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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.

Communications.

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From the Office of Business Development (see Section 3B(c) of Chapter 23A of the General Laws) submitting the Economic Development Incentive Program (EDIP) annual report for fiscal year 2025;

Economic
Development
Incentive.

From the Office of the Dukes County Registry of Deeds (see Section 2KKK of Chapter 29 of the General Laws) submitting its plan for expenditure for technological improvements from the County Registers Technological Fund [copies of said report were forwarded to the committee on Ways and Means and the committee on Post Audit and Oversight, as required by said law];

Dukes
County,—
technology
fund.

From the Berkshire 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, 2025;

Berkshire
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, 2025;

Franklin
Regional
Transit,—
statements.

From the Pioneer Valley 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, 2025; and

Pioneer Valley
Regional
Transit,—
statements.

From the Office of the Comptroller (see item 1599-3384 of Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the Settlements and Judgements accounts payable report for fiscal year 2025;

Settlements
and judgements.

Severally were placed on file.

Monthly Report.

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 July, 2025, was placed on file.

Net state
tax revenue.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representatives Donaghue of Westborough and Kane of Shrewsbury, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4751) of Kate Donaghue, Hannah Kane and Michael O. Moore (by vote of the town) relative to the charter of the town of Westborough;

Westborough,—
charter.

By Representative Giannino of Revere, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4752) of Jessica Ann Giannino (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Revere be authorized to establish penalties and liens for rooming house and certificates of fitness ordinance violations; and

Revere,—
penalties
and liens.

By Representative McMurtry of Dedham and Senator Rush, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4753) of Paul McMurtry and Michael F. Rush (by vote of the town) relative to the charter of the town of Westwood.

Westwood,—
charter.

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

By Representative Frost of Auburn, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4754) of Paul K. Frost and Michael O. Moore (by vote of the town) relative to expanded small property tax abatements in the town of Auburn; and

Auburn,—
property tax.

By Representative Gentile of Sudbury, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4755) of Carmine Lawrence Gentile (by vote of the town) for legislation to further regulate the means tested senior citizen property tax exemption in the town of Sudbury.

Sudbury,—
property tax.

Severally to the committee on Revenue.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Decker of Cambridge, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Marjorie C. Decker relative to a special commission (including members of the General Court) on perimenopause and menopause care.

Menopause
care.

By Representative Sabadosa of Northampton, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Lindsay N. Sabadosa relative to the rights of individuals experiencing homelessness.

Homelessness,—
rights.

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

Papers from the Senate.

The House Bill relative to assault and battery upon a transit worker (House, No. 4645), 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 2697. The amendment was referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

Transit
workers.

Bills

Addressing challenges facing public libraries and digital resource collections (Senate, No. 2710, amended) (on a part of Senate bill No. 2330);

Public
libraries.

Updating the commission on older lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender adults (Senate, No. 2711) (on Senate bill No. 743, changed); and

LGBT
aging.

Regarding free expression (Senate, No. 2726) (on Senate bill No. 2696);

Free expression.

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 Michael O. Moore for legislation to prohibit denials of certain payments for health care service, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on the Financial Services.

Payment
denials.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2732) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on the Financial Services.

Reports of Committees.

Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches, with reference to the Senate amendment (striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 2670) of 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), reported, in part, a bill with the same title (House, No. 4761) [Total Appropriation: \$2,438,885,469.00]. Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Supplemental
appropriations.

Subsequently Mr. Honan of Boston, for said committee, reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House. Placed in the Orders of the Day, the question being on acceptance.

By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill to build resilient infrastructure to generate higher-ed transformation (House, No. 4693), ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a bill with the same title (House, No. 4750). Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Higher
education,—
capital
improvements.

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:

Relating to privileged communication between individuals and their labor organizations (House, No. 2087);

Privileged
communication.

Relative to the board of registration in naturopathy (House, No. 2402);

Naturopathy.

Relative to the fifth member of the public employee retirement systems (House, No. 2813);

Retirement
boards.

Relative to charter school procurement (House, No. 3423); and

Charter schools.

For uniform fiduciary access to digital assets (House, No. 4639);

Digital assets.

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 Ms. Blais of Deerfield, for the committee on Agriculture and Fisheries, on House, No. 113, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Agriculture and Fisheries to make an investigation and study of a certain House document relative to a special commission to study certain foods and food additives (House, No. 4731) [Representative Boldyga of Southwick dissenting].

Foods and food
additives,—
study.

