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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.

Communications.

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From the University of Massachusetts Medical School (see Section 43(f) of Chapter 75 of the General Laws) submitting a report of the activities of the MassBiologics Laboratories for fiscal year 2025;

MassBiologics.

From the Department of Correction (see Section 1(p) and Section 6 of Chapter 124 and Section 1B of Chapter 127 of the General Laws) submitting its calendar year 2022 annual report;

Department of
Correction.

From the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities (see item 7004-0100 Section 2 of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting a report to divert families from emergency assistance shelters; and

Diversion
report.

From the Office of Climate Innovation and Resilience (see Section 115 of Chapter 239 of the Acts of 2024) submitting an interim report from the Embodied Carbon Intergovernmental Coordinating Council promoting a clean energy grid, advancing equity and protecting ratepayers;

Clean
energy.

Severally were placed on file.

Annual and Special Reports.

The annual report of the Disabled Persons Protection Commission (under Section 15(f) of Chapter 19C of the General Laws) submitting its fiscal year 2025 Summary of the Abuser Registry; and

Abuser
registry.

A report of the Division of Banks (under Section 3B of Chapter 7 of the General Laws) relative to changes to certain fees charged for licenses;

License
fees.

Severally were placed on file.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Duffy of Holyoke, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4738) of Patricia A. Duffy (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to special meetings of the city council of the city of Holyoke; and

Holyoke,—
special
meetings.

By Representative Meschino of Hull and Senator O'Connor, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4739) of Joan Meschino (by vote of the town) relative to the operation of the municipal light plant in the town of Hull.

Hull,—
light plant.

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

By Representative MacGregor of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4740) of William F. MacGregor (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to authorize the appointment of Ryan Cazeau as a police officer in the city of Boston, notwithstanding the maximum age requirement;

Boston,—
Ryan Cazeau.

By the same member, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4741) of William F. MacGregor (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to authorize the appointment of Edny Joseph as a police officer in the city of Boston, notwithstanding the maximum age requirement; and

Boston,—
Edny Joseph.

By Representative Saunders of Belchertown and Senator Comerford, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4742) of Aaron L. Saunders and Joanne M. Comerford (by vote of the town) that the town of Pelham be authorized to continue the employment of Gary L. Thomann as police chief in said town.

Pelham,—
Gary
Thomann.

Severally to the committee on Public Service.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Barrett of North Adams and Senator Mark, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of John Barrett, III relative to school choice.

School
choice.

By Representative Rogers of Cambridge, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of David M. Rogers relative to prohibiting genetic discrimination in insurance.

Insurance,—
discrimination.

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

Papers from the Senate.

The House Bill authorizing the city known as the town of Palmer to grant 5 additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages (House, No. 4282, amended), 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 2673. The amendment was referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

Palmer,—
liquor
licenses.

Bills

Clarifying the duties of the adjutant general (Senate, No. 2709) (on Senate bill No. 2678, amended); and

Adjutant
general.

To enhance access, inclusion, support and equity for military connected families (Senate, No. 2709) (on Senate bill No. 2676, amended);

Military
families.

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were read; and they were referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

A petition (accompanied by bill) of Joan B. Lovely for legislation to study discrimination in public accommodation for individuals with service animals, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

Service
animals,—
discrimination.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2714) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

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 Adam J. Scanlon that the Center for Health Information and Analysis be authorized to conduct an analysis of eliminating or capping co-pays for mental and behavioral health services. To the committee on Health Care Financing.

Co-pays,—
elimination.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Adam J. Scanlon relative to no-cost calls for incarcerated individuals. To the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security.

Incarcerated,—
phone calls.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, 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 including inflammatory breast cancer awareness in nursing education, Marnie's Law (House, No. 2489);

Nursing,—
education.

Providing for the election of candidates in the city of Haverhill (House, No. 4203) [Local Approval Received];

Haverhill,—
candidates.

Providing for the election of candidates in the city of Haverhill (House, No. 4204) [Local Approval Received];

Id.

Validating the New Salem annual town election (House, No. 4224) [Local Approval Received];

New Salem,—
election.

Amending the town charter of the town of Plymouth (House, No. 4501, changed) [Local Approval Received];

Plymouth,—
charter.

Making the charter of the county on Nantucket gender neutral (House, No. 4504) [Local Approval Received];

Nantucket,—
charter.

Authorizing the county of Nantucket to convey School Street situated in the town and county of Nantucket for purposes of conveyance to the town of Nantucket (House, No. 4505) [Local Approval Received]; and

Nantucket,—
land.

Relative to digital legal notices for the town of Plymouth (House, No. 4510) [Local Approval Received];

Plymouth,—
notices.

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

A report of the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, under the last sentence of Rule 7A, that the House Bill relative to medical parole (House, No. 2614), be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Medical
parole.

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

By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Education, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 559) of Mindy Domb and Priscila S. Sousa for an investigation and study by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to the consumer impacts of electronic textbooks,— and recommending that the same be

Electronic
textbooks,—
consumer
impacts.

referred to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure. Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Chan of Quincy, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, on House, Nos. 451 and 3939, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to professional licensure matters (House, No. 4711).

Professional
licensure
matters,—
study.

By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Financial Services, on House, Nos. 1078, 1079, 1081, 1083, 1090, 1111, 1146, 1208, 1214, 1266 and 1294, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Financial Services to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to banking (House, No. 4712).

Banking,—
study.

By Mr. Madaro of Boston, for the committee on Revenue, on House, Nos. 3104, 3124 and 3125, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Revenue to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to sales tax exemptions (House, No. 4708).

Sales tax
exemptions,—
study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 3157, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Revenue to make an investigation and study of a certain House document relative to sales tax on boats built or rebuilt in the commonwealth (House, No. 4709) [Representative Lombardo of Billerica dissenting].

Boat sales
tax,—
study.

By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on House, Nos. 3318 and 3370, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to menstrual products and the Division of Highways (House, No. 4714).

Menstrual
products and the
Division
of Highways,—
study.

By Mr. Arciero of Westford, for the committee on Transportation, House, Nos. 3659, 3681, 3745, 3760, 3770, 3771, 3799 and 3801, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Transportation to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to vehicle registration and dealers (House, No. 4710).

Vehicle
registration and
dealers,—
study.

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

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committees, reported, in each instance, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the orders; 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.

Emergency Measures.

The engrossed Bill relative to vital statistics (see House, No. 4249, amended), 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.

Vital
statistics.

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 4 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

The engrossed Bill designating September 22 as military service members and veterans suicide awareness and remembrance day (see House, No. 3388, amended), 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.

Military service members and veterans.

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.

Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed bills

Authorizing the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority to provide sewer services to a certain parcel of land in the town of Sharon (see House, No. 1024, amended); and

Bills enacted.

Establishing a sick leave bank for Eric J. Iwaniec, an employee of the Trial Court of the Commonwealth (see House, No. 1590, amended);

(Which severally originated in the House);

In respect to each of which the Senate had concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, were passed to be enacted; and they were signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

The engrossed Bill authorizing the appointment of alternate members to the conservation commission of the town of Swampscott (see Senate, No. 23) (which originated in the Senate), 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.

Bills enacted.

Orders of the Day.

The Senate Bill authorizing the town of Brookfield to continue the employment of Herbert A. Chaffee, II (Senate, No. 1830), 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, in concurrence.

Third reading bill.

House bills

Relocating certain harbor lines in New Bedford Harbor (House, No. 4109); and Changing the name of the board of selectmen in the town of Williamsburg to select board (House, No. 4524);

Third reading bills.

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. 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 on Wednesday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next sitting.

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