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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.

At the beginning of the session, the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford) declared a brief recess and introduced, seated in the House Chamber, members of Troop 56 of Scouting America from Cambridge. At the invitation of the Chair, the scouts participated in the pledge of allegiance to the flag. They were the guests of Mr. Vieira of Falmouth.

Troop 56
of Cambridge.

Resolutions.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Representatives McKenna of Sutton, Frost of Auburn, Marsi of Charlton and Smola of Warren) congratulating Reverend Robert Grattaroti on the occasion of his ninetieth birthday, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Robert
Grattaroti.

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

Order.

The Order (filed by Representatives Madaro of Boston and Philips of Sharon) relative to extending until Monday, January 4, 2027 the time within which the committee on Revenue is authorized to report on current House documents, was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Revenue,—
extension of time
for reporting.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 5540) ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted.

Communications.

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From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see Section 10F of Chapter 118E of the General Laws) submitting a quarterly report for the second

Children's
medical
security.

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quarter of fiscal year 2025 for the Children’s Medical Security Plan (CMPS) for the period of October 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024;

From the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (see item 8100-0111 of Section 2 of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting the Office of Grants and Research Charles E. Shannon, Jr. Community Safety Initiative annual report for fiscal year 2026;

Shannon
community
safety
initiative.

From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see item 4000-0300 of Section 2 of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting a report on MassHealth pharmaceutical spending and utilization for fiscal year 2025;

Pharmaceutical
spending and
utilization.

From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see item 4000-0300 of Section 2 of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting the One Care plan report for fiscal year 2026;

One
Care.

From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see item 1599-2027 of Section 2 of Chapter 102 of the Acts of 2021) submitting the Human Service and Home Health Workers Student Loan Repayment Initiative for fiscal years 2024 and 2025; and

Student loan
repayment
initiative.

From the Massachusetts Capital Resource Company (see Section 12 of Chapter 816 of the Acts of 1977) submitting its annual report describing the formation and current status of said company [a copy of said report was forwarded to the Speaker of the House and the Senate President, as required by said law];

Capital
Resource
Company.

Severally were placed on file.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Gallagher of Bridgewater, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5544) of Dennis C. Gallagher (with the approval of the town council) relative to the citizen referendum petition timeframe in the charter of the city known as the town of Bridgewater; and

Bridgewater,—
citizen
referendum.

By the same member, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5545) of Dennis C. Gallagher (with the approval of the town council) relative to the town Manager term of office in the charter of the city known as the town of Bridgewater.

Bridgewater,—
town
manager.

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

A Bill amending the membership of the Quabbin watershed advisory committee (Senate, No. 3133) (on Senate, No. 652), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Quabbin
advisory
committee.

A petition (accompanied by bill) of Joanne M. Comerford for legislation to authorize the South Deerfield Fire District to continue the employment of fire department member Steven Kolakoski, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on the Public Service.

South
Deerfield,—
Steven
Kolakoski.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 3155) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on the Public Service.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the Senate Bill removing the term hearing impaired from the General Laws (Senate, No. 3142), be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Hearing
impaired.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Sylvia of Fairhaven, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

By Mr. Ryan of Boston, for the committee on Public Service, on a message from Her Excellency the Governor, providing injured on duty compensation to Chelmsford firefighter Nicholas Spinale (printed in House, No. 5429).

Nicholas
Spinale.

By Mr. Madaro of Boston, for the committee on Revenue, on a joint petition, a Bill exempting residential electric vehicle chargers from the sales tax (printed as Senate, No. 1926).

Sales tax,—
electric vehicle
chargers.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to neighborhood stabilization and economic development (printed as Senate, No. 1942).

Neighborhood
stabilization.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to promote employee ownership (printed as Senate, No. 1950).

Employee
ownership.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill improving older adult tax relief to address the rising cost of home ownership (printed as Senate, No. 1953).

Tax
relief.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to incentivize employer-provided childcare (printed as Senate, No. 1956).

