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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 Representatives Ciccolo of Lexington and Gordon of Bedford) congratulating the Indian Americans of Lexington on the occasion of its thirtieth anniversary, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Indian
Americans
of Lexington.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee, reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, 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.

Orders.

The Order (filed by Representatives McMurtry of Dedham and Vitolo of Brookline) relative to extending until Wednesday, December 3, 2025 the time within which the committee on Labor and Workforce Development is authorized to report on current House documents, was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Labor and
Workforce
Development,—
extension of time
for reporting.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4600), ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted.

The Order (filed by Representatives Cahill of Lynn and Worrell of Boston) relative to extending until Wednesday, October 22, 2025 the time within which the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security is authorized to report on a current House document, was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Public Safety
and Homeland
Security,—
extension of time
for reporting.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4598), ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Badger of Plymouth, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representatives Ashe of Longmeadow and Puppolo of Springfield, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4602) of Brian M. Ashe (by vote of the town) that

Monson,—
select board.

the town of Monson be authorized to increase the membership of the select board of said town; and

By Representative Giannino of Revere, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4603) of Jessica Ann Giannino and Lydia Edwards (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Revere be authorized to establish penalties and liens for noise ordinance violations.

Revere,—
noise
ordinance.

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

By Representative Worrell of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4604) of Christopher J. Worrell (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to authorize the appointment of Luisa Fernandes as a police officer in the city of Boston, notwithstanding the maximum age requirement. To the committee on Public Service.

Boston,—
Luisa
Fernandes.

By Representative Arena-DeRosa of Holliston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4605) of James C. Arena-DeRosa (by vote of the town) that the town of Millis be authorized to establish a means-tested senior citizen property tax exemption for school building construction projects. To the committee on Revenue.

Millis,—
senior tax
exemption.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Representative Walsh of Peabody and Senator Lovely presented a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Thomas P. Walsh and Sally P. Kerans for legislation to authorize electrocardiogram screenings prior to participation in interscholastic athletic competitions; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Student
athletes,—
electro-
cardiogram
screenings.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, then reported recommending that Joint Rule 12 be suspended. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Badger of Plymouth, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Financial Services. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Representative Domb of Amherst presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Mindy Domb relative to the disclosure of consumer information related to tariffs; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Tariffs.

Papers from the Senate.

Petitions were referred, in concurrence, as follows:

Joint petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2627) of Michael J. Rodrigues and Justin Thurber (by vote of the town) for legislation to allow the town of Somerset to prohibit water fluoridation. To the committee on Public Health.

Somerset,—
water
fluoridation.

Joint petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2635) of Julian Cyr and Kip A. Diggs (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the city known as the town of Barnstable to use red lights on certain emergency response vehicles. To the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security.

Barnstable,—
emergency
vehicles.

A petition (accompanied by bill) of Russell Bogartz for legislation relative to host community agreements, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Cannabis Policy.

Host
community
agreements.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2649) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Cannabis Policy.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the House Bill relative to the remediation of home heating oil releases (House, No. 1302), be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Oil releases,—
remediation.

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

Reports of the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, under the last sentence of Rule 7A, that the following House bills be scheduled for consideration by the House (the time within which said committee is required to report having expired):

Eliminate penalty charges when canceling auto insurance [sic] (House, No. 1269);

Auto insurance,—
penalties.

Relative to charter changes for the town of Longmeadow (House, No. 4312) [Local Approval Received];

Longmeadow,—
charter.

Allowing “print-free” digital legal notices for the town of North Brookfield (House, No. 4313) [Local Approval Received]; and

North Brookfield,—
digital notices.

To allow the town of Hingham to use municipal property as the location for a center for active living (House, No. 4314) [Local Approval Received];

Hingham,—
property.

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

By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, on House, No. 4429, reported, in part, a Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2025 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (House, No. 4601) [Total Appropriation: \$2,256,596,732.00]. Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Supplemental
appropriations.

