

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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Thursday, January 2, 2025.

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

Re-Election of Minority Leader.

A communication was received from Representative Bradley H. Jones, Jr., of North Reading, that at the Republican Caucus held on Wednesday, January 1, 2025, with twenty-five (25) members present, he had been re-elected as Minority Leader.

Re-Election of
Minority Leader.

Notice of Organization of the Senate.

A message was received from the Senate announcing that branch had been organized by the election of Karen E. Spilka of Ashland as President and Michael D. Hurley of Boston as Clerk.

Notice of
organization
of the Senate.

Notice was received that the Clerk of the Senate, Michael D. Hurley, had appointed Stacey O. LeMay of Quincy as Assistant Clerk of the Senate and Andrea Crighton of Lynn as Second Assistant Clerk of the Senate.

Assistant Senate
Clerks.

Recess.

At four minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Vieira of Falmouth (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House recessed until twenty minutes before noon; and at nine minutes before noon, the House was called to order with Mr. Garballey in the Chair.

Recess.

Paper from the Senate.

An order, having been adopted by the Senate, was considered forthwith; and it was adopted, in concurrence, as follows:

Ordered, That a joint committee to consist of a member of the Senate and a member of the House of Representatives be appointed for the purpose of canvassing the votes for Councillors in the several districts.

The order then was adopted, in concurrence.

Senators Eldridge, Driscoll, and Durant having been appointed by the Senate, Representatives Stanley of Waltham, Howard of Lowell and Vieira of Falmouth were joined on the part of the House.

Committee
to canvas
votes for
Councillors.

Subsequently a report of said committee, having been noted in the Journal of the Senate, was read for the information of the House; and, under suspension of the rules, it was considered forthwith; and it was accepted. The order then was returned to the Senate to be placed on file.

Subsequently the following report of the joint special committee on the returns of votes, having been accepted by the Senate, was read:

From an examination of the returns, it appears from an examination of the returns that the following named persons have been duly elected Councillors in their respective districts, to wit:

District No. 1. Joseph C. Ferreira of Swansea
District No. 2. Tamisha L. Civil of Stoughton
District No. 3. Mara Dolan of Concord
District No. 4. Christopher A. Iannella, Jr., of Boston
District No. 5. Eunice Delice Zeigler of Methuen
District No. 6. Terrence W. Kennedy of Lynnfield
District No. 7. Paul M. DePaulo of Worcester
District No. 8. Tara J. Jacobs of North Adams

The report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted, in concurrence.

Pursuant to assignment, at one minute before twelve o'clock noon, the two branches met in

Joint Session.

CONVENTION

in the Chamber of the House of Representatives, for the purpose of administering the oath of office to the several Councillors-elect, and were called to order by the Honorable Karen E. Spilka, President of the Senate.

The President, members, guests and staff then recited the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of
allegiance.

At seven minutes past twelve o'clock noon, the Governor and the Lieutenant-Governor and Councillors-elect entered the Chamber, under the escort of the Sergeant-at-Arms.

Governor, Lt.
Governor arrive.

Her Excellency the Governor briefly addressed the Joint Session.

Her Honor the Lieutenant-Governor briefly addressed the Joint Session.

Communication.

The following communication, together with the return of votes and schedules therein referred to, was received from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, to wit:

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON 02133

January 1, 2025.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

I have the honor to lay before you the returns of votes cast at the election held in this Commonwealth on the fifth day of November, 2024, for the Councillors in the several districts, together with schedules showing the number of ballots which appear to have been cast for each person voted for.

Canvassing
the votes.

These returns have been duly canvassed by the Governor and Council, and are now transmitted for examination by the Senate and House of Representatives, as required by the Constitution and General Laws.

Very truly yours,
WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN,
Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Oath of Office.

Before the President of the Senate, and in the presence of the two Houses of Assembly, at fourteen minutes past twelve o'clock noon, the oaths and affirmations of office were then administered to, and subscribed by Joseph C. Ferreira of Somerset, Tamisha L. Civil of Stoughton, Mara Dolan of Concord, Christopher A. Iannella, Jr., of Boston, Eunice Delice Zeigler of Methuen, Terrence W. Kennedy of Lynnfield, Paul DePalo of Worcester and Tara J. Jacobs of North Adams, as Councillors.

Oath of
office.

Her Excellency the Governor, Her Honor the Lieutenant Governor, and the Honorable Executive Council then withdrew from the House Chamber, under the escort of the Sergeant-at-Arms.

On motion of Mr. Brady, at nineteen minutes past twelve o'clock noon, the Convention of the Two Branches was dissolved; and the Senate withdrew from the Joint Session, under the escort of the Sergeant-at-Arms.

At twenty-three minutes before one o'clock P.M., the House was called to order with Mr. Garballey of Arlington in the Chair.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—
Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next
sitting.

Speaker Mariano of Quincy moved that when the House adjourns today, it do so in respect to the memory of James Earl Carter, Jr., who served as a member of the Georgia State Senate from 1963 to 1967, Governor of the state of Georgia from 1971 to 1975, and as the 39th President of the United States of American from 1977 to 1981; and the motion prevailed.

Accordingly, at twenty-two minutes before one o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Vieira of Falmouth (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.