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Monday, January 5, 2026.

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.

Communications.

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From the Department of Energy Resources (see Section 19 of Chapter 25A of the General Laws) submitting its report entitled 'Massachusetts Offers Rebates for Electric Vehicles (MOR-EV) Program' for calendar year 2024;

Electric vehicle rebates.

From the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (see Section 131Q of Chapter 140 of the General Laws) submitting the Crime Gun annual report of the Department of the Massachusetts State Police for calendar year 2023; and

Crime guns.

From the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (see Section 5 of Chapter 276B of the General Laws) submitting its fiscal year 2024 annual report for the Restorative Justice Advisory Committee;

Restorative justice.

Severally were placed on file.

Monthly Reports.

Monthly reports

Of the Department of Revenue (under Section 5(e) of Chapter 62F of the General Laws) on year-to-date net state tax revenue for November, 2025; and

Net state tax revenue.

Of the Executive Office of the Trial Court (under Section 15(c) of Chapter 239 of the General Laws, as amended by Section 64 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting its report on filings, actions, and dispositions of summary process cases relative to permanent rental protections;

Permanent rental protections.

Severally were placed on file.

Petition.

Representative Peisch of Wellesley presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Alice Hanlon Peisch relative to the Massachusetts Uniform Commercial Code; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Uniform Commercial Code.

Papers from the Senate.

The House Bill authorizing the commissioner of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to convey a certain parcel of land in the town of Wellesley (House, No.

Wellesley,—land.

4363), 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 2724. The amendment was referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

A Bill authorizing the appointment of retired police officers as special police officers in the town of Plainville (Senate, No. 1898) (on a petition) [Local Approval Received], passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Plainville,—
police
officers.

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 following petitions:

Joint petition (accompanied by bill) of John Barrett, III and Lindsay N. Sabadosa relative to the sale of nitrous oxide. To the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Nitrous oxide,—
sale.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Jim Durkin for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for William Blalock, an employee of the Suffolk County Sheriff's Office. To the committee on Public Service.

William
Blalock,—
sick leave.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Moakley of Falmouth, the reports were considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended, in each instance. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

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 establishing a special commission on retirement credit purchases (House, No. 27);

Retirement
credits.

Of the Bill to establish a Massachusetts children's cabinet (House, No. 3302);

Children's cabinet.

Of the Bill relative to the Massachusetts Poland Trade Commission (House, No. 3376); and

Commission,—
Poland trade.

Of the Resolve establishing a commission on infrastructure resilience (House, No. 3437);

Commission,—
infrastructure.

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

Protecting an employee's right to rebuttal of personnel records (House, No. 2112);

Personnel
records.

Directing the city of Boston Police Department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Chris Glaropoulos (House, No. 4092) [Local Approval Received];

Boston,—
Chris
Glaropoulos.

Directing the city of Boston police department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Jason DeLeon (House, No. 4142) [Local Approval Received]; and

Boston,—
Jason
DeLeon.

Establishing Lobular Breast Cancer Awareness Day (House, No. 4625);

Breast cancer.

UNCORRECTED PROOF.

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

By Ms. Decker of Cambridge, for the committee on Public Health, on House, No. 2410, a Bill to improve oral health for all Massachusetts residents (House, No. 4869).

Oral health.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 2450, a Bill to protect Massachusetts public health from PFAS (House, No. 4870).

PFAS.

Severally referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

By Ms. Decker of Cambridge, for the committee on Public Health, on a petition, a Bill establishing an advisory committee on the accessibility of fresh food retail in communities throughout the Commonwealth (House, No. 2516). Read; and referred under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Fresh food retail.

By Ms. Decker of Cambridge, for the committee on Public Health, on a petition, a Bill concerning disposable menstrual products in schools (House, No. 684).

Menstrual products.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the promotion of food donation (House, No. 2455).

Food donation.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to newborn screenings for congenital cytomegalovirus (House, No. 4367).

Cytomegalovirus.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House Nos. 2362 and 2401, a Bill relative to chaperones for medical exams (House, No. 4868) [Representative Thurber of Somerset dissenting].

Medical exams,—
chaperone.

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

By Mr. Lewis of Framingham, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a petition, a Bill relative to the charter of the town of Westborough (House, No. 4751) [Local Approval Received].

Westborough,—
charter.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill permitting the city of Revere to establish penalties and liens for rooming house & certificates of fitness ordinance violations (House, No. 4752) [Local Approval Received].

Revere,—
charter.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to the charter of the town of Westwood (House, No. 4753) [Local Approval Received].

Westwood,—
charter.

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

Engrossed Bills.

The engrossed Bill authorizing the town of Scituate to issue 4 additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (see House, No. 4657, amended) (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 (more than two-thirds of the members having agreed to pass the same); and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill
enacted.

UNCORRECTED PROOF.

The engrossed Bill amending the charter of the town of Acushnet (see House, No. 2341) (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.

Id.

Orders of the Day.

The House Bill authorizing the select board of the town of Hull to establish a schedule of fines for parking violations (House, No. 4247), 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.

Third reading bill.

The House Bill relative to the charter of the city known as the town of Randolph (House, No. 4400), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Randolph,—charter.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Walsh of Peabody moved to amend it by substitution of a Bill amending the charter of the city known as the town of Randolph regarding compensation of town council and school committee members and meetings of multiple-member bodies (House, No. 4891), which was read.

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

At seven 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.

[Under the provisions of Article X of the Amendments to the Constitution, the 2025 session of the General Court was dissolved on the day next preceding the first Wednesday of January, without any proclamation or other act of Her Excellency the Governor.]

ATTEST:

TIMOTHY CARROLL,
Clerk.

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LIST OF PERSONS ELECTED TO SERVE AS
MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
DURING THE YEARS 2025 — 2026.

D — Democrat. R — Republican. U — Unenrolled.

BARNSTABLE COUNTY.

**District 1 — Christopher Richard Flanagan (D) of Dennis —Brewster; Dennis; Yarmouth:
Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8.**

**District 2 — Kip A. Diggs (D) of Barnstable — Barnstable: Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9,
13; Yarmouth: Precincts 5, 6, 8A.**

**District 3 — David T. Vieira (R) of Falmouth — Bourne: Precincts 4, 5, 6; Falmouth:
Precincts 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9; Mashpee.**

**District 4 — Hadley Luddy (D) of Orleans— Chatham; Eastham; Harwich; Orleans;
Provincetown; Truro; Wellfleet.**

**District 5 — Steven George Xiarhos (R) of Barnstable — Barnstable: Precincts 10, 11, 12;
Bourne: Precincts 1, 2, 3, 5A, 7; Sandwich.**

BARNSTABLE, DUKES AND NANTUCKET COUNTIES.

**Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket — Thomas W. Moakley (D) of Falmouth — Falmouth:
*Precincts 1, 2, 6 (Barnstable Co.); Aquinnah (Dukes Co.); Chilmark (Dukes Co.); Edgartown
(Dukes Co.); Gosnold (Dukes Co.); Oak Bluffs (Dukes Co.); Tisbury (Dukes Co.); West Tisbury
(Dukes Co.); Nantucket (Nantucket Co.).***

BERKSHIRE COUNTY.

**District 1 — John Barrett, III (D) of North Adams — Adams; Cheshire; Clarksburg; Florida;
Hancock; Hinsdale; Lanesborough; New Ashford; North Adams; Peru; Savoy; Williamstown;
Windsor.**

District 2 — Tricia Farley-Bouvier (D) of Pittsfield — Pittsfield.

**District 3 — Leigh Davis (D) of Great Barrington — Alford; Becket; Dalton; Egremont; Great
Barrington; Lee; Lenox; Monterey; Mount Washington; New Marlborough; Otis; Richmond;
Sandisfield; Sheffield; Stockbridge; Tyringham; Washington; West Stockbridge.**

BRISTOL COUNTY.

**District 1 — Michael S. Chaisson (R) of Foxborough— Mansfield: *Precincts 2, 3, 6, 7; Norton:
Precincts 3, 4, 5; Foxborough (Norfolk Co.).***

**District 2 — James K. Hawkins (D) of Attleboro — Attleboro: *Wards 1, 2, Ward 3: Precinct A,
Wards 4, 5, 6.***

**District 3 — Carol A. Doherty (D) of Taunton ¹ —
Lisa M. Field (D) of Taunton ² — Easton: *Precinct 4A, 5, 6; Taunton: Ward 1:
Precincts A, B, Wards 2, 5, 7, 8.***

¹ Died February 15, 2025.

² Elected June 10, 2025; qualified July 16, 2025.

District 4 — Steven S. Howitt (R) of Seekonk — Norton: *Precincts 1, 2*; Rehoboth; Seekonk; Swansea: *Precincts 4, 5*.

District 5 — Justin Thurber (R) of Somerset — Dighton; Somerset; Swansea: *Precincts 1, 2, 3*; Taunton: *Ward 1: Precinct A1, Ward 4: Precinct B1, Ward 6*.

District 6 — Carole A. Fiola (D) of Fall River — Fall River: *Ward 5: Precincts B, C, Ward 6: Precinct C, Wards 7, 8, 9*; Freetown: *Precinct 1*.

District 7 — Alan Silvia (D) of Fall River — Fall River: *Ward 1: Precincts B, C, Wards 2, 3, 4, Ward 5: Precinct A*.

District 8 — Steven J. Ouellette (D) of Westport — Achushnet: *Precincts 2, 3*; Fall River: *Ward 1: Precinct A, Ward 6: Precincts A, B*; Freetown: *Precincts 2, 3*; New Bedford: *Ward 1: Precincts B1, C*; Westport.

District 9 — Christopher M. Markey (D) of Dartmouth — Dartmouth; New Bedford: *Ward 1: Precincts D, E, F*.

District 10 — Mark D. Sylvia (D) of Fairhaven — Achushnet: *Precincts 1, 2A*; Fairhaven; New Bedford: *Ward 1: Precincts A, B, C1*; Marion (*Plymouth Co.*); Mattapoisett (*Plymouth Co.*); Rochester (*Plymouth Co.*).

District 11 — Christopher Hendricks (D) of New Bedford — New Bedford: *Ward 1: Precinct A1, Ward 2, Ward 3: Precincts A, B, C, D, F1, Ward 4: Precincts A1, B, C, D, F*.

District 12 — Norman J. Orrall (R) of Lakeville — Berkley; Taunton: *Wards 3, 4*; Lakeville (*Plymouth Co.*); Middleborough: *Precincts 2, 4, 5, 7 (Plymouth Co.)*.

District 13 — Antonio F. D. Cabral (D) of New Bedford — New Bedford: *Ward 3: Precincts E, F, Ward 4: Precincts A, E, Wards 5, 6*.

District 14 — Adam J. Scanlon (D) of North Attleborough — Attleboro: *Ward 3: Precinct B*; Mansfield: *Precincts 1, 2A, 5*; North Attleborough.

ESSEX COUNTY.

District 1 — Dawne Shand (D) of Newburyport — Amesbury: *Precincts 2, 3, 4, 5*; Merrimac; Newburyport; Salisbury.

District 2 — Kristin E. Kassner (D) of Hamilton — Georgetown; Hamilton; Ipswich; Newbury; Rowley; Topsfield: *Precinct 1*.

District 3 — Andres X. Vargas (D) of Haverhill — Haverhill: *Ward 1, Ward 2: Precinct 3, Ward 3, Ward 4, Ward 5: Precinct 3A, Ward 6, Ward 7: Precinct 3*.

District 4 — Estela A. Reyes (D) of Lawrence — Lawrence: *Ward A: Precincts 1, 2, Ward B; Methuen: Precincts 1, 2, 4, 6A, 13, 14, 15*.

District 5 — Ann-Margaret Ferrante (D) of Gloucester ³ — Essex; Gloucester; Manchester-by-the-Sea; Rockport.

District 6 — Jerald A. Parisella (D) of Beverly ⁴
Hannah L. Bowen (D) of Beverly — Beverly; Wenham: *Precinct 1*.⁵

District 7 — Manny Cruz (D) of Salem — Salem.

³ Died November 27, 2025.

⁴ Declined to accept office.

⁵ Elected May 13, 2025; qualified May 21, 2025.

District 8 — Jennifer Balinsky Armini (D) of Marblehead — Lynn: *Ward 3: Precinct 4, Ward 4: Precincts 3A, 4*; Marblehead; Swampscott.

District 9 — Donald H. Wong (R) of Saugus — Lynn: *Ward 1: Precincts 1, 2*; Saugus: *Precincts 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9*; Wakefield: *Precincts 1, 2, 3, 7 (Middlesex Co.)*.

District 10 — Daniel Cahill (D) of Lynn — Lynn: *Ward 1: Precincts 2A, 3, 4, Ward 2, Ward 3: Precincts 1, 2, 3, Ward 4: Precincts 1, 2, Ward 5: Precinct 3*.

District 11 — Sean Reid (D) of Lynn — Lynn: *Ward 4: Precinct 3, Ward 5: Precincts 1, 2, 4, Wards 6, 7*; Nahant.

District 12 — Thomas P. Walsh (D) of Peabody — Peabody: *Wards 1, 2, 3, 4, 5*.

District 13 — Sally P. Kerans (D) of Danvers — Danvers; Middleton: *Precinct 2*; Peabody: *Ward 6*; Topsfield: *Precinct 2*; Wenham: *Precinct 1A*.

District 14 — Adrienne Pusateri Ramos (D) of North Andover — Amesbury: *Precincts 1, 6*; Boxford: *Precincts 2, 3*; Groveland; North Andover: *Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6*; West Newbury.

District 15 — Ryan M. Hamilton (D) of Methuen — Haverhill: *Ward 2: Precincts 1, 2, Ward 5: Precincts 1, 1A, 2, 3, Ward 7: Precincts 1, 2, 2A, 3A*; Methuen: *Precincts 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12*.

