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Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M. 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.

Silent Tribute.

Ms. Hogan of Stow being in the Chair,—

Ricky Arroyo.

At the request of Ms. Arriaga of Chicopee, the members, guests and employees stood in a moment of silent tribute for Ricky Arroyo, who was tragically killed at the age of thirty-five on Sunday, October 1, 2026, outside a youth basketball game.

Mr. Arroyo was a devoted father, coach, and mentor to countless young people in Chicopee and beyond. He dedicated his time, passion, and heart to the game he loved and to the young athletes whose lives he helped shape. Violence has no place in youth sports or in our communities.

He is survived by his partner Brittany, and their loving children, Macen and Avianna; his parents, siblings, and a large extended family of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins, including Representative Arriaga. He also leaves behind many dear friends and a community who loved him.

Please join Representative Arriaga to honor Ricky's life, his family, and the legacy he leaves behind.

Statement of Representative Whipps of Athol.

A statement of Ms. Whipps of Athol was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

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MR. SPEAKER: I would like to call to the attention of the House the fact that I am unable to be present in the House Chamber for today's sitting due to a previously scheduled family event outside of the country. My missing of roll calls is due entirely to the reason stated.

Remote Participation.

Remote participation.

Notice had been received from House Counsel that, under the provisions of House Rule 49, Representatives Barrett of North Adams, Cruz of Salem, Ferguson of Holden, Lipper-Garabedian of Melrose and Marsi of Charlton had been approved to participate remotely for today's formal sitting.

Papers from the Senate.

South Hadley,— liquor licenses.

The House Bill authorizing the town of South Hadley to grant 6 additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages (House, No. 5343), came from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with amendments in section 1, in line 5, by striking out the figure: "4" and inserting in place thereof the figure: "5", in line 9, by striking out the words "or 'Newton Street/Lyman Street' " and inserting in place thereof the words " 'Newton Street/Lyman Street' or 'New Ludlow Road'", in line 13, by striking out the words "or (iv) 'Newton Street/Lyman Street' district" and inserting in place thereof the words "(iv) 'Newton Street/Lyman Street' district or (v) 'New Ludlow Road'", in line 15, by striking out the date: "February 19" and inserting in place thereof the date: "October 8"; and in line 21, by striking out the following: "or (iv)" and inserting in place thereof the following:""(iv) or (v)". The amendments were referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

Greenfield,— liquor licenses.

A Bill authorizing the city of Greenfield to grant an additional liquor license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (Senate, No. 3261) (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.

Reports of Committees.

Retirement benefits,— firefighters.

Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill relative to firefighter retirement benefits (House, No. 2753), ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a bill with the same title (House, No. 5697). Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Mr. Honan of Boston, for said committee, then reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Ms. Badger of Plymouth, the bill was read a second time forthwith.

The amendment recommended by the committee on Ways and Means then was adopted; and the substituted bill was ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently, under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington, the bill (having been 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. The bill (House, No. 5697) then was sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Nicholas Spinale,— benefits.

By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill providing injured on duty compensation to Chelmsford firefighter Nicholas Spinale (printed in House, No. 5429), ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a bill with the same title (House, No. 5698). Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Mr. Honan of Boston, for said committee, then reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Ouellette of Westport, the bill was read a second time forthwith.

The amendment recommended by the committee on Ways and Means then was adopted; and the substituted bill was ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently, under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington, the bill (having been 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. The bill (House, No. 5698) then was sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Emergency Measure.

Carry Shulock-Sexton,— sick leave.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Carry Shulock-Sexton, an employee of the Department of Agricultural Resources (see House, No. 5685), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was considered, the question being on adopting the emergency preamble.

A separate vote was taken, as required by the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXVII) of the Amendments to the Constitution; and the preamble was adopted, by a vote of 6 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Engrossed Bills.

Bill re-enacted.

The engrossed Bill amending the charter of the city of Pittsfield (see House, No. 4716, amended) (which originated in the House) (which had been returned by Her Excellency the Governor with recommendation of amendment), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be re-enacted, in its amended form; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bills enacted.

