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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.

Guests of the House.

During the Session, Mr. Ayers of Quincy took the Chair, declared a brief recess, and, on behalf of himself, Speaker Mariano of Quincy and Representative Chan of Quincy, introduced Michaella Lawson of Quincy. In February, Michaella became the State Champion in the Elks Hoop Shoot competition. Accompanying Michaella were her parents, Justin and Dana Lawson, District Hoop Shoot Director, Patrick Kimmett, and State Hoop Shoot Director, Harry See. They were the guests of Representatives Ayers of Quincy, Chan of Quincy and Speaker Mariano of Quincy.

Michaella Lawson.

Statement Concerning Representative Barrows of Mansfield.

A statement of Representative Jones of North Reading concerning Representative Barrows of Mansfield was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

MADAM SPEAKER: I would like to call to the attention of the House the fact that one of our colleagues, Representative Barrows of Mansfield was unable to be present in the House Chamber after 4 p.m. for today's sitting due to official business in his district. If he had been present for the question on passing to be engrossed the House Bill to provide for the future information technology needs of Massachusetts (House, No. 4642, amended), he would have voted in the affirmative. His missing of roll calls today was due entirely to the reason stated.

Statement concerning Mr. Barrows of Mansfield.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

Resolutions (filed by Representative Cabral of New Bedford) on the occasion of the New Bedford celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of Sporting Club of Horta;

Sporting Club of Horta.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Sabadosa of Northampton and Carey of Easthampton) congratulating Lathrop Community Inc. on its thirty-fifth anniversary; and

Lathrop Community.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Xiarhos of Barnstable and Jones of North Reading) celebrating and commending the skilled and dedicated employees of Cape

Cape Heritage Rehabilitation and Health

Heritage Rehabilitation and Health Care Center during the 2024 National Skilled Nursing Care Week;

Care Center.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported, in each instance, that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Xiarhos, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Communications.

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From the Department of Energy Resources (see Section 10(f) of Chapter 25A of the General Laws) submitting the Division of Green Communities 2023 annual report;

Division
of Green
Communities.

From the Department of Revenue (see Section 14 of Chapter 14 of the General Laws) submitting its 2024 biennial report of the Tax Expenditure Commission; and

Tax Expenditure
Commission.

From the Executive Office for Administration and Finance (see item 1599-0514 of Section 2 of Chapter 77 of the Acts of 2023) submitting the April 22, 2024 biweekly report on the Emergency Housing Assistance Program;

Emergency
housing
assistance.

Severally were placed on file.

Annual Report.

An annual report of the Office of the Inspector General (under Section 12 of Chapter 12A of the General Laws) for calendar year 2023, was placed on file.

Inspector
General.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Moran of Lawrence, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Frank A. Moran relative to retirement benefits for Mary McCabe.

Mary McCabe,—
retirement.

By Representative Ultrino of Malden, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Steven Ultrino relative to the maintenance of the Cutler Highway Bridge and related infrastructure in the city of Revere by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation and the Department of Conservation and Recreation.

Revere,—
Cutler Highway
Bridge.

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

Papers from the Senate

The House Bill raising awareness of Mitochondrial Disease in the Commonwealth (House, No. 4240) (its title having been changed by the Senate committee on Bills in the Third Reading), 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 2782. The amendment was referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

Mitochondrial
Disease.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2783) of Brendan P. Crighton (with approval of the mayor and city council) to amend Chapter 58 of the Acts of 2018 and

Lynn,—
charter.

sections 6-11 and 10-3 of the Lynn city charter, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill enhancing the market review process (House, No. 4620), ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a bill with the same title (House, No. 4643). Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Health care
market review.

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, 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.

By Mr. Parisella of Beverly, for the committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies, on House, Nos. 404, 405, 406, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 418, 419, 420, 421, 424, 3566, 3822 and 3917, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to LLCs, gaming, job creation and other related matters (House, No. 4593).

LLCs; gaming,
job creation,
etc.,—
study.

