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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.

Orders.

The following orders were referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules:

Order (filed by Representatives Gordon of Bedford and Ayers of Quincy) relative to extending until Wednesday, December 17, 2025 the time within which the committee on Education is authorized to report on current House documents (House, No. 4629);

Extensions
of time for
committees
to make
reports.

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 (House, No. 4626);

Order (filed by Representatives Lewis of Framingham and Sabadosa of Northampton) relative to extending until Wednesday, December 17, 2025 the time within which the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government is authorized to report on current House documents (House, No. 4628);

Order (filed by Representatives Decker of Cambridge and Kerans of Danvers) relative to extending until Thursday, November 20, 2025 the time within which the committee on Public Health is authorized to report on current House documents (House, No. 4627).

Order (filed by the same members) relative to extending until Thursday, November 20, 2025 the time within which the committee on Public Health is authorized to report on current House documents (House, No. 4630); and

Order (filed by the same members) relative to extending until Thursday, November 20, 2025 the time within which the committee on Public Health is authorized to report on current House documents (House, No. 4631);

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported, in each instance, that the orders ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington, the orders were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Communications.

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From the Executive Office of Economic Development (see Section 13V of Chapter 23A of the General Laws) submitting the Massachusetts Office of

Massachusetts-
Ireland Trade
Commission.

International Trade and Investment (MOITI) Massachusetts-Ireland Trade Commission Report for fiscal year 2025;

From the Northwestern District Attorney's Office (see Section 47(d) of Chapter 94C of the General Laws) submitting a report on its fiscal year 2025 law enforcement trust funds for drug rehabilitation, drug education and neighborhood crime watch programs;

Northwestern District Attorney,—
drugs and crime.

From the Division of Insurance (see Section 117C of Chapter 175 of the General Laws) submitting its Credit Insurance report for calendar year 2024;

Credit insurance.

From the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development (see item 3000-1049 of Section 183 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting its report entitled "Best Practices: Enhance Early Education and Care Benefits" for fiscal year 2025; and

Early education and care.

From the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (see Section 84 of Chapter 179 of the Acts of 2022) submitting its Municipal Fossil Fuel-Free Demonstration Program annual report for fiscal year 2025;

Municipal fossil fuel-free program.

Severally were placed on file.

Petitions.

Representative Lombardo of Billerica and Senator Friedman presented a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4632) of Marc T. Lombardo and Cindy F. Friedman (by vote of the town) that the town of Billerica be authorized to establish an age limit for original appointment to the position of police officer in said town; and the same was referred to the committee on Public Service. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Billerica,—
police age limit.

Representative Hogan of Stow presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Kate Hogan for legislation to establish statewide food truck regulations; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Food trucks,—
regulations.

Papers from the Senate.

Bills

Relative to amending certain use restrictions for the Foxborough State Hospital (Senate, No. 2141) (on a petition);

Foxborough State Hospital.

Relative to menstrual product ingredient disclosure (Senate, No. 2641) (on Senate bill No. 1483); and

Menstrual products.

Updating the Move Over Law (Senate, No. 2653) (on Senate bill No. 2642);

Move over law.

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were read; and they were referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

A Bill to increase access to disposable menstrual products (Senate, No. 2640) (on Senate bill No. 2546), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

Menstrual products,—
availability.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2652) of Kelly A. Dooner, Justin Thurber and Norman J. Orrall (with approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to authorize the city of Taunton to establish a separate billing rate for water supplied to manufactured housing communities, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

Taunton,—
water billing rate.

A petition (accompanied by bill) of William J. Driscoll, Jr. for legislation to authorize the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, acting by and through its Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance, to grant permanent easements over certain land in the town of Milton for highway purposes, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

Milton,—
land.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2657) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

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 Antonio F. D. Cabral relative to benefit payments by the New Bedford Police Association. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended; and petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Public Service. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

New Bedford,—
police
association.

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 the town of Brookfield to continue the employment of Herbert A. Chaffee, II (Senate, No. 1830) [Local Approval Received]; and

Brookfield,—
Herbert Chaffee.

House bills

Relative to enhancing child safety (House, No. 2676);

Window guards.