Engrossed bills

Further defining a quorum of the Worcester Regional Retirement System Board Advisory Council (see House, No. 2926); and

Increasing the membership of the board of water commissioners of the Dalton fire district (see House, No. 4721);

(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.

Recesses.

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At twenty-seven minutes before twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mr. Smola of Warren (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House recessed until one o'clock P.M.; and at six minutes after two o'clock P.M., the House was called to order with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair.

The House thereupon took a further recess, on motion of Mr. Jones of North Reading, subject to the call of the Chair; and at four minutes before three o'clock the House was called to order with Ms. Hogan in the Chair.

Reports of Committees.

Supplemental appropriations.

Prior to the noon recess (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair),— Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, on House, No. 5679, reported, in part, a Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2026 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and

projects (House, No. 5699) [Total Appropriation: $2,347,185,299.00]. Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Mr. Honan of Boston, for said committee, then reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently, the noon recess having terminated (Ms. Hogan of Stow being in the Chair), under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Peisch of Wellesley, the bill (having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) was read a third time.

After remarks on the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Smola of Warren and other members of the House then moved to amend it by adding the following two sections:

"SECTION 129. (a) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, retail sellers of gasoline for use on public highways shall reduce their retail sales price of gasoline by the amount of the excise imposed by section 4 of chapter 64A of the General Laws for a period of 60 days, and be reimbursed for such reduction via a credit as provided in subsection (d).

(b) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, retail sellers of diesel for use on public highways shall reduce their retail sales price of diesel by the amount of the excise imposed by section 4 of chapter 64E of the General Laws for a period of 60 days, and be reimbursed for such reduction via a credit as provided in subsection (d).

(c) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the excise imposed by section 3 of chapter 64F of the General Laws for the propulsion of motor vehicles upon or over the highways of the commonwealth shall be reduced by 24 cents per gallon, for a period of 60 days.

(d) Retail sellers of gasoline and diesel shall keep records of the amount of gasoline and diesel sold at the reduced sales prices ("tax-free gasoline and diesel") pursuant to subsections (a) 1and (b) and shall certify to the distributor, unclassified exporter, unclassified importer, or supplier from which the fuel was purchased the total gallons of tax-free gasoline and diesel sold and the total amount of savings realized by their customers as a result of these reduced sales prices. The distributor, unclassified exporter, unclassified importer, or supplier shall provide the retail seller with a credit in the amount of such total savings toward payment of the excise pursuant to section 4 of chapter 64A or section 4 of chapter 64E of the General Laws, as applicable. The distributor, unclassified exporter, unclassified importer, or supplier shall report the amount of tax-free gasoline or diesel sold on the applicable return. Retail sellers shall maintain records sufficient to demonstrate that their prices are in compliance with subsections (a) and (b) and shall retain these records in accordance with section 25 of chapter 62C.

(e) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, sales tax pursuant to section 2 of chapter 64H of the General Laws shall not be imposed on the sale of gasoline by a distributor, unclassified importer, unclassified exporter, or supplier for use on public highways, or on the sale of diesel for use on public highways, for a period of 60 days.

(f) A violation of subsections (a) or (b) of this section shall be deemed an unfair method of competition and an unfair or deceptive trade practice under chapter 93A of the General Laws.

(g) The 60-day period specified in subsections (a) and (b) shall be considered a market emergency for purposes of 940 C.M.R. 3.00.

(h) The department of revenue may promulgate regulations or other guidance necessary for the implementation, administration, and enforcement of this section.

SECTION 130. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, in fiscal year 2027, the comptroller, at the direction of the secretary of administration and finance, shall transfer from the Education and Transportation Fund established in section 2BBBBBB of chapter 29 of the General Laws to the Commonwealth Transportation Fund established in section 2ZZZ of said chapter 29, an amount equal to the amount of excise reported by distributors, unclassified exporters, unclassified importers, or suppliers to the department of revenue attributable to gasoline or diesel sold during the 60 day period described in the above section.".

After debate on the question on adoption of the amendment, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, at the request of the same member; and on the roll call 30 members voted in the affirmative and 122 in the negative.

