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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).

Pledge of allegiance.

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.

Communications.

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Unaccompanied homeless youth.

From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see Section 16W of Chapter 6A of the General Laws) submitting The Massachusetts Special Commission on Unaccompanied Youth annual report for fiscal year 2025;

Franklin Regional Transit,— statements.

From the Franklin Regional Transit Authority (see Sections 8(g) and 12 of Chapter 161B of the General Laws) submitting financial statements, supplementary information, and a schedule of expenditures of federal awards and OMB uniform guidance auditors' reports for fiscal year ending June 30, 2026; and

Middlesex County Restoration Commission.

From the Middlesex County Restoration Center Commission (see Section 225 of Chapter 69 of the Acts of 2018, as most recently amended by Section 142 of Chapter 126 of the Acts of 2022) submitting its report on Year Eight Findings and Recommendations;

Severally were placed on file.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

Boston,— Stephen Maguire.

By Representative Consalvo of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5716) of Rob Consalvo (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Boston be authorized to appoint Stephen Maguire as a firefighter in said city, notwithstanding the maximum age requirement; and

Boston,— Haji-Mohamed Bayour.

By Representative Montaño of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5717) of Samantha Montaño (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Boston be authorized to appoint Haji-Mohamed Bayour as a police officer in said city, notwithstanding the maximum age requirement.

Severally to the committee on Public Service.

Groton,— senior property taxes.

By Representatives Scarsdale of Pepperell and Sena of Acton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5718) of Margaret R. Scarsdale, Danillo A. Sena and John J. Cronin (by vote of the town) that the town of Groton be authorized to establish a means-tested senior citizen property tax exemption in said town. To the committee on Revenue.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Parking,— monitoring technologies.

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 Rob Consalvo for legislation to regulate the use of automated license plate readers or similar parking monitoring technologies in municipalities. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. O'Day of West Boylston, the report considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Transportation. 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:

Uxbridge,— LaPorta.

Designating a certain roundabout in the town of Uxbridge in honor of Officer Stephen A. LaPorta (House, No. 5666); and

Ludlow,— liquor licenses.

Authorizing the town of Ludlow to grant additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 5690) [Local Approval Received];

Under suspension of Rule 7A, in each instance, on motion of Mr. O'Day of West Boylston, the bills severally were read a second time forthwith; and they were ordered to a third reading.

West Tisbury,— affordable housing.

A report of the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, under the last sentence of Rule 7A, that the Bill relative to Affordable Housing Trust Fund of the town of West Tisbury (House, No. 5447) [Local Approval Received], be scheduled for consideration by the House (the time within which said committee is required to report having expired).

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

Lawrence,— Abel Cano.

By Mr. Ryan of Boston, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill authorizing and directing the retirement board of the city of Lawrence to grant credible service to Lawrence police officer Abel Cano Jr. (House, No. 5565) [Local Approval Received].

Haverhill,— John Roche.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing John M. Roche to take the civil service examination for the position of firefighter in the city of Haverhill notwithstanding the maximum age requirement (House, No. 5667) [Local Approval Received].

Monica Murphy,— sick leave.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Monica C. Murphy, an employee of the department of children and families (House, No. 5707).

Kimberly Gervais,— sick leave.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Kimberly Gervais, an employee of the department of mental health (House, No. 5710).

Julia Matthews,— sick leave.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Julia Matthews, an employee of the department of the public health [sic] (House, No. 5713).

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

Orders of the Day.

Third reading bill.

The House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Jonathan Murphy, an employee of the Human Resources Division (House, No. 5695), 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.

Millis,— property taxes.

The Senate amendment of the House Bill authorizing the town of Millis to establish a means-tested senior citizen property tax exemption for school building construction projects (House, No. 4605), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was considered.

Pending the question on adoption of the amendment, in concurrence, Mr. Walsh of Peabody moved that the House concur with the Senate in its amendment by striking out section 5 (inserted by amendment) and inserting in place thereof the following section:

"SECTION 5. No exemption shall be granted pursuant to this act until the department of revenue certifies a residential tax rate for the applicable tax year where the total exemption amount is raised by a burden shift within the entire tax levy.".

The further amendment was adopted. The House then concurred with the Senate in its amendment, as amended. Sent to the Senate for concurrence in the further amendment.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Next sitting.

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

At seven minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Ms. Ferguson of Holden (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Thursday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.