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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.

Message from the Governor.

A message from Her Excellency the Governor submitting requests for making appropriations for the fiscal year 2025 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (House, No. 4429), was filed in the office of the Clerk on Thursday, August 14.

Supplemental
appropriations.

The message was read; and it was referred, under Rule 30, with the accompanying draft of a bill, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Resolutions.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Representative Roy of Franklin) congratulating Sergeant Michael Campanelli on celebrating his retirement from the Franklin Police Department, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Michael
Campanelli.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee, reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington, 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 Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (see Section 40 of Chapter 126 of the General Laws) submitting the aggregate data on the population of the Barnstable County Correctional Facility for the first quarter of calendar year 2025;

Barnstable,—
correctional
facility data.

From the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (see Section 40 of Chapter 126 of the General Laws) submitting the aggregate data on the population of the Berkshire County Correctional Facility for the first quarter of calendar year 2025;

Berkshire,—
correctional
facility data.

From the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (see Section 40 of Chapter 126 of the General Laws) submitting the aggregate data on the population of the Bristol County Correctional Facility for the first quarter of calendar year 2025;

Bristol,—
correctional
facility data.

From the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (see Section 40 of Chapter 126 of the General Laws) submitting the aggregate data on the population of the Dukes County Correctional Facility for the first quarter of calendar year 2025;

Dukes,—
correctional
facility data.

From the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (see Section 40 of Chapter 126 of the General Laws) submitting the aggregate data on the population of the Essex County Correctional Facility for the first quarter of calendar year 2025;

Essex,—
correctional
facility data.

From the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (see Section 40 of Chapter 126 of the General Laws) submitting the aggregate data on the population of the Franklin County Correctional Facility for the first quarter of calendar year 2025;

Franklin,—
correctional
facility data.

From the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (see Section 40 of Chapter 126 of the General Laws) submitting the aggregate data on the population of the Hampden County Correctional Facility for the first quarter of calendar year 2025;

Hampden,—
correctional
facility data.

From the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (see Section 40 of Chapter 126 of the General Laws) submitting the aggregate data on the population of the Hampshire County Correctional Facility for the first quarter of calendar year 2025;

Hampshire,—
correctional
facility data.

From the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (see Section 40 of Chapter 126 of the General Laws) submitting the aggregate data on the population of the Middlesex County Correctional Facility for the first quarter of calendar year 2025;

Middlesex,—
correctional
facility data.

From the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (see Section 40 of Chapter 126 of the General Laws) submitting the aggregate data on the population of the Norfolk County Correctional Facility for the first quarter of calendar year 2025;

Norfolk,—
correctional
facility data.

From the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (see Section 40 of Chapter 126 of the General Laws) submitting the aggregate data on the population of the Plymouth County Correctional Facility for the first quarter of calendar year 2025;

Plymouth,—
correctional
facility data.

From the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (see Section 40 of Chapter 126 of the General Laws) submitting the aggregate data on the population of the Suffolk County Correctional Facility for the first quarter of calendar year 2025; and

Suffolk,—
correctional
facility data.

From the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (see Section 40 of Chapter 126 of the General Laws) submitting the aggregate data on the population of the Worcester County Correctional Facility for the first quarter of calendar year 2025;

Worcester,—
correctional
facility data.

Severally were placed on file.

Petitions.

The following additional petitions (having been deposited in the office of the Clerk of the House, previously to five o'clock in the afternoon on Friday, January 17, 2025) were referred, under Rule 24 and Joint Rule 13, as follows:

By Representative Hogan of Stow, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4430) of Kate Hogan relative to agriculture resilience and sustainability. To the committee on Agriculture and Fisheries.

Agriculture
resilience.

By Representative Muradian of Grafton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4431) of David K. Muradian, Jr., relative to internet gaming. To the committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies.

Internet
gaming.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the Bill investigating the economic impact of certain Massachusetts laws (House, No. 334),—and recommending that the same be referred to the House committee on Rules. Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted.

Minimum
pricing,—
study.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the Senate Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Robert Tiro, an employee of the Trial Court of the Commonwealth (Senate, No. 2580), be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Robert Tiro,—
sick leave.

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

Subsequently, under suspension of the rules, on further motion of the same member, the bill (having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn), was read a third time forthwith; and it was passed to be engrossed, in 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:

Relative to surveillance pricing in grocery stores (House, No. 99);

Updating real estate appraiser record retention requirements (House, No. 405);

Eliminating the residency requirement for fortune tellers (House, No. 475);

Relative to the sale of malt beverages produced by a pub brewery (House, No. 478);

Grocery pricing.
Appraiser records.
Fortune tellers.
Pub breweries,—
sales.

Relative to taxes due upon the death of active duty personnel and the elderly (House, No. 3051); and

Death
taxes.

