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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.

Guests of the House.

During the session, the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford) declared a brief recess and introduced the Bellingham High School girls volleyball team. They recently won the 2025 Division 3 State Championship, marking their first championship in school history. They were the guests of Mr. Soter of Bellingham.

Bellingham
High School
girls volleyball
team.

Communications.

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From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see Section 16DD of Chapter 6A of the General Laws) submitting the annual report of the Office of Behavioral Health Promotion and Prevention for fiscal year 2025;

Behavioral
health.

From the Executive Office for Administration and Finance (see Section 62 of Chapter 7 of the General Laws) submitting its report for fiscal year 2025 which contains a list of all capital projects, the legislation and line-item, authorizing such funding, the municipalities and the legislative districts in which such projects are located;

Capital
expenditures.

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 missed due to the supplemental appropriation bill deadline having passed;

Statutory basis
financial report.

From the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (see item 8100-1004 of Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting a report of the Massachusetts State Police Crime Lab for the first quarter of calendar year 2025;

State Police
crime lab.

From the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (see item 8100-1004 of Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting a report of the Massachusetts State Police Crime Lab for the fourth quarter of calendar year 2024; and

Id.

From the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (see item 8100-1004 of Section 2 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting a report of the Massachusetts State Police Crime Lab for the third quarter of calendar year 2024;

Id.

Severally were placed on file.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Ciccolo of Lexington, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4842) of Michelle L. Ciccolo and Cindy F. Friedman (by vote of the town) relative to the organization of the Lexington Housing Assistance Board. To the committee on Housing.

Lexington,—
housing
board.

By the same member, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4843) of Michelle L. Ciccolo and Cindy F. Friedman (by vote of the town) relative to the exchange of certain park land in the town of Lexington from the select board to the school committee;

Lexington,—
land.

By Representative Puppolo of Springfield, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4844) of Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr. (by vote of the town) relative to the appointment and removal authority for employees of the town administrator of the town of Wilbraham; and

Wilbraham,—
town
administrator.

By Representatives McKenna of Sutton and Soter of Bellingham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4845) of Joseph D. McKenna and Michael J. Soter (by vote of the town) that the town of Uxbridge be authorized to publish legal notices in print or online.

Uxbridge, —
legal notices.

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

By Representative Blais of Deerfield and Senator Mark, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4846) of Natalie M. Blais (by vote of the town) that the town of Colrain be authorized to continue the employment of Nicholas Anzuoni, chief of the fire department of said town, notwithstanding the maximum age requirement; and

Colrain,—
Nicholas
Anzuoni.

By the same members, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4848) of Natalie M. Blais (by vote of the town) that the town of Colrain be authorized to continue the employment of Kevin Worden, Sr., deputy chief of the fire department of said town, notwithstanding the maximum age requirement.

Colrain,—
Kevin
Worden.

Severally to the committee on Public Service.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative O'Day of West Boylston, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of James J. O'Day relative to access to applied behavior analysis services in schools.

Behavior
analysis.

By Representative Gallagher of Bridgewater, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Dennis C. Gallagher for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Sally Desrosiers, an employee of the Department of Correction.

Sally
Desrosiers,—
sick leave.

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

Papers from the Senate.

The House Bill increasing the age limit for retired police officers serving as special police officers in the town of Weston (House, No. 4031), 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 2860. The amendment was referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

Weston,—
special
police.

A Bill amending the charter of the town of Sandwich (Senate, No. 2859) (on Senate bill Nos. 24 and 25) [Local Approval Received], passed to be engrossed by

Sandwich,—
charter.

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

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 John Barrett, III relative to school choice. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Education. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

School
choice.

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:

Expanding ballot access for regional school district votes (House, No. 836);

Regional schools.
Billerica,—
police
officers.

Authorizing the town of Billerica to establish an age limit for original appointment to the position of police officer (House, No. 4632) [Local Approval Received];

Improve business improvement districts (House, No. 4756);

Business districts.
Bridgewater,—
town charter.