Amendment rejected,— yea and nay No. 271.

[See Yea and Nay No. 271 in Supplement.]

Therefore the amendment was rejected.

Mr. Frost of Auburn and other members of the House then moved to amend the bill by adding the following section:

"SECTION 129. Chapter 62 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2024 official edition, is hereby amended by adding the following new section:-

Section 65. Notwithstanding any general or special law, rule or regulation to the contrary, for taxable years 2026, 2027 and 2028, there shall be deducted from adjusted gross income in determining income: a deduction for the costs of home heating oil and propane for which the cost per gallon of oil exceeds $3.00, up to $1600 maximum.

The deductions may be used only for the cost of home heating oil and propane purchased between January 1, 2026 and April 30, 2028.

Any taxpayer entitled to a deduction under this section may apply the deduction in taxable year 2026 for purchases made in 2026. If the taxpayer does not take the full $1600 deduction in taxable year 2026, the taxpayer may take the remainder in taxable years 2027 or 2028.

Natural gas customers may deduct the difference in total energy costs in 2026 over what they paid in 2025, up to $1600. If the natural gas customer does not take the full $1600 deduction in taxable year 2026, they make take the remainder in taxable years 2027 or 2028.

The commissioner of revenue shall promulgate rules and regulations necessary to implement this section. The commissioner shall also include in such rules and regulations eligibility provisions for a taxpayer who owns a condominium or a cooperative dwelling and for whom such purchases are accounted for in a common area fee or special assessment against such costs as may be reasonably attributed to the percentage ownership share of the condominium or cooperative dwelling costs; and provided further, that the commissioner shall also include in such rules and regulations eligibility provisions for a taxpayer who rents a residential dwelling and for whom such purchases are accounted for in the rent and provisions that account for multiple renters in a residential dwelling. The department shall file a copy of any rules and regulations with the clerks of the senate and house of representatives and with the joint committee on revenue.".

The amendment was rejected.

Mr. Sweezey of Duxbury and other members of the House then moved to amend the bill by striking out section 116.

After debate on the question on adoption of the amendment, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, at the request of the same member; and on the roll call 25 members voted in the affirmative and 127 in the negative.

Amendment rejected,— yea and nay

[See Yea and Nay No. 272 in Supplement.] No. 272.

Therefore the amendment was rejected.

Mr. Michlewitz of Boston and other members of the House then moved to amend the bill by inserting after section 22 the following section:

"SECTION 22A.Said chapter 23J is hereby further amended by adding the following section:

Section 17. (a) There shall be established and placed within the center a separate, non-budgeted special revenue fund to be known as the Offshore Wind Pre-Development and Project Acceleration Fund. Expenditures from the fund shall be to accelerate project timelines, streamline the readiness of offshore wind generation projects and reduce project risks. The fund shall be administered by the center, without further appropriation. All amounts credited to the fund shall be used to fund the state-led offshore wind pre-development and project acceleration program established pursuant to section 24 of chapter 25A.

(b) The center may make expenditures from the fund, in coordination with the department of energy resources, for eligible pre-development activities, including, but not limited to: (i) permitting and site assessment studies; (ii) fisheries and environmental science studies; (iii) pre-front end engineering design; (iv) transmission planning; and (v) support for the timely utilization of regional supply chain and port infrastructure.

(c) Eligibility for money from the fund shall be limited to offshore wind projects that can demonstrate an ability to access federal tax credits for the benefit of commonwealth ratepayers.

(d) Any financial arrangement executed using monies from the fund shall include a mechanism to ensure recovery of any co-investment capital provided by the commonwealth upon the project reaching commercial operation. Revenues deposited in the fund that are unexpended at the end of a fiscal year shall not revert to the General Fund and shall be available for expenditure in the following fiscal year.";

By inserting after section 45 the following section:

"SECTION 45A. Section 89 of chapter 71 of the General Laws, as most recently amended by section 65 of chapter 137 of the acts of 2026, is hereby further amended by inserting after subsection (n) the following subsection:

(n 1/2)(a) Notwithstanding subsection (n) or any other general or special law to the contrary, a Horace Mann charter school may, through a reservation of seats or a weighted lottery, establish the following preferences for admission, subject to the procedures set forth in this subsection:

