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Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M. 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.

Silent Prayer.

During the session (Ms. Hogan of Stow being in the Chair), at the request of Representatives Sangiolo of Newton, Schwartz of Newton and Lawn of Watertown, the members, guests and employees stood in a moment of silent tribute in respect to the memory of Setti David Warren, Newton's 30th mayor, who died unexpectedly on Sunday, November 2nd at the family's Beaumont Avenue home. He was fifty-five years old.

Setti
Warren.

At the time of his death, he was the Director of the Institute of Politics and Adjunct Lecturer in Public Policy at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government. Before his appointment, he was Executive Director of the Shorenstein Center on Media, Politics and Public Policy. In 2009, he was elected Mayor of Newton - the first African American mayor in Massachusetts.

Mayor Warren led a life of public service, working as New England Director of the Federal Office of Emergency Management, and as deputy director of Senator John Kerry's Boston office. He also served in Iraq as a Naval Intelligence specialist.

Mayor Warren is survived by his wife Tassy, his children, Abigail and John, and his twin sister, Makeda.

Message from the Governor.

A message from Her Excellency the Governor (under the provisions of Section 8 of Article LXXXIX of the Amendments to the Constitution) recommending legislation relative to validating the results of the annual election held in the town of Bourne on May 20, 2025 (House, No. 4763), was filed in the office of the Clerk on Monday, November 17.

Bourne,—
election.

The message was read; and it was referred, under Rule 30, with the accompanying draft of a bill, to the committee on Election Laws. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Statement of Representative Davis of Great Barrington.

A statement of Ms. Davis of Great Barrington was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

MR. SPEAKER: I would like to call to the attention of the House the fact that I was unable to be present in the House Chamber for today's sitting due official business outside of the State House. I am hosting Secretary Augustus in my district for visits to local housing authorities and leading a workforce housing roundtable with local experts. Had I been present, I would have voted in the affirmative on Yea and Nay Nos. 108, 109 and 110. My missing of roll calls today is due entirely to the reason stated.

Statement of Representative Davis of Great Barrington.

Statement of Representative Gregoire of Marlborough.

A statement of Miss Gregoire of Marlborough was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

MR. SPEAKER: I would like to call to the attention of the House the fact that I am unable to be present in the House Chamber for today's sitting due to official business outside the State House. Had I been present, I would have voted in the affirmative on Yea and Nay Nos. 108, 109 and 110. My missing of roll calls today is due entirely to the reason stated.

Statement of Representative Gregoire of Marlborough.

Statement of Representative Silvia of Fall River.

A statement of Mr. Silvia of Fall River was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

MR. SPEAKER: I would like to call to the attention of the House the fact that I am unable to be present in the House Chamber for today's sitting due a previously scheduled medical appointment. Had I been present, I would have voted in the affirmative on Yea and Nay Nos. 108, 109 and 110. My missing of roll calls today is due entirely to the reason stated.

Statement of Representative Silvia of Fall River.

Statement of Representative Vaughn of Wrentham.

A statement of Mr. Vaughn of Wrentham was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

MR. SPEAKER: I would like to call to the attention of the House the fact that I am unable to be present in the House Chamber for today's sitting. Had I been present, I would have voted in the affirmative on Yea and Nay Nos. 108, 109 and 110.

Statement of Representative Vaughn of Wrentham.

Remote Participation.

Notice had been received from House Counsel that, under the provisions of House Rule 49, Representatives Boldyga of Southwick, Ferguson of Holden, Ferrante of Gloucester and Nguyen of North Andover had been approved to participate remotely for today's formal sitting.

Remote participation.

Communications.

Communications

From the Office of the Comptroller (see Section 12(a) of Chapter 7A of the General Laws) providing a status on the filing of the Statutory Basis Financial Report for fiscal year 2025; and

Statutory Basis Financial report.

From the Office of the Comptroller (see Section 12(a) of Chapter 7A of the General Laws) providing an updated status on the filing of the 2025 Statutory Basis Financial Report, which has been delayed pending passage of the supplemental appropriation bill;

Severally were placed on file.

Id.

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 Alexander Mattern relative to the reporting of convictions for assault and battery involving motor vehicles; and

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Tackey Chan relative to powers and duties of judicial court officers;

Severally to the committee on the Judiciary.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Andres X. Vargas for legislation to further regulate zoning for accessory dwelling units. To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Kate Hogan for legislation to establish statewide food truck regulations. To the committee on Public Health.

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.

Motor vehicles,—
convictions.

Judicial court
officers.

Accessory
dwelling units.

Food trucks.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, that the Bill addressing challenges facing public libraries and digital resource collections (House, No. 3595), ought to pass. Referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Public
libraries.

