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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.

Appointments of the Speaker.

The Speaker announced that (under the provisions of Chapter 1 of the Resolves of 2024) he had appointed Representatives Cabral of New Bedford, Diggs of Barnstable and Mendes of Brockton to the special commission to investigate and study the feasibility of establishing a statewide Massachusetts Cabo Verdean cultural center in the city of Boston to represent the over two hundred years history of Cabo Verdeans in the Commonwealth.

Cabo Verdean
cultural center.

Guests of the House.

During the session, the Chair (Mr. Donato), declared a brief recess and introduced seated in the House chamber, the Walpole High School Porkers field hockey team and their coach Jen Quinn. The team are 3 time state champions. They were the guests of Representatives Rogers of Norwood, Philips of Sharon, McMurtry of Dedham and Vaughn of Wrentham.

Walpole High
School field
hockey team.

Orders.

The following orders were referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules:

Order (filed by Representatives Lawn of Watertown and Kilcoyne of Clinton) relative to extending until Wednesday, March 18, 2026 the time within which the committee on Health Care Financing is authorized to report on current House documents (House, No. 4822).

Extensions
of time for
committees
to make
reports.

Order (filed by Representatives Decker of Cambridge and Kerans of Danvers) relative to extending until Tuesday, January 6, 2026 the time within which the committee on Public Health is authorized to report on current House documents (House, No. 4824).

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported that the orders ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Philips of Sharon, the orders were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Communications.

A communication from the Division of Energy Resources of the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (under the provisions of section 12 of Chapter 25A of the General Laws) submitting amendments to 225 CMR 29.00 – small clean energy infrastructure facility siting and permitting (House, No. 4827), was referred to the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Division of Energy Resources,— regulations.

Communications

From the Department of Energy Resources (see Section 20 of Chapter 25A of the General Laws) submitting its large building energy use annual report for calendar year 2025; and

Large building energy use.

From the Executive Office for Administration and Finance (see Section 2BBBBBB(a½) of Chapter 29 of the General Laws, as most recently amended by Section 19 of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting the annual transportation projects report for fiscal year 2026;

Transportation projects.

Severally were placed on file.

Annual Reports.

Annual Reports

Of the Executive Office of Veterans' Services (under Section 2 of Chapter 115 of the General Laws) for fiscal year 2025;

Veterans services.

Of the Women Veterans Network (WVN) of the Executive Office of Veterans' Services (under Section 18 of Chapter 115 of the General Laws) for fiscal year 2025; and

Women veterans network.

Of the Executive Office of Veterans' Services (under Section 12 of Chapter 115A of the General Laws) submitting its 2025 report on the state of the Commonwealth's two Soldiers' Homes for fiscal year 2025 [a copy of said communication was forwarded to the committee on Veterans and Federal, as required by law];

Soldiers' homes.

Severally were placed on file.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Fiola of Fall River and Senator Rodrigues, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Carole A. Fiola relative to survivors and holders of abuse or harassment prevention orders.

Abuse prevention.

By Representative Gómez of Easthampton and Senator Comerford, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Homar Gómez relative to reports of crimes to law enforcement officials.

Crime reporting.

By Representative Howard of Lowell, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Vanna Howard relative to social media, algorithm accountability, and transparency.

Social media.

By Representative Howitt of Seekonk, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Steven S. Howitt for legislation to establish an independent child protection and advocacy agency.

Child protection agency.

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

Papers from the Senate.

Bills

Validating the proceedings at the town of Millbury annual town meeting (printed in Senate, No. 2678) (on a message from Her Excellency the Governor); and

Establishing a sick leave bank for Jeffrey Yacinthe, an employee of the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (Senate, No. 2799) (on Senate bill No. 2651);

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were read; and they were referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

A report of the committee on Public Health, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1579) of Liz Miranda and Manny Cruz for legislation to eliminate barriers and expand abortion access for patients under the age of 16, and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on the Judiciary,— accepted by the Senate, was considered forthwith, under Rule 42; and it was accepted, in concurrence.

Reports of the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, that the following reports:

From the Massachusetts Gaming Commission (pursuant to Section 9B Of Chapter 128A of the General Laws and Section 222 of Chapter 6 of the General Laws) submitting proposed regulations changes to 205 CMR 3.00: Harness Horse Racing (2025) (Senate, No. 2539); and

From the Massachusetts Gaming Commission (pursuant to Section 9B Of Chapter 128A of the General Laws and Section 222 of Chapter 6 of the General Laws) submitting proposed regulations for 205 CMR 3.00: Harness Horse Racing, 205 CMR 3.11: General Rules, and 205 CMR 3.14: Licenses, Registrations and Fees for Participants in Racing (Senate, No. 2624);

Recommending that the regulations and conditions are consistent with the statutory provisions under which they were promulgated and that the same severally be placed on file,— accepted by that Senate, were considered forthwith, under Rule 42; and they were accepted, in concurrence.

