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Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Garballey of Arlington 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. Garballey), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of
allegiance.

Guests of the House.

During the session, the Chair (Mr. Garballey of Arlington), declared a brief recess and introduced, seated in the Chamber, members from the city of Boston's Age Strong Senior Civic Academy, who were at the Statehouse to learn about state government. They were the guests of Representatives Biele of Boston, Consalvo of Boston, Honan of Boston, Worrell of Boston and MacGregor of Boston.

Boston,—
Age Strong
Senior Civic
Academy.

During the session, the Chair (Mr. Garballey of Arlington), declared a brief recess and introduced, seated in the Chamber, Eric Connolly, Kevin Flaherty and students from Springfield College, who were visiting the State House advocating in support of physical therapists. Eric is the proud owner of Blackstone Valley Physical Therapy Services, and Kevin is the owner of Flaherty Physical Therapy in Northborough. They were the guests of Representative Muradian of Grafton.

Eric Connolly
and Kevin
Flaherty.

During the session, the Chair (Mr. Garballey of Arlington), declared a brief recess and introduced, seated in the Chamber, students and teachers from Nanae High School. Nanae is located in our Japanese sister-state Hokkaido and is the sister-city of Concord. They were the guests of Representative Gentile of Sudbury.

Hokkaido,
Japan,—
Nanae High
students.

Order.

An Order (filed by Representatives Haggerty of Woburn and Ramos of North Andover) relative to extending until Monday, November 17, 2025 the time within which the committee on Housing is authorized to report on current House documents, was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Housing,—
extension of
time for
reporting.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4682) ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Donato of Medford, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted.

Papers 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, amended) came from the Senate with the endorsement

Supplemental
appropriations.

that said branch had insisted on its amendment (in which the House had non-concurred).

The bill bore the further endorsement that the Senate had concurred with the House in appointment of a committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches; and that Senators Rodrigues, Comeford and O'Connor had been joined as the committee on the part of the Senate.

Committee of conference.

Petitions severally were referred, in concurrence, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, as follows:

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2682) of Dylan A. Fernandes for legislation to require equitable funding for non-regional school districts with high transportation costs; and

Schools,—
transportation.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2683) of Dylan A. Fernandes for legislation to eliminate predatory transportation pricing of school districts;

Id.

Severally to the committee on Education.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2680) of Dylan A. Fernandes for legislation to improve public health and safety standards in communities around aging nuclear power plants and high-level nuclear waste dump sites; and

Nuclear
power.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2681) of Dylan A. Fernandes for legislation to establish safety standards for BMX bicycle and motorcross tracks;

Bicycles,—
safety.

Severally to the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security.

Joint petition (accompanied by resolutions, Senate, No. 2684) of Cynthia Stone Creem and Alice Hanlon Peisch for resolutions to rescind all prior Article V Constitutional Convention applications. To the committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs.

Article V
applications.

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 following petitions:

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Michelle L. Badger for legislation to establish to a board of registration of licensed mental health counselors. To the committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery.

Mental health
counselors.

Petition accompanied by bill) of Jeffrey Rosario Turco relative to the training, certification, and recognition of constables and civil deputy sheriffs. To the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security.

Constables
and civil
deputy sheriffs

Joint petition (accompanied by bill) of Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr., and Peter J. Durant relative to the retirement benefits of Dale R. Kiley, a retired state trooper. To the committee on Public Service.

Dale Kiley,—
retirement.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Honan of Boston, the reports were considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended, in each instance. Severally 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:

Relative to eligibility for veteran license plates (House, No. 3657);

License plates.

Relative to school bus transportation professionals (House, No. 3715);

School bus drivers.

Relative to any vacancy among town meeting members in Milford (House, No. 4171) [Local Approval Received];

Milford,—
vacancies.

Relative to the appointment of retired police officers as special police officers in the town of Fairhaven (House, No. 4234) [Local Approval Received]; and

Fairhaven,—
special police.

Amending the charter of the town of Hudson (House, No. 4503) [Local Approval Received];

Hudson,—
charter.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, in each instance, on motion of the same member, 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 establishing a special commission on a statewide long-term services and supports benefit program (House, No. 4559) ought to pass. Referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Long-term
services,—
study.

By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the University of Massachusetts Building Authority to purchase and construct a hospital in the town of Norwood to be operated by UMass Memorial Health Care, Inc (House, No. 3410). Referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

Norwood,—
hospital.