By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill providing for the terms of certain bonds to be issued by the Commonwealth (printed in House, No. 4413), ought to pass. Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Bonding
terms.

By Ms. Farley-Bouvier of Pittsfield, for the committee on Advanced Information Technology, the Internet and Cybersecurity, on a petition, a Bill creating the Massachusetts digital equity broadband adoption program (House, No. 92) [Representative Gaskey of Carver dissenting].

Digital
equity.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing free broadband internet access in public housing (House, No. 101) [Representative Gaskey of Carver dissenting].

Broadband
access.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 100, a Bill establishing a commission to study a statewide credentialing program for digital navigators (House, No. 4596) [Representative Gaskey of Carver dissenting].

Digital
navigators.

By Mr. Lewis of Framingham, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a joint petition, a Bill establishing a regional fire district and department for the towns of Charlemont and Rowe (House, No. 4482).

Charlemont
and Rowe,—
fire district.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Nantucket conservation commission to convey a certain parcel of land situated in the town for purposes of conveyance to the town of Nantucket under the care, custody, management and control of the select board and the town of Nantucket to convey certain land in the town of Nantucket held for open space, passive recreation or conservation purposes to the Nantucket islands land bank for the purposes pursuant to its legislation and/or to the Sconset Trust, Inc. For open space, conservation and passive recreation purposes (House, No. 4523) [Local Approval Received].

Nantucket,—
land.

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

By Mr. Lewis of Framingham, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a petition, a Bill amending the town charter of the town of Plymouth (House, No. 4501, changed in section 4, in line 402, by striking out the words “Town Hundred Fifty” and inserting in place thereof the words “two hundred fifty”; and in line 463, by striking out the word “town” and inserting in place thereof the word “two”) [Local Approval Received].

Plymouth,—
charter.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill amending the town manager act of the town of Arlington (House, No. 4502) [Local Approval Received].

Arlington,—
town manager.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill amending the charter of the town of Hudson (House, No. 4503) [Local Approval Received].

Hudson,—
charter.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill making the charter of the county on Nantucket gender neutral (House, No. 4504) [Local Approval Received].

Nantucket,—
charter.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill authorizing the county of Nantucket to convey School Street situated in the town and county of Nantucket for purposes of conveyance to the town of Nantucket (House, No. 4505) [Local Approval Received].

Nantucket,—
land.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to digital legal notices for the town of Plymouth (House, No. 4510) [Local Approval Received].

Plymouth,—
legal notices.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill changing the name of the board of selectmen in the town of Williamsburg to select board (House, No. 4524) [Local Approval Received].

Williamsburg,—
select board.

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

Reports of the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, under the last sentence of Rule 7A, that the following House bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

To relative to an underinsurance issue [sic] (House, No. 1109);

Underinsurance.
Automobile
appraisers.

Providing for temporary emergency licensing of appraisers of motor vehicle damage covered by auto insurance policies (House, No. 1231);

Relative to authorizing electronic signatures for criminal complaints (House, No. 1690);

Criminal
complaints.

Relative to public hearings of the Group Insurance Commission (House, No. 2782);

Group Insurance Commission.

Relative to maintenance of physical examinations records for public safety personnel (House, No. 2860);

Public safety,—
physicals.

Promoting safety in the use of off-highway vehicles (House, No. 3639);

Off-highway.

Authorizing the Dalton Fire District to continue the employment of interim fire chief Christopher Francis Cachat (House, No. 4321); and

Dalton,—
employment.

Regarding probation violations (House, No. 4469);

Probation.

Severally placed in the Orders of the Day for the next sitting for a second reading.

Orders of the Day.

The House Bill dedicating certain park and field space in the South Boston section of the city of Boston (House, No. 899), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Boston,—
land.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Walsh of Peabody moved to amend it in line 6 by striking out the words “a suitable marker” and inserting in place thereof the words “suitable markers”.

The amendment was adopted; and the bill (House, No. 899, 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 tomorrow at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next
sitting.

At nine minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Howitt of Seekonk (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following day at eleven o'clock A.M.