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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.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Representative Berthiaume of Spencer) commending the Association for Frontotemporal Degeneration for its recognition of the week of September 27, 2026 as Frontotemporal Degeneration Awareness Week, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Frontotemporal
degeneration
awareness.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, 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.

Communications

From the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (see Section 18 ¾ (8) of Chapter 6A of the General Laws) submitting the Massachusetts Fire Incident Reporting System (MFIRS) annual report for calendar year 2023;

Fire incident
reporting
system.

From the Office of the Inspector General (see Section 12 of Chapter 12A of the General Laws) submitting a report entitled: "Boston Public Schools – Procurements, Contracts and Payments";

Boston
public
schools.

From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see Section 2SSSS of Chapter 29 of the General Laws) submitting the MassHealth Delivery System Reform Incentive Program (DSRIP) legislative report for the second quarter of fiscal year 2026;

MassHealth,—
delivery system
reforms.

From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see Section 2SSSS of Chapter 29 of the General Laws) submitting the MassHealth Delivery System Reform Incentive Program (DSRIP) legislative report for the first quarter of fiscal year 2026;

Id.

From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see Section 2AAAAA of Chapter 29 of the General Laws) submitting the MassHealth Safety Net Provider Payment (SNPP) Trust Fund Accounting report for fiscal year 2025;

MassHealth,—
safety net
provider fund.

From the Department of Transitional Assistance (see Sections 2(B) and 5 of Chapter 18 and Section 3C(d) of Chapter 118 and Section 3C(d) of Chapter 118 of the General Laws) submitting a report through calendar year 2025 entitled: Transitional Aid to Families with Dependent Children Consolidated Report [copies

Transitional
assistance.

of said report were forwarded to the committee on Ways and Means, and the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, as required by said law];

From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see Section 13D ½ of Chapter 118E the General Laws) submitting a report on comparative analysis of the Community Behavioral Health Center (CBHC) rates as of December 2025;

From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see Section 65 of Chapter 118E of the General Laws) submitting the Health Safety Net services eligibility report for fiscal year 2025;

From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see Section 65 of Chapter 118E of the General Laws) submitting the Health Safety Net services eligibility report for fiscal year 2024;

From the Department of Correction (see Section 16 of Chapter 123A of the General Laws) relative to sexually dangerous persons in the custody of the department during calendar year 2025 [copies of said report were forwarded to the committee on Ways and Means and the committee on the Judiciary as required by said law];

From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see item 4000-0300 contained in Section 2 of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting its quarterly MassHealth Pharmacy Pipeline Report for April 1, 2026-March 31, 2027;

From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see item 4000-0300 contained in Section 2 of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting its quarterly MassHealth Pharmacy Pipeline Report for January 1, 2026-December 31, 2026;

From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see item 4000-0300 contained in Section 2 of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting its quarterly MassHealth Pharmacy Pipeline Report for October 1, 2025-September 30, 2026;

From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see item 4000-0300 of Section 2 of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting a report on MassHealth pharmaceutical spending and utilization for fiscal years 2025 and 2026;

From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see item 4000-0500 of Section 2 of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting the MassHealth Delivery System Restructuring for 2023 update report;

From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see item 4000-0500 of Section 2 of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting a report with a comparative analysis of the psychiatric inpatient and substance abuse treatment hospital per diem rates as of January, 2026;

From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see item 4000-0601 of Section 2 of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting the transfer certification to the Medicare Savings program from the prescription advantage program and the Health Safety Net Trust Fund for fiscal year 2025;

From the Department of Transitional Assistance (see item 4400-1004 of Section 2 of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting a report on the status of the Healthy Incentives Program (HIP);

From the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (see item 8000-0605 of Section 2 of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting the Office of Grants and Research Human Trafficking Enforcement and Training annual report for fiscal year 2026;

From the Office of the Comptroller (see item 1595-1068 of Section 2E of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025, as amended by Sections 84 and 85 of Chapter 14 of the Acts of 2025) submitting the revised Medical Assistance Trust Fund transfer schedule for fiscal year 2026;

Community Behavioral Health Centers.

Health Safety Net,—eligibility.

Id.

Sexually dangerous persons.

MassHealth,—pharmacy pipeline.

Id.

Id.

MassHealth,—pharmaceutical spending.

MassHealth,—delivery system restructuring.

Hospital per diem rates.

Medicare savings transfer.

Healthy incentives.

Human trafficking.

Medical assistance trust fund.