District 16 — Francisco E. Paulino (D) of Methuen — Lawrence: *Ward A: Precincts 2A, 3, 4, Ward E: Precincts 1A, 2, 3, 4, Ward F*; Methuen: *Precincts 3, 7, 13A*.

District 17 — Frank A. Moran (D) of Lawrence — Andover: *Precincts 2, 3, 4*; Lawrence: *Ward C, Ward D, Ward E: Precinct 1*.

District 18 — Tram T. Nguyen (D) of Andover — Andover: *Precincts 1, 4A, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10*; Boxford: *Precinct 1*; North Andover: *Precincts 7, 8*; Tewksbury: *Precincts 3, 5A, 7 (Middlesex County)*.

FRANKLIN COUNTY.

District 1 — Natalie M. Blais (D) of Deerfield — Ashfield; Bernardston; Buckland; Charlemont; Colrain; Conway; Deerfield; Greenfield: *Precincts 5, 6, 7, 8*; Hawley; Heath; Leverett; Leyden; Monroe; Montague; Rowe; Shelburne; Sunderland; Whately.

District 2 — Susannah M. Whipps (U) of Athol — Erving; Gill; Greenfield: *Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 9*; Northfield; Orange; Warwick; Athol (*Worcester Co.*); Phillipston (*Worcester Co.*); Royalston (*Worcester Co.*); Winchendon: *Precinct 1 (Worcester Co.)*.

HAMPDEN COUNTY.

District 1 — Todd M. Smola (R) of Warren — Brimfield; Holland; Palmer; Wales; Ware: *Precincts B, C (Hampshire Co.)*; Sturbridge (*Worcester Co.*); Warren (*Worcester Co.*).

District 2 — Brian M. Ashe (D) of Longmeadow — East Longmeadow: *Precincts 2, 3, 4, 5*; Hampden; Longmeadow; Monson: *Precincts B, C*; Springfield: *Ward 6: Precincts C, D*.

District 3 — Nicholas A. Boldyga (R) of Southwick — Agawam: *Precincts 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8*; Blanford; Chester; Granville; Montgomery; Russell; Southwick; Tolland; Huntington (*Hampshire Co.*); Middlefield (*Hampshire Co.*).

District 4 — Kelly W. Pease (R) of Westfield — Westfield: *Ward 1, Ward 2: Precincts A, B, Wards 3, 4, 5, Ward 6: Precincts A, B1*; Southampton (*Hampshire Co.*).

District 5 — Patricia A. Duffy (D) of Holyoke — Chicopee: *Ward 3: Precinct A1, B*; Holyoke.

District 6 — Michael J. Finn (D) of West Springfield — Agawam: *Precinct 1*; Chicopee: *Ward 2: Precinct A, Ward 3: Precinct A, Ward 4: Precinct A*; West Springfield; Westfield: *Ward 2: Precinct A1, Ward 6: Precinct B*.

District 7 — Aaron L. Saunders (D) of Belchertown — Ludlow; New Salem (*Franklin Co.*); Shutesbury (*Franklin Co.*); Wendall (*Franklin Co.*); Belchertown (*Hampshire Co.*); Pelham (*Hampshire Co.*); Petersham (*Worcester Co.*).

District 8 — Shirley B. Arriaga (D) of Chicopee — Chicopee: *Ward 1, Ward 2: Precinct B, Ward 4: Precinct B, Wards 5, 6, 7, 8, 9*.

District 9 — Orlando Ramos (D) of Springfield — Springfield: *Ward 1: Precincts C1, D, Ward 2, Ward 5: Precinct C, Ward 8: Precincts A, B, C, D, E, F, G1, H*.

District 10 — Carlos González (D) of Springfield — Springfield: *Ward 1: Precincts A, B, C, D1, E, F, G, H, Ward 3: Precincts B, C, D, E, F, G, H, Ward 6: Precincts A, B, E, F, Ward 7: Precinct A1*.

District 11 — Bud L. Williams (D) of Springfield — Springfield: *Ward 3: Precinct A, Ward 4, Ward 5: Precincts A, B, C1, E, F, H, Ward 6: Precincts D1, G, H, Ward 7: Precincts A, B1, H*.

District 12 — Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr. (D) of Springfield — East Longmeadow: *Precincts 1, 2A, 3A, 4A*; Monson: *Precinct A*; Springfield: *Ward 5: Precincts D, G, Ward 7: Precincts B, C, D, E, F, G, H1, Ward 8: Precincts B1, G*; Wilbraham.

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY.

District 1 — Lindsay N. Sabadosa (D) of Northampton — Chesterfield; Cummington; Goshen; Hatfield; Northampton; Plainfield; Westhampton; Williamsburg; Worthington.

District 2 — Homar Gómez (D) of Easthampton — Easthampton; Granby: *Precinct 2*; Hadley; South Hadley.

District 3 — Mindy Domb (D) of Amherst — Amherst; Granby: *Precincts 1, 2A*.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY.

District 1 — Margaret R. Scarsdale (D) of Pepperell — Ashby; Dunstable; Groton: *Precincts 2, 3*; Pepperell; Townsend; Lunenburg: *Precincts A, B1, C, D (Worcester Co.)*.

District 2 — James Arciero (D) of Westford — Chelmsford: *Precincts 3B, 4, 5A*; Littleton; Westford.

District 3 — Kate Hogan (D) of Stow — Hudson; Maynard; Stow; Bolton (*Worcester Co.*).

District 4 — Danielle W. Gregoire (D) of Marlborough — Framingham: *Precincts 21B, 22, 23*; Marlborough: *Ward 1: Precinct 1A, Ward 2: Precincts 1, 2, Wards 3, 4, 5, 6, Ward 7: Precincts 1, 2*.

District 5 — David Paul Linsky (D) of Natick — Natick; Wayland: *Precincts 2, 3*.

District 6 — Priscila S. Sousa (D) of Framingham — Framingham: *Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9B, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16*.

District 7 — Jack Patrick Lewis (D) of Framingham — Ashland; Framingham: *Precincts 9A, 11A, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21C, 24, 25, 26, 27*.

District 8 — James C. Arena-DeRosa (D) of Holliston — Holliston; Hopkinton; Millis: *Precincts 2, 3*; Sherborn.

District 9 — Thomas M. Stanley (D) of Waltham — Waltham: Ward 1: Precincts 1, 2, Ward 2, Ward 3: Precincts 1, 2, Ward 4: Precinct 1, Ward 5: Precinct 2, Ward 6: Precincts 1, 2A, Ward 7, Ward 8: Precincts 1, 2A.

District 10 — John J. Lawn, Jr. (D) of Watertown — Newton: Ward 1: Precincts 1, 2A, 4, Ward 3: Precincts 1A, 4; Waltham: Ward 1: Precinct 2A, Ward 3: Precinct 2A, Ward 4: Precincts 1A, 2, Ward 5: Precincts 1, 2A, Ward 6: Precinct 2, Ward 8: Precinct 2, Ward 9; Watertown: Precincts 9, 10, 11, 12.

District 11 — Amy Mah Sangiolo (D) of Newton — Newton: Ward 1: Precincts 2, 3, Ward 2, Ward 3: Precincts 1, 2, 3, Ward 4, Ward 7: Precinct 2, 3, 4.

District 12 — Greg Schwartz (D) of Newton — Brookline: Precincts 5, 13A, 14, 15, Newton: Wards 5, 6, Ward 7: Precinct 1, Ward 8.

District 13 — Carmine Lawrence Gentile (D) of Sudbury — Concord: Precincts 3, 4; Lincoln: Precinct 1; Marlborough: Ward 1: Precincts 1, 2, Ward 2: Precinct 2A, Ward 7: Precinct 2A; Sudbury; Wayland: Precincts 1, 4.

District 14 — Simon Cataldo (D) of Concord — Acton: Precincts 1, 2, 6, 7; Carlisle; Chelmsford: Precincts 7, 8, 9, 10, 11; Concord: Precincts 1, 2, 5.

District 15 — Michelle L. Ciccolo (D) of Lexington — Lexington: Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9; Winchester: Precinct 6; Woburn: Ward 1: Precincts 1, 2, Ward 7: Precincts 1, 2.

District 16 — Rodney M. Elliott (D) of Lowell — Chelmsford: Precincts 1, 2, 3A, 5B, 6; Lowell: Ward 1: Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, Ward 2, Ward 4: Precinct 4.

District 17 — Vanna Howard (D) of Lowell — Lowell: Ward 3, Ward 4: Precincts 1, 2, 3A, Ward 5: Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, Ward 6: Precincts 3, 4A, Ward 8: Precinct 4A; Tewksbury: Precinct 1.

District 18 — Tara Hong (D) of Lowell — Lowell: Ward 1: Precinct 1A, Ward 4: Precincts 3, 4A, Ward 5: Precinct 1A, Ward 6: Precincts 1, 2, 3A, 4, Ward 7, Ward 8: Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4.

District 19 — David Allen Robertson (D) of Tewksbury — Tewksbury: Precincts 2, 4, 5, 6, 8; Wilmington.

District 20 — Bradley H. Jones, Jr. (R) of North Reading — North Reading; Reading: Precincts 1, 7, 8; Lynnfield (Essex Co.); Middleton: Precincts 1, 3 (Essex Co.).

District 21 — Kenneth I. Gordon (D) of Bedford — Bedford; Burlington; Lexington: Precinct 6.

District 22 — Marc T. Lombardo (R) of Billerica — Billerica.

District 23 — Sean Garballey (D) of Arlington — Arlington: Precincts 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21; Medford: Ward 3: Precinct 2, Ward 6: Precincts 1, 2.

District 24 — David M. Rogers (D) of Cambridge — Arlington: Precincts 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12; Belmont; Cambridge: Ward 11: Precincts 1, 3.

District 25 — Marjorie C. Decker (D) of Cambridge — Cambridge: Ward 3: Precinct 3A, Ward 4: Precincts 2, 2A, 3, Ward 6: Precincts 2, 3, Wards 7, 8, Ward 10: Precincts 1A, 2.

District 26 — Mike Connolly (D) of Cambridge — Cambridge: Ward 1: Precinct 3, Ward 2: Precincts 1, 2, 3A, Ward 3: Precincts 1, 2, 3, Ward 4: Precinct 1, Ward 5: Precincts 1, 3, Ward 6: Precincts 1, 1A; Somerville: Ward 1: Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, Ward 2: Precinct 1A.

District 27 — Erika Uyterhoeven (D) of Somerville — Somerville: Ward 1: Precinct 4A, Ward 2: Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, Ward 3, Ward 4: Precinct 2A, Ward 5, Ward 6: Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4.

District 28 — Joseph W. McGonagle, Jr. (D) of Everett — Everett: *Ward 1: Precincts 1, 2, 3A, Ward 2: Precincts 2, 3, Wards 3, 4, 5, 6.*

District 29 — Steven Owens (D) of Watertown — Cambridge: *Ward 9, Ward 10: Precinct 1, 3, Ward 11: Precincts 1A, 2, 3A; Watertown: Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8.*

District 30 — Richard M. Haggerty (D) of Woburn — Reading: *Precincts 2, 3, 4, 5, 6; Woburn: Ward 1: Precinct 2A, Wards 2, 3, 4, 5, 6.*

District 31 — Michael S. Day (D) of Stoneham — Stoneham; Winchester: *Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8.*

District 32 — Kate Lipper-Garabedian (D) of Melrose — Malden: *Ward 5: Precincts 2, 3A; Melrose; Wakefield: Precincts 4, 5, 6.*

District 33 — Steven Ultrino (D) of Malden — Malden: *Ward 2, Ward 3: Precincts 1, 2, Ward 4, Ward 5: Precincts 1, 3, Ward 6, Ward 7: Precincts 2, 3, Ward 8.*

District 34 — Christine P. Barber (D) of Somerville — Medford: *Wards 4, 5, Ward 7: Precincts 1, 2A, Ward 8: Precinct 2; Somerville: Ward 4: Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, Ward 6: Precinct 3A, Ward 7.*

District 35 — Paul J. Donato (D) of Medford — Malden: *Ward 1, Ward 3: Precincts 1A, 3, Ward 7: Precincts 1, 3A; Medford: Wards 1, 2, Ward 3: Precinct 1, Ward 6: Precinct 2A, Ward 7: Precinct 2, Ward 8: Precinct 1.*

District 36 — Colleen M. Garry (D) of Dracut — Dracut; Tyngsborough.

District 37 — Danilo A. Sena (D) Acton — Acton: *Precincts 3, 4, 5, 6A; Ayer; Boxborough; Groton: Precinct 1; Shirley; Harvard (Worcester Co.).*

NORFOLK COUNTY.

District 1 — Bruce J. Ayers (D) of Quincy — Quincy: *Ward 3: Precincts 3, 4, 5, Ward 4: Precincts 1, 3, Ward 6; Randolph: Precincts 7, 8, 11, 12.*

District 2 — Tackey Chan (D) of Quincy — Quincy: *Ward 1, Ward 3: Precincts 1, 2, Ward 4: Precincts 2, 4, Ward 5: Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.*

District 3 — Ronald Mariano (D) of Quincy — Holbrook: *Precincts 3, 4; Quincy: Ward 2, Ward 4: Precinct 5, Ward 5: Precinct 1A; Weymouth: Precincts 5, 6, 9, 12, 16.*

District 4 — James M. Murphy (D) of Weymouth — Weymouth: *Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9A, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18.*

District 5 — Mark J. Cusack (D) of Braintree — Braintree; Holbrook: *Precincts 1, 2.*

District 6 — William C. Galvin (D) of Canton — Avon; Canton; Stoughton: *Precincts 1, 2A, 4A, 5, 7, 8.*

District 7 — Richard G. Wells, Jr. (D) of Milton — Milton: *Precincts 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10; Randolph: Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10.*

District 8 — Edward R. Philips (D) of Sharon — Sharon; Stoughton: *Precincts 2, 3, 4, 5A, 6, 7A, 8A; Walpole: Precincts 2A, 3, 4, 5A; Mansfield: Precincts 4, 6A (Bristol Co.).*

District 9 — Marcus S. Vaughn (R) of Wrentham — Medfield: *Precincts 3, 4; Millis: Precinct 1; Norfolk; Plainville; Walpole: Precinct 5; Wrentham.*

District 10 — Jeffrey N. Roy (D) of Franklin — Franklin; Medway: *Precincts 1A, 2, 3, 4.*

District 11 — Paul McMurtry (D) of Dedham — Dedham; Walpole: *Precinct 8*; Westwood.