(i) annually, any Horace Mann charter school may reserve up to 20 per cent of the available seats for admission in each class year for eligible applicants who reside within a geographic preference area determined by the school; provided, that any unallocated seats shall be released to the general admissions lottery; provided further, that the reservation of seats and the subsequent admissions preferences shall be administered as follows: (A) to be eligible for a reserved seat, an applicant must submit an application for admission within an enrollment window established by the school; (B) if the number of applicants with an admissions preference exceeds the number of reserved seats, the school shall conduct a randomized lottery among those applicants to fill the reserved seats; (C) any eligible applicant who is not selected for a reserved seat under clause (B) shall automatically be entered into the general admissions lottery for the school's remaining available seats; and (D) in the general admissions lottery for the school's remaining available seats, the school shall conduct the lottery in accordance with the enrollment preference categories established in

subsection (n); provided, however, that any eligible applicant who is not selected for a reserved seat may be granted a statistical advantage by means of a weighted lottery;

(ii) the school district and the Horace Mann charter school may adopt a plan to enroll a comparable population of students with disabilities, including students that require a full continuum of support and may make assignments to the school consistent with the plan; or

(iii) in the event of a school closure, merger or comparable event, the school district and the Horace Mann charter school may adopt a plan to enroll impacted students through a reservation of seats, a weighted lottery or both.

(b) Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to supersede the enrollment preference granted to siblings of students currently attending the charter school under subsection (n).

(c) The department may issue guidance and administrative procedures as necessary to assist districts and Horace Mann charter schools in implementing the weighted lottery and geographic preference.";

By inserting after section 78 the following section:

"SECTION 78A. Section 213 of chapter 140 of the acts of 2024, as amended by section 156 of chapter 73 of the acts of 2025, is hereby further amended by striking out the words 'December 31, 2026' and inserting in place thereof the following words: December 31, 2028.";

By inserting after section 105 the following 2 sections:

"SECTION 105A. Notwithstanding sections 32 to 37, inclusive, of chapter 7C of the General Laws or any other general or special law to the contrary, the commissioner of capital asset management and maintenance may, in consultation with University of Massachusetts, Bridgewater State University and Massasoit Community College, transfer the care and control of 226-236B Main street in the city of Brockton from the University of Massachusetts, Bridgewater State University and Massasoit Community College to the executive office of labor and workforce development. The parcel of land to be transferred to the executive office of labor and workforce development is more particularly described in a deed recorded in the Plymouth county registry of deeds in certificate of title number 121531, document number 728933.

SECTION 105B. Notwithstanding chapter 40 and chapter 30B of the General Laws or any other general or special law to the contrary, the city of Quincy may extend the lease of a certain parcel of land comprised of approximately 241.78 acres of land, together with any improvements thereon, located in the city of Quincy, Norfolk county, Massachusetts, known as the former municipal sanitary landfill and adjacent parcels thereto, as authorized by chapter 50 of the acts of 1994, to Quarry Hills Associates, Limited Partnership for a period of up to 50 years.";

By inserting after section 108 the following section:

"SECTION 108A. (a) Notwithstanding section 13L of chapter 118E of the General Laws, or any other general or special law to the contrary, the executive office of health and human services shall not, directly or through a managed care entity, implement or enforce, a general exclusion from coverage of, or a general limitation on reimbursement for, drugs acquired through the federal 340B Drug Pricing Program under 42 U.S.C. §256b and dispensed through a pharmacy to MassHealth members enrolled in a managed care entity, including any exclusion or limitation achieved by removing pharmacy coverage from or otherwise transferring to MassHealth all or substantially all of the pharmacy benefit under a MassHealth managed-care arrangement, until: (i) expenditure authority under section 1115 of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. §1315, for a 340B hospital access stabilization payment program, or

a program substantially similar in purpose, as requested in the commonwealth's request to extend the MassHealth Section 1115 Demonstration beyond December 31, 2027, has been approved by the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and has taken effect; and (ii) the executive office of health and human services has submitted the report required under subsection (b). Nothing in the subsection shall prohibit the continued implementation or enforcement of any policy in effect on October 1, 2026.

