

Wednesday, July 31, 2025 (at 11:00 o'clock A.M.).

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Garballey of Arlington), 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. 69 and 71. My missing of said roll calls was due entirely to the reason stated.

Statement of
Representative
Ferguson of
Holden.

Statement of Representative Schwartz of Newton.

A statement of Mr. Schwartz of Newton 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 the sitting of Wednesday, July 30. Had I been present, I would have voted in the affirmative on Yea and Nay Nos. 67 and 68.

Statement of
Representative
Schwartz of
Newton.

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, Sullivan-Almeida of Abington, and Williams of Springfield had been approved to participate remotely for today's formal sitting.

Remote
participation.

Guest of the House.

During the Session, the Chair (Mr. Garballey of Arlington), declared a brief recess, and introduced, seated in the House Chamber, Representative Long Tran, a member of the Georgia House of Representatives. He was the guest of Representatives Chan of Quincy, Nguyen of Andover and Wong of Saugus.

Representative
Long Tran.

Paper from the Senate.

A petition of Joan B. Lovely and James J. O'Day for legislation to ban the use of DEHP, a plasticizer found in IV bags and tubing, due to concerns about its potential health risks, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Public Health.

Plasticizers,—
health risks.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2579) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Public Health.

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:

Dissolving the Whately Water District (House, No. 2250, changed);

Relative to the charter of the town of Acushnet (House, No. 2341) [Local Approval Received];

Authorizing the city of Melrose to establish a means tested senior citizen property tax exemption (House, No. 3979) [Local Approval Received];

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];

Relative to the organization and governance structure of the town of Rochester (House, No. 4030) [Local Approval Received];

Relative to the Lanesborough select board (House, No. 4056) [Local Approval Received]; and

Relative to the charter in the city of Lynn (House, No. 4149) [Local Approval Received].

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

By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Financial Services, on a petition, a Bill relative to transparency of consumer health insurance rights (House, No. 1321).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1091, a Bill relative to pharmacists as healthcare providers (House, No. 4332).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1101, a Bill relative to consumer deductibles (House, No. 4333).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1127, a Bill to increase access to nurse-midwifery services (House, No. 4334).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1151, a Bill relative to cognitive rehabilitation for individuals with an acquired brain injury (House, No. 4335).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1154, a Bill relative to insurance coverage of mobile integrated health (House, No. 4336).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1161, a Bill regarding cervical cancer and women's preventative health (House, No. 4337).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1162, a Bill to reduce inequities in access to medical procedures (House, No. 4338).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1227, a Bill relative to patient access to biomarker testing to provide appropriate therapy (House, No. 4339).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1288, a Bill relative to telehealth parity for nutrition counseling (House, No. 4340).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1289, a Bill requiring reimbursement for the costs of providing competent interpreter services (House, No. 4341).

Whately.

Acushnet,—
charter.

Melrose,—
taxes.

Dartmouth,—
liquor license.

Rochester,—
governance.

Lanesborough,—
select board.

Lynn,—
charter.

Consumer health
insurance
rights.

Pharmacists.

Consumer
deductibles.

Nurse-midwifery
services.

Rehabilitation,—
acquired
brain injuries

Insurance
coverage.

Cervical
cancer health.

Medical
procedures.

Biomarker
testing.

Telehealth,—
nutrition.

Interpreter
services,—
reimbursement.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1309, a Bill assuring prompt access to health care (House, No. 4342).

Health care access.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1311, a Bill ensuring access to full spectrum pregnancy care (House, No. 4343).

Pregnancy care.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1312, a Bill relative to insurance coverage for doula services (House, No. 4344).

Insurance,—
doula services.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1317, a Bill improving access to breast pumps (House, No. 4345).

Breast pumps.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1326, a Bill to ensure access to prescription medications (House, No. 4346).

Prescription medications.

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

By Mr. Day of Stoneham, for the committee on the Judiciary, on a petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Ana C. Contreras (House, No. 1596). Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Ana Contreras,—
sick leave.

Orders of the Day.

Bills

Relative to the Mattapoisett select board (House, No. 4245); and

Authorizing the commissioner of capital asset management and maintenance to grant certain easements to the town of Bourne (House, No. 4364);

Third reading bills.

Severally having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, were read a third time, under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Badger of Plymouth; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Bills

Authorizing the town of Westford to release agricultural preservation restrictions over land owned by Westford Gateway, LLC (House, No. 4362); and

Authorizing the commissioner of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to convey a certain parcel of land in the town of Wellesley (House, No. 4363);

Id.