Authorizing the town of Palmer to grant additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages (House, No. 4282) [Local Approval Received];

Palmer,—
liquor
licenses.

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

By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Education, on House, Nos. 555, 678 and 714, a Bill establishing a legislative commission to study and make recommendations regarding the chapter 70 funding formula (House, No. 555).

Chapter 70
funding,—
study.

By Mr. Day of Stoneham, for the committee on the Judiciary, on House, No. 1849, a Bill relative to archaic laws (House, No. 4396).

Archaic laws,—
study.

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

By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Education, on a petition, a Bill fairly reimbursing local school transportation of foster children (House, No. 567).

Foster children,—
transportation.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing an education-to-career data center (House, No. 630).

Education-to-career
data center.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to student access and return on investment of college and career pathways programs (House, No. 727).

College
and career
programs.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 633, a Bill relative to student and educator data privacy (House, No. 4405).

Data
privacy.

By Mr. Day of Stoneham, for the committee on the Judiciary, on House, No. 1631, a Bill relative to kratom sales in the Commonwealth (House, No. 4394).

Kratom,—
sales.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1823, a Bill increasing penalties for hit and runs with recreational vehicles in the Commonwealth to be known as the James Ward Act (House, No. 4395).

Recreational
vehicles,—
hit and runs.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 1851 and 1953, a Bill relative to civil asset forfeiture (House, No. 4397).

Civil asset
forfeiture.

By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on a petition, a Bill establishing a holiday known as “John F. Kennedy Day” to promote civic engagement and voter participation in the Commonwealth (House, No. 3403).

John F.
Kennedy
day.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Resolve providing for the creation of a commemorative memorial portrait in the Massachusetts State House in honor of State Representative Doris Bunte (House, No. 3421).

State House,—
Bunte portrait.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to certain affordable housing and branch library space in the Dorchester section of the city of Boston (House, No. 3932) [Local Approval Received].

Boston,—
affordable
housing.

By Mr. Arciero of Westford, for the committee on Transportation, on a petition, a Bill relative to retrofit headlights in vehicles (House, No. 3642).

Retrofit
headlights.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 3675, 3789 and 3816, a Bill relative to the move over law (House, No. 3675).

Move
over law.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 3737 and 3763, a Bill improving safety measures for highway maintenance personnel (House, No. 3763).

Highway
maintenance.

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

By Mr. Day of Stoneham, for the committee on the Judiciary, on a petition, a Bill relative to assault and battery upon a transit worker (House, No. 1877).

Transit
workers.

By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on a petition, a Bill designating veterans suicide awareness and remembrance day (House, No. 3388).

Veterans suicide
awareness day.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill designating September as PCOS awareness month (House, No. 3392).

PCOS
month.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill designating Fred Korematsu Day of Civil Liberties and the Constitution (House, No. 3427).

Fred
Korematsu day.

By Mr. Arciero of Westford, for the committee on Transportation, on a petition, a Bill relative to obstructed views while driving (House, No. 3765).

Driving,—
obstruction.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to roadway safety (House, No. 3812).

Roadway
safety.

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

Emergency Measure.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Robert Tiro, an employee of the Trial Court of the Commonwealth (see Senate, No. 2580), 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.

Robert Tiro,—
sick leave.

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

Engrossed Bill.

The engrossed Bill validating the results of a certain special election held in the town of Hardwick (see House bill printed in House, No. 4004) (which originated in the House), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be enacted (more than two-thirds of the members having agreed to pass the same); and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill
enacted.

Orders of the Day.

House bills

Amending the charter of the town of Sandwich (House, No. 2357);

Establishing a sick leave bank for Kendra Winner, an employee of the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (House, No. 2798) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

Authorizing the town of Lexington to grant ten additional licenses for the sale of wine and malt beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 3893); and

Relative to non-civil service public safety personnel in the town of Wellesley (House, No. 4140);

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.

Third
reading
bills.

The House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Ana C. Contreras, an employee of the Trial Court (House, No. 1596) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading), reported by said committee to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Ana Contreras,—
sick leave.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Walsh of Peabody moved to amend it 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 establish forthwith a sick leave bank for a certain employee of the trial court of the commonwealth, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.”

The amendment was adopted; and the bill (House, No. 1596, amended) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

The House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Carlos Borges, an employee of the Department of Correction (House, No. 4322) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading), reported by said committee to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Carlos Borges,—
sick leave.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Walsh of Peabody moved to amend it by striking out section 2; 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 establish forthwith a sick leave bank for a certain employee of the

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department of correction, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.”.

The amendments were adopted; and the bill (House, No. 4322, amended) 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 Thursday next at eleven o’clock A.M.

Next
sitting.

At eight minutes after twelve o’clock noon, 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.