(b) Not less than 180 days before the effective date of any proposed general exclusion, limitation or transfer described in subsection (a), the executive office of health and human services shall submit a report to the chairs of the joint committee on health care financing and the house and senate committees on ways and means that shall include the following information: (i) the fiscal, operational and patient access impacts of the proposed change; (ii) the projected gross and net state and federal fiscal effects of the proposed change, including all underlying assumptions, methodology and anticipated timeframes; (iii) the estimated financial and operational impact on federally qualified community health centers and hospitals, including, but not limited to, changes in drug acquisition costs, cash flow implications, reimbursement variability, associated risks to providers, including potential financial losses, and the administrative and operational burdens of implementation; and (iv) the manner in which the executive office of health and human services plans to mitigate the impacts described in clause (iii), including the amount, source, duration and federal matching treatment of any mitigation funding, including the 340B hospital access stabilization payment authority.

(c) Nothing in this section shall be construed to: (i) limit the executive office of health and human services in negotiations with, making commitments to or seeking any approval from the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services; or (ii) prohibit the executive office of health and human services from implementing any changes other than the general exclusion, limitation or transfer described in subsection (a) that the executive office of health and human services deems necessary to maintain the fiscal sustainability of the MassHealth program, including the designation of specific drugs acquired through the federal 340B Drug Pricing Program, on a drug-by-drug basis, for exclusion from coverage or reimbursement; provided, that such changes shall not, in the aggregate, have substantially the same effect as a general exclusion, limitation or transfer described in subsection (a).";

By inserting after section 113 the following 2 sections:

"SECTION 113A. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, grants from the amounts collected pursuant to subsection (a) of section 13T of chapter 23A of the General Laws allocated to regional tourism councils pursuant to clause (ii) of subsection (d) of said section 13T of said chapter 23A for fiscal year 2027 shall be distributed not later than December 1, 2026 pursuant to a transfer schedule determined by the executive office for administration and finance.

SECTION 113B. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, grants from the amounts collected pursuant to subsection (b) of section 13T of chapter 23A of the General Laws allocated to regional tourism councils pursuant to clause (ii) of subsection (d) of said section 13T of said chapter 23A for fiscal year 2026 shall be distributed not later than December 1, 2026 pursuant to a transfer schedule as determined by the executive office for administration and finance."; and

By inserting after section 121 the following 2 sections:

"SECTION 121A. The courthouse of the Dorchester division of the Boston municipal court located at 510 Washington street in the city of Boston shall be designated and known as the Judge Leslie E. Harris Courthouse, in honor of the late

Honorable Leslie Earl Harris, a former judge of the Suffolk juvenile court, for his many contributions to his community, the judiciary and the commonwealth. The division of capital asset management and maintenance shall erect and maintain suitable markers bearing the designation in compliance with any applicable standards.

SECTION 121B. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the comptroller shall transfer not less than $10,000,000 to the Offshore Wind Pre-Development and Project Acceleration Fund established in section 17 of chapter 23J of the General Laws, inserted by section 22A, from 1 or a combination of the following sources: (i) alternative compliance payments collected pursuant to sections 11F, 11F1/2 and 17 of chapter 25A of the General Laws and any portfolio standard adopted by the department of environmental protection pursuant to chapter 21N of the General Laws, currently held by the Massachusetts clean energy center; or (ii) funds made available pursuant to section 2EEEEEE of chapter 29 of the General Laws.”.

Consolidated amendments adopted,—yea and nay No. 273.

On the question on adoption of the consolidated amendments, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, as required under the provisions of House Rule 33F; and on the roll call 132 members voted in the affirmative and 19 in the negative.

[See Yea and Nay No. 273 in Supplement.]

Therefore the consolidated amendments were adopted.