Severally having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, were read a third time, under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Donato of Medford; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Bills

Authorizing the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority to provide sewer services to a certain parcel of land in the town of Sharon (House, No. 1024); and

Expanding the select board of the town of Weston (House, No. 4158);

Third reading bills.

Severally reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

The House Bill authorizing the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority to provide sewer services to a certain parcel of land in the town of Sharon (House, No.

4009), having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Walsh of Peabody moved to amend it in section 1, in line 5, by inserting after the word “land” the following: “currently owned by Optima Hospitality Group LLC”;

By striking out section 3; and

By inserting before the enacting clause the following emergency preamble:

“Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to authorize the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority to supply sewer services to certain parcels of land in the town of Sharon, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health.”.

The amendments were adopted; and the bill (House, No. 4009, amended) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Recess.

At twenty-one minutes after eleven o’clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House recessed to one o’clock P.M.; and at three minutes after one o’clock the House was called to order with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair.

Recess.

Paper from the Senate.

A petition of Jason M. Lewis for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Robert Tiro, an employee of the trial court of the commonwealth, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on the Judiciary.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2580) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on the Judiciary.

Plasticizers,—
health risks.

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 petition 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. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Silvia of Fall River, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Transportation. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Sandwich,—
bridge.

Emergency Measure.

The engrossed Bill financing long-term improvements to municipal roads and bridges (see House, No. 4307), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was considered, the question being on adopting the emergency preamble.

Municipal
roads and
bridges.

A separate vote was taken, as required by the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXVII) of the Amendments to the Constitution; and the preamble was adopted, by a vote of 3 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Subsequently, the Senate having concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, the bill (which originated in the House) was put upon its final passage.

On the question on passing the bill to be enacted, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays (this being a “loan” bill as defined by Section 3 of Article LXII of the Amendments to the Constitution); and on the roll call (Ms. Hogan of Stow being in the Chair) 156 members voted in the affirmative and 0 in the negative.

[See [Yea and Nay No. 69](#) in Supplement.]

Therefore the bill was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill enacted
(state loan),—
yea and nay
No. 69.

Papers from the Senate.

The House amendment of the Senate Bill strengthening health care protections in the Commonwealth (Senate, No. 2543), came from the Senate with the endorsement that said branch had concurred with the House in its amendment with a further amendment striking out all after the enacting clause (inserted by amendment by the House) and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 2572.

Health care
protections.

The further amendment was referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading. Subsequently said committee reported that the further amendment was correctly drawn.

After remarks on the question on concurring with the Senate in its further amendment, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, at the request of Mr. Day of Stoneham; and on the roll call 132 members voted in the affirmative and 24 in the negative.

[See [Yea and Nay No. 70](#) in Supplement.]

Therefore the further amendment was adopted, in concurrence.

Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair,—

A report, in part, of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches, with reference to the House amendment (striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in House document numbered 4265) of the Senate Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2025 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (Senate, No. 2540), recommending passage of a bill with the same title (Senate, No. 2575), came from the Senate with the endorsement that it had been accepted by said branch; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Supplemental
appropriations.

Mr. Honan of Boston, for said committee, reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, the report was considered forthwith.

After debate on the question on acceptance of the report, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, at the request of Mr. Michlewitz of Boston; and on the roll call 150 members voted in the affirmative and 6 in the negative.

[See [Yea and Nay No. 71](#) in Supplement.]

Conference
committee
report
accepted,—
yea and nay
No. 71.

Therefore the report of the committee of conference was accepted, in concurrence.

Engrossed Bill.

The engrossed Bill strengthening health care protections in the Commonwealth (see Senate, No. 2543, amended) (which originated in the Senate), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was put upon its final passage.

Bill
enacted.

On the question on passing the bill to be enacted, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, at the request of Mr. Day of Stoneham; and on the roll call 132 members voted in the affirmative and 24 in the negative.

[See [Yea and Nay No. 72](#) in Supplement.]

Therefore the bill was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Emergency Measure.

The engrossed Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2025 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (see Senate, No. 2575), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was considered, the question being on adopting the emergency preamble.

Supplemental
appropriations.

A separate vote was taken, as required by the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXVII) of the Amendments to the Constitution; and the preamble was adopted, by a vote of 39 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Subsequently, the Senate having concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, the bill (which originated in the Senate) was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill
enacted.

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 thirteen minutes after four o'clock P.M.(Thursday, July 31), on motion of Mr. Jones of North Reading (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.