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Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in Room A-1 of the State House Extension, 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.

## *Silent Tribute.*

At the request of Mr. Barrows of Mansfield, the members, guests and employees stood in a moment of silent tribute in respect to the memory of longtime Foxborough resident and Former Police Chief Edward Thomas O'Leary, who passed away on August 6th, 2024, at the age of 72.

Edward  
O'Leary.

Mr. O'Leary was a highly respected law enforcement officer in the Town of Foxborough and often regarded as "Officer Friendly". He served the community for decades through his work at the Foxborough Police Department where he began as a patrol officer and then was promoted to sergeant. For his heroism and contribution to protecting the Town of Foxborough, he was later promoted to chief in 1985 where he served until his retirement in 2016. Mr. O'Leary's dedication to his work and to the community of Foxborough is admirable, and Mr. Barrows is grateful to have experienced working over a decade with Mr. O'Leary.

Mr. O'Leary will be greatly missed. His passing is a great loss for Foxborough, and he will be deeply missed by his sisters Ellen and Nora, his wife Claudia and their six children: Jessica, Kate, Nicholas, Alexander, Spenser, and Emma, and his grandchildren: Javante, Madeline, Sadie, Mackenzie, Henry, Harper, Edie, and Walter.

## *Petitions.*

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Haddad of Somerset, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5026) of Patricia A. Haddad (by vote of the town) relative to authorizing the town of Swansea to grant additional alcoholic beverage licenses. To the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Swansea,—  
liquor  
licenses.

By Representatives Giannino of Revere and Turco of Winthrop, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5027) of Jessica Ann Giannino and Jeffrey Rosario Turco (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to authorizing the city of Revere to pay a certain sum of money to Denise Mattera (Condelli), widow of School Committeeman Anthony Mattera. To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Revere,—  
Denise  
Mattera.

By Representative Peisch of Wellesley and Senator Mark, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5028) of Alice Hanlon Peisch and Paul W. Mark (by vote of the town) relative to the residency requirement for the town manager of the town of Lenox. To the committee on Public Service.

Lenox,—  
town  
manager  
residency.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

### *Reports of Committees.*

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the following bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

Senate bills

Relative to maintenance of physical examinations records for public safety personnel (Senate, No. 1666); and

Public safety  
personnel.

Providing for the humane protection of animals (Senate, No. 2908); and

Animals.

The House Bill designating a certain overpass in the city of New Bedford as the Andre Lopes Korean War veteran overpass (House, No. 4954);

New Bedford,—  
overpass.

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

By Ms. Fiola of Fall River, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on House, Nos. 2027 and 2115, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to puppy mills and local aid (House, No. 4997).

Puppy mills  
and local aid,—  
study.

By Mr. González of Springfield, for the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, on House, Nos. 2382 and 2392, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to firearms and firearm dealer licensing (House, No. 4903).

Firearms and  
firearm dealer  
licensing,—  
study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 3896, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security to make an investigation and study of a certain House document relative to mobile amusement equipment restraints (House, No. 4904).

Amusement  
equipment  
restraints,—  
study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 2411, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security to make an investigation and study of a certain House document relative to correctional facilities (House, No. 4906) [Senator Velis dissenting].

Correctional  
facilities,—  
study.

By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on Senate, No. 2068, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight to make an investigation and study of a certain Senate document relative to budget transparency (House, No. 5019).

Budget  
transparency,—  
study.

By Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett, for the committee on Transportation, on House, Nos. 3272 and 3437, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Transportation to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to regional transit and MBTA benefits (House, No. 5020).

Regional  
transit  
and MBTA  
benefits,—  
study.

Severally referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Subsequently, 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. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Public Service, on House, No. 4724, a Bill authorizing the town of Rowley to continue employment of call firefighter Donald Dupray (House, No. 5024) [Local Approval Received].

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 4729, a Bill authorizing the appointment of retired police officers in the town of Sterling to serve as special police officers (House, No. 5025) [Local Approval Received].

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

Rowley,—  
Donald  
Dupray.

Sterling,—  
special  
police.

### *Engrossed Bills.*

Engrossed bills

Reorganizing the Lexington Housing Assistance Board, Inc. (see House, No. 3775, amended);

Providing for alternate members on the conservation commission of the town of Mattapoisett (see House, No. 4156); and

Providing for an alternate member of the finance committee of the town of Mattapoisett (see House, No. 4159);

(Which severally originated in the House);

Severally having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, were passed to be enacted; and they were signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bills  
enacted.

### *Orders of the Day.*

House bills

Establishing the North Sherborn Water and Sewer District (House, No. 4627);  
and

Authorizing the town of Plymouth to grant 2 additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 4850) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

Severally reported by said committee to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Third  
reading  
bills.

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The Senate Bill amending the charter of the city of Lynn (Senate, No. 2936), 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, in concurrence, Mr. Walsh of Peabody moved to amend it by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in House document numbered 5023.

Lynn,—  
charter.

The amendment was adopted; and the bill (Senate, No. 2936, amended) was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence. Sent to the Senate for concurrence in the amendment.

*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., in Room A-1 of the State House Extension.

Next  
sitting.

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At nine minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Thursday at eleven o'clock A.M., in Room A-1, in an Informal Session.