By Mr. Rogers of Cambridge, for the committee on Higher Education, on House, No. 54, a Bill to build resilient infrastructure to generate higher-ed transformation (House, No. 4693). Referred, under Joint Rule 1F, to the committee on Bonding, Capital Expenditures and State Assets.

Higher
education,—
capital
improvements.

By Mr. Cahill of Lynn, for the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, on a petition, a Bill establishing a commission on municipal emergency medical service staffing levels and workforce development (House, No. 2587).

Emergency
medical
staffing.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing a special commission to ensure the safety and sustainability of non-profit public events (House, No. 2724).

Public events,—
safety.

Severally read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

By Mr. Cahill of Lynn, for the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, on a petition, a Bill creating a municipal and public safety building authority (House, No. 2571).

Public safety
building
authority.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to codify the Suffolk County Sheriff's authority to provide pre-arraignment care of arrestees (House, No. 2578).

Suffolk
County,—
pre-arraignment.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to liquid or gas flammable material spills on public ways (House, No. 2622).

Public ways,—
spills.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill permitting familial searching and partial DNA matches in investigating certain unsolved crimes (House, No. 2626).

Unsolved
crimes,—
DNA.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to Massachusetts policy and procedures for missing and abducted children (House, No. 2671, changed in section 2, in line 27, by striking out the year: "2026" and inserting in place thereof the year: "2027", and in section 3, in line 28, by striking out the year: "2027" and inserting in place thereof the year: "2028").

Missing and
abducted
children.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the requirement of fuel gas alarms/detectors (House, No. 2689).

Fuel gas
detectors.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing a public safety building authority and assistance program (House, No. 2696).

Public safety building authority.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to overdose fatalities (House, No. 2727).

Overdose fatalities.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to missing Black women and girls in Massachusetts (House, No. 2732).

Missing Black women and girls.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing safety standards for BMX bicycle and motorcross tracks (House, No. 2740).

BMX and motorcross.

By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on a petition, a Bill establishing a jail and prison construction moratorium (House, No. 3422).

Prisons,— construction moratorium.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 3352, a Bill relative to a certain parcel of land in the town of Norton (House, No. 4660).

Norton,— 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 authorizing Bridgewater Town Charter amendment Article IV, Section 4-3, Town Manager Powers of Appointment (House, No. 4579) [Local Approval Received].

Bridgewater,— charter.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to the select board of the town of Berlin (House, No. 4580) [Local Approval Received].

Berlin,— select board.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Ludlow to pay a certain unpaid bill (House, No. 4589) [Local Approval Received].

Ludlow,— unpaid bill.

By Mr. Cahill of Lynn, for the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, on a petition, a Bill relative to preserving the ancient privileges of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts (House, No. 2666).

Artillery company.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 2602, a Bill relative to notice of activation of the Massachusetts National Guard within the Commonwealth (House, No. 4664) [Representatives Xiarhos of Barnstable and Swezey of Duxbury dissenting].

National Guard,— activation.

By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on a petition, a Bill establishing the official marine flora of the Commonwealth (House, No. 3285).

Official marine flora.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill designating the month of October as adopt a shelter dog month (House, No. 3288).

Adopt a shelter dog month.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing the fourth Thursday in march [sic] as Tuskegee Airmen Commemoration Day (House, No. 3306).

Tuskegee Airmen commemoration day.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill designating April 5 as Okur-Chung Neurodevelopmental Syndrome Awareness Day (House, No. 3366).

Okur-Chung syndrome day.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill designating Domestic Workers' Rights Day (House, No. 3417).

Domestic workers' rights day.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing the official sedimentary structure of the Commonwealth (House, No. 3438).

Sedimentary structure.

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

Engrossed Bill.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Kathleen Rodrigue, an employee of the office of chief medical examiner (see House, No. 4521, amended) (which originated in the House), in respect to which the Senate had concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, 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

Extending residency requirements for members of the regular police or fire departments and fire alarm division of the city of Newton (House, No. 2335);

Allowing the town of Williamstown to expand financial eligibility for senior property tax exemption (House, No. 3026);

Amending the town manager act of Arlington relative to the appointment and management of the town clerk (House, No. 4135);

Relative to charter changes for the town of Longmeadow (House, No. 4312); and

Relative to the charter of the town of Swampscott establishing a fall annual town meeting (House, No. 4438);

Severally 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.

Third
reading
bills.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next
sitting.

At eight minutes before twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mr. Muradian of Grafton (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.