By Mr. Diggs of Barnstable, for the committee on Labor and Workforce Development, on House, Nos. 1832, 1833, 1835, 1843, 1845, 1863, 1866, 1876, 1877, 1884, 1885, 1893, 1895, 1896, 1898, 1899, 1901, 1902, 1903, 1904, 1906, 1907, 1914, 1917, 1920, 1923, 1928, 1932, 1933, 1935, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1946, 1950, 1951, 1953, 1957, 1959, 1960, 3597, 3598 and 3885, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Labor and Workforce Development to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to wages, workers' compensation, workplace protections and other related matters (House, No. 4570) [Representative Wong of Saugus dissenting].

Wages, workers'
compensation,
workplace
protections,
etc.,—
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.

By Mr. González of Springfield, for the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, on a petition, a Bill relative to the discharge of spent fuel pool water (House, No. 2302) [Senator Velis dissenting]. Read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Spent fuel
pool water.

By Mr. Lawn of Watertown, for the committee on Health Care Financing, that the Bill honoring, empowering, and recognizing our servicemembers and veterans (printed in House, No. 4172, changed), ought to pass [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00]. Read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Servicemembers
and veterans.

<p>By Mr. González of Springfield, for the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, on a petition, a Bill relative to public safety in hoisting regulations (House, No. 2285) [Senator Velis dissenting].</p>	<p>Hoisting regulations.</p>
<p>By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to emergency hazard health duty (House, No. 2286) [Senator Velis dissenting].</p>	<p>Public safety personnel.</p>
<p>By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to jet ski safety (House, No. 2287) [Senator Velis dissenting].</p>	<p>Jet ski safety.</p>
<p>By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to protect the civil rights and safety of all Massachusetts residents (House, No. 2288) [Senator Velis and Representatives Zlotnik of Gardner and Vieira of Falmouth dissenting].</p>	<p>Federal immigration enforcement.</p>
<p>By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill expanding the availability of adaptable housing for people with disabilities and seniors (House, No. 2291) [Senator Velis dissenting].</p>	<p>Adaptive housing.</p>
<p>By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to establish a prepaid wireless E911 surcharge (House, No. 2293) [Senator Velis dissenting].</p>	<p>Prepaid E911 surcharge.</p>
<p>By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to special state police officers (House, No. 2294) [Senator Velis dissenting].</p>	<p>Special state police.</p>
<p>By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to require seat belts on school buses (House, No. 2295) [Senator Velis and Representative Vieira of Falmouth dissenting].</p>	<p>School buses,— seat belts.</p>
<p>By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill concerning the Massachusetts probation service (House, No. 2303) [Senator Velis dissenting].</p>	<p>Probation service.</p>
<p>By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to improve public safety and security (House, No. 2304) [Senator Velis and Representatives Zlotnik of Gardner and Vieira of Falmouth dissenting].</p>	<p>Immigration processing.</p>
<p>By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to crime gun data reporting and analysis (House, No. 2307) [Senator Velis and Representatives Zlotnik of Gardner and Vieira of Falmouth dissenting].</p>	<p>Crime gun data.</p>
<p>By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill creating a municipal and public safety building authority (House, No. 3802) [Senator Velis dissenting].</p>	<p>Public safety building authority.</p>
<p>By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing a public safety building authority and assistance program (House, No. 3803) [Senator Velis dissenting].</p>	<p>Id.</p>
<p>Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.</p>	
<p>By Mr. González of Springfield, for the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, on a petition, a Bill relative to enhanced fire protection in new one- and two-family dwellings (House, No. 2289) [Senator Velis and Representative Vieira of Falmouth dissenting].</p>	<p>Automatic sprinkler systems.</p>
<p>By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to fire protection (House, No. 2290) [Senator Velis and Representative Vieira of Falmouth dissenting].</p>	<p>Id.</p>
<p>By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to local law enforcement continuity between the city of Boston and the town of Dedham (House, No. 2299) [Senator Velis dissenting].</p>	<p>Boston and Dedham,— continuity.</p>
<p>By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to critical incident intervention by emergency service providers (House, No. 2301) [Senator Velis dissenting].</p>	<p>Critical incident interventions.</p>

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to firearms in certain public buildings (House, No. 2305) [Senator Velis and Representatives Zlotnik of Gardner, Vieira of Falmouth and Xiarhos of Barnstable dissenting].

Public buildings,—
firearms.

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

Engrossed Bill.

The engrossed Bill authorizing the town of Norwell to establish a means tested senior citizen property tax exemption (see Senate, No. 1921), 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.