By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill requiring health care employers to develop and implement programs to prevent workplace violence (House, No. 2655), ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a bill with the same title (House, No. 4767). Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Health care,—
workplace
violence.

By Mr. Arciero of Westford, for the committee on Transportation, on a petition, a Bill relative to increased transportation options for Arlington and Lexington (House, No. 3666). Read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Arlington and
Lexington,—
rapid transit.

By Mr. Arciero of Westford, for the committee on Transportation, on a petition, a Bill relative to establishing the science corridor (House, No. 3683).

Rapid transit.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 3688 and 3700, a Bill relative to electric vehicle charging stations (House, No. 3688).

Electric
vehicles.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to establish free access to ride to elections in Massachusetts (FARE) (House, No. 3744).

Elections,—
transportation.

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

By Mr. Arciero of Westford, for the committee on Transportation, on a petition, a Bill establishing a pilot program allowing for in-person payment of daily parking fees at certain commuter rail stations operated by the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (House, No. 3664).

Commuter rail,—
payments.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Resolve directing the Massachusetts Department of Transportation to study the feasibility of extending the orange line (House, No. 3733).

Orange Line
expansion,—
study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill authorizing the select board of the town of Hull to establish a schedule of fines for parking violations (House, No. 4247) [Local Approval Received].

Hull,—
parking
fines.

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

At eleven minutes after eleven o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House recessed until one o'clock P.M.; and two minutes after one o'clock, the House was called to order with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair.

Recess.

By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Senate Bill relative to amending certain use restrictions for the Foxborough State Hospital (Senate, No. 2141), ought to pass with amendments by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in House document numbered 4765; by inserting the following emergency preamble:

Foxborough
State Hospital.

“Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to authorize forthwith the release or amendment of certain use restrictions of land in the town of Foxborough, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.”; and by striking out the title and inserting in place thereof the following title: “An Act relative to the release or amendment of certain use restrictions for the Foxborough State Hospital.”. Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Mr. Honan of Boston, for said committee, then reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, the bill was read a second time forthwith. The amendments recommended by the committee on Ways and Means then were adopted; and the bill (Senate, No. 2141, amended) was ordered to a third reading.

By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Senate Bill authorizing the commonwealth to dispose of certain parcels of land in the town of Upton acquired for conservation and recreation purposes (Senate, No. 2576), ought to pass with an amendment by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in House document numbered 4766. Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Upton,—
land.

Mr. Honan of Boston, for said committee, then reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, the bill was read a second time forthwith. The amendment recommended by the committee on Ways and Means then was adopted; and the bill (Senate, No. 2576, amended) was ordered to a third reading.

By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill authorizing the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to dispose of certain parcels of land in the city of Brockton (House, No. 4296), ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a Bill authorizing the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to convey certain parcels of land in the city of Brockton (House, No. 4768). Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Brockton,—
land.

Mr. Honan of Boston, for said committee, then reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, the bill was read a second time forthwith. The amendment recommended by the committee on Ways and Means then was adopted; and the substituted bill was ordered to a third reading.

At six minutes after one o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Jones of North Reading (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House recessed subject to the call of the Chair; and twenty-two minutes after two o'clock, the House was called to order with Ms. Hogan of Stow in the Chair.

Recess.

Prior to the noon recess, By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the House Bill to build resilient infrastructure to generate higher-ed transformation (House, No. 4693), be scheduled for consideration by the House, with the amendment previously recommended by the committee on Ways and Means, pending.

Higher
education,—
bond bill.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, the bill was read a second time forthwith.

The amendment recommended by the committee on Ways and Means,— that the bill be amended by substitution of a bill with the same title (House, No. 4750),— then was adopted; and the substituted bill was ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently, the noon recess having terminated (Ms. Hogan of Stow being in the Chair), under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Finn of West Springfield, the bill (having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) was read a third time.

After debate on the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Michlewitz of Boston and other members of the House moved to amend it in section 2 by inserting after item 7066-8006 the following item:

Consolidated
amendments.

“7066-8007 For higher education capital projects; provided, that not less than \$5,000,000 shall be expended for Greenfield Community College; provided further, that not less than \$2,000,000 shall be expended for Northern Essex Community College facilities for high school career and technical education, including construction, renovation, modernization, equipment acquisition, and instructional technology to expand regional vocational pathways; provided further, that not less than \$2,000,000 shall be expended for the renovation of Tillinghast hall at Bridgewater State University; provided further, that not less than \$350,000 shall be expended for the University of Massachusetts Boston to support the renaming of the center for African, Caribbean and community development as the Senator Bill Owens center, including installation of markers and commemorative programming; provided further, that not less than \$10,000,000

