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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 Representative Hogan of Stow) congratulating Andrew Cloutier on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout of Scouting America; and

Andrew
Cloutier.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Hogan of Stow) congratulating David Schwind, Jr. on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout of Scouting America;

David
Schwind, Jr.

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 Ms. Hogan of Stow, 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 Environmental Protection (see Section 3 of Chapter 21I of the General Laws) submitting its Toxics Use Reduction Information release for calendar year 2024;

Toxics use
reduction.

From the Massachusetts Gaming Commission (see Section 69 of Chapter 23K of the General Laws) submitting its gaming revenue reports and associated sports wagering revenue report through June, 2026;

Gaming and sports
wagering revenue.

From the Massachusetts Gaming Commission (see Section 70 of Chapter 23K of the General Laws) submitting its annual report for fiscal year 2025;

Gaming
Commission.

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 2026;

Federal
funds.

From the Department of Correction (see Section 119A(i) of Chapter 127 of the General Laws) submitting its annual report on medical parole for fiscal year 2025;

Medical
parole.

From the Office of the Comptroller (see item 1599-3384 of Section 2 of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting the Settlements and Judgements accounts payable report for the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2026;

Settlements
and judgements.

From the Office of the Comptroller (see item 1599-2040 of Section 2B of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting the Paid Prior Year Deficiency Report for the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2026;

Paid prior year deficiency.

From the Special Legislative Commission on Violence Prevention Services Funding (see Section 149 of Chapter 135 of the Acts of 2024, as revived and continued by Section 86 of Chapter 14 of the Acts of 2025, as most recently amended by Section 35 of Chapter 101 of the Acts of 2026) submitting its final report;

Violence prevention funding.

From the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (see item 1596-2436 of Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting a report entitled “Mental Health Supports and Wraparounds: Developing a Birth – Higher Education Framework for Mental Health and Behavioral Health” for fiscal year 2025;

Mental and behavioral health.

From the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (see item 7010-0005 of Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting a report entitled ‘Assessment on the Education Workforce’;

Education workforce.

From the Department of Public Health (see Section 30 of Chapter 197 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the final Report and Study on the Need and Feasibility of Qualified Professional Guardians;

Qualified professional guardians.

From the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (see Section 289 of Chapter 238 of the Acts of 2024) submitting a report entitled: “Incentivizing Diverse and Highly Effective Educators”; and

Educators,—incentivizes.

From the Insurance Fraud Bureau (see Section 1(k) of Chapter 338 of the Acts of 1990, as most recently amended by Section 5 of Chapter 279 of the Acts of 2002) submitting its IFB May 2026 semi-annual e-focus Fraud report [copies of said report were referred, as required under said law, to the committees on Financial Services and Labor and Workforce Development];

Insurance Fraud Bureau.

Severally were placed on file.

Monthly and Annual Reports.

The annual report of the Executive Office for Administration and Finance (under Section 109 of Chapter 6A of the General Laws) relative to progress on data collection for the Data Equity Law; and

Data equity.

Monthly reports

Of the Executive Office of the Trial Court (under Section 15(c) of Chapter 239 of the General Laws) submitting its report on filings, actions, and dispositions of summary process cases relative to permanent rental protections; and

Permanent rental protections.

Of the Department of Unemployment Assistance (under Section 14F of Chapter 151A of the General Laws) relative to the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund report for June, 2026;

Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund.

Severally were placed on file.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Whipps of Athol and Senator Comerford, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5652) of Susannah M. Whipps and Joanne M. Comerford (by vote of the town) that the town of Athol be authorized to grant five additional licenses for the sale of wine and malt beverages to be drunk off the premises in said town; and

Athol,—liquor licenses.

By the same members, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5653) of Susannah M. Whipps and Joanne M. Comerford (by vote of the town) that the town of Athol be authorized to grant five additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk off the premises in said town.

Id.

Severally to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

By Representative Meschino of Hull and Senator O'Connor, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5654) of Joan Meschino and Patrick M. O'Connor (by vote of the town) relative to the governance of the municipal light plant in the town of Hull; and

Hull,—
municipal
light plant.

By Representative Moakley of Falmouth and Senator Cyr, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5655) of Thomas W. Moakley (by vote of the town) for legislation to expand the membership of the select board of the town of Tisbury.

Tisbury,—
select board.

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representatives Elliott of Lowell and Hong of Lowell, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Rodney M. Elliott that the commissioner of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance may release the city of Lowell of a certain covenant on a certain parcel of land in said city.

Lowell,—
land.

By Representative McMurtry of Dedham and Senator Rush, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Paul McMurtry and Michael F. Rush for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Patrick Nelligan, an employee of the Department of Correction.

Patrick
Nelligan,—
sick leave.

By Representative Puppolo of Springfield, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr., Orlando Ramos and Zaida Govan relative to large vacant commercial properties in cities and towns.

Vacant
commercial
properties.

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

Papers from the Senate.

A Bill authorizing the city of Newton to issue pension obligation bonds or notes (Senate, No. 3249) (on Senate bill No. 3092) [Local Approval Received], passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Newton,—
bonds.

A Bill authorizing the town of Walpole to grant up to 2 additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (Senate, No. 2532) (on a petition) [Local Approval Received], passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Walpole,—
liquor
licenses.

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 town of Middleton to continue the employment of police officer Richard Kassiotis (House, No. 5513) [Local Approval Received]; and

Middleton,—
Kassiotis.

To increase the value of estates eligible for abatements pursuant to M.G.L. chapter 59, section 5, clauses seventeenth D and forty-first C in the town of Shrewsbury (House, No. 5515) [Local Approval Received].

Shrewsbury,—
abatements.

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

By Ms. Barber of Somerville, for the committee on Environment and Natural Resources, on House, Nos. 5137, 5433 and 5484, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Environment and Natural Resources to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to parrot sales and fertilizer regulations (House, No. 5643).

Parrot sales
and fertilizer
regulations,—
study.

By Mr. Madaro of Boston, for the committee on Revenue, on House, Nos. 5537 and 5538, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Revenue to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to taxes and fees in the city of Salem (House, No. 5646).

Salem,—
study.

Severally referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Subsequently, Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committees, reported, in each instance, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the orders; and recommending that the same severally be referred to the House committee on Rules.

Under Rule 42, the reports severally were considered forthwith; and they were accepted.

By Mr. Lawn of Watertown, for the committee on Health Care Financing, that the Bill relative to supported decision-making agreements for certain adults (House, No. 4852), ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a bill with the same title (House, No. 5644) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00]. Read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, with the amendment pending.

Supported
decision-
making.

By Mr. Lawn of Watertown, for the committee on Health Care Financing, that the Bill promoting consumer choice in health care (House, No. 4953), ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a bill with the same title (House, No. 5645) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00]. Read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means, with the amendment pending.

Athletic trainers,—
insurance
coverage.

Orders of the Day.

The House Bill establishing the official sedimentary structure of the Commonwealth (House, No. 3438), 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 Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next
sitting.

At four 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 Thursday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.