District 12 — John H. Rogers (D) of Norwood — Norwood; Walpole: *Precincts 1, 2, 6, 7*.

District 13 — Joshua Tarskey (D) of Needham — Dover; Medfield: *Precincts 1, 2*; Needham.

District 14 — Alice Hanlon Peisch (D) of Wellesley — Wellesley; Lincoln: *Precinct 2 (Middlesex Co.)*; Weston (*Middlesex Co.*).

District 15 — Tommy Vitolo (D) of Brookline — Brookline: *Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5A, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 17*.

PLYMOUTH COUNTY.

District 1 — Michelle L. Badger (D) of Plymouth — Plymouth: *Precincts 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18*.

District 2 — John R. Gaskey (R) of Carver — Carver; Middleborough: *Precincts 3, 6, 7A*; Wareham.

District 3 — Joan Meschino (D) of Hull — Hingham; Hull; Cohasset (*Norfolk Co.*).

District 4 — Patrick Joseph Kearney (D) of Scituate — Marshfield: *Precincts 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7*; Norwell: *Precinct 3*; Scituate.

District 5 — David F. DeCoste (R) of Norwell — Hanover; Hanson: *Precinct 1*; Norwell: *Precincts 1, 2*; Rockland.

District 6 — Kenneth P. Swezey (R) of Duxbury — Duxbury; Halifax: *Precinct 2*; Hanson: *Precincts 2, 3*; Marshfield: *Precincts 2A, 4*; Pembroke: *Precincts 1, 2, 3A, 4, 5*.

District 7 — Alyson M. Sullivan-Almeida (R) of Abington — Abington; East Bridgewater: *Precincts 1, 2, 3*; Whitman.

District 8 — Dennis C. Gallagher (D) of Bridgewater — Bridgewater; Raynham (*Bristol Co.*).

District 9 — Bridget Plouffe (D) of Brockton — Brockton: *Ward 1: Precincts B, C, D, Ward 3: Precincts C, D*; East Bridgewater: *Precinct 4*; West Bridgewater; Easton: *Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4B, 7 (Bristol Co.)*.

District 10 — Michelle M. DuBois (D) of Brockton — Brockton: *Wards 4, 5, 6*.

District 11 — Rita A. Mendes (D) of Brockton — Brockton: *Ward 1: Precinct A, Ward 2, Ward 3: Precincts A, B, Ward 7*.

District 12 — Kathleen R. LaNatra (D) of Kingston — Halifax: *Precincts 1, 2A*; Kingston; Middleborough: *Precincts 1, 5A*; Pembroke: *Precinct 3*; Plymouth: *Precincts 1, 2, 3, 5, 13*; Plympton.

SUFFOLK COUNTY.

District 1 — Adrian C. Madaro (D) of Boston — Boston: *Ward 1: Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14*.

District 2 — Daniel J. Ryan (D) of Boston — Boston: *Ward 2, Ward 5: Precincts 10, 12, Ward 21: Precinct 1*; Cambridge: *Ward 1: Precincts 1, 2 (Middlesex Co.)*; Everett: *Ward 1: Precinct 3 (Middlesex Co.)*.

District 3 — Aaron Michlewitz (D) of Boston — Boston: *Ward 3: Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, Ward 4: Precinct 1, Ward 5: Precincts 1, 13, 14*.

District 4 — David Biele (D) of Boston — Boston: Ward 1: Precinct 15, Ward 6, Ward 7: Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9.

District 5 — Christopher J. Worrell (D) of Boston — Boston: Ward 7: Precinct 10, Ward 8: Precinct 5, Ward 12: Precincts 6, 7, 9, Ward 13: Precincts 1, 2, 4, 5, Ward 14: Precincts 1, 3, 4, Ward 15: Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9.

District 6 — Russell E. Holmes (D) of Boston — Boston: Ward 14: Precincts 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, Ward 17: Precincts 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, Ward 18: Precincts 7, 8, Ward 19: Precinct 12.

District 7 — Chynah Tyler (D) of Boston — Boston: Ward 4: Precincts 9, 10, Ward 9: Precincts 4, 5, 7, Ward 10: Precincts 1, 2, 3, Ward 11: Precincts 1, 2, 3, Ward 12: Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8.

District 8 — Jay D. Livingstone (D) of Boston — Boston: Ward 3: Precincts 5, 9, 17, Ward 4: Precincts 6, 7, 8, 11, 12, Ward 5: Precincts 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 15.

District 9 — John Francis Moran (D) of Boston — Boston: Ward 3: Precincts 7, 16, Ward 4: Precincts 2, 3, 4, 5, Ward 7: Precincts 8, 9, Ward 8: Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 6; Ward 9: Precincts 1, 2, 3, 6.

District 10 — William F. MacGregor (D) of Boston — Boston: Ward 19: Precincts 2, 3, 8, Ward 20: Precincts 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20; Brookline: Precinct 16 (Norfolk Co.).

District 11 — Judith A. Garcia (D) of Chelsea — Chelsea; Everett: Ward 2: Precincts 1, 2A (Middlesex Co.).

District 12 — Brandy Fluker-Reid (D) of Boston — Boston: Ward 16: Precinct 11, Ward 17: Precincts 4, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, Ward 18: Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 21; Milton: Precincts 1, 2, 4A (Norfolk Co.).

District 13 — Daniel J. Hunt (D) of Boston — Boston: Ward 13: Precincts 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, Ward 15: Precincts 6, 8, Ward 16: Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12.

District 14 — Rob Consalvo (D) of Boston — Boston: Ward 18: Precincts 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 22, 23, Ward 19: Precincts 10, 11, 13, Ward 20: Precincts 3, 21.

District 15 — Samantha Montañó (D) of Boston — Boston: Ward 10: Precincts 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, Ward 11: Precincts 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, Ward 19: Precincts 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9.

District 16 — Jessica Ann Giannino (D) of Revere —Revere: Ward 1: Precinct 3, Ward 2: Precinct 3, Wards 3, 4, 6; Saugus: Precincts 3, 10 (Essex Co.).

District 17 — Kevin G. Honan (D) of Boston — Boston: Ward 21: Precincts 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 15, Ward 22: Precincts 2, 3, 6, 9, 10; Brookline: Precincts 13, 14A (Norfolk Co.).

District 18 — Michael J. Moran (D) of Boston — Boston: Ward 21: Precincts 2, 4, 13, 14, 16, Ward 22: Precincts 1, 4, 5, 7, 8, 11, 12, 13; Cambridge: Ward 1: Precinct 2A, Ward 5: Precinct 2 (Middlesex Co).

District 19 — Jeffrey Rosario Turco (D) of Winthrop — Revere: Ward 1: Precincts 1, 2, Ward 2: Precincts 1, 2, 3A, Ward 5; Winthrop.

WORCESTER COUNTY.

District 1 — Kimberly N. Ferguson (R) of Holden — Holden; Paxton, Princeton; Rutland; Westminster.

District 2 — Jonathan D. Zlotnik (D) of Gardner — Ashburnham; Gardner; Templeton; Winchendon: Precincts 2, 3.

District 3 — Michael P. Kushmerek (D) of Fitchburg — Fitchburg; Lunenburg: *Precincts B, C1.*

District 4 — Natalie M. Higgins (D) of Leominster — Leominster.

District 5 — Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr. (R) of Spencer — Barre; Brookfield; East Brookfield; Hardwick; Hubbardston; Leicester: *Precinct 1*; New Braintree; North Brookfield; Oakham; Spencer: *Precincts 2, 3, 4*; West Brookfield; Ware: *Precinct A (Hampshire Co.)*.

District 6 — John J. Marsi (R) of Charlton — Charlton: *Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4A*; Dudley; Southbridge; Spencer: *Precinct 1*.

District 7 — Paul K. Frost (R) of Auburn — Auburn; Charlton: *Precinct 4*; Leicester: *Precinct 3*; Millbury; Oxford: *Precincts 2, 3, 4A*.

District 8 — Michael J. Soter (R) of Bellingham — Blackstone; Millville; Uxbridge: *Precincts 1A, 2, 3, 4*; Bellingham; Medway: *Precinct 1 (Norfolk Co.)*.

District 9 — David K. Muradian, Jr. (R) of Grafton — Grafton; Northbridge; Upton.

District 10 — Brian W. Murray (D) of Milford — Hopedale; Mendon; Milford.

District 11 — Hannah Kane (R) of Shrewsbury — Shrewsbury; Westborough: *Precinct 4*.

District 12 — Meghan Kilcoyne (D) of Clinton — Berlin; Boylston; Clinton; Lancaster; Northborough: *Precinct 4*; Sterling.

District 13 — John J. Mahoney (D) of Worcester — Worcester: *Ward 1: Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, Ward 3: Precinct 2, Ward 9, Ward 10: Precinct 1*.

District 14 — James J. O'Day (D) of West Boylston — West Boylston; Worcester: *Ward 1: Precinct 5, Ward 2, Ward 3: Precincts 3, 5, 6*.

District 15 — Mary S. Keefe (D) of Worcester — Worcester: *Ward 3: Precincts 1, 4, Ward 4, Ward 6: Precinct 1, Ward 10: Precincts 2, 3, 4, 5*.

District 16 — Daniel M. Donahue (D) of Worcester — Worcester: *Ward 5, Ward 6: Precincts 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, Ward 8: Precincts 1, 5*.

District 17 — David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf (D) of Worcester — Leicester: *Precincts 2, 4*; Worcester: *Ward 7, Ward 8: Precincts 2, 3, 4, 6, Ward 10: Precinct 6*.

District 18 — Joseph D. McKenna (R) of Sutton — Douglas; Oxford: *Precincts 1, 4*; Sutton; Uxbridge: *Precinct 1*; Webster.

District 19 — Kate Donaghue (D) of Westborough — Northborough: *Precincts 1, 2, 3*; Southborough; Westborough: *Precincts 1, 2, 3, 5, 6*; Framingham: *Precinct 21A (Middlesex Co.)*.

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Wednesday, January 7, 2026.

The second annual session of the one hundred and ninety-fourth General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts convened at the State House in Boston on the first Wednesday of January, being the seventh day of the year two thousand twenty-six and of the year of the independence of the United States of America the two hundred and fiftieth.

General Court convened.

And the members of the House of Representatives, having assembled in the Representatives' Chamber, were called to order at eleven o'clock A.M. by Representative Paul J. Donato of Medford (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

House called to order.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of allegiance.

Notices of the Convening of the General Court.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Ordered, That a special committee be appointed to notify the Senate that the House has been called to order and is ready to proceed to business.

Senate notified of convening of the House.

Representatives Giannino of Revere, Owens of Watertown, Wong of Saugus and Philips of Sharon were appointed the committee.

Subsequently Ms. Giannino, for the committee, reported that they had attended to the duty assigned to them.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Ordered, That the Clerk begin the keeping of, and making available daily in a format determined by the Speaker in consultation with the Clerk, the Journal, as authorized by Rule 10, and that the daily reading thereof be dispensed with, that, under authority of Section 22A of Chapter 3 of the General Laws, copies of the Journal for the entire session be printed and bound with the customary appendices and an index; and that an attested bound copy be deposited with the Secretary of the Commonwealth as the official Journal of the House.

Journal of the House.

A message was received from the Senate, by a special committee thereof, announcing that said branch had convened and was ready to proceed to business.

Convening of Senate.

Papers from the Senate.

An order, having been adopted by the Senate, was considered forthwith; under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington, and it was adopted, in concurrence, as follows:

Ordered, That a committee of members of the Senate and House of Representatives be appointed to wait upon Her Excellency the Governor, Maura T. Healey, Lieutenant-Governor Kim Driscoll and the Honorable Council and inform them that the two branches of the General Court are now assembled and ready to proceed to business.

Governor notified of convening of the House.

Representatives Garballey of Arlington, Lipper-Garabedian of Melrose, McGonagle of Everett, Wong of Saugus and Chan of Quincy were appointed the committee on the part of the House.

Subsequently Mr. Garballey of Arlington, for the committee, reported that they had attended to the duty assigned to them.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2896) of Bruce E. Tarr (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the town of Manchester-by-the-Sea to adopt a bylaw restricting the use of Second Generation Anticoagulant Rodenticides (SGARs), was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Manchester-by-the-Sea,—rodenticides.

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 Chamber, the Fairhaven High School Blue Devils football team, who were the 2025 MIAA Division 6 Super Bowl champions. The team was accompanied by their head coach Derek Almeida, who is also the New England Patriot's Coach of the Year, the coaching and school athletic staff, high school principal Andy Kulack and Superintendent of Public Schools Tara Kohler. This 2025 season marked the third year in a row that the Blue Devils played in the Division 6 Super Bowl Championship, and the second championship in that same three-year period. They were the guests of Representative Sylvia of Fairhaven.

Fairhaven High School football team.

Resolutions.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Representative Hogan of Stow) congratulating Joseph Rink on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout of Scouting America, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Joseph Rink.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee, reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington, 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 Vargas of Haverhill and Hong of Lowell) relative to extending until Monday, March 2, 2026 the time within which the committee on Community Development and Small Businesses is authorized to report on current House documents, was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Community Development and Small Businesses,—extension of time for reporting.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4904) ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion

of Mr. Ouellette of Westport, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted.

