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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.

Order.

An Order (filed by Representatives Cusack of Braintree and Kushmerek of Fitchburg) relative to extending until Wednesday, December 3, 2025 the time within which the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy is authorized to report on current House documents, was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Telecommuni-
cations, Utilities
and Energy,—
extension of time
for reporting.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4654) ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Hong of Lowell, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Cruz of Salem and Senator Lovely, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4661) of Manny Cruz and Joan B. Lovely (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to alcoholic beverage licenses in the city of Salem; and

Salem,—
liquor license
conversion.

By the same members, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4662) of Manny Cruz and Joan B. Lovely (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to alcoholic beverage licenses in the city of Salem.

Id.

Severally to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

By Representative Murray of Milford, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4663) of Brian W. Murray (by vote of the town) that the select board of the town of Milford be authorized to appoint a highway surveyor in said town. To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Milford,—
highway
surveyor.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Chan of Quincy, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Tackey Chan relative to powers and duties of judicial court officers.

Judicial court
officers.

By Representative Turco of Winthrop, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Jeffrey Rosario Turco relative to the training, certification, and recognition of constables and civil deputy sheriffs.

Constables
and sheriffs.

By Representative Whipps of Athol and Senator Comerford, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Susannah M. Whipps relative to the Athol-Royalston Regional School District Financial Stability Fund.

Athol-Royalston school district.

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

Paper from the Senate.

The House Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2025 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (House, No. 4615), 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 numbered 2670.

Supplemental appropriations.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, the amendment was considered forthwith. The House then non-concurred with the Senate in its amendment; and, on further motion of the same member, asked for a committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches. Representatives Michlewitz, Ferrante of Gloucester and Smola of Warren were appointed the committee on the part of the House. Sent to the Senate to be joined.

Committee of conference.

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 Frank A. Moran for legislation to establish a commission to research topical steroid addiction and Topical Steroid Withdrawal Syndrome. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Hong of Lowell, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Public Health. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Topical steroids.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, asking to be discharged from further consideration:

Of the Bill establishing a commission on aging disabled adults (House, No. 4558); and

Aging disabled adults.

Of the Bill establishing a special commission on a statewide long-term services and supports benefit program (House, No. 4559);

Long-term services.

And recommending that the same severally be referred to the House committee on Rules.

Under Rule 42, the reports severally were considered forthwith; and they were accepted.

By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Education, asking to be discharged from further consideration:

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 545) of Marjorie C. Decker, Samantha Montañó and Natalie M. Higgins relative to MassHealth reimbursement to schools,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Health Care Financing.

Schools,—
MassHealth reimbursement.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 586) of Jessica Ann Giannino relative to type 1 diabetes informational materials in schools,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Public Health.

Schools,—
diabetes information.

Under Rule 42, the reports severally were considered forthwith; and they were accepted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Ms. Barber of Somerville, for the committee on Environment and Natural Resources, on a petition, a Bill designating the Weider Park tennis courts as the Kim O'Connell tennis courts (House, No. 4259) [Representative Gaskey of Carver dissenting]. Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Boston,—
tennis
courts.

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

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

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the Bill relative to the office of ward 7 councilor in the city of Marlborough (House, No. 4170) [Local Approval Received], be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Marlborough,—
councilor.

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

Subsequently under suspension of the rules, on motion of Miss Gregoire of Marlborough, 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. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

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 providing for the retirement of Walter L. Guertin, a former member of the fire department in the city of Attleboro (Senate, No. 1859) [Local Approval Received]; and

Attleboro,—
Walter
Guertin.

House bills

Relative to the enhancement of child safety (House, No. 3808);

Ice cream vans.

Relative to loading and alighting vehicles from car carriers on public ways (House, No. 3810); and

Car
carriers.

Increasing the penalties for passing a stopped school bus (House, No. 3814);

School buses.

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.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, that the Bill relative to archaic laws (House, No. 4396) ought to pass. Referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Archaic laws,—
study.

By Ms. Decker of Cambridge, for the committee on Public Health, on a petition, a Bill relative to maintenance of certification (House, No. 1400).

Certification,—
maintenance.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill removing barriers to care for physician assistants (House, No. 2371).

