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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).

Pledge of allegiance.

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.

Resolutions.

Kate Barrand.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Representative Peisch of Wellesley) honoring Kate Barrand on her retirement from Horizons for Homeless Children, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

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.

Communications.

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Firearms.

From the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (see Section 18 ¾ of Chapter 6A of the General Laws) submitting a report for Firearm-Related Activity in Massachusetts for calendar years 2024-2025;

Health information technology.

From the Office of the Comptroller (see item 1595-1069 of Section 2E of Chapter 137 of the Acts of 2026) submitting the Health Information Technology Trust Fund transfer schedule for fiscal year 2027;

State police crime lab.

From the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (see item 8100-1004 of Section 2 of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting a report of the Massachusetts State Police Crime Lab for the first quarter of calendar year 2026; and

Childcare providers.

From the Department of Early Education and Care (see Section 188 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting its Commonwealth Cares for Children report;

Severally were placed on file.

Annual, Quarterly and Monthly Reports.

Abuser registry.

The annual report of the Disabled Persons Protection Commission (under Section 15(f) of Chapter 19C of the General Laws) submitting its fiscal year 2026 Summary of the Abuser Registry; and

Plymouth County Correctional Facility.

A quarterly report of the Sheriff's Department of Plymouth County (under Section 40 of Chapter 126 of the General Laws) submitting the aggregate data on the population of the Plymouth County Correctional Facility for the third quarter of calendar year 2026; and

Permanent rental protections.

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 for October, 2026;

Severally were placed on file.

Papers from the Senate.

Firefighters,— cancer screenings.

The House Bill mandating access to cancer screenings for firefighters through health care benefits plans or programs provided by the public employer (House, No. 5631), 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 3284. Referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

Bills

Lobular breast cancer day.

Designating October 15 as lobular breast cancer awareness day (Senate, No. 2666) (on a petition); and

South Deerfield,— Steven Kolakoski.

Authorizing the South Deerfield Fire District to continue the employment of fire department member Steven Kolakoski (Senate, No. 3155) (on a petition);

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were read; and they were referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

East Bridgewater,— municipal liens.

A joint petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 3286) of Michael D. Brady and Alyson M. Sullivan-Almeida (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the town of East Bridgewater to place municipal charge liens on certain properties in the town of East Bridgewater for nonpayment of any local charges, fee or fine, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Reports of Committees.

Monica Murphy,— sick leave.

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 Amy Mah Sangiolo and Cynthia Stone Creem for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Monica C. Murphy, an employee of the Department of Children and Families. 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.

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:

Ludlow,— recreation.

Restructuring the town of Ludlow recreation department and the town of Ludlow recreation commission (House, No. 5604) [Local Approval Received]; and

Hopedale,— commission.

Relative to the water and sewer commission of the town of Hopedale (House, No. 5611) [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.

Engrossed Bills.

Bill enacted.

The engrossed Bill exempting George Patrinos from the maximum age requirement age for the position of firefighter in the town of Dudley (see House bill printed in House, No. 5520) (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.

Bills enacted.

Engrossed bills

Authorizing the town of Medfield to continue the employment of David O'Toole as deputy fire chief (see Senate, No. 3139) (which originated in the Senate);

Establishing a board of election commissioners in the city of Salem (see House, No. 3907);

Further regulating the Ayer Library (see House, No. 4174, amended);

Authorizing the town of Auburn to offer expanded senior property tax abatements (see House, No. 4585);

Relative to the transportation of vessels in the villages of Marston Mills and Osterville in the city known as the town of Barnstable (see House, No. 5421); and

Designating the Hyannis Transportation Center in the town of Hyannis as the Thomas S. Cahir Cape Cod Transportation Center (see House, No. 5430);

(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.

Nantucket,—charter.

The engrossed Bill amending the charter of the town of Nantucket (see House, No. 4441, changed) which had been returned by Her Excellency the Governor with recommendation of amendment (for message, see House, No. 5680), was considered.

The committee on Bills in the Third Reading reported that the amendment recommended by the Governor be considered in the form contained in the Governor's message as approved by said committee; and the report was accepted.

The amendment recommended by the Governor then was adopted. Sent to the Senate for its action.

Second reading bill.

The House Bill designating the official jazz song of the Commonwealth (House, No. 3407) was read a second time; and it was ordered to a third reading.

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Milton,—property taxes.

The House Bill relative to the establishment of a Milton means-tested property tax exemption (House, No. 4094), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Walsh of Peabody moved to amend it by substitution of a bill with the same title (House, No. 5696), which was read.

The amendment was adopted; and the substituted bill 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 Wednesday next, at eleven o'clock A.M.; and

Next sitting.

That, at one o'clock P.M., the House shall proceed to the consideration of formal business pursuant to Joint Rule 12A; and

That, notwithstanding the provisions of House Rule 12, the Clerk be authorized to dispense with the printing of the calendar for said sitting.

At ten minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Smola of Warren (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Wednesday at eleven o'clock A.M.