Motions to Discharge Certain Matters in the Orders of the Day.

The House Bill authorizing the town of Nantucket to convey a certain parcel of land situated in the town of Nantucket held for park purposes to the Nantucket Conservation Foundation Inc. for open space, recreational, and conservation purposes (House, No. 4046), report by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was discharged from its position in the Orders of the Day and read a third time forthwith, under suspension of Rule 47, on motion of Mr. Fernandes of Falmouth.

Nantucket,—
land.

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. 4645), which was read.

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

The House Bill authorizing the town of Nantucket to convey certain land situated in the town of Nantucket held for open space, recreational or conservation purposes to the Nantucket Islands Land Bank for the purposes pursuant to its legislation (House, No. 4077), report by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was discharged from its position in the Orders of the Day and read a third time forthwith, under suspension of Rule 47, on motion of Mr. Fernandes of Falmouth.

Id.

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. 4646), which was read.

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

Recess.

At ten minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House recessed until a half past two o'clock P.M.; and at four minutes before three o'clock the House was called to order with Ms. Hogan of Stow in the Chair.

Recess.

Reports of Committees.

Prior to the noon recess, By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill to provide for the future information technology needs of Massachusetts (printed in House, No. 4242), ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a bill with the same title (House, No. 4642) [Bond Issue: General Obligation Bonds: \$1,235,000,000.00]. Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, with the amendment pending.

Information
technology,—
bonds.

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, 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.

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 remarks 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 2C, in item 1100-2518, in line 97, by inserting after the word “organizations” the words “, including regional school districts and regional vocational technical high schools,”;

In lines 110 to 114, inclusive, by striking out the text contained in those lines; and inserting in place there of the following section:

“SECTION 2D.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

Office of the Secretary

1599-1954 For local information technology projects; provided, that not less than \$300,000 shall be expended for information technology upgrades for Gloucester city hall in the city of Gloucester; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the city of Worcester’s division of inspectional services to administer the online fire safety, health code and rental registry programs; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the city of Worcester to study and implement software improvements to operate the electrical distribution gear at the municipal water treatment facility; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the city of Worcester to procure technology and electronic security improvement upgrades at the Park avenue and Webster square fire stations; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the

Worcester public schools to study and implement electronic security improvement upgrades at schools that service students in the Main South neighborhood; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended for the city of Worcester to modernize traffic signal systems to improve the flow of traffic and increase safety for drivers, pedestrians and cyclists; provided further, that not less than \$750,000 shall be expended to and disbursed equally among the town of Canton, the town of Stoughton and the town of Avon for information technology upgrades; provided further, that not less than \$43,000 shall be expended to the Medford fire department for the purchase of headset communication devices; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended to the city of Medford for the payment portal to increase accessibility to city services; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the town of Leicester to procure and install workstations and data servers for use by municipal and public safety departments that are compliant with updated data security standards; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended to the city of Medford for improvement and renovation of the network infrastructure; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the town of Leicester for a more user-friendly customer service portal to facilitate compliance with business, planning and zoning ordinances; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended for data center modernization upgrades in the city of Worcester; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the town of Hingham for the South Shore Regional Emergency Communications Center to run fiber optic cable for emergency dispatch communications and to replace aging dispatch work stations; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended for the incorporation of artificial intelligence into business processes in the city of Worcester; provided further, that not less than \$17,000 shall be expended for improvements to the Frances Perkins Library in the city of Worcester; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended for municipal fiber and communications improvements to municipal buildings in the town of West Boylston; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended for information technology upgrades for the city known as the town of Braintree; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be

