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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.

Communications.

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From the Commission for the Protection of Persons with Disabilities (see Section 2 of Chapter 19C of the General Laws) submitting its fiscal year 2026 annual report;

Persons with
disabilities.

From the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (see Section 5 of Chapter 276B of the General Laws) submitting the annual report of the Restorative Justice Advisory Committee for fiscal year 2025;

Restorative
justice.

From the Commission for the Protection of Persons with Disabilities (see item 1107-2501 of Section 2 of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting its fiscal year 2026 third quarterly report for the period of January-March, 2026;

Persons with
disabilities.

From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see item 4000-0321 contained in Section 2 of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting the annual and quarterly Contingency Contract Report for fiscal year 2025;

Contingency
contracts.

From the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (see item 8000-0105 of Section 2 of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting the Chief Medical Examiner's annual report for fiscal year 2025;

Chief Medical
Examiner.

From the Executive Office for Administration and Finance (see item 1595-6153 of Section 2E of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting a report on funds appropriated through the Communications Access Trust Fund transfer for fiscal year 2026;

Communications
Access Trust
Fund transfer.

From the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (see item 7061-9607 of Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the Recovery High Schools legislative report for fiscal year 2025;

Recovery
high
schools.

From the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (see item 7061-9611 of Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting a report on After-School and Out-of-School Time Grants for fiscal year 2025;

After- and out-
of-school
time grants.

From the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (see item 8200-0222 of Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the Municipal Police Training Fund report on the status of recruit training for fiscal years 2025 and 2026;

Municipal
police,—
recruits.

From the Department of Correction (see item 8900-0001 of Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the second quarter data report for calendar year 2025;

Department
of Correction.

From the Department of Correction (see item 8900-0001 of Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the third quarter data report for calendar year 2025;

Id.

From the Department of Correction (see item 8900-0001 of Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the fourth quarter data report for calendar year 2025;

Id.

From the Department of Correction (see item 8900-0010 of Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting its report on Correctional Industries Program Participation and Recidivism on Incarcerated Individuals Released in 2019;

Incarcerated individuals.

From the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (see Section 56 of Chapter 77 of the Acts of 2023) submitting the Municipal Police Training Committee (MPTC) Scholarship Program report for fiscal year 2026;

Municipal police,— expenses.

From the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (see Section 56 of Chapter 77 of the Acts of 2023) submitting the Municipal Police Training Committee (MPTC) Scholarship Program report for fiscal year 2025;

Id.

From the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (see Section 225 of Chapter 268 of the Acts of 2022) submitting the Municipal Police Training Committee (MPTC) Scholarship Criteria report for fiscal year 2023; and

Municipal police,— scholarships.

From the Massachusetts Capital Resource Company (see Section 12 of Chapter 816 of the Acts of 1977) submitting its annual report describing the formation and current status of said company [a copy of said report was forwarded to the Speaker of the House and the Senate President, as required by said law];

Capital Resource Company.

Severally were placed on file.

Monthly Reports.

Monthly reports

Of the Department of Revenue (under Section 5(e) of Chapter 62F of the General Laws) on year-to-date net state tax revenue for September, 2026; and

Net state tax revenue 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;

Permanent rental protections.

Severally were placed on file.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Gallagher of Bridgewater, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Dennis C. Gallagher relative to long term water supply sustainability for the city known as the town of Bridgewater.

Bridgewater,— water supply.

By the same member, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Dennis C. Gallagher for legislation to establish a public safety building assistance fund.

Public safety buildings.

By Representative Garballey of Arlington and Senator Friedman, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Sean Garballey, Cindy F. Friedman and David M. Rogers for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Carry Shulock-Sexton, an employee of the Department of Agricultural Resources.

Carry Shulock-Sexton,— sick leave.

By Representative Smola of Warren, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Todd M. Smola for legislation to designate Three Miles bridge on state highway route 32 in the town of Ware as the Gilbert St. George-Sorel memorial bridge.

Ware,— bridge.

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

Paper from the Senate.

A Bill authorizing the town of Medfield to utilize alternative methods for notice of public hearings (Senate, No. 3138) (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,—
public
hearings.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the Senate Bill relative to a certain retirement benefit to be paid to the surviving spouse of fallen officer, Stephen LaPorta, of the police department of the town of Uxbridge (Senate, No. 3051, amended) [Local Approval Received], be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Uxbridge,—
Stephen
LaPorta.

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

By Mr. Ryan of Boston, for the committee on Public Service, on a joint petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Warren to continue the employment of Steven Perkins (House, No. 5566) [Local Approval Received].

Warren,—
Steven
Perkins.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill providing for the appointment of retired police officers as special police officers in the town of Acushnet (House, No. 5597) [Local Approval Received].

Acushnet,—
special
police.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the appointment of special police officers in the city of Somerville (House, No. 5606) [Local Approval Received].

Somerville,—
special
police.

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

Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed bills

Reclassifying fire alarm operators in the city of Beverly (see Senate, No. 1876) (which originated in the Senate);

Bills
enacted.

Relative to the nomination process for candidates for town meeting in Milford (see House, No. 4185, amended); and

Amending the charter for the town of Groton (see House, No. 4795, amended);
(Which severally 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.

Orders of the Day.

The Senate amendment of the House Bill revising the term length of certain members of the board of library trustees of the town of Williamstown (House, No. 4347), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was adopted, in concurrence.

Williamstown,—
library
trustees.

The Senate amendment of the House Bill authorizing the town of Petersham to continue the employment of police department members Richard D. Cooley Jr. and

Petersham,—
police.

UNCORRECTED PROOF.

David A. Shoemaker (House, No. 5110), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was adopted, in concurrence.

The House Bill relative to the membership of the Conservation Commission in the town of Chatham (House, No. 5524), 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 five 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.