Authorizing Bridgewater town charter amendment for gender neutral language (House, No. 4781) [Local Approval Received]; and

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

Westwood,—
liquor
licenses.

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

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, asking to be discharged from further consideration:

Of the Bill relative to assessing the feasibility of in-state drug manufacturing (House, No. 763);

In-state drug
manufacturing.
Chapter 40B.

Of the Resolve establishing a special commission to study and make recommendations relative to Chapter 40B (House, No. 1486);

Of the Bill establishing a commission to study the financial abuse of elders (House, No. 4749); and

Elders,—
financial abuse.

Of the Bill establishing a commission to study housing affordability and density reform (House, No. 4762);

Housing
and density.

And recommending that the same be referred to the House committee on Rules.

Under Rule 42, the reports severally were considered forthwith; and they were accepted.

By Mr. Ryan of Boston, for the committee on Public Service, on House, No. 27 and on a part of House, No. 26, a Bill establishing a special commission on retirement credit purchases (House, No. 27). Read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Retirement
credits.

By Mr. Ryan of Boston, for the committee on Public Service, on House, No. 19 and on a part of House, No. 18, a Bill relative to pension forfeiture (House, No. 19).

Pension
forfeiture.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 20 and on a part of House, No. 18, a Bill relative to post retirement earnings (House, No. 20).

Post retirement earnings.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 21 and on a part of House, No. 18, a Bill relative to Chapter 32 Section 8 and modifications of retirement allowances (House, No. 21).

Retirement allowances,—modifications

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 22 and on a part of House, No. 18, a Bill providing for statement of financial interests flexibility (House, No. 22).

Financial interests statements.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 23 and on a part of House, No. 18, a Bill to provide for payment of creditable service (House, No. 23).

Creditable service.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 24 and on a part of House, No. 18, a Bill clarifying the Chapter 32 definition of wages (House, No. 24).

Wages,—definition.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 25 and on a part of House, No. 18, a Bill relative to the enabling statute of the Public Employee Retirement Administration Commission (House, No. 25).

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By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 28 and on a part of House, No. 26, a Bill relative to pension forfeiture (House, No. 28).

Pensions,—forfeiture.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 29 and on a part of House, No. 26, a Bill relative to the interest charged on refund buybacks (House, No. 29).

Refund buybacks,—interest.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 30 and on a part of House, No. 26, a Bill clarifying creditable service buyback for publicly funded non-public schools (House, No. 30).

Creditable service,—schools.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 31 and on a part of House, No. 26, a Bill relative to reducing delinquent pension reporting (House, No. 31).

Pensions,—reporting.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 32 and on a part of House, No. 26, a Bill to extend the opportunity to purchase teaching service in all territories of the United States (House, No. 32).

Teaching,—buybacks.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 33 and on a part of House, No. 26, a Bill relative to the definition of wages for retirement calculations (House, No. 33).

Wages,—retirement calculations.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 34 and on a part of House, No. 26, a Bill relative to parental and family leave equity for members of public retirement systems (House, No. 34).

Family leave,—retirees.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 45 and on a part of House, No. 35, a Bill updating judicial retirement benefits (House, No. 45).

Judges,—retirement.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 44 and on a part of House, No. 35, a Bill relative to non-Commonwealth entities (House, No. 4829).

Retirement,—entities.

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

Engrossed Bills.

The engrossed Bill increasing the membership of the board of health of the town of Marblehead from 3 to 5 members (see House, No. 3912, amended) (which originated in the House) (which had been returned by Her Excellency the Governor with recommendation of amendment), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly

Bill re-enacted.

and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be re-enacted, in its amended form; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

The engrossed Bill further regulating appointments to the Acton Memorial Library (see House, No. 4173) (which originated in the House), 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.

Bill
enacted.

Orders of the Day.

The Senate Bill providing for the issuance of revenue bonds for the construction and reconstruction of telecommunications facilities by the city of Quincy (Senate, No. 2625), 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

Making the charter of the county of Nantucket gender neutral (House, No. 4504) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading); and

Third
reading
bills.

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);

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 twelve minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. McKenna of Sutton (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.