expended for information technology upgrades for the town of Holbrook; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended for the city of Worcester's Regional Emergency Communications Center to install audio-visual gate and access controls to improve security by offering visual confirmation of access requests to both the building and site, as well as automated entry on the site; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the city of Worcester's Meade street office building to acquire door access controls and cameras; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended for the city of Worcester information technology department to develop a data lake and data warehouse model to improve local operations and efficacy; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the Worcester public schools for the purchase of software for the tracking of facilities master plans and deferred maintenance projects to allow for the development of 5-year capital plans, maintenance spending and major renovation or replacement projects; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the Worcester public schools to upgrade their database servers to the latest version to better deliver services and maintain security protocols; provided further, that not less than \$6,000 shall be expended for purchase of a new server in the town of Plympton; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the town of Hull to upgrade the communications and technology infrastructure to outfit its new location; provided further, that not less than \$55,000 shall be expended for website upgrades and to allow for acceptance of online payments in the town of Kingston; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended for website upgrades and digitization of records for public viewing in the town of Halifax; provided further, that not less than \$160,000 shall be expended to the town of Wayland to improve its cybersecurity and resiliency posture through improvements in their endpoint security systems, development of both a comprehensive incident response plan and disaster recovery plan and implementation of off-site disaster recovery infrastructure; provided further, that not less than \$85,000 shall be expended to the town of Lincoln to reconfigure and separate the Lincoln public safety department's information technology network so that it meets the department of criminal justice information services' security requirements;

provided further, that not less than \$125,000 shall be expended to the town of Sudbury for information technology improvements for the Sudbury public schools; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended to the Darrell Lee Jenkins Jr. Resource Center, Inc. in the city of Springfield for technology resources that provide support services to families who have been impacted by gun violence; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended to New North Citizens Council, Inc. in the city of Springfield for information technology infrastructure in the Barbara Rivera Community Center to enable its delivery of community support services; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended for Springfield Commonwealth Academy in the city of Springfield for resources that provide technology and financial education to inner-city residents; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended for information technology upgrades and digitization of records for the Ferreira-Mendes Portuguese-American Archives at University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended for internet upgrades including wi-fi for the New Bedford free public library; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended for information technology upgrades at Fitchburg city hall in the city of Fitchburg; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the town of Lunenburg for cybersecurity improvements for the Lunenburg public schools; provided further, that not less than \$15,000 shall be expended for municipal technology upgrades to accommodate remote work in the town of Blackstone; provided further, that not less than \$30,000 shall be expended for increasing security and detection measures to prevent identity-driven breaches in the town of Arlington; provided further, that not less than \$300,000 shall be expended for network upgrades to increase access and connectivity for public meetings and events in the town of Arlington; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for information technology improvements in the city of West Springfield; and provided further, that not less than \$43,000 shall be expended for electronic voting technology upgrades in the town of Sharon.....\$7,499,000;

LEGISLATURE

House of Representatives

9600-2024 For necessary information
technology upgrades for the house
of representatives.....\$5,000,000;

In section 5, in line 142, by striking out the figures “\$180,000,000” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “\$175,000,000”; and

By adding the following section:

“SECTION 6. To meet the expenditures necessary to carry out section 2D, the state treasurer shall, upon request of the governor, issue and sell bonds of the commonwealth in an amount to be specified by the governor from time to time, but not exceeding, in the aggregate, \$12,499,000. All bonds issued by the commonwealth under this section shall be designated on their face, ‘FutureTech Act of 2024’, and shall be issued for a maximum term of years, not exceeding 10 years, as the governor may recommend to the general court under section 3 of Article LXII of the Amendments to the Constitution. All such bonds shall be payable not later than June 30, 2039.”.

After remarks on the question on adoption of the consolidated 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 152 members voted in the affirmative and 2 in the negative.

Consolidated
amendments
adopted,—
yea and nay
No. 105.

[See [Yea and Nay No. 105](#) in Supplement.]

Therefore the consolidated amendments (future I.T. needs) 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. Finn of West Springfield; and on the roll call (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair) 152 members voted in the affirmative and 2 in the negative.

Bill passed to
be engrossed,—
yea and nay
No. 106.

[See [Yea and Nay No. 106](#) in Supplement.]

Therefore the bill (House, No. 4648, published as amended) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Resolutions.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Mr. Michael J. Moran of Boston) recognizing the public interest in supporting the National Conference of State Legislatures, were referred under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

National
Conference of
State Legislatures.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee, reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the Rules, on motion of Mr. Michael J. Moran of Boston, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

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; and that, notwithstanding the provisions of House Rule 12, the Clerk be authorized to dispense with the printing of a Calendar for said sitting.

Next
sitting.

Mr. Jones of North Reading then moved that the House adjourn; and the motion prevailed. Accordingly, without proceeding to consideration of the matters in the Orders of the Day, at twenty-four minutes after four o'clock P.M. (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following day at eleven o'clock A.M.