Barriers
to care.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to updating the licensure of optometrists (House, No. 2380).

Optometrists,—
licensure.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing a physical therapy licensure compact (House, No. 2490).

Physical therapy,—
licensure compact.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the provision and administration of bronchodilators, spacers, and nebulizers in schools (House, No. 2526).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing the psychology interjurisdictional compact (House, No. 2528).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to physician assistant interstate compact (House, No. 2531).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to public health volunteer responders (House, No. 2551).

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

By Mr. Arciero of Westford, for the committee on Transportation, on House, No. 3658, a Bill establishing a special commission on micro-transit (House, No. 4649). Read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

By Mr. Rogers of Cambridge, for the committee on Higher Education, on a petition, a Bill relative to tuition waivers for children raised by a grandparent or other relative (House, No. 1428).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill expanding access to higher education tuition and fee waivers for adopted foster children (House, No. 1431).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill increasing awareness of public student loan forgiveness (House, No. 1438).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing a fund to further educational opportunities for caregivers to adults with disabilities (House, No. 1453).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1423, a Bill relative to social work uplifting practices and exam removal (House, No. 4650).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1427, a Bill reducing the cost of attending college (House, No. 4651).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1444, a Bill relative to higher education financial literacy counseling (House, No. 4652).

By Ms. Decker of Cambridge, for the committee on Public Health, on a petition, a Bill relative to growing resources to optimize the utilization of group therapeutic care (House, No. 377).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to clinical laboratories (House, No. 2395).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to medical physics (House, No. 2425).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill improving pediatric cancer research (House, No. 2434).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to clinical laboratory testing (House, No. 2439).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the continuing education of podiatrists (House, No. 2470).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to anesthesiologist assistants (House, No. 2484).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to facilitating the utilization of psychologists on the health care team (House, No. 2536).

Schools,—
provisions and
administration.

Psychology
compact.

Physician assistant
compact.

Public health
responders.

Micro-transit.

Tuition
waivers.

Id.

Forgiveness
awareness.

Caregivers,—
educational
opportunities.

Social work
accessibility.

College cost
reduction.

Financial
counseling.

Group
therapeutic
care.

Clinical
laboratories.

Medical
physics.

Pediatric cancer
research.

Laboratory
testing.

Podiatrists,—
education.

Anesthesiologist
assistants.

Health care,—
psychologists.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to student heart health (House, No. 2552) [Representative Thurber of Somerset dissenting].

Student heart health.

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

By Mr. Rogers of Cambridge, for the committee on Higher Education, on House, No. 1451, a Bill protecting public higher education student information (House, No. 4653).

Student information.

By Ms. Decker of Cambridge, for the committee on Public Health, on a petition, a Bill relative to the board of registration in naturopathy (House, No. 2402).

Naturopathy.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the definition of podiatry (House, No. 2407).

Podiatry,— definition.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to ban internet tobacco sales (House, No. 2482) [Representative Thurber of Somerset dissenting].

Tobacco sales.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to including inflammatory breast cancer awareness in nursing education, Marnie's Law (House, No. 2489).

Inflammatory breast cancer.

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

Emergency Measure.

The engrossed Bill authorizing the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority to provide sewer services to a certain parcel of land in the town of Sharon (see House, No. 4009), 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.

Sharon,— land.

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 5 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Subsequently, the Senate having concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, the bill (which originated in the House) was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill enacted.

Engrossed Bill.

The engrossed Bill exempting the position of assistant fire chief in the town of Natick from the civil service law (see House, No. 3901) (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.

Bills

Authorizing the city of Quincy to enter into a lease extension to Quarry Hills Associates, Limited Partnership (House, No. 3897); and

Third reading bills.

Further regarding the term of the town moderator in the town of Norwood (House, No. 4381);

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Severally having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

The Senate Bill amending certain laws relative to individuals with disabilities (Senate, No. 2563), was read a second time.

Second reading
bill referred to
Ways and Means.

Pending the question on ordering the bill to a third reading, it was referred, on motion of Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, to the committee on Ways and Means.

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 twenty-eight minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Muradian of Grafton (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Wednesday at eleven o'clock A.M.