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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.

Communications.

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Liability management and reduction.

From the Office of the Comptroller (see Section 2TT of Chapter 29 of the General Laws) submitting the annual financial plan for the Liability Management and Reduction Fund for fiscal year 2027;

Federal funds.

From the Office of the Comptroller (see Section 6B(b) of Chapter 29 of the General Laws) submitting a report on the status of federal funds applied for, received and expended for the first quarter of fiscal year 2027;

Transitional aid,—noncitizens.

From the Department of Transitional Assistance (see Section 2(B)(r) of Chapter 18 of the General Laws) submitting a report entitled: Transitional Aid to Families with Dependent Children - Eligible Noncitizen Status Clients [copies of said report were forwarded to the committee on House Ways and Means and the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, as required by said law];

Children's medical security plan.

From the Division of Medical Assistance (see Section 10F of Chapter 118E of the General Laws) submitting the Children's Medical Security Plan (CMSP) for the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2026 for the period of April 1, 2026 through June 30, 2026; and

Persons with disabilities.

From the Commission for the Protection of Persons with Disabilities (see item 1107-2501 of Section 2 of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting its fiscal year 2026 fourth quarterly report for the period of April-June, 2026;

Severally were placed on file.

Special and Monthly Reports.

Transitional aid.

A report of the Department of Transitional Assistance (under Section 2(B) of Chapter 18 and Section 3C(d) of Chapter 118 of the General Laws) on Transitional Aid to Families with Dependent Children for calendar year 2025 [copies of said report were forwarded to the committee on House Ways and Means and the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, as required by said law]; and

Net state tax revenue.

A monthly report of the Department of Revenue (under Section 5(e) of Chapter 62F of the General Laws) on year-to-date net state tax revenue for September, 2026;

Severally were placed on file.

Petition.

New Bedford,—recall elections.

Representatives Cabral of New Bedford and Hendricks of New Bedford presented a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5715) of Antonio F. D. Cabral, Christopher Hendricks and Mark C. Montigny (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to the recall of elected officers in the city of New Bedford; and the same was referred to the committee on Election Laws. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

Quincy,—personnel.

The House Bill regulating the maintenance of pre-employment physical examination records for public safety personnel in the city of Quincy (House, No. 4890) (its title having been changed by the Senate committee on Bills in the Third Reading), 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 3289. The amendment was referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

Nicholas Spinale,—compensation.

The House Bill providing injured on duty compensation to Chelmsford firefighter Nicholas Spinale (House, No. 5698), 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 3291. The amendment was referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

Timothy Cluett,—sick leave.

A Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Timothy Cluett, an employee of the Worcester county sheriff's office (Senate, No. 3296) (on Senate bill No. 3263), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Petitions were referred, in concurrence, as follows:

Brockton,—land.

Joint petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 3292) of Michael D. Brady and Rita A. Mendes (with approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to authorize the school committee of the city of Brockton and the Brockton city council to declare certain land as surplus on land known as "Keith Field" in the city of Brockton;

Scituate,—moderator.

Joint petition (accompanied by bill, Senate No. 3293) of Patrick M. O'Connor and Patrick Joseph Kearney (by vote of the town) for legislation to change the term of the elected office of moderator in the town of Scituate;

Marshfield,—charter.

Joint petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 3294) of Patrick M. O'Connor and Patrick Joseph Kearney (by vote of the town) for legislation to amend the Marshfield town charter; and

Marshfield,—select board.

Joint petition (accompanied by bill, Senate No. 3295) of Patrick M. O'Connor and Patrick Joseph Kearney (by vote of the town) for legislation to expand the Marshfield select board;

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Report of a Committee.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the House Bill relative to the New Bedford Police Association (House, No. 4747), be scheduled for consideration by the House.

New Bedford,— police association.

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.

Emergency Measure.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Carla Johnson, an employee of the department of unemployment assistance (see House, No. 5399), 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.

Carla Johnson,— sick leave.

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 3 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.

Orders of the Day.

The Senate amendment of the House Bill authorizing the town of Topsfield to continue the employment of police chief Neal Hovey (House, No. 5435), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was adopted, in concurrence.

Topsfield,— Neal Hovey.

The House Bill relative to the water and sewer commission of the town of Hopedale (House, No. 5611), 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.

Third reading bill.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

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

At eleven minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Pease of Westfield (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Thursday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.