By Mr. Chan of Quincy, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, on House, Nos. 321, 331, 335, 349, 351, 356, 366, 374, 395,

Liquor licenses,
fees, etc.,—
study.

409, 411, 414, 417, 428, 434, 443, 449, 4058, 4195, 4196 and 4197, 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 liquor licenses, licensure, fees, gambling and other matters (House, No. 4733).

By Mr. Lewis of Framingham, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on House, Nos. 2245, 2256 and 2333, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to dog kennels, sales of animals and municipal building (House, No. 4732).

Dog kennels, animals, etc.,—study.

By Mr. Arciero of Westford, for the committee on Transportation, on House, Nos. 3676 and 3677, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Transportation to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to motor vehicle titling and e-signatures (House, No. 4724) [Representative Armini of Marblehead dissenting].

Vehicle titling and e-signatures,—study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 3694, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Transportation to make an investigation and study of a certain House document relative to spare tires (House, No. 4725) [Representative Armini of Marblehead dissenting].

Spare tires,—study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 3696, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Transportation to make an investigation and study of a certain House document relative to motor vehicle negligence (House, No. 4726) [Representative Armini of Marblehead dissenting].

Motor vehicle negligence,—study.

By the same member, for the same committee, House, No. 3775, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Transportation to make an investigation and study of a certain House document relative to golf carts (House, No. 4727) [Representative Armini of Marblehead dissenting].

Golf carts,—study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 3617, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Transportation to make an investigation and study of a certain House document relative to recreational vehicle training (House, No. 4734).

Recreational vehicle training,—study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 3630, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Transportation to make an investigation and study of a certain House document relative to registration of recreation vehicles (House, No. 4735) [Representative DeCoste of Norwell dissenting].

Id.

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

Subsequently, 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.

By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Education, on a petition, a Resolve providing for a special commission to examine anti-slavery education in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (House, No. 605). Read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Anti-slavery education.

By Ms. Farley-Bouvier of Pittsfield, for the committee on Advanced Information Technology, the Internet and Cybersecurity, on House, Nos. 78, 80, 86, 96, 103 and 104, a Bill establishing the Massachusetts consumer data privacy act (House, No. 4746).

Consumer privacy data act.

By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Education, on a petition, a Bill to achieve universal pre-kindergarten (House, No. 523).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill enhancing learning in the early school years through a ban on school exclusion in public prekindergarten through 3rd grade (House, No. 541).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill implementing elementary and secondary interdisciplinary climate literacy education (House, No. 560).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill advancing Massachusetts from STEM to STEAM (House, No. 561).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to increase substance use prevention and awareness and reduce overdose abandonment (House, No. 562).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to science curriculum standards (House, No. 589).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill concerning Asian Pacific Islander Desi American history education (House, No. 604).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to celebrating and teaching Native American culture and history (House, No. 628).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to healthy youth (House, No. 656).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 549, 574, 666, 696, 715 and 720, a Bill promoting safe technology use and distraction-free education for youth (House, No. 4745).

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

By Mr. McGonagle of Everett, for the committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs, on a joint petition, Resolutions rescinding previous Article V Convention applications (House, No. 4692). Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Reports of the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, under the last sentence of Rule 7A, that the following bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

The Senate Bill authorizing the city of Taunton to continue the employment of Edward J. Walsh as chief of police in the city of Taunton (Senate, No. 2643) [Local Approval Received]; and

House bills

Relative to defining invasive surgical procedures (House, No. 1362);

Relative to the security of exercise equipment and free weights in correctional institutions (House, No. 2736); and

Relative to the office of district councilor in the city of Boston (House, No. 4090) [Local Approval Received];

Severally placed in the Orders of the Day for the next sitting for a second reading.

Pre-kindergarten.

Id.

Climate literacy education.

STEM program.

Substance use prevention policy.

Science curriculum.

Asian Pacific Islander Desi.

Native American history.

Healthy youth.

Youth, — safe technology use.

Article V Convention applications.

Taunton,— Edward Walsh.

Surgeries.

Exercise equipment.

Boston,— councillor.

Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed bills

Relative to affordable car rentals (see Senate, No. 2616, amended) (which originated in the Senate); and

Bills
enacted.

Increasing the membership of the board of health of the town of Marblehead from 3 to 5 members (see House, No. 3912) (which originated in the House);

Severally having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, were passed to be enacted; and they were signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

The House Bill relative to certain special revolving funds in the town of Athol (House, No. 4401), 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 tomorrow at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next
sitting.

At six minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Frost of Auburn (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following day at eleven o'clock A.M.