Petitions.

Representative Cruz of Salem and Senator Lovely presented a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4909) of Manny Cruz (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to the reserve time of public safety personnel in the city of Salem; and the same was referred to the committee on Public Service. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Salem,—
public safety
personnel.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Badger of Plymouth, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Michelle L. Badger and Joan B. Lovely relative to student access to food and nutritional information.

Students,—
food and
nutrition.

By the same member, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Michelle L. Badger and Joan B. Lovely for legislation to establish a celiac disease screening pilot program for certain children.

Celiac disease
pilot program.

By Representative Scanlon of North Attleborough, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Adam J. Scanlon for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to the distribution of lottery revenues to municipalities.

Special
commission,—
lottery revenues.

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

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 Alice Hanlon Peisch relative to the Massachusetts Uniform Commercial Code. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Badger of Plymouth, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Financial Services. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Uniform
commercial
code.

By Mr. Rogers of Cambridge, for the committee on Higher Education, on a petition, a Bill creating documentation requirement standards to demonstrate a disability for a public institution of higher education in the commonwealth (House, No. 1433).

Public
universities,—
documentation.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the endowment match program (House, No. 1447).

Endowment match
programs.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to modernize the endowment match program for community colleges (House, No. 1454).

Community
colleges,—
endowments.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to community colleges and the career technical initiative (House, No. 1456).

Career technical
initiatives.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill expanding the community college training incentive program (House, No. 1457).

Id.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to support access to vocational schools (House, No. 1461).

Vocational
schools.

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| By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1367, a Bill regarding Title XIX reimbursements for state colleges and universities (House, No. 4880). | Title XIX reimbursements. |
| By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 1429, 1434 and 3948, a Bill relative to adjunct faculty in public higher education (House, No. 4881). | Adjunct faculty. |
| By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1462, a Bill to support college students in recovery (House, No. 4882). | Students,— recovery. |
| By Mr. Arciero of Westford, for the committee on Transportation, on a petition, a Bill to assure safety, efficiency and accountability in transportation projects through public inspections (House, No. 3656). | Transportation projects,— inspections. |
| By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to promote transportation demand management (House, No. 3757). | Community master plans. |
| By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to third party delivery fees (House, No. 3774). | Transportation,— delivery fees. |
| By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to an interstate compact for western MA rail service (House, No. 3777). | Rail service. |
| By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to establish a monthly payment plan and protect motorists from excessive EZ-Pass fees and fines (House, No. 3795). | Electronic tolls. |
| By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to electronic toll payments (House, No. 3805). | Id. |
| Severally 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 regional transit authority advisory boards (House, No. 3724). Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling. | Regional transit,— boards. |

Orders of the Day.

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| The Senate amendment of the House Bill amending the charter of the city of Malden (House, No. 4233) reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was adopted in concurrence. | Malden,— charter. |
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| The Senate Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Jeffrey Yacinthe, an employee of the department of elementary and secondary education (Senate, No. 2799), 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. |
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Order.

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| On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,— <i>Ordered</i> , That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet tomorrow at eleven o'clock A.M. | Next sitting. |
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At seventeen 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 day at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, January 8, 2026.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, 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.

Silent Tribute.

At the request of Mr. Biele of Boston, the members, guests and employees stood in a moment of silent tribute to the memory of Ret. Associate Justice of the Boston Municipal Court Department and former State Representative Michael F. Flaherty, Sr. who passed away peacefully on December 22, 2025.

Michael F.
Flaherty, Sr.

Born and raised in South Boston, Michael graduated from South Boston High School and proudly served in the United States Navy. A graduate of Boston College and Portia Law School (New England Law), Michael served in the Massachusetts House of Representatives for 24 years. In 2001, Michael was appointed to Boston Municipal Court as an associate justice, serving until his retirement in 2006.

Son of the late Mary and John J. Flaherty, Sr., loving brother to nine siblings, beloved husband to the late Margaret J. "Peggy" (McGlone) and devoted father of the Honorable Margaret F. "Peggy" Albertson, First Justice of the Boston Municipal Court, former Boston City Councilor Michael F. Flaherty, Jr., and John J. Flaherty, he is survived by his nine grandchildren, one great grandchild, and many nieces and nephews.

Resolutions.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Representative Smola of Warren) congratulating the Warren Public Library on the occasion of the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of its establishment, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Warren
Public
Library.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee, reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Roy of Franklin, 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 McMurtry of Dedham and Vitolo of Brookline) relative to extending until Wednesday, March 18, 2026 the time within which the committee on Labor and Workforce Development is authorized to report on a current House document, was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Labor and
Workforce
Development,—
extension of time
for reporting.

UNCORRECTED PROOF.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4913) ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Donato of Medford, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted.

Communications.

Communications

From the Office of Consumer Affairs and Business Regulations (see Section 57 of Chapter 98 of the General Laws) submitting the Division of Standards annual report for calendar year 2024;

Division of Standards.

From the Department of Unemployment Assistance (see Section 14F of Chapter 151A of the General Laws) relative to the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund for November, 2025;

Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund.

From the Executive Office for Administration and Finance and the Executive Office for Housing and Livable Communities (see Section 10 of Chapter 1 of the Acts of 2025 and Section 19 of Chapter 88 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the December 11, 2025 biweekly report on the emergency housing assistance program;

Emergency housing assistance.

From the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (see item 8910-7110 contained in Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting its Inventory of Programs, Services, Interventions and Reinvestments (PSI) Comprehensive Matrix for calendar year 2025;

Sheriffs',—
PSI matrix.

From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see Section 80(e) of Chapter 343 of the Acts of 2024) submitting a Massachusetts Health Policy Commission Primary Care Task Force report; and

Primary care task force.

From the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (see item 8900-0001 of Section 2 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting the Department of Correction per capita cost report for fiscal year 2024;

Department of Correction,—
per capita cost.

Severally were placed on file.

Annual Report.

An annual report of the Capital Debt Affordability Committee of the Executive Office for Administration and Finance (under Section 60B(f) of Chapter 29 of the General Laws) submitting the committee's annual report estimate of the total amount of new Commonwealth debt that may be prudently authorized for the next fiscal year, was placed on file.

Debt estimate.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Gordon of Bedford, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4916) of Kenneth I. Gordon (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize ranked choice voting in the town of Bedford. To the committee on Election Laws.

Bedford,—
ranked choice voting.

By the same member, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4917) of Kenneth I. Gordon (by vote of the town) relative to banning the use of second-generation anticoagulant rodenticides in the town of Bedford. To the committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Bedford,—
rodenticide ban.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

UNCORRECTED PROOF.

By Representatives Badger of Plymouth and LaNatra of Kingston, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Michelle L. Badger relative to early intervention services for children with prenatal exposure to opioids; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Opioids,—
prenatal
exposure.

Paper from the Senate.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2897) of Kelly A. Dooner and Norman J. Orrall (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the town of Berkley to increase the membership of the board of selectmen [Local Approval Received], was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Berkley,—
selectmen.

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 James J. O'Day relative to access to applied behavior analysis services in schools. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Gallagher of Bridgewater, 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.

Applied
behavioral
analysis.

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 establishing a special legislative commission to study load growth due to AI and data centers (House, No. 83);

Artificial
intelligence.

Of the Bill creating a commission establishing a Massachusetts Caribbean American Cultural Center (House, No. 3602); and

Caribbean
Americans.

Of the Bill to study the development of an underground railroad, civil rights and black heritage museum and cultural center in Springfield (House, No. 4840);

Springfield,—
museum and
cultural center.

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

Relative to professional employer organizations (House, No. 2113);

Organizations.

Directing the city of Boston Police Department to waive the maximum age requirement for Pierre Charles Darius of Mattapan (House, No. 3925) [Local Approval Received];

Boston,—
Pierre Charles
Darius.

Directing the city of Boston Police Department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Keny Gateau (House, No. 3926) [Local Approval Received];

Boston,—
Keny
Gateau.

Directing the city of Boston Police Department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Jean E. Roseney (House, No. 3927) [Local Approval Received];

Boston,—
Jean
Roseney.

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Directing the city of Boston Police Department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Adam Watt (House, No. 3928) [Local Approval Received]; and

Boston,—
Adam Watt.

Authorizing the town of Rochester to continue the employment of fire chief Scott Weigel (House, No. 4235) [Local Approval Received];

Rochester,—
Scott Weigel.

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

By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Financial Services, on House, No. 1128, a Bill preserving access to treatment for patients with serious mental illnesses (House, No. 4892).

Mental illness,—
treatment.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1228, a Bill to support behavioral health prevention for children (House, No. 4893).

Children,—
behavioral health.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1229, a Bill to further define medical necessity determinations (House, No. 4894).

Medical necessity
determinations.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1131, a Bill expanding access to mental health services (House, No. 4895).

Mental health,—
access.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1135, a Bill for supportive care for serious mental illness (House, No. 4896).

Mental illness,—
care.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1276, a Bill improving access to community behavioral health centers (House, No. 4897).

Community
behavioral health.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1277, a Bill relative to dual diagnosis treatment coverage (House, No. 4898).

Dual diagnosis,—
coverage.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1314, a Bill enhancing post-pregnancy mental health care (House, No. 4899).

Post-pregnancy
mental health.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1319, a Bill related to comprehensive clinical and extended support services (House, No. 4900).

Clinical support
services.

Severally referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

By Mr. Ultrino of Malden, for the committee on Emergency Preparedness and Management, on a petition, a Bill relative to an emergency preparedness instructional awareness program (House, No. 883).

Emergencies,—
awareness.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to strengthen the Commonwealth's strategic preparedness stockpiles (House, No. 884).

Emergencies,—
stockpiles.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Resolve providing for a special commission on the field of emergency management (House, No. 885, changed in section 2, in line 26, by striking out the following: "Covid 19 and").

Commission,—
emergency
management.

By Mr. Ryan of Boston, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the State Board of Retirement to grant creditable service to Paul Lemelin (House, No. 2759).

Paul Lemelin,—
retirement.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the Massachusetts Teachers' Retirement System to grant credible service to Kellie Martin (House, No. 2762).

Kellie Martin,—
retirement.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill clarifying call firefighter rights (House, No. 2883).

Firefighters,—
retirement.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to veteran inclusion (House, No. 2884).

Veteran
inclusion.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to credible service for school nurses (House, No. 2887).

School
nurses.

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By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to credible service for VISTA volunteers (House, No. 2923).

VISTA
volunteers.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to [sic] JBCC FD retirement buy-back (House, No. 4317).

National Guard, —
creditable service.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 2946, a Bill enabling employees on unpaid leave to purchase creditable service (House, No. 4901).

Unpaid
leave.

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

By Mr. Ryan of Boston, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill relative to retirement benefits (House, No. 2921).

Mary McCabe,—
retirement.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 4215, a Bill regarding the disability pension of Christopher Taylor (House, No. 4902) [Local Approval Received].

Christopher
Taylor,—
pension.

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

Emergency Measure.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Jeffrey Yacinthe, an employee of the department of elementary and secondary education (see Senate, No. 2799), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was considered, the question being on adopting the emergency preamble.

Jeffrey
Yacinthe,—
sick leave.

A separate vote was taken, as required by the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXVII) of the Amendments to the Constitution; and the preamble was adopted, by a vote of 5 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Subsequently, the Senate having concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, the bill (which originated in the Senate) was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill
enacted.

Engrossed Bill.

The engrossed Bill amending the charter of the city of Malden (see House, No. 4233, amended) (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 amendment of the House Bill increasing the age limit for retired police officers serving as special police officers in the town of Weston (House, No. 4031), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was adopted, in concurrence.

Weston,—
police
officers.

The Senate amendment of the House Bill dissolving a certain special fund in the town of Athol (House, No. 4401), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was adopted, in concurrence.

Athol,—
fund.

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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.

At twenty-four minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (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.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.



MONDAY, JANUARY 12, 2026.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Monday, January 12, 2026.

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.

Silent Prayer.

At the request of Representatives Elliott of Lowell, Howard of Lowell and Hong of Lowell, the members, guests, and employees stood in a moment of silent tribute to the memory of Philip L. Shea of Lowell, a longtime public servant to the city of Lowell and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, who passed away on December 30, 2025, at the age of 84.

Philip L.
Shea.

Philip Shea lived a life defined by dedication to public service. Over the course of more than five decades, Phil served the people of Lowell with distinction. He was elected to the Lowell City Council, served in the Massachusetts House of Representatives, and later in the State Senate, becoming the only individual since the adoption of Plan E in 1944 to represent the city at all three levels of municipal and state government. His legislative work helped shape Lowell and the Commonwealth through significant achievements that continue to benefit residents today.

The members of the House of Representatives extend our sincere condolences to his wife, Anne Farley, his family, and his many friends, colleagues, and loved ones.

Appointment of the Speaker.

The Speaker announced that (under the provisions of Section 112 of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) he had appointed Representative Galvin of Canton to the special legislative commission to conduct a comprehensive investigation and study into the future of the Pappas Rehabilitation Hospital for Children, as designated in chapter 87 of the acts of 2016, formerly known as the Massachusetts hospital school.

Pappas
Rehabilitation
Hospital for
Children.

Resolutions.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Representative Sabadosa of Northampton) recognizing Russell "Russ" Carrier's forty-four years of service to the Forbes Library, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Russell
Carrier.

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

Orders.

The following orders were referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules:
Order (filed by Representatives Chan of Quincy and Keefe of Worcester) relative to extending until Wednesday, March 18, 2026 the time within which the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure is authorized to report on current House documents (House, No. 4922).

Extensions of time for committees to make reports.

Order (filed by Representatives Domb of Amherst and DuBois of Brockton) relative to extending until Wednesday, March 18, 2026 the time within which the committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery is authorized to report on current House documents (House, No. 4921).