Relative to certain special revolving funds in the town of Athol (House, No. 4401) [Local Approval Received];

Athol,—
funds.

Relative to the town administrator of the town of Carlisle (House, No. 4414) [Local Approval Received]; and

Carlisle,—
administrator.

Amending the charter for the town of Nantucket (House, No. 4441, changed) [Local Approval Received];

Nantucket,—
charter.

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. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Financial Services, on a petition, a Bill to streamline patient disclosure requirements (House, No. 1126).

Patient disclosure
requirements.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to eliminating the PCP referral requirement for specialty gynecological care (House, No. 1168).

Gynecological
care.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1136, a Bill improving the health insurance prior authorization process (House, No. 4616).

Prior
authorization.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1140, a Bill to remove barriers to patient care (House, No. 4617).

Advance practice
nurses.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1142, a Bill to promote increased access to patient care through equitable reimbursement (House, No. 4618).

Equitable
reimbursement.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1144, a Bill to protect health care consumers from surprise billing (House, No. 4619).

Surprise
billing.

By Ms. Decker of Cambridge, for the committee on Public Health, on House, No. 2483, a Bill to increase access to disposable menstrual products (House, No. 4611).

Menstrual
products.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 2550, a Bill relative to culturally competent and effective health care (House, No. 4613).

Physicians,—
workforce.

Severally referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Education, on House, Nos. 669 and 698, a Bill relative to teacher preparation and student literacy (House, No. 4642).

Students,—
literacy.

By Ms. Decker of Cambridge, for the committee on Public Health, on House, No. 2467, a Bill to study the decriminalization of sex work (House, No. 4610).

Sex work,—
decriminalization.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 2527, a Bill relative to the creation of an endometriosis task force (House, No. 4612).

Endometriosis
task force.

By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on a petition, a Bill relating to embodied carbon emission reductions in state-funded projects (House, No. 3337).

Carbon
emission
reduction.

By the same member for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill prohibiting state and municipal contracts for the purchase and installation of artificial turf fields (House, No. 3339).

Artificial
turf fields.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to promote American manufacturing (House, No. 3411).

American
manufacturing.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to chapter 30B procurement parity (House, No. 3436).

Chapter 30B
procurement.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 3293, a Bill relative to the employment of persons with disabilities (House, No. 4620).

Disability
employment.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, on the Order relative to authorizing the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to state agency language access and inclusion and removing certain accessibility restriction on public records (House, No. 4564), reported, in part, a Bill relative to language access and inclusion (House, No. 3384).

Public
records,—
access.

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

By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on a petition, a Bill relative to charter school procurement (House, No. 3423).

Charter school
procurement.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to enhance cooperative purchasing opportunities for cities and towns (House, No. 3424).

Cooperative
purchasing.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, on the Order relative to authorizing the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to state agency language access and inclusion and removing certain accessibility restriction on public records (House, No. 4564), reported, on the residue, a Bill relative to restricted vital records (House, No. 3393).

Vital records,—
access.

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:

Providing for alternatives to fines for failure to send (House, No. 571);
Establishing Indigenous Peoples Day (House, No. 3292);
Making October 25th Dwarfism awareness day in the Commonwealth (House, No. 3343);
Designating the official jazz song of the Commonwealth (House, No. 3407);
To clarify penalties for violations occurring while driving with a hardship license (House, No. 3728); and
Relative to expired licenses (House, No. 3736);
Severally placed in the Orders of the Day for the next sitting for a second reading.

Attendance.
Indigenous day.
Dwarfism day.
Jazz song.
Hardship license,—
penalties.
Expired licenses.

Engrossed Bill.

The engrossed Bill authorizing the town of Wellesley to increase the residency limits for members of the police and fire departments (see House, No. 4140) (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

Exempting Freddy Castaneda from the maximum age requirement for police officers in the city of Haverhill (House, No. 2988) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

Amending the charter of the town of Hopkinton to incorporate appointment powers of the board of library trustees (House, No. 4292);

Establishing an economic development special revenue account for the town of Hopkinton (House, No. 4293); and

Establishing a sick leave bank for Marie Letendre, an employee of the Department of Transitional Assistance (House, No. 4565) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

Severally reported by said committee to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Third reading bills.

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.

Next sitting.

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

