellesley,—
land.

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 substituted bill was ordered to a third reading.

By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill authorizing the commissioner of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to grant certain easements to the town of Bourne (House, No. 3435), ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a bill with the same title (House, No. 4364) [Local

Bourne,—
land.

Approval Received]. Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

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 substituted bill was ordered to a third reading.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the House Bill relative to the Mattapoisett select board (House, No. 4245) [Local Approval Received], be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Mattapoisett,—
select board.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Sylvia of Fairhaven, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

By Mr. Day of Stoneham, for the committee on the Judiciary, on House, Nos. 1692 and 2045, a Bill improving medical decision making (House, No. 4329). Referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

Medical
decision
making.

By Mr. Day of Stoneham, for the committee on the Judiciary, on House, No. 1673, a Bill relative to the efficient management and operation of the registries of probate (House, No. 4328).

Registries of
probate,—
management.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1856, a Bill relative to the Massachusetts Uniform Trust Decanting Act (House, No. 4330).

Uniform Trust
Decanting Act.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1932, a Bill relative to the uniform voidable transactions act (House, No. 4331).

Uniform voidable
transactions.

By Mr. Cahill of Lynn, for the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, on a petition, a Bill establishing the Massachusetts school safety data grant program (House, No. 2579).

School
safety.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to medical services (House, No. 2650).

Emergency
medical services.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to police interactions with persons on the autism spectrum (House, No. 2686).

Police,—
autistic persons.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to allow temporary door-locking devices in public buildings (House, No. 2719).

Public
building locks.

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

By Mr. Hunt of Boston, for the committee on Election Laws, on a petition, a Bill authorizing a special election in the city of Methuen to fill a vacancy in the Office of Mayor (House, No. 838) [Local Approval Received].

Methuen,—
mayor.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill regarding the recall of elected officers of the town of Sharon (House, No. 862) [Local Approval Received].

Sharon,—
recall
elections.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill providing for recall elections in the town of Berlin (House, No. 3896) [Local Approval Received].

Berlin,—
recall
elections.

By Mr. Day of Stoneham, for the committee on the Judiciary, on House, No. 1668, a Bill to enforce support orders for adult children in need of support (House, No. 4327).

Adult children,—
support orders.

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

By Mr. Day of Stoneham, for the committee on the Judiciary, ought NOT to pass, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1722) of John R. Gaskey relative to repealing the legal parentage equality act. Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Legal
parentage.

At sixteen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Muradian of Grafton (Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair) the House recessed until one o'clock P.M.; and twenty-eight minutes before two o'clock, the House was called to order with Ms. Hogan of Stow in the Chair.

Prior to the noon recess (Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair), By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill relative to benefits for teachers (House, No. 2932), ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a bill with the same title (House, No. 4361). Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Teacher
benefits.

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 substituted bill was ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently, the noon recess having terminated (Ms. Hogan of Stow being in the Chair), under suspension of rules, on motion of Mr. Jones of North Reading, the bill (having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) was read a third time.

After debate on the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, the sense of the House was taken by the yeas and nays, at the request of Mr. Ryan of Boston; and the roll call 158 members voted in the affirmative and 0 in the negative.

Bill passed to
be engrossed,—
yea and nay
No. 67.

[See [Yea and Nay No. 67](#) in Supplement.]

Therefore the bill was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Prior to the noon recess (Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair), By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill requiring human trafficking recognition training for certain hospitality workers (House, No. 2726), ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a bill with the same title (House, No. 4360). Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Hospitality
workers,—
training.

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 substituted bill was ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently, the noon recess having terminated (Ms. Hogan of Stow being in the Chair), under suspension of rules, on motion of Mr. Jones of North Reading, the bill (having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) was read a third time.

After debate on the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Ryan of Boston moved to amend it in section 6C, in lines 22, 23, and 24, by striking out the following: “(ii) how human trafficking is defined pursuant to sections 50 and 51 of chapter 265; and (iii) how to identify a human trafficking victim, as defined in section 20M of chapter 233.”; and inserting in place thereof the following: “(ii) how human trafficking is defined pursuant to sections 50 and 51 of chapter 265 or the federal Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act of 2000; (iii) how to identify victims of human trafficking, as defined pursuant to section 20M of chapter 233 or said federal act.”.

The amendment was adopted.

On the question on passing the bill, as amended, to be engrossed, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, at the request of Mr. Walsh of Peabody; and on the roll call 158 members voted in the affirmative and 0 in the negative.

[See [Yea and Nay No. 68](#) in Supplement.]

Therefore the bill (House, No. 4360, amended) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Bill passed to
be engrossed,—
yea and nay
No. 68.

Orders of the Day.

House bills

Authorizing the city of Watertown to publish digital legal notices (House, No. 2321, changed);

Extending residency requirements for members of the regular police or fire departments and fire alarm division of the city of Newton (House, No. 2335);

Relative to the assessment of local property taxes in the city of Springfield (House, No. 3213);

To amend the town of Natick home rule charter (House, No. 3898);

Providing for alternate members of the conservation commission of the town of Becket (House, No. 3977);

Relative to stabilization funds in the town of Leicester (House, No. 4136);

Severally were read a second time; and they were ordered to a third reading.

Second
reading
bills.

Recess.

At thirty minutes after two o'clock P.M. (Wednesday, July 30, 2025), on motion of Mr. Jones of North Reading (Ms. Hogan of Stow being in the Chair), the House recessed until the following day at eleven o'clock A.M.; and at four minutes after eleven o'clock A.M. the House was called to order with Mr. Garballey of Arlington in the Chair.

Recess.