Order (filed by Representatives Cahill of Lynn and Worrell of Boston) relative to extending until Wednesday, March 18, 2026 the time within which the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security is authorized to report on current a House document (House, No. 4920).

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported that the orders ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the orders were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Communications.

Communications

From the District Attorney of Middlesex County (see Section 32(e) of Chapter 12 of the General Laws) submitting its Juvenile Justice Unit annual report for calendar year 2024;

Middlesex County,—juvenile justice.

From the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (see Section 34 of Chapter 22C of the General Laws) submitting its Hate Crimes in Massachusetts report for fiscal year 2024; and

Hate crimes.

From the Department of Public Health (see item 4590-0915 of Section 2 of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting a report on the status of the Pappas Rehabilitation Hospital for Children;

Pappas Rehabilitation Hospital.

Severally were placed on file.

Annual and Special Reports.

Annual Reports

Of the Massachusetts Gaming Commission (under Section 71 of Chapter 23K and Section 23 of Chapter 23N of the General Laws) submitting its summary of key findings and recommendations from the fiscal year 2025 research agenda; and

Gaming Commission.

Of the Executive Office of Veterans Services (under Section 4 of Chapter 15 of the Acts of 2021) on the financing of the reconstruction of the Massachusetts Veterans Home at Holyoke for calendar year 2025; and

Holyoke,—veterans home.

The special report of the Massachusetts Quality of Life Commission (see Section 152 of Chapter 178 of the Acts of 2024, revived and continued, see Section 92 of chapter 14 of the Acts of 2025) submitting its calendar year 2025 report;

Quality of life.

Severally were placed on file.

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Petition.

Representative Worrell of Boston presented a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4924) of Christopher J. Worrell (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Boston be authorized to establish the Boston inspector general oversight commission; and the same was referred to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Boston,—
inspector
general.

Papers from the Senate.

The House Bill further regulating vacancies among town meeting members in the town of Milford (House, No. 4171) (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 2904. The amendment was referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

Milford,—
vacancies.

A Bill providing for the filling of vacancies in the office of mayor in the city of New Bedford (Senate, No. 2509) (on a petition) [Local Approval Received], passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

New Bedford,—
vacancies.

Petitions were referred, in concurrence, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, as follows:

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2908) of Rebecca L. Rausch for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Shannon Manning, an employee of the trial court. To the committee on the Judiciary.

Shannon
Manning,—
sick leave.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2907) of Pavel M. Payano for legislation to establish credible service for eligible police officers and firefighters. To the committee on Public Service.

Creditable
service.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2905) of Julian Cyr for legislation to provide for mobile driver's licenses in the commonwealth. To the committee on Transportation.

Mobile driver's
licenses.

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 Dennis C. Gallagher for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Sally Desrosiers, an employee of the Department of Correction. 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 Public Service. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Sally
Desrosiers,—
sick leave.

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:

Relative to anti-retaliation protections for public employees (House, No. 2116);
Establishing Getting to Zero Week (House, No. 3381);

Anti-retaliation.
HIV and AIDS.

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Related to local and regional cultural council membership (House, No. 3596);
and

Cultural
councils.

Directing the city of Boston Police Department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Gissell Melo (House, No. 4246) [Local Approval Received];

Boston,—
Gissell Melo.

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 Mr. Livingstone of Boston, for the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, on House, No. 250, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities to make an investigation and study of a certain House document relative to foster care recruitment (House, No. 4905). Referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Foster care
recruitment,—
study.

Subsequently, Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committees, reported asking to be discharged from further consideration of the order; and recommending that the same be referred to the House committee on Rules.

Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted.

By Mr. Hunt of Boston, for the committee on Election Laws, on House, No. 4202, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Election Laws to make an investigation and study of a certain House document relative to the recall of any holder of elective office in the city of Chicopee (House, No. 4906). Referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Chicopee,—
study.

Subsequently, Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committees, reported asking to be discharged from further consideration of the order; and recommending that the same be referred to the House committee on Rules.

Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted.

Subsequently, Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee on Rules, reported on the foregoing order, a Bill relative to the recall of any holder of elective office in the city of Chicopee (House, No. 4202) [Local Approval Received]. Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

By Mr. Ryan of Boston, for the committee on Public Service, on House, No. 2800, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Public Service to make an investigation and study of a certain House document relative to Stoneham police maximum age requirement (House, No. 4915). Referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Stoneham,—
study.

Subsequently, Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committees, reported asking to be discharged from further consideration of the order; and recommending that the same be referred to the House committee on Rules.

Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted.

Subsequently, Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee on Rules, reported on the foregoing order, a Bill enhancing public safety in the town of Stoneham (House, No. 2800) [Local Approval Received]. Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, that the following bills ought to pass:

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| Establishing a special commission on retirement credit purchases (House, No. 27); | Retirement credits. |
| Establishing a special commission on paid family and medical leave for public employees (House, No. 2070); and | Paid leave. |
| Relative to increased transportation options for Arlington and Lexington (House, No. 3666); | Arlington and Lexington. |
| Severally referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means. | |
| By Mr. Livingstone of Boston, for the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, on House, No. 224, a Bill improving accessibility in the creative economy (House, No. 4912). | Creative economy. |
| By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Financial Services, on a petition, a Resolve creating a special commission on affordable housing insurance (House, No. 1279). | Housing,— insurance. |
| By Mr. Haggerty of Woburn, for the committee on Housing, on a petition, a Bill relative to a commission to study access to emotional support animals in residential housing (House, No. 1534). | Housing,— support animals. |
| Severally read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently. | |
| By Mr. Livingstone of Boston, for the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, on a petition, a Bill maximizing participation in federal nutrition programs and improving customer service (House, No. 196). | Nutrition programs,— participation. |
| By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 195 and 209, a Bill relative to funeral assistance (House, No. 209). | Funerals,— assistance. |
| By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 207, 214, 254 and 281, a Bill to lift kids out of deep poverty (House, No. 214). | Children,— poverty. |
| By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to an agricultural healthy incentives program (House, No. 222). | Agricultural incentives. |
| By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to a livable wage for human services workers (House, No. 223). | Human services,— wages. |
| By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to education or training activities for purposes of meeting the Department of Transitional Assistance work requirement (House, No. 241). | Transitional assistance,— work requirements. |
| By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to protect safety net access for Massachusetts residents (House, No. 252). | Safety net access. |
| By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 201, a Bill to bring child support home (House, No. 4910). | Child support. |
| By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 220, 221 and 295, a Bill relative to a diaper allowance to meet early childhood needs (House, No. 4911). | Diapers,— allowance. |
| By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Education, on a petition, a Bill establishing the Massachusetts farm to school program (House, No. 565). | Farm to school program. |
| By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the Lowell Mason Act to mandate a percentage of Chapter 70 funds for Arts Education Programs (House, No. 4297). | Arts education programs. |
| By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 601, a Bill relative to creating a commercial driver's license pilot program at Madison Park Technical Vocational High School (House, No. 4903). | Boston,— drivers pilot program. |
| By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Financial Services, on a petition, a Bill relative to insurers' usage of aerial images (House, No. 1242). | Insurance,— aerial images. |

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By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to real estate disclosure forms (House, No. 1283).

Real estate,—
disclosure forms.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to incentivize the adoption of local climate resilience policies (House, No. 1310).

Climate
resilience.

By Mr. Haggerty of Woburn, for the committee on Housing, on a petition, a Bill relative to provide [sic] tenant ownership in government assisted housing (House, No. 1510) [Representative DeCoste of Norwell dissenting].

Tenants,—
ownership.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 1544 and 1577, a Bill to guarantee a tenant's first right of refusal (House, No. 1544) [Representative DeCoste of Norwell dissenting].

Tenants,—
right of
refusal.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to make home repair affordable and stabilize communities (House, No. 1571) [Representative DeCoste of Norwell dissenting].

Home
repairs.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing a first-time home buyers bill of rights (House, No. 1574) [Representative DeCoste of Norwell dissenting].

First-time
home buyers,—
rights.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to designating seasonal communities (House, No. 3989) [Representative DeCoste of Norwell dissenting].

Seasonal
communities.

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

By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Education, on a joint petition, a Bill exempting Hancock schools (House, No. 515) [Local Approval Received].

Hancock,—
school choice.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill exempting Warwick Schools (House, No. 751) [Local Approval Received].

Warwick,—
school choice.

By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Financial Services, on a petition, a Bill relative to home owners insurance and funding repairs (House, No. 1271).

Home
insurance,—
repairs.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to preventing home insurers from forcing tree removal (House, No. 1316).

Insurance,—
trees.

By Mr. Haggerty of Woburn, for the committee on Housing, on a petition, a Bill to maintain stable housing for families with pets (House, No. 1559) [Representative DeCoste of Norwell dissenting].

Housing,—
pets.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill requiring notice to landlords relating to gas or electric shutoffs (House, No. 1561).

Gas and electric
shutoffs.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to locksmiths and notice to property owners (House, No. 1562).

Locksmiths,—
notification.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the city of Somerville to enact right to purchase legislation (House, No. 3910) [Local Approval Received] [Representative DeCoste of Norwell dissenting].

Somerville,—
right to
purchase.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill facilitating the appropriation and expenditure of community preservation funds for community housing purposes in the town of Chatham (House, No. 4289) [Local Approval Received].

Chatham,—
housing.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill further regulating the Year-round Market Rate Rental Housing Trust Fund in the town of Provincetown (House, No. 4311) [Local Approval Received].

Provincetown,—
housing.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to affordable housing trust fund of the town of West Tisbury (House, No. 4378) [Local Approval Received].

West Tisbury,—
housing.

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By Mr. Ryan of Boston, for the committee on Public Service, on a joint petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Marnie Jean Goldstein, an employee of the Department of Children and Families (House, No. 4888).

Marnie Jean Goldstein,—
sick leave.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for William Blalock, an employee of the Suffolk county sheriff's office (House, No. 4908).

William Blalock,—
sick leave.

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

Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed bills

Increasing the age limit for retired police officers serving as special police officers in the town of Weston (see House, No. 4031, amended); and

Bills
enacted.

Dissolving a certain special fund in the town of Athol (see House, No. 4401, amended);

(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.

Orders of the Day.

House bills

Relative to the purchase or lease of certain property known as Fenn Farm in the town of Stockbridge (House, No. 4648);

Third
reading
bills.

Authorizing the city known as the town of Bridgewater to amend its charter for gender neutral language (House, No. 4781) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading); and

Authorizing the select board of the town of Arlington to place upon a town ballot a question to increase the number of licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 4815);

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.

Representatives Howard of Lowell, Elliott of Lowell and Hong of Lowell move that when the House adjourns today, it do so in respect to the memory of Philip L. Shea, a member of the House from Lowell from 1973 to 1979, inclusive

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and a member of the Senate from 1979 to 1984, inclusive; and the motion prevailed.

Accordingly, at twelve minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Howitt of Seekonk (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.

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 2026.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, January 15, 2026.

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.

Resignation of Representative Blais of Deerfield.

The following communication was read; and spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

January 9, 2026.

Timothy Carroll
Clerk of the House of Representatives
State House – Room 145
Boston, MA 02133

Mr. Clerk:

I am writing today to inform you that I have made the difficult decision to resign as State Representative on January 19, 2026.

Serving the 29 communities of the 1st Franklin District over the past seven years has been a great honor and a privilege. When I first ran for this seat, I promised that I would work to elevate the strengths of the most rural district in the Commonwealth while addressing the challenges we have faced after decades of disinvestment.

I am proud of our successful efforts to fight for regional equity, support farms and the local food system, protect our environment and natural resources, increase Rural School Aid, strengthen our public transit system, secure additional funding for public infrastructure, prevent sexual and domestic violence, and so much more.

I will never be able to thank my family enough for their patience, love and support. I am deeply grateful to the Speaker of the House, my colleagues in the Legislature and my dedicated staff for their shared commitment to public service. Finally, I want to thank the constituents of the 1st Franklin District who entrusted me to serve them in the Legislature.

It has been the honor of a lifetime to serve as a member of the Massachusetts House of Representatives.

Resignation of
Representative
Natalie M.
Blais of
Deerfield.

Sincerely,
NATALIE M. BLAIS.
State Representative
1st Franklin District

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 Chamber, the Wellesley High School girls swim team, who won their sixth Division 2 state swim and diving championship last fall. They were accompanied by their assistant coach Kira McCormick. They were the guests of Ms. Peisch of Wellesley.

Wellesley High School girls swim team.

Orders.

The following orders were referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules:

Order (filed by Representatives Gordon of Bedford and Ayers of Quincy) relative to extending until Wednesday, March 18, 2026 the time within which the committee on Education is authorized to report on current House documents (House, No. 4930).

Extensions of time for committees to make reports.

Order (filed by Representatives Ryan of Boston and Higgins of Leominster) relative to extending until Wednesday, March 18, 2026 the time within which the committee on Public Service is authorized to report on current House documents (House, No. 4926).

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported that the orders ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Arciero of Westford, the orders were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Communications.

Communications

From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see Section 2SSSS of Chapter 29 of the General Laws) submitting the MassHealth Delivery System Reform Incentive Program (DSRIP) legislative report for the first quarter of fiscal year 2025;

MassHealth delivery platform.

From the Office of the Comptroller (see item 1595-1068 of Section 2E of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025, as amended by Sections 84 and 85 of Chapter 14 of the Acts of 2025) submitting the revised Medical Assistance Trust Fund transfer schedule for fiscal year 2025;

Medical Assistance Trust Fund.

From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see item 4000-0601 of Section 2 of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting the transfer certification to the Medicare Savings program from the prescription advantage program and the Health Safety Net Trust Fund for fiscal year 2024;

Medicare savings program.