Mr. Donato of Medford having taken the Chair,—

Mr. Michlewitz of Boston and other members of the House then moved to amend the bill in section 2A by inserting after item 1599-1725 the following item:

“1599-1779 For a transfer to the Fair Housing Fund established in section 2JJJJJJ of chapter 29 of the General Laws ..... $1,000,000”;

By inserting after item 3000-4448 the following item:

“Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

7061-2701 For a community schools program to be administered by the department of elementary and secondary education …….. $1,000,000”;

By inserting after section 75 the following section:

“SECTION 75A. Item 1599-0026 of section 2 of chapter 24 of the acts of 2021 is hereby amended by striking out the figure ‘2025’, as appearing in section 32 of chapter 248 of the acts of 2024, and inserting in place thereof the following figure: 2027.”;

By inserting after section 76 the following section:

“SECTION 76A. Item 1599-2032 of section 2A of chapter 102 of the acts of 2021 is hereby amended by striking out the words ‘initiate a water merger feasibility study in the town of Great Barrington’ and inserting in place thereof the following words: the town of Great Barrington to protect drinking water quality or for drinking water distribution and such funds shall be made available December 31, 2028.”;

By inserting after section 78A (inserted by amendment) the following 4 sections:

“SECTION 78B. Item 4000-0054 of section 2 of chapter 28 of the acts of 2023 is hereby amended by striking out the figure ‘2027’, as appearing in section 35 of chapter 206 of the acts of 2024, and inserting in place thereof the following figure: 2028.

SECTION 78C. Item 0640-0300 of section 2 of chapter 140 of the acts of 2024 is hereby amended by striking out the figure ‘2026’, as appearing in section 89 of chapter 73 of the acts of 2025, and inserting in place thereof the following figure: 2027.

SECTION 78D. Item 1599-0026 of said section 2 of said chapter 140 is hereby amended by striking out the figure ‘2026’, as appearing in section 94 of said chapter 73, and inserting in place thereof the following figure: 2027.

SECTION 78E. Item 7008-1116 of said section 2 of said chapter 140 is hereby amended by striking out the figure ‘2026’, as appearing in section 114 of said chapter 73, and inserting in place thereof the following figure: 2027.”;

By inserting after section 79 the following 6 sections:

“SECTION 79A. Item 1599-0026 of section 2 of chapter 9 of the acts of 2025 is hereby amended by striking out the words ‘town of Townsend for the completion of the fitness court project’ and inserting in place thereof the following words: North Middlesex Regional School District for the completion of a fitness court and such funds shall be made available until June 30, 2027.

SECTION 79B. Said item 1599-0026 of said section 2 of said chapter 9 is hereby further amended by inserting after the word ‘regulations’ the following words: and such funds shall be made available until June 30, 2027.

SECTION 79C. Said item 1599-0026 of said section 2 of said chapter 9 is hereby further amended by inserting after the word ‘thereto’ the following words: and such funds shall be made available until June 30, 2027.

SECTION 79D. Said item 1599-0026 of said section 2 of said chapter 9 is hereby further amended by inserting after the word ‘communications’ the following words: and such funds shall be made available until June 30, 2027.

SECTION 79E. Said item 1599-0026 of said section 2 of said chapter 9 is hereby further amended by inserting after the words ‘library building’ the following words: and such funds shall be made available until June 30, 2027.

SECTION 79F. Item 5911-2000 of said section 2 of said chapter 9 is hereby amended by inserting after the words ‘Berkshire County’ the following words: and such funds shall be made available until June 30, 2027.”;

In section 80, in line 1186, by striking out the following: “section 2 of chapter 9 of the acts of 2025” and inserting in place thereof the following: “said section 2 of said chapter 9”;

By inserting after section 80 the following 2 sections:

“SECTION 80A. Item 7002-0010 of said section 2 of said chapter 9 is hereby amended by inserting after the words ‘community organization’ the following words: and such funds shall be made available until June 30, 2027.

SECTION 80B. Item 7004-3036 of said section 2 of said chapter 9 is hereby amended by inserting after the words ‘in the city known as the town of Barnstable’ the following words: and such funds shall be made available until June 30, 2027.”;

By inserting after section 81 the following 10 sections:

“SECTION 81A. Item 7008-0900 of said section 2 of said chapter 9 is hereby amended by inserting after the word ‘Eagles’ the following words: and such funds shall be made available until June 30, 2027.

