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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 Connolly of Cambridge) commending the Myotonic Dystrophy Foundation on its recognition of September 15, 2026 as International Myotonic Dystrophy Awareness Day; and

Myotonic
Dystrophy.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Sangiolo of Newton and other members of the House) commending the PKD Foundation for its recognition of September 2026 as Polycystic Kidney Disease Awareness Month;

Polycystic
Kidney
Disease.

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 Mr. Wong of Saugus, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Paper from the Senate.

The House Bill authorizing the town of Petersham to continue the employment of police department members Richard D. Cooley Jr. and David A. Shoemaker (House, No. 5110), came from the Senate, passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment in section 1 by inserting after the second sentence the following sentence:

Petersham,—
police.

“While continuing to serve as a police officers in the town of Petersham pursuant to this act, Richard D. Cooley Jr. and David A. Shoemaker shall comply with all requirements of chapter 6E of the General Laws, including: (i) maintaining certification and good standing with the Massachusetts Peace Officer Standards and Training Commission; and (ii) complying with all in-service and other training requirements mandated by the municipal police training committee.”.

The amendment was referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

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 Wayland Select Board to grant permission to use land for green burials (House, No. 5485) [Local Approval Received];

Allowing ‘print free’ digital legal notices for the town of Wayland (House, No. 5486) [Local Approval Received]; and

Relative to the membership of the Conservation Commission in the town of Chatham (House, No. 5524) [Local Approval Received];

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

Wayland,—
land.

Wayland,—
legal notices.

Chatham,—
commission.

By Mr. Chan of Quincy, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, on House, No. 5114, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure to make an investigation and study of a certain House document relative to consumer connected devices (House, No. 5663). Referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Connected
consumer
devices,—
study.

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

Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted.

By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on House, No. 5592, a Bill relative to the Pilgrim Memorial Park in Plymouth (House, No. 5662). Read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Plymouth,—
Pilgrim Park.

Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed bills

Providing equal opportunity for residents to vote on establishment of the Great River Regional School District (see Senate, No. 3181, amended) (which originated in the Senate); and

Authorizing the city of Westfield to establish an age limit for original appointment to the position of firefighter (see House, No. 5288, amended) (which originated in the House);

Severally having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, were passed to be enacted; and they were signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bills
enacted.

Orders of the Day.

The Senate amendments of the House Bill removing the seating capacity requirements for licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises in the town of Belmont (House, No. 5344), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, were adopted in concurrence.

Belmont,—
liquor
licenses.

The Senate Bill amending the membership of the Quabbin watershed advisory committee (Senate, No. 3133), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third

Third
reading
bill.

Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The House Bill authorizing Craig Riley to take the civil service examination for the position of firefighter in the city of Haverhill notwithstanding the maximum age requirement (House, No. 5384), 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.

Id.

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 twenty-nine minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Berthiaume of Spencer (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.