From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see item 4000-0300 contained in Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the MassHealth report on caseload and utilization methodology for fiscal year 2025;

MassHealth,— methodology.

From the Department of Public Health (see item 4512-2022 of Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024 and item 1599-2025 of Section 2A of Chapter 102 of the Acts of 2021) submitting the Health Excellence Grant and American Rescue Plan Funding Distribution report for fiscal year 2024; and

Public health,— grants and funding.

Severally were placed on file.

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Annual Report.

The annual report of the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities (under Section 101 of Chapter 358 of the Acts of 2020) submitting its Housing Choice Initiative annual report for calendar year 2024, was placed on file.

Housing
Choice
Initiative.

Petitions.

Representative Gómez of Easthampton presented a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4964) of Homar Gómez (by vote of the town) that the town of South Hadley be authorized to grant additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages in said town; and the same was referred to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

South Hadley,—
liquor
licenses.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Gallagher of Bridgewater, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Dennis C. Gallagher for legislation to establish tax exemptions for certain veteran's clubs and organizations.

Veterans
clubs,—
taxes.

By Representative Rogers of Norwood and Senator Rush, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of John H. Rogers and others that the commissioner of the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance be authorized to take by eminent domain a certain parcel of land in the town of Norwood.

Norwood,—
land.

By Representative Vitolo of Brookline, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Tommy Vitolo relative to the electoral count and presidential electors.

Elections.

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

Reports of Committees.

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:

Directing the city of Boston Police Department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Luis Cabral (House, No. 4349) [Local Approval Received];

Boston,—
Luis Cabral.

Establishing a sick leave bank for Marnie Jean Goldstein, an employee of the Department of Children and Families (House, No. 4888); and

Marnie Jean
Goldstein.

Establishing a sick leave bank for William Blalock, an employee of the Suffolk county sheriff's office (House, No. 4908);

William Blalock,—
sick leave.

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

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, on House, No. 4905, reported, in part, a Bill relative to foster care recruitment (House, No. 250). Read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Foster care,—
recruitment.

By Mr. Hunt of Boston, for the committee on Election Laws, on House, No. 4185, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Election Laws to make an investigation and study of a certain House document relative to the nomination process for candidates for town meeting in the town of Milford (House, No. 4925).

Milford,—
study.

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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 asking to be discharged from further consideration of the order; and recommending that the same be referred to the House committee on Rules.

Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted.

Subsequently, Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee on Rules, reported on the foregoing order a Bill relative to the nomination process for candidates for town meeting in Milford (House, No. 4185) [Local Approval Received]. Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Milford,—
nominations.

By Ms. Barber of Somerville, for the committee on Environment and Natural Resources, on House, Nos. 989, 1055, 1056, 3935 and 4512, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Environment and Natural Resources to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to animal testing, striped bass, horn trafficking and parks (House, No. 4928). Referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Animal testing,
striped bass,
horn trafficking
and parks,—
study.

Subsequently, Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committees, reported asking to be discharged from further consideration of the order; and recommending that the same be referred to the House committee on Rules.

Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted.

Subsequently, Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee on Rules, reported, in part, on the foregoing order a Bill concerning the use of animals in product testing (House, No. 989).

Animals,—
product
testing.

The same member, for said committee on Rules, reported, in part, on the foregoing order, a Bill relative to the conservation of Atlantic striped bass (House, No. 1055).

Atlantic
striped
bass.

The same member, for said committee on Rules, reported, in part, on the foregoing order, a Bill relative to the conservation of striped bass (House, No. 1056).

Id.

The same member, for said committee on Rules, reported, in part, on the foregoing order, a Bill relative to ivory and rhinoceros horn trafficking (House, No. 3935).

Horn
trafficking.

The same member, for said committee on Rules, reported, in part, on the foregoing order, a Bill modernizing the governance of Port Authority parks in East Boston (House, No. 4512).

East Boston,—
port authority
parks.

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

By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Financial Services, on House, No. 48 and a part of 35, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Financial Services to make an investigation and study of a certain House document relative to establishing a Massachusetts Baby Bonds program (House, No. 4929).

Baby bonds
program,—
study.

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 asking to be discharged from further consideration of the order; and recommending that the same be referred to the House committee on Rules.

Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted.

Subsequently, Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee on Rules, reported on the foregoing order a Bill establishing a Massachusetts Baby Bonds program (House, No. 48). Read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means..

Baby bonds
program.

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By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Financial Services, on House, Nos. 1093, 1094, 1095, 1102, 1103, 1104, 1113, 1121, 1143, 1158, 1180, 1186, 1207, 1209, 1211, 1226, 1232, 1244, 1259, 1281, 1284, 1327, 1336, 1338, 1345, 3933, 3947, 4061, 4112, 4260 and 4352, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Financial Services to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to insurance and banking issues (House, No. 4931). Referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Insurance and banking,— study.

Subsequently, Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committees, reported asking to be discharged from further consideration of the order; and recommending that the same be referred to the House committee on Rules.

Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted.

Subsequently, Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee on Rules, reported on the foregoing order a Bill relative to the use of virtual credit cards by dental insurance providers (House, No. 4260). Referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on the Health Care Financing.

Virtual credit cards,— dental insurance.

The same member, for said committee on Rules, reported, in part, on the foregoing order, a Bill creating a commission to study unemployment insurance reform (House, No. 1209). Read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Unemployment insurance,— study.

The same member, for said committee on Rules, reported, in part, on the foregoing order, a Bill studying property insurance premiums on non-profit organizations (House, No. 1121).

Property insurance premiums.

The same member, for said committee on Rules, reported, in part, on the foregoing order, a Bill to encourage retirement planning (House, No. 1143).

Retirement planning.

The same member, for said committee on Rules, reported, in part, on the foregoing order, a Bill ensuring life insurance coverage while taking Paid Family and Medical Leave (House, No. 1180).

Life insurance coverage.

The same member, for said committee on Rules, reported, in part, on the foregoing order, a Bill relative to pet insurance in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (House, No. 1186).

Pet insurance.

The same member, for said committee on Rules, reported, in part, on the foregoing order, a Bill to protect users of electronic branches (House, No. 1211).

Panic alarms.

The same member, for said committee on Rules, reported, in part, on the foregoing order, a Bill relative to secure choice retirement savings plan (House, No. 1226).

Retirement savings plans.

The same member, for said committee on Rules, reported, in part, on the foregoing order, a Bill enhancing homebuyer awareness by providing notice to persons purchasing property in a flood zone (House, No. 1345).

Property,— flood zone.

The same member, for said committee on Rules, reported, in part, on the foregoing order, a Bill relative to the Massachusetts Credit Union Share Insurance Corporation (House, No. 3933).

Credit Union Share Insurance Corporation.

The same member, for said committee on Rules, reported, in part, on the foregoing order, a Bill relative to the examination of insurance company mergers (House, No. 3947).

Insurance,— mergers.

The same member, for said committee on Rules, reported, in part, on the foregoing order, a Bill relative to protecting against workers compensation premium fraud (House, No. 4061).

Insurance,— database.

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| <p>The same member, for said committee on Rules, reported, in part, on the foregoing order, a Bill relative to firefighting water supplies and a state cistern program (House, No. 4112).</p> | Homeowners insurance. |
| <p>The same member, for said committee on Rules, reported, in part, on the foregoing order, a Bill relative to travel insurance (House, No. 4352).</p> | Travel insurance. |
| <p>Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.</p> | |
| <p>The same member, for said committee on Rules, reported, in part, on the foregoing order, a Bill relative to notifying broker prior to termination of coverage (House, No. 1094).</p> | Insurance coverage. |
| <p>The same member, for said committee on Rules, reported, in part, on the foregoing order, a Bill protecting the use of bank names, trade names and trademarks in electronic communications (House, No. 1102).</p> | Electronic communications. |
| <p>The same member, for said committee on Rules, reported, in part, on the foregoing order, a Bill regarding public insurance adjusters (House, No. 1113).</p> | Public insurance adjusters. |
| <p>The same member, for said committee on Rules, reported, in part, on the foregoing order, a Bill making changes to certain references in the banking laws of the Commonwealth (House, No. 1232).</p> | Banking laws,— certain references. |
| <p>The same member, for said committee on Rules, reported, in part, on the foregoing order, a Bill relative to access to Paid Family and Medical Leave and unemployment insurance for graduate student workers (House, No. 1336).</p> | Unemployment insurance. |
| <p>The same member, for said committee on Rules, reported, in part, on the foregoing order, a Bill allowing fair compensation of Massachusetts credit union directors (House, No. 1338).</p> | Credit union compensation. |
| <p>Severally read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.</p> | |
| <p>By Mr. Madaro of Boston, the committee on Revenue, on a petition, a Bill relative to the electronic filing of certain forms used in property valuation (House, No. 3093).</p> | Property valuation,— filing. |
| <p>By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill providing volunteer firefighters and emergency medical technicians with a local option real estate tax exemption (House, No. 3132).</p> | Tax exemptions,— first responders. |
| <p>By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the electronic filing of certain forms used in property valuation (House, No. 3176).</p> | Property valuations. |
| <p>By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the delivery of property tax bills (House, No. 3219).</p> | Property taxes. |
| <p>By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill regarding late payments and interest rates for real estate bills and personal property taxes (House, No. 3238).</p> | Real estate,— payments. |
| <p>By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the establishment of a Milton means-tested property tax exemption (House, No. 4094) [Local Approval Received].</p> | Milton,— property tax exemptions. |
| <p>By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to real property tax deferrals in the town of Wellesley (House, No. 4143) [Local Approval Received].</p> | Wellesley,— property tax deferrals. |
| <p>By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Marblehead to establish a means-tested senior citizen property tax exemption (House, No. 4225) [Local Approval Received].</p> | Marblehead,— property tax exemptions. |
| <p>By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Wrentham to exempt from taxation certain real estate owned and occupied</p> | Wrentham,— George |

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by the surviving spouse of Wrentham Deputy Chief George C. Labonte (House, No. 4269) [Local Approval Received]. Labonte.

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

Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed bills

Amending the charter of the town of Provincetown (see House, No. 4175); and Amending the charter of the city of Greenfield (see House, No. 4379);

(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.

The Senate amendment of the House Bill authorizing the commissioner of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to convey a certain parcel of land in the town of Wellesley (House, No. 4363), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was adopted, in concurrence.

Wellesley,—
land.

House bills

Relative to the board of water commissioners of the Dalton fire district (House, No. 4721); and

Authorizing the town of Milton to grant additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 4813);

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.

Third reading bills.

The House Bill relative to the annual town meeting for the town of Orange (House, No. 4717), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Orange,—
town meeting.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Walsh of Peabody moved to amend it by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the following:

“SECTION 1. Chapter 56 of the acts of 2008 is hereby repealed.

SECTION 2. The annual town meeting for the town of Orange shall be held on the second Monday in May.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.”.

The amendment was adopted; and the bill (House, No. 4717, amended) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

The House Bill to protect consumers by further defining subprime loans (House, No. 1110), was read a third time.

Subprime loans.

The committee on Bills in the Third Reading reported asking to be discharged from further consideration of the bill; and the report was accepted.

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Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, it was referred, on motion of Mr. Walsh of Peabody, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

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

Next
sitting.

Representative Murray of Milford moves that when the House adjourns today, it do so in respect to the memory of Salvatore C. Cimino, a member of the House from Milford in 1979 and 1980, inclusive; and the motion prevailed.

Accordingly, at fifteen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Howitt of Seekonk (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Tuesday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

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TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2026.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Tuesday, January 20, 2026.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, 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.

Resolutions.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Representative Gordon of Bedford and other members of the House) recognizing the eighty-first anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration and extermination camp and International Holocaust Remembrance Day, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

International
Holocaust
Remembrance
Day.

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

Orders.

The Order (filed by Representatives Hunt of Boston and Mendes of Brockton) relative to extending until Wednesday, March 18, 2026 the time within which the committee on Election Laws is authorized to report on a current House document, was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Election Laws,—
extension
of time for
reporting.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4967) ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Howard of Lowell, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted.

The Order (filed by Representatives Barber of Somerville and Cataldo of Concord) relative to extending until Wednesday, March 18, 2026 the time within which the committee on Environment and Natural Resources is authorized to report on current House documents, was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Environment
and Natural
Resources,—
extension of time
for reporting.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4966) 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.

The Order (filed by Representatives Madaro of Boston and Philips of Sharon) relative to extending until Friday, February 27, 2026 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.

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Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4968) ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Hong of Lowell, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted.

Petitions.

Representatives Cataldo of Concord and Elliott of Lowell presented a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4972) of Simon Cataldo and Rodney M. Elliott (by vote of the town) that the town of Chelmsford be authorized to ban second generation anticoagulant rodenticides within said town; and the same was referred to the committee on Environment and Natural Resources. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Chelmsford,—
rodenticides.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Cruz of Salem and Senator Lovely, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Manny Cruz for legislation to establish a local option sales tax.

Local option
sales tax.

By Representative Jones of North Reading and Senator Tarr, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., Bruce E. Tarr and others relative to energy costs, transparency, and sustainability.

Energy.

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

Papers from the Senate.

The following order was adopted, in concurrence, as follows:

Ordered, That, a convention of the two branches be held at six o'clock P.M., on Thursday, January 22, 2026, for the purpose of receiving such communication as the Governor, Maura T. Healey, may be pleased to make to them relating to the concerns of the Commonwealth.

State of
the State
Address.

Bills

Amending the veteran property tax work-off amounts (Senate, No. 1948) (on a petition); and

Property taxes,—
veterans.

Designating a certain bridge in the city of New Bedford as the Corporal Francis J. McHugh Memorial Bridge (Senate, No. 2425) (on a petition);

New Bedford,—
McHugh bridge.