SECTION 81B. Said item 7008-1116 of said section 2 of said chapter 9, as so amended, is hereby further amended by inserting after the words ‘Chamber’s community outreach’ the following words: and such funds shall be made available until June 30, 2027.

SECTION 81C. Said item 7008-1116 of said section 2 of said chapter 9, as so amended, is hereby further amended by inserting after the word ‘van’ the following words: and such funds shall be made available until June 30, 2027.

SECTION 81D. Said item 7008-1116 of said section 2 of said chapter 9, as so amended, is hereby further amended by inserting after the words ‘Master Plan’ the following words: and such funds shall be made available until June 30, 2027.

SECTION 81E. Said item 7008-1116 of said section 2 of said chapter 9, as so amended, is hereby further amended by inserting after the words ‘preparation facilities’ the following words: and such funds shall be made available until June 30, 2027.

SECTION 81F. Said item 7008-1116 of said section 2 of said chapter 9, as so amended, is hereby further amended by inserting after the words ‘West Boylston’ the following words: and such funds shall be made available until June 30, 2027.

SECTION 81G. Said item 7008-1116 of said section 2 of said chapter 9, as so amended, is hereby further amended by inserting after the word ‘fieldhouse’ the following words: and such funds shall be made available until June 30, 2027.

SECTION 81H. Said item 7008-1116 of said section 2 of said chapter 9, as so amended, is hereby further amended by inserting after the word ‘Westford’ the following words: and such funds shall be made available until June 30, 2027.

SECTION 81I. Said item 7008-1116 of said section 2 of said chapter 9, as so amended, is hereby further amended by inserting after the words ‘route 24’ the following words: and such funds shall be made available until June 30, 2027.

SECTION 81J. Said item 7008-1116 of said section 2 of said chapter 9, as so amended, is hereby further amended by inserting after the word ‘Wellesley’, the first time it appears, the following words: and such funds shall be made available until June 30, 2027.”;

By inserting after section 82 the following 2 sections:

“SECTION 82A. Item 8324-0050 of said section 2 of said chapter 9 is hereby amended by inserting after the word ‘cisterns’ the following words: and such funds shall be made available until June 30, 2027.

SECTION 82B. Said item 8324-0050 of said section 2 of said chapter 9 is hereby further amended by inserting after the words ‘town of Weston’ the following words: and such funds shall be made available until June 30, 2027.”;

In section 84, in line 1198, by striking out the date: “December 31, 2026” and inserting in place thereof the following date: “June 30, 2027”;

By inserting after section 84 the following 2 sections:

“SECTION 84A. Item 1596-2507 of section 2A of chapter 101 of the acts of 2026 is hereby amended by inserting after the words ‘Highland Street’ the following words: and such funds shall be made available until June 30, 2027.

SECTION 84B. Item 7002-0025 of section 2 of chapter 137 of the acts of 2026 is hereby amended by striking out the figure ‘$3,000,000’ and inserting in place thereof the following figure: $5,000,000.”; and

In section 85, in line 1199, by striking out the following: “chapter 101 of the acts of 2026” and inserting in place thereof the following: “said chapter 101”.

Consolidated amendments adopted,— yea and nay No. 274.

On the question on adoption of the consolidated amendments, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, as required under the provisions of House Rule 33F; and on the roll call 143 members voted in the affirmative and 8 in the negative.

[See Yea and Nay No. 274 in Supplement.]

Therefore the consolidated amendments were adopted.

Bill passed to be engrossed,— yea and nay No. 275.

After remarks on the question on passing the bill, as amended, to be engrossed, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, at the request of Mr. Michlewitz of Boston; and on the roll call 152 members voted in the affirmative and 0 in the negative.

[See Yea and Nay No. 275 in Supplement.]

Therefore the bill (House, No. 5700, published as 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.

Mr. Frost of Auburn then moved that the House adjourn; and the motion prevailed. Accordingly, without proceeding to consideration of the matters in the Orders of the Day, at fourteen minutes after seven o'clock P.M. (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following day at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.