Childcare.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill supporting families through enhanced tax credits (printed as Senate, No. 1957).

Tax credits.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill excluding the Segal AmeriCorps Educational Award from taxable income (printed as Senate, No. 1963).

Segal AmeriCorps
Educational
Award.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill providing renter relief tax credit (printed as Senate, No. 1970).

Renter relief
tax credit.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to reduce poverty by expanding the EITC and the child and family tax credit (printed as Senate, No. 1975).

EITC and child
family tax credit.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to motor vehicle sales tax exemption for 100% disabled veterans (printed as Senate, No. 1986).

Sales tax
exemption.

By Mr. Arciero of Westford, for the committee on Transportation, on House, No. 5400, a Bill authorizing the Massachusetts Department of Transportation to take easements over certain land located in the city of Woburn and the town of Burlington held in trust by the city of Boston for the Mary P. C. Cummings Testamentary Trust for highway purposes (House, No. 5541).

Boston, Woburn
and Burlington,—
highways.

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

By Mr. Arciero of Westford, for the committee on Transportation, on a petition, a Bill relative to the transportation of vessels in the villages of Marston Mills and Osterville in the town of Barnstable (House, No. 5421).

Barnstable,—
transportation
of vessels.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill designating the Hyannis Transportation Center in the town of Hyannis as the Thomas S. Cahir Cape Cod Transportation Center (House, No. 5430).

Thomas Cahir
transportation
center.

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

Orders of the Day.

The Senate amendment of the House Bill amending the town charter of the town of Plainville (House, No. 4805), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was adopted, in concurrence.

Plainville,—
charter.

The Senate amendment of the House Bill establishing a charter for the town of Orange (House, No. 5053), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was adopted, in concurrence.

Orange,—
charter.

The House Bill relative to the town of Grafton's senior tax exemption (House, No. 5035) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading), reported by said committee to be correctly drawn, was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Third
reading
bill.

Recess.

At eighteen minutes before twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mr. Vieira of Falmouth (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House recessed subject to the call of the Chair; and at five minutes after two o'clock P.M., the House was called to order with Mr. Donato in the Chair.

Recess.

Reports of Committees.

Prior to the noon recess, by Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, on a message from Her Excellency the Governor, a Bill making certain appropriations for fiscal year 2027 before final action on the General Appropriation Bill (printed in House, No. 5534) [Total Appropriation: \$7,703,000,000.00]. Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

State funds,—
emergency
expenditure.

Mr. Honan of Boston, for said committee, then reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Sylvia of Fairhaven, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently, the noon recess having terminated, under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the bill (having been 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. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Engrossed Bills.

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Establishing a sick leave bank for Shannon Manning, an employee of the trial court of the commonwealth (see Senate, No. 2908, amended); and

Bills
enacted.

Establishing a sick leave bank for Stephanie Rivera, an employee of the Worcester county sheriff's office (see Senate, No. 3031, amended);

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(Which severally originated in the Senate);

In respect to each of which the Senate had concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, were passed to be enacted; and they were signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Engrossed bills

Authorizing the town of Berkley to increase the membership of the board of selectmen (see Senate, No. 2897) (which originated in the Senate);

Directing the city of Boston police department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Keny Gateau (see House, No. 3926);

Directing the city of Boston police department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Jean E. Roseney (see House, No. 3927);

Authorizing the city known as the town of Bridgewater to amend its charter to include gender neutral language (see House, No. 4781);

Amending the town charter of the town of Plainville (see House, No. 4805, amended);

Establishing a charter for the town of Orange (see House, No. 5053, amended);
and

Making certain appropriations for fiscal year 2027 before final action on the General Appropriation Bill (see House bill printed in House, No. 5534)

(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, there being no objection; and they were signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bills
enacted.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Wednesday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next
sitting.

At twenty-seven minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Vieira of Falmouth (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Wednesday at eleven o'clock A.M.