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were read; and they were referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Petitions were referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, in concurrence, as follows:

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2921) of Pavel M. Payano for legislation relative to travel insurance. To the committee on Financial Services.

Travel
insurance.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2922) of Sal N. DiDomenico for legislation to authorize the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to grant easements to NSTAR electric company d/b/a Eversource Energy in return for NSTAR releasing or modifying easements for the benefit of the Commonwealth. To the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

DCAMM,—
easements.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2913) of Bruce E. Tarr and Tram T. Nguyen (by vote of the town) for legislation to extend the time for the town of Boxford to grant 2 additional licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages to be drunk

Boxford,—
liquor
licenses.

on the premises, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

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 following petitions:

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Michelle L. Badger relative to early intervention services for children with prenatal exposure to opioids. To the committee on Public Health.

Early intervention services.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Michelle L. Badger relative to a transfer of retirement benefits for Valeria D'Orazio an associate professor at the Massachusetts Maritime Academy. To the committee on Public Service.

Valeria D'Orazio,— retirement.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Adam J. Scanlon for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to the distribution of lottery revenues to municipalities. To the committee on Revenue.

Special commission,— lottery revenues.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Homar Gómez and others for legislation to designate asparagus as the official vegetable of the Commonwealth. To the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

State vegetable.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Michelle L. Badger for legislation to establish the temporary emergency veterans' assistance program. To the committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs.

Veterans' assistance program.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Vieira of Falmouth, the reports were considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended, in each instance. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

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:

Relative to electronic scanning of identification (House, No. 3716);

Electronic scanning.

Directing the city of Boston Police Department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Jose Ortiz (House, No. 4256) [Local Approval Received];

Boston,— Jose Ortiz.

Directing the city of Boston Police Department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Angela C. Depina (House, No. 4388) [Local Approval Received];

Boston,— Angela Depina.

Authorizing Nick Santos to take the civil service examination for the position of police officer in the city of Haverhill notwithstanding the maximum age requirement (House, No. 4390) [Local Approval Received]; and

Haverhill,— Nick Santos.

Relative to the contracting of digital replicas (House, No. 4832);

Digital replicas.

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

By Mr. Madaro of Boston, for the committee on Revenue, on House, Nos. 3004, 3099, 3102, 3105, 3234 and 3236, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Revenue to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to seniors and disability (House, No. 4965). Referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Seniors and disability,— study.

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Subsequently, Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committees, reported asking to be discharged from further consideration of the order; and recommending that the same be referred to the House committee on Rules.

Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted.

Subsequently, Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee on Rules, reported, in part, on the foregoing order a Bill authorizing the establishment of a means tested senior citizen property tax exemption (House, No. 3099).

Tax exemption,—
seniors.

The same member, for said committee on Rules, reported, in part, on the foregoing order, a Bill relative to the establishment of a means tested senior citizen property tax exemption (House, No. 3105).

Id.

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

The same member, for said committee on Rules, reported, in part, on the foregoing order, a Bill authorizing cities and towns to provide a residential exemption to senior citizens (House, No. 3004).

Tax exemption,—
seniors.

The same member, for said committee on Rules, reported, in part, on the foregoing order, a Bill expanding the senior property tax exemption (House, No. 3102).

Id.

The same member, for said committee on Rules, reported, in part, on the foregoing order, a Bill creating a local option property tax cap for low-income seniors (House, No. 3234).

Low-income
seniors,—
tax cap.

The same member, for said committee on Rules, reported, on the residue, on the foregoing order, a Bill expanding the senior property tax exemption (House, No. 3236).

Tax exemption,—
seniors.

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

By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Financial Services, on a petition, a Bill relative to external reviews and patient protection (House, No. 1132). Referred, under Joint Rule 1E to the committee on Health Care Financing.

Patient
protection.

By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Financial Services, on a petition, a Bill relative to preventing fraud and establishing regulations on certain virtual currencies (House, No. 1247). Read; and referred under Joint Rule 29 to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Virtual
currencies.

By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Financial Services, on a petition, a Bill establishing uniform enforcement and confidentiality provisions relative to certain licensees under the jurisdiction of the Division of Banks (House, No. 1273).

Division of
Banks,—
licensees.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to capping the price of epinephrine (House, No. 1359).

Epinephrine,—
price capping.

By Mr. McMurtry of Dedham, for the committee on Labor and Workforce Development, on House, Nos. 2085, 2121, 2126 and 3375, a Bill preparing apprentices through training, hiring, and skills in Massachusetts (House, No. 4974).

Apprentices,—
preparation.

By Mr. Ryan of Boston, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill relative to the timely and consistent payment of law enforcement personnel (House, No. 2764).

Law
enforcement,—
payment.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority Employees' Retirement System (House, No. 2893).

Retirement system
classifications.

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By Mr. Arciero of Westford, for the committee on Transportation, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to the operation of golf carts in rural communities (House, No. 4566).

Golf cart operation.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing an Orange Star license plate for veterans exposed to Agent Orange (House, No. 4691).

Orange Star license plates.

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

By Mr. Lewis of Framingham, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a petition, a Bill providing for a town administrator in the town of Hopedale (House, No. 4784) [Local Approval Received].

Hopedale,—
town administrator.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill amending the charter for the town of Groton (House, No. 4795) [Local Approval Received].

Groton,—
charter.

By Mr. Ryan of Boston, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill relative to impairment of health caused by infectious disease (House, No. 2826).

Infectious disease.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill further defining a quorum of the Worcester Regional Retirement System Board Advisory Council (House, No. 2926).

Worcester Regional Retirement System.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the disability pension for Patricia M. Lampron administered by the Boston retirement board (House, No. 4508) [Local Approval Received].

Patricia Lampron,—
disability pension.

By Mr. Arciero of Westford, for the committee on Transportation, on a petition, a Bill designating a certain bridge in the town of Chelmsford as the Ferreira Brothers Bridge (House, No. 4723).

Chelmsford,—
Ferreira Brothers bridge.

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

Emergency Measure.

The engrossed Bill authorizing the commissioner of capital asset management and maintenance to convey a certain parcel of land in the town of Wellesley (see House, No. 4363, amended), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was considered, the question being on adopting the emergency preamble.

Wellesley,—
land.

A separate vote was taken, as required by the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXVII) of the Amendments to the Constitution; and the preamble was adopted, by a vote of 9 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Subsequently, the Senate having concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, the bill (which originated in the House) was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill enacted.

Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed bills

Establishing the fourth Thursday in March as Tuskegee Airmen Commemoration Day (see House, No. 3306);

Bills enacted.

Regulating the appointment of the police chief in the city of Fall River (see House, No. 4214);

Amending the charter of the town of Seekonk (see House, No. 4459); and

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Authorizing the town of Billerica to establish an age limit for original appointment to the position of police officer (see House, No. 4632, amended);

(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.

Orders of the Day.

House bills

Relative to Department of Conservation and Recreation Title IX compliance (House, No. 1068);

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

Directing the city of Boston Police Department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Adam Watt (House, No. 3928);

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.

Third
reading
bills.

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.

Representatives Mariano of Quincy, Ayers of Quincy and Chan of Quincy move that when the House adjourns today, it do so in respect to the memory of Arthur H. Tobin, a member of the House from Quincy from 1967 to 1971, a member of the Senate from 1971 to 1978, mayor of the city of Quincy from 1978 to 1982, and clerk-magistrate of the Quincy District Court from 1982 to 2026; and the motion prevailed.

Accordingly, at half past eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Orrall of Lakeville (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Thursday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 22, 2026.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, January 22, 2026.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, 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.

Silent Tribute.

At the request of Representative Haggerty of Woburn, the members, guests and employees stood in a moment of silent tribute to the memory of Joseph "Joe" Crowley, Jr., a lifelong resident of Woburn, who passed away on December 9, 2025, at the age of 86.

Joseph
Crowley, Jr.

Joseph Crowley, Jr. was a man of faith, integrity, and kindness. Joe dedicated his life to serving his beloved community of Woburn and supporting its youth.

Joe was an educator, longtime civic leader, and served 38 years on the Woburn School Committee. He helped found Woburn Youth Hockey and remained actively involved in civic life for decades, leaving a lasting impact on generations of families. Above all, Joe was a devoted family man.

Joe's legacy of service, compassion, and quiet leadership will long be remembered.

The members of the House of Representatives extend our sincere condolences to his wife Audrey Crowley, to his daughters Megan and Ellen Crowley, to his grandchildren Joseph, Erin, Brooke, Gabby, Calvin, and to his many valued friends and loved ones.

Message from the Governor.

A message from Her Excellency the Governor recommending legislation to manage federal tax changes in Massachusetts (House, No. 4975), was filed in the office of the Clerk on Thursday, January 15.

Taxes,—
federal
changes.

The message was read; and it was referred, under Rule 30, with the accompanying draft of a bill, to the committee on Revenue. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Resolutions.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Representative MacGregor of Boston) congratulating Anna Carrazza on her one hundredth birthday, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Anna
Carrazza.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee, reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Owens of Watertown,

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the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Communications.

Communications

From the Department of Conservation and Recreation (see Section 35XX of Chapter 10 of the General Laws) submitting the annual report on the Horseneck Beach Reservation Trust Fund for fiscal year 2025; and

Horseneck
Beach.

From the Office of the Comptroller (see item 1595-1071 of Section 2E of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting the Community Behavioral Health Promotion and Prevention Trust Fund fiscal year 2026 transfer schedule;

Community
behavioral
health.

Severally were placed on file.

Annual Reports.

Annual Reports

Of the Department of Conservation and Recreation (under Section 35BBB of Chapter 10 of the General Laws) submitting the annual report on the Douglas State Forest Maintenance Trust Fund for fiscal year 2025;

Douglas
State Forest.

Of the Department of Conservation and Recreation (under Section 35FFF of Chapter 10 of the General Laws) submitting the annual report on the Nickerson State Forest Maintenance Trust Fund for fiscal year 2025;

Nickerson
State Forest.

Of the Department of Conservation and Recreation (under Section 35PPP of Chapter 10 of the General Laws) submitting the annual report on the Wellfleet Hollow State Campground Trust Fund for fiscal year 2025; and

Wellfleet
Hollow State
Campground.

Of the Massachusetts Development Finance Agency (MassDevelopment) and the Massachusetts Cultural Council (under Section 42 of Chapter 23G of the General Laws) submitting its fiscal year 2025 report of the Cultural Facilities Fund;

Cultural
facilities
fund.

Severally were placed on file.

Papers from the Senate.

Bills

Honoring Blue Star Families (Senate, No. 2903) (on a part of Senate bill No. 1719 and also based on Senate bill No. 2449); and

Blue Star
Families.

Improving campaign finance reporting for statewide ballot questions (Senate, No. 2916) (on Senate bill No. 2898);

Ballot
questions,—
reporting.

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were read; and they were referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Petitions were referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, in concurrence, as follows:

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2927) of Joan B. Lovely and Michelle L. Badger for legislation relative to students accessing food and nutritional information. To the committee on Higher Education.

Students,—
nutritional
information.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2928) of Joan B. Lovely and Michelle L. Badger for legislation to establish a celiac disease screening pilot program. To the committee on Public Health.

Celiac
disease,—
screening.

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 following petitions:

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Michelle L. Badger and Joan B. Lovely relative to student access to food and nutritional information. To the committee on Higher Education.

Students,—
nutritional
information.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Michelle L. Badger and Joan B. Lovely for legislation to establish a celiac disease screening pilot program for certain children. To the committee on Public Health.

Celiac
disease,—
screening.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Antonio F. D. Cabral for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Sonia Felix, an employee of the Department of Transitional Assistance. To the committee on Public Service.

Sonia Felix,—
sick leave.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. McMurtry of Dedham, the reports were considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended, in each instance. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

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

Directing the police department of the city of Boston to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Antonio Pires (Senate, No. 27) [Local Approval Received]; and

Boston,—
Antonio
Pires.

Designating a certain bridge in the city of New Bedford as the Corporal Francis J. McHugh Memorial Bridge (Senate, No. 2425); and

New Bedford,—
McHugh bridge.

House bills

Relative to real property tax deferrals in the town of Wellesley (House, No. 4143) [Local Approval Received]; and

Wellesley,—
property tax.

Relative to the charter of the town of Westwood (House, No. 4753) [Local Approval Received];

Westwood,—
charter.

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

A report of the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, under the last sentence of Rule 7A, that the Bill directing the city of Boston Police Department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officer Cherell Mellace (Senate, No. 1907) [Local Approval Received], be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Boston,—
Cherell
Mellace.

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

By Mr. Madaro of Boston, for the committee on Revenue, on House, Nos. 3009, 3016, 3020, 3131, 3175, 3221, 3222, 3243, 3245 and 3255, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Revenue to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to certain Revenue petitions relating to veterans and service members (House, No. 4971) [Representative Lombardo of Billerica dissenting]. Referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Revenue,—
study.

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Subsequently, Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committees, reported asking to be discharged from further consideration of the order; and recommending that the same be referred to the House committee on Rules.

Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted.

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 establishing an advisory committee on the accessibility of fresh food retail in communities throughout the Commonwealth (House, No. 2516),— and recommending that the same be referred to the House committee on Rules. Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted.

Food,—
retail.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, that the Resolve establishing a commission on infrastructure resilience (House, No. 3437) ought to pass. Referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Infrastructure
resilience.

By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Financial Services, on House, No. 1076, a Bill relative to colon cancer screening (House, No. 4933).

Colon cancer,—
screenings.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1134, a Bill to improve access and care coordination for people with pain (House, No. 4934).

Care and access,—
pain.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1137, a Bill to strengthen the control of contagious and infectious diseases in the Commonwealth (House, No. 4935).

Disease
control.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1164, a Bill to improve child and adolescent mental health services (House, No. 4936).

Mental health,—
children.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1165, a Bill providing for certain health insurance coverage (House, No. 4937).