shall be expended for the renovation of the Sullivan building at Salem State University; provided further, that not less than \$20,000,000 shall be expended for Middlesex Community College for the expansion, modernization and development of the life sciences center on the Bedford campus; provided further, that not less than \$10,000,000 shall be expended for Framingham State University to renovate, maintain and modernize the Henry Whittemore library; provided further, that not less than \$5,000,000 shall be expended to Springfield Technical Community College; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended for the UMass cranberry station to undertake modernization and deferred maintenance projects at cranberry bogs that they utilize; provided further, that not less than \$10,000,000 shall be expended to the Dudley house at Roxbury Community College; provided further, that not less than \$20,000,000 shall be expended for Bunker Hill Community College to renovate their chemistry, biology and engineering classrooms and prep rooms; provided further, that not less than \$100,000,000 shall be expended for the construction of the Westfield State University human health hub; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended for renovations and upgrades to 6 classrooms at Bay Path University; provided further, that not less than \$50,000,000 shall be expended for upgrading UMass Boston learning spaces infrastructure and technology; provided further, that not less than \$5,000,000 shall be expended for renovation of the McKay complex at Fitchburg State University; provided further, that not less than \$5,000,000 shall be expended for Conlon hall at Fitchburg State University; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended to Bay Path University in support of the expansion of their nursing program, which will address the critical shortage experienced in Massachusetts by funding the purchase of key equipment; provided further, that not less than \$20,000,000 shall be expended for the renovation and expansion of the student center at Worcester State University; provided further, that not less than \$3,000,000 shall be expended for Carey building window replacement at Massachusetts Bay Community College; provided further, that not less than \$2,200,000 shall be expended for HVAC System Replacement at Massachusetts bay Community College; provided further, that not less than \$25,000,000 shall be expended for the Lowell innovation network corridor project at the University of Massachusetts at Lowell; provided further, that not less than \$400,000 shall be expended for outdoor court upgrades located at Bristol Community College's Fall River campus; provided further, that not less than \$20,000,000 shall be expended to renovate and expand the Massachusetts maritime academy student wellness, recreation and workforce development center; provided further, that not less than \$22,500,000 shall be expended to support drainage, resurfacing, and soil mitigation efforts at Quinsigamond Community College; provided further, that not

less than \$5,000,000 be expended for the renovation of the Haley first floor student success center at Mount Wachusett Community College; provided further, that not less than \$5,000,000 shall be expended for a fitness center at Mount Wachusett Community College; provided further, that not less than \$2,000,000 shall be expended for renovations to the Peter Asiaf field house at Mount Wachusett Community College; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the University of Massachusetts Amherst to expand classroom space at the Henry M. Thomas III center in Springfield; and provided further, that not less than \$20,000,000 shall be expended for Northern Essex Community College facilities for high school career and technical education.....\$370,450,000”.

On the question on adoption the amendments, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, as required under the provisions of House Rule 33F; and on the roll call 149 members voted in the affirmative and 4 in the negative.

[See Yea and Nay No. 108 in Supplement.]

Therefore the consolidated amendments were adopted.

On the question on passing the bill, as amended, to be engrossed, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, at the request of Mr. Rogers of Cambridge; and on the roll call 148 members voted in the affirmative and 5 in the negative.

[See Yea and Nay No. 109 in Supplement.]

Therefore the bill (House, No. 4769, published as amended) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Consolidated amendments adopted,—yea and nay No. 108.

Bill passed to be engrossed,—yea and nay No. 109.

Orders of the Day.

Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair,—

The House Bill relative to defining invasive surgical procedures (House, No. 1362) read a second time; and it was ordered to a third reading.

Second reading bill.

The House Bill relative to successor supplier laws and the termination of sales to wholesalers of alcoholic beverages (House, No. 4281), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Walsh of Peabody moved to amend it by substitution of a bill with the same title (House, No. 4764), which was read.

The amendment was adopted; and the substituted bill was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Alcoholic beverages,—sales.

Ms. Hogan of Stow being in the Chair,—

The report (in part) of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches, with reference to the Senate amendment (see 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) (for report, see House, No. 4761), was considered.

Supplemental appropriations.

On acceptance of the report, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, at the request of Mr. Michlewitz of Boston; and on the roll call 145 members voted in the affirmative and 8 in the negative.

[See [Yea and Nay No. 110](#) in Supplement.]

Therefore the report of the committee of conference was accepted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Conference
committee
report accepted,—
yea and nay
No. 110.

Recess.

At one minute before five o'clock P.M. (Tuesday, November 18, 2025), on motion of Speaker Mariano of Quincy (Ms. Hogan of Stow being in the Chair), the House recessed until the following day at eleven o'clock A.M.; and at that time, the House was called to order with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair.

Recess.