From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see Section 124 of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting the Health Safety Net Trust/Medicare Savings Program transfer certification letter for fiscal year 2026;	Health Safety Net Trust Fund transfer.
From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see item 4000-0300 contained in Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting its Health Safety Net Trust Fund annual report for fiscal year 2024;	Health Safety Net Trust Fund.
From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see item 4000-0300 contained in Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting its quarterly MassHealth Pharmacy Pipeline Report for July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026;	Pharmacy pipeline.
From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see item 4000-0300 contained in Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting its quarterly MassHealth Pharmacy Pipeline Report for April 1, 2025-March 31, 2026;	Id.
From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see item 4000-0300 contained in Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting its quarterly MassHealth Pharmacy Pipeline Report for January 1, 2025-December 31, 2025;	Id.
From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see item 4000-0300 contained in Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting its quarterly MassHealth Pharmacy Pipeline Report for October 1, 2024-September 30, 2025;	Id.
From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see item 4000-0700 of Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting a report on MassHealth Dental Coverage for fiscal years 2025 and 2026;	Dental coverage.
From the Department of Public Health (see item 4512-0204 of Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting a report on Massachusetts naloxone programs for fiscal years 2024 and 2025;	Naloxone programs.
From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see Section 26 of Chapter 197 of the Acts of 2024) submitting a report on cost and feasibility of changes to the eligibility requirements for Medicaid long-term care services;	Medicaid,—long-term care services.
From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see item 4000-0054 of Section 2 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023 and Section 1(c) of Chapter 77 of the Acts of 2022) submitting the annual report from the Behavioral Health Trust for fiscal year 2025;	Behavioral health.
From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see Section 138 of Chapter 126 of the Acts of 2022) submitting a report from the Department of Public Health entitled: “An Examination of Opioid-Related Overdose Deaths among Massachusetts Residents”; and	Opioid deaths.
From the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (see Section 115 of Chapter 253 of the Acts of 2020) submitting the Municipal Police Training Committee (MPTC) Academy Consolidation report;	Municipal Police Training Committee.
Severally were placed on file.	

Special, Annual, Quarterly and Monthly Reports.

A report of the Division of Occupational Licensure (under Section 305 of Chapter 238 of the Acts of 2024) submitting a report on the state of youth sports in Massachusetts; and	Youth sports.
The annual report of the Division of Administrative Law Appeals (under Section 4H of Chapter 7 of the General Laws) for calendar year 2025; and Quarterly reports	Administrative Law Appeals.

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 August, 2026; and

Unemployment
Insurance
Trust Fund.

Of the Department of Transitional Assistance (under Section 32 of Chapter 158 of the Acts of 2014) submitting its report on Agency Paper Reduction Efforts; and

Paper
reduction.

A monthly report 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;

Permanent
rental
protections.

Severally were placed on file.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Luddy of Orleans and Senator Cyr, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5668) of Hadley Luddy (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize employees in the shellfish, aquaculture, marine fisheries, and health care sectors as preferred vocations for affordable and attainable housing preference in the town of Wellfleet. To the committee on Housing.

Wellfleet,—
housing
preference.

By Representative Duffy of Holyoke, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5669) of Patricia A. Duffy (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to city council procedures in the city of Holyoke; and

Holyoke,—
city council.

By the same member, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5670) of Patricia A. Duffy (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to the laying out of streets, ways, and highways in the city of Holyoke.

Holyoke,—
streets and
ways.

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

By Representative Luddy of Orleans and Senator Cyr, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5671) of Hadley Luddy (by vote of the town) that the town of Eastham be authorized to expand the residential tax exemption in said town to cover properties used as year-round housing. To the committee on Revenue.

Eastham,—
residential
exemption.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

The House Bill revising the term length of certain members of the board of library trustees of the town of Williamstown (House, No. 4347), came from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 3264. The amendment was referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

Williamstown,—
library
trustees.

A Bill authorizing the town of Medfield to continue the employment of David O'Toole as deputy fire chief (Senate, No. 3139) (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.

Medfield,—
David
O'Toole.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 3269) of Paul W. Mark (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the town of Charlemont to continue the employment of fire department members Douglas Annear and Barry Purinton, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Public Service.

Charlemont,—
Annear and
Purinton.

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 Meghan K. Kilcoyne for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for David Gilman, an employee of the Department of Correction. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Public Service. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

David
Gilman,—
sick leave.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the following bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

The Senate Bill authorizing a certain employment contract for the town of Boylston (Senate, No. 3088) [Local Approval Received]; and

Boylston,—
police lieutenant.

The House Bill relative to recall elections in the town of Danvers (House, No. 5539) [Local Approval Received];

Danvers,—
recall elections.

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. Ryan of Boston, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the grant of creditable service to Thomas Brooks (House, No. 5498).

Thomas
Brooks.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to include teachers from the Springfield Empowerment Zone in the Massachusetts Teachers' Retirement System (House, No. 5499).

Retirement,—
teachers.

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

By Mr. Ryan of Boston, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill directing the city of Boston Police Department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Jorge Enriquez (House, No. 5514) [Local Approval Received]. Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Boston,—
Jorge
Enriquez.

Engrossed Bill.

The engrossed Bill authorizing the city of Salem to convert seasonal licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises to annual licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (see House, No. 5097) (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; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill
enacted.

Orders of the Day.

House bills

Authorizing the town of Natick to continue the employment of deputy police chief Brian Lauzon (House, No. 5428) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading); and

Third
reading
bills.

Authorizing the town of Middleton to continue the employment of police officer Richard Kassiotis (House, No. 5513);

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 establishing a sick leave bank for Patrick Nelligan, an employee of the Department of Correction (House, No. 5657) (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.

Patrick
Nelligan,—
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 department of correction, 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. 5657, 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 six minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mrs. Kane of Shrewsbury (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.