A joint petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2789) of Peter J. Durant and Kimberly N. Ferguson (by vote of the town) for legislation to provide recall elections in the town of Rutland, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Election Laws.

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 petition of Marjorie C. Decker relative to a special commission (including members of the General Court) on perimenopause and menopause care. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Philips of Sharon, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Public Health. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Garballey of Arlington, for the committee on Tourism, Arts and Cultural Development, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3599) of Mark Harding relative to certain

Millbury,—
town meeting.

Jeffrey
Yacinthe,—
sick leave.

Abortion,—
access.

Harness
horse racing.

Id.

Rutland,—
recall
elections.

Perimenopause
and menopause.

Cape and
Islands,—
easements.

easements at Chappaquiddick, Dudley, Gay Head, Herring Pond and Mashpee,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight. Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted. 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 social security numbers on death certificates (House, No. 2383);

Removing social security numbers from death certificates (House, No. 2438); and

Authorizing the select board of the town of Hull to establish a schedule of fines for parking violations (House, No. 4247) [Local Approval Received];

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

By Mr. Stanley of Waltham, for the committee on Aging and Independence, on House, No. 781, a Bill establishing the program of all-inclusive care for the elderly (House, No. 4804).

By Mr. Chan of Quincy, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, on a petition, a Bill protecting black girls from targeted toxicity (House, No. 369).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to motor vehicle debt waivers (House, No. 416).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 358 and 461, a Bill relative to updating the security of personal information (House, No. 4807).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 364, a Bill relative to the collection of debt (House, No. 4808).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 419, 476 and 4073, a Bill alleviating the burden of medical debt for patients and families (House, No. 4809).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 457, a Bill relative to greenwashing in advertising and marketing (House, No. 4810).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 465, a Bill relative to the licensing of limited registration dentists (House, No. 4811).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 3940, a Bill relative to restricting telemarketer phone numbers (House, No. 4812).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 4543, a Bill clarifying the existing pipefitting exemption (House, No. 4816).

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

By Mr. Chan of Quincy, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, on House, No. 333, a Bill relative to the auto damage appraiser licensing board (House, No. 4806).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 4089, a Bill authorizing the town of Milton to grant additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 4813) [Local Approval Received].

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 4188, a Bill authorizing the town of Westwood to reissue licenses for the sale of wine and malt beverages not to be drunk on the premises and grant licenses for the sale of all

Death certificates.
Id.

Hull,—
parking fines.

Elderly,—
all-inclusive
care.

Beauty
products.

Vehicle debt
waivers.

Personal
information.

Debt
collection.

Medical
debt.

Advertising,—
greenwashing.

Dentists,—
licensing.

Telemarketers,—
restrictions.

Pipefitting
exemptions.

Licensing board,—
auto damage
appraisers.

Milton,—
liquor licenses.

Westwood,—
liquor licenses.

alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 4814) [Local Approval Received].

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 4473, a Bill authorizing the select board of the town of Arlington to place upon a town ballot a question to increase the number of licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 4815) [Local Approval Received].

Arlington,—
liquor licenses.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 4570, a Bill authorizing the town of Pembroke to grant one additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 4817) [Local Approval Received].

Pembroke,—
liquor licenses.

By Mr. Lewis of Framingham, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a joint petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Orange to increase the membership of the board of selectmen (House, No. 4701) [Local Approval Received].

Orange,—
selectmen.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to the annual town meeting for the town of Orange (House, No. 4717) [Local Approval Received].

Orange,—
town meeting.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to the board of water commissioners of the Dalton fire district (House, No. 4721).

Dalton,—
fire district.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 4382, 4383, 4384, 4385 and 4386, a Bill amending the town charter of the town of Plainville (House, No. 4805) [Local Approval Received].

Plainville,—
charter.

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

Orders of the Day.

House bills

Regarding the recall of elected officers of the town of Sharon (House, No. 862);
and

Third
reading
bills.

Further amending the charter of the town of Middleton (House, No. 4399);

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. Severally 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 Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next
sitting.

At six minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Smola of Warren (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.