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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.

Order.

The Order (filed by Mr. Stanley of Waltham) relative to extending until Wednesday, December 3, 2025 the time within which the committee on Aging and Independence is authorized to report on current House documents, was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Aging and
Independence,—
extension of
time for
reporting.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4398), ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted.

Communications.

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From the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (see Section 37 of Chapter 69 of the General Laws, as amended by Section 35 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting a report on the progress of the Green School Works Program;

Green
school
works.

From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see item 4400-1020 of Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the Department of Transitional Assistance Secure Jobs report; and

Secure
jobs.

From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see Section 31 of Chapter 197 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the Office of Medicaid report entitled: Sustainability and Viability of Long-Term Care;

Long-term care,—
sustainability
and viability.

Severally were placed on file.

Reports.

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Of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (under Section 2(B)(q) of Chapter 18 and Section 16 of Chapter 118 of the General Laws) submitting the Department of Transitional Assistance report on Economic Independence Accounts [copies were forwarded to the committee on Ways and Means, and the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, as required by said law]; and

Economic
independence
accounts.

Of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (under Section 10 of Chapter 18 of the General Laws) submitting the annual Department of Transitional Assistance Organizational report; and
Severally were placed on file.

DTA,—
organization.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Jones of North Reading, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4399) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and Bruce E. Tarr (by vote of the town) relative to amending the charter of the town of Middleton;

Middleton,—
charter.

By Representatives Wells of Milton and Ayers of Quincy, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4400) of Richard G. Wells, Jr., and Bruce J. Ayers (with the approval of the town council) relative to the charter of the city known as the town of Randolph; and

Randolph,—
charter.

By Representative Whipps of Athol, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4401) of Susannah M. Whipps (by vote of the town) relative to certain special revolving funds in the town of Athol.

Athol,—
revolving
funds.

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 Representative Garballey of Arlington, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Sean Garballey relative to Medicaid coverage for autism treatment and assistive technologies.

Autism
treatment.

By Representative Gentile of Sudbury, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Carmine Lawrence Gentile and James K. Hawkins relative to emergency preparedness and responsible deployment of the Massachusetts National Guard.

National
Guard,—
deployment.

By Representative LaNatra of Kingston, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Kathleen R. LaNatra for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for John C. Murphy, an employee of the Department of Correction.

John
Murphy,—
sick leave.

By Representative O'Day of West Boylston, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of James J. O'Day for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Paul Starvaski, an employee of the Department of Correction.

Paul
Starvaski,—
sick leave.

By Representative Roy of Franklin, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Jeffrey N. Roy for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Ankita Gajendra Patel, an employee of the Department of Correction.

Ankita
Gajendra Patel,—
sick leave.

By Representatives Scanlon of North Attleborough and Lewis of Framingham, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Adam J. Scanlon for legislation to further regulate the sales and delivery of alcoholic beverages.

Alcohol
sales.

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

Papers from the Senate.

A joint petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2582) of Kelly A. Dooner and Lisa Field (with approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to exempt certain positions in the city of Taunton from civil service status, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Public Service.

Taunton,—
civil
service.

A petition (accompanied by bill) of Michael O. Moore for legislation relative applied behavioral analysis reimbursement rates, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on the Financial Services.

Applied
behavioral
analysis.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and, on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington, the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2587) was referred, in non-concurrence, to the committee on Health Care Financing. Sent to the Senate for its action.

A petition (accompanied by bill) of Michael O. Moore for legislation to establish compliance with federal education reporting requirements for out of home placement students, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

Students,—
out of home
placements.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2585) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

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 following petitions:

Joint petition (accompanied by bill) of Hadley Luddy and Julian Cyr relative to funding housing and mitigating investor real estate in seasonal communities; and

Investor
real estate.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Hadley Luddy and Thomas W. Moakley relative to housing in seasonal communities.

Seasonal
communities.

Severally to the committee on Housing.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr., relative to witness intimidation. To the committee on the Judiciary.

Witness
intimidation.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington, the reports were considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended, in each instance. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

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:

Dedicating certain park and field space in the South Boston section of the city of Boston (House, No. 899);

Boston,—
land.

Establishing memorial markers in the towns of Milton and Canton in memory of certain law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty (House, No. 1069);

Milton
and Canton.

Providing for the establishment of sustainable water resource funds (House, No. 2324);

Water resource
funds.

Revising the charter of the town of Millis, as amended (House, No. 3911) [Local Approval Received];

Millis,—
charter.

[sic] In the town of Hanson local licenses and permits; denial, revocation or suspension for failure to comply with conditions of approval (House, No. 3953) [Local Approval Received];

Hanson,—
licenses
and permits.

To authorize the mayor of the city of Haverhill to submit special legislation to increase the membership of the board of health from three members to five members (House, No. 4057) [Local Approval Received];

Haverhill,—
board of
health.

Establishing the city of Cambridge employment and job training trust (House, No. 4134) [Local Approval Received];

Cambridge,—
job training
trust.

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 the two branches, acting concurrently, that the Bill relative to the LGBTQ aging commission (House, No. 4304) ought to pass. Referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Commission,—
LGBTQ
aging.

By Mr. Day of Stoneham, for the committee on the Judiciary, on House, No. 1686, a Bill relative to a commission to study the intentional misrepresentation of a service animal (House, No. 4371). Read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Commission,—
service animal
misrepresentation.

By Ms. Barber of Somerville, for the committee on Environment and Natural Resources, on a petition, a Bill relative to paint recycling (House, No. 886).

Recycling,—
paint.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to solar and battery decommissioning and recycling (House, No. 904).

Recycling,—
solar and battery.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to save recycling costs in the commonwealth (House, No. 926).

Recycling
costs.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill protecting wastewater and sewerage systems through the labeling of non-flushable wipes (House, No. 945).

Non-flushable
wipes,—
labeling.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing a lithium-ion battery stewardship program (House, No. 968).

Lithium-ion
batteries.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to helium balloons (House, No. 996, changed in section 2, in line 7, by striking out the word “mylar” and inserting in place thereof the word “foil”).

Helium
balloons.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to establish a mattress recycling program in the Commonwealth (House, No. 1023).

Recycling,—
mattresses.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to promoting the future success of mattress recycling in the Commonwealth (House, No. 3985).

Id.

By Mr. Haggerty of Woburn, for the committee on Housing, on a petition, a Bill relative to low-income housing eligibility for disabled veterans (House, No. 1487).

Disabled
veterans.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to establish an apprenticeship program to ready vacant public housing apartments for occupancy (House, No. 1520).

Public housing,—
apprentice
training.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing an office of the condominium ombudsman (House, No. 1523).

Condominium
ombudsman.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill restoring the Commonwealth’s public housing (House, No. 1524).

Public
housing.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to prevent and respond to bullying of elderly and disabled residents (House, No. 1525).

Housing,—
bullying.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to a special commission to study condominium law (House, No. 1538).

Condominiums,—
commission.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill amending chapter 235 of the acts of 2014 (House, No. 1541).

Housing authority
training.

By Mr. Day of Stoneham, for the committee on the Judiciary, on House, No. 1649, a Bill concerning furnishing transcripts of notes and fees (House, No. 4370).

Transcripts.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1768, a Bill related to indigency (House, No. 4372).

Indigency.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 3154, a Bill encouraging the donation of food to persons in need (House, No. 4373).

Food donations,—
tax credit.

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

Orders of the Day.

House bills

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

Third
reading
bills.

Establishing a charter for the city of Cambridge (House, No. 4156); and

Authorizing the town of Maynard to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 4273);

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.

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 eleven minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Soter of Bellingham (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.