Health insurance
coverage.

Severally referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on House, No. 4071, a Bill relative to authorizing the conveyance of certain parcels of land in the city of Fall River (House, No. 4973).

Fall River—
land.

By Mr. McGonagle of Everett, for the committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs, on a petition, a Bill supporting Massachusetts Guard and Reserve and their families (House, No. 3831) [Representative Thurber of Somerset dissenting].

Massachusetts
Guard and
Reserve.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill defining “Gold Star families” (House, No. 3832) [Representative Gaskey of Carver dissenting].

Gold Star
families.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to establish the Massachusetts National Guard Museum in Salem (House, No. 3833).

National Guard
museum.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill honoring as veterans certain persons who served in the National Guard and Reserves (House, No. 3835) [Representative Gaskey of Carver dissenting].

National Guard
and Reserve.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to correcting the definition of active duty in the interstate compact on educational opportunity for military children (House, No. 3848) [Representative Gaskey of Carver dissenting].

Military
children,—
education.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to establish the Guard enlistment enhancement program (House, No. 3860) [Representative Thurber of Somerset dissenting].

National Guard,—
enlistment.

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By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing amending, updating, and aligning the Commonwealth's definition of veteran (House, No. 3871).

Veteran,—
definition.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to amend the general officer designation in the state staff of the militia (House, No. 3873) [Representatives Thurber of Somerset and Gaskey of Carver dissenting].

Militia,—
state staff.

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

By Mr. Lewis of Framingham, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a petition, a Bill amending the charter of the city of Pittsfield (House, No. 4716) [Local Approval Received].

Pittsfield,—
charter.

By Mr. Ryan of Boston, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Sally Desrosiers, an employee of the Department of Correction (House, No. 4962).

Sally
Desrosiers,—
sick leave.

By Mr. McGonagle of Everett, for the committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs, on a petition, a Bill relative to recognition of the "Honor and Remember" flag in the Commonwealth (House, No. 3839) [Representatives Thurber of Somerset and Gaskey of Carver dissenting].

Honor and
Remember
flag.

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

By Mr. McGonagle of Everett, for the committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs, on a petition, Resolutions memorializing the Congress of the United States to declare the city of Quincy as the most patriotic city in America (House, No. 3828) [Representative Thurber of Somerset dissenting]. Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Quincy,—
patriotic city.

Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed bills

Amending the charter of the town of Provincetown (see House, No. 4176);

Establishing the position of appointed town clerk in the town of Avon (see House, No. 4556); and

Bills
enacted.

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 (see House, No. 4814);

(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.

Orders of the Day.

House bills

Directing the city of Boston Police Department to waive the maximum age requirement for Pierre Charles Darius of Mattapan (House, No. 3925);

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

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

Third
reading
bills.

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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.

The Senate Bill amending the charter of the town of Sandwich (Senate, No. 2859), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Sandwich,—
charter.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, in concurrence, Mr. Walsh of Peabody moved to amend it by inserting after section 60 (as changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading) the following section:

“SECTION 61. The third sentence of said subsection (a) of said section 4.7 of said charter, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out the word “selectmen” and inserting in place thereof the following words: select board.”;

By inserting after section 63 the following section:

“SECTION 63A. The second sentence of said subsection (b) of said section 4.7 of said charter, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out the word “selectmen” and inserting in place thereof the following words: select board.”; and

By inserting after section 71 the following section:

“SECTION 71A. The second sentence of clause (m) of said section 5.1.4 of said charter, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out the word “special”.”

The amendments were adopted; and the bill (Senate, No. 2859, amended) was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence. Sent to the Senate for concurrence in the amendments.

Recess.

At eighteen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Orrall of Lakeville (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House recessed until five minutes before six o'clock P.M.; and at four minutes after six o'clock, the House was called to order with Ms. Hogan of Stow in the Chair.

Recess.

Pursuant to assignment, at five minutes past six o'clock P.M., the two branches met in

JOINT SESSION.

At nine minutes past six o'clock P.M., the two branches met in

Joint Session.

CONVENTION

In the Chamber of the House of Representatives, for the purpose of receiving such communication as Her Excellency Maura T. Healy, Governor of the Commonwealth, may be pleased to make relative to the concerns of the Commonwealth; and were called to order by the Honorable Karen E. Spilka, President of the Senate.

Order.

On a motion of Ms. Friedman,—

Ordered, That a committee be appointed to consist of members of the Senate and House of Representatives to wait upon Her Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, the Constitutional officers, members of the Executive Council and other distinguished guests of the Governor and inform them that the two branches are now in Convention and request the honor of their presence.

Notification of
Constitutional
officers, et al.

Senators Cyr, Kennedy, Rausch, Oliveira and Fattman were appointed on the part of the Senate; and Representatives LaNatra of Kingston, Scanlon of North Attleboro, Kilcoyne of Clinton, John Francis Moran of Boston, Souza of Framingham, Kane of Shrewsbury and Muradian of Grafton were appointed on the part of the House.

Subsequently, Mr. Cyr, for the committee, reported that the Lieutenant-Governor, Constitutional officers, the Executive Council and distinguished guests would immediately attend upon the convention.

Shortly thereafter, Her Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, Kim Driscoll, the Constitutional officers, members of the Executive Council and other distinguished guests of the Governor entered the Chamber under the escort of the Sergeant-at-Arms.

Invocation.

The President in the Chair, then introduced Most Reverend Richard G. Henning, Archbishop of Boston, who delivered the following Invocation:

Invocation.

Blessed are you Lord Our God, King of the Universe, for through Your goodness, we receive the beauty of creation and find sustenance in the bounty of land, sea and sky. We praise You this night for the blessings of liberty and for the gift of a government “of the people, by the people, and for the people”.

We give You praise for calling forth leaders from among us, and we ask Your blessing upon Governor Maura Healy, Lieutenant Governor Driscoll, Senate President Spilka, and House Speaker Mariano. We ask Your blessing upon our congressional delegation, our state legislators, Chief Judge Budd and all justices and officers of the courts, and all of the elected officials of the state and in the counties, cities, towns, and villages across Massachusetts. We pray for first responders and all those who give themselves to public service. Give wisdom to our Governor and to all of our leaders that they may see beyond appearances and apply their gifts to maintain the peace and foster the common good. Give them listening hearts and an abiding commitment to preserve liberty, promote justice, and practice mercy.

We ask Your blessing upon the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. As a people “e pluribus unam,” out of many one, we give You thanks for the gift of the many and varied communities of this state, and we ask the grace of unity in diversity. Help us to see and hear one another with humility and understanding. Inspire us to build up rather than tear down. May our hands be open in friendship and our hearts full with compassion.

May our communities and citizens be ever committed to the education and formation of the young and to the loving care of those who are sick, elderly, or infirm. Open our eyes to every kind of poverty and strengthen us to accompany and assist each other in any and all struggle and despair. Bring forth in us “the better angels of our nature” (Abraham Lincoln, *First Inaugural Address*) and make of us a society

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where the “widow, the orphan, and the stranger” (Deut. 10: 18) find a home. Teach us to turn away from selfishness and to ask what we might do for our nation and our Commonwealth (Cf. John F. Kennedy, *Inaugural Address*).

Bless our industry and labor, and if it is accord with Your holy will, grant us prosperity so that we may praise your bounty and employ such gifts to exercise charity, craft beauty, and offer opportunity.

Author of Life, Yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory. Your everlasting love is our greatest hope and our most fundamental calling. Reveal to us the sacred dignity of every person and help us to protect and cherish the gift of life. Make of us “a more perfect union” (Preamble to the Constitution of the United States) and a Commonwealth where faith, hope, and love abound.

We ask this and all things with confidence in Divine Providence through your Holy Name, You Who live and reign forever and ever. Amen.

Order.

The President in the Chair, on a motion presented by Ms. Creem,—

Ordered, That a committee be appointed to consist of members of the Senate and the House of Representatives to wait upon Her Excellency the Governor and inform her that the two branches are now in Convention for the purpose of receiving such communication as she may be pleased to make to them, relating to the concerns of the Commonwealth.

Notification
of the Governor.

Senators Brownsberger, Lovely, Crighton, Comerford and Dooner were appointed to the committee on the part of the Senate; Representatives Garballey of Arlington, Duffy of Holyoke, Hamilton of Methuen, Arriaga of Chicopee, Worrell of Boston, Smola of Warren and Wong of Saugus were appointed to the committee on the part of the House.

Subsequently, Mr. Brownsberger, for the committee, reported that Her Excellency the Governor, Maura T. Healy, would immediately attend upon the convention.

Presentation of Colors.

The President introduced members of the Lynn English High School, Marine Corp Junior ROTC as the Honor Guard, who posted the colors.

Presentation
of colors.

Pledge of Allegiance.

The President then introduced members of Gold Star families and Representative Xiarhos of Barnstable who led the Convention in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of
allegiance.

National Anthem.

The President then introduced Vanessa Ford, who sang the National Anthem.

National Anthem.

Shortly thereafter, Her Excellency the Governor, Maura T. Healy entered the Chamber under the escort of the Sergeant-at-Arms.

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The President then introduced Her Excellency the Governor, Maura T. Healy, who thereupon addressed the Convention relative to the concerns of the Commonwealth (Senate, No. 2).

State of the
Commonwealth
address.

Benediction.

The benediction was given by Rabbi Elaine Zecher of Temple Israel Boston, as follows:

Benediction.

A Blessing for the Search of True Kindness
Holy One of Blessing, your presence fills all creation
We stand before You,
we who are divinely inspired yet human powered
In pursuit of a compassion filled world.

We have a long way to go.

We surely know of pain
caused by the mistreatment of the stranger,
the vulnerable, those without safety and security.
So much that is heart breaking
and heart wrenching challenges our stability.
When much has been lost,
what remains is kindness,
sacred and humane, everlasting and eternal,
and always available as a balm for despair.

Help us, O God, to stand strong,
to turn toward that which reaches
further than ourselves.
Help us to discover a path forward
illuminated by the grace of goodness
toward one another.
Small gestures of kindness
offered without the expectation
of recognition make a profound difference.
Kindness given unconditionally
has the power to transform unconditionally.
That's what makes it true.

We are mere human beings
touched by the sacred.
How can it be that though we are created in Your image
we are not all the same?
We are a varied kaleidoscope of humanity
dignified by our difference
woven together by a sacred thread.

Teach us, O God
to activate our capacity
to respond with kindness,

even with those whom we disagree.
Your mercy and loving-kindness inspire us
to consider how we care for one another,
how we disturb our complacency
to see that each person carries Your divinity
even when it is difficult,
even when we would rather look away.
Let us not stand idly by.

Move us, Holy One of Blessing,
in the presence of one another in this chamber,
those who have devoted their lives
to service of others as a civic responsibility
to be the bridge between heaven and earth.
Together, we demonstrate the potential
of each person's capacity
to bring goodness to one another.

We have learned,
leadership can mean tending
to one's flock like a shepherd.
The Psalmists called You a shepherd.
It may not be possible to stand before a flock
and expect everyone to obey or to agree,
yet, leading from within
as a shepherd must do
can move everyone forward.
And it is watching out for the those on the outside, exposed to danger
that ensures their safety.

May our governor feel Your presence
lifting her in difficult moments
and celebratory ones, too.
May kindness surround her,
hold her and strengthen her.
May Governor Healy's compassion inspire others,
and may it flow from the hands and hearts
of those who reside in
our glorious commonwealth
to be active partners in our shared work
to bring God's mercy to life,
and in doing so, to bring life to each other.

So may it be. Amen.

The President in the Chair, Her Excellency the Governor, Maura T. Healy, the Lieutenant-Governor, the Constitutional officers, the members of the Executive Council, members of the Supreme Judicial Court and the Adjutant General then withdrew from the Chamber under the escort of the Sergeant-at-Arms.

Withdrawal
from Chamber.

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On motion of Mr. Collins at three minutes past eight o'clock P.M., the Convention of the Two Branches was dissolved; and the Senate withdrew from the Joint Session, under the escort of the Sergeant-at-Arms.

There being no objection,— at three minutes after eight o'clock P.M., the Chair (Ms. Hogan of Stow) declared the House adjourned until tomorrow at 11:00 A.M., in an Informal Session.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.



FRIDAY, JANUARY 23, 2026.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Friday, January 23, 2026.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, 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.

Appointment of the Speaker.

The Speaker announced that (under the provisions of Section 74 of Chapter 3 of the General Laws) he had appointed Representative Howard of Lowell to the permanent Commission on the Status of Persons with Disabilities.

Status of persons with disabilities.

Petition.

Representative Elliott of Lowell presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Rodney M. Elliott for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Carla Johnson, an employee of the Department of Unemployment Assistance; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Carla Johnson,—
sick leave.

Papers from the Senate.

A Bill authorizing the preparation of bilingual ballots in English and Haitian Creole in the city known as the town of Randolph (Senate, No. 509) (on a petition) [Local Approval Received], passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Randolph,—
bilingual
ballots.

A Bill validating and confirming certain acts and proceedings taken or conducted by certain elected and appointed officials in the town of Plymouth (Senate, No. 2925) (on Senate bill No. 2679) [Local Approval Received], passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Plymouth,—
town
meetings.

A communication from the Public Employee Retirement Administration Commission (under the provisions of Section 50 of Chapter 7 of the General Laws) submitting proposed amendments to the rules and regulations governing retirement of public employees in Massachusetts (840 CMR 28.00) (Senate, No. 2923), was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Public Service.

PERAC,—
regulations.

Reports of Committees.

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

The Senate Bill further regulating the amendment of a conservation restriction in the town of Hanson (Senate, No. 2895) [Local Approval Received]; and

Hanson,—
conservation.

The House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Sally Desrosiers, an employee of the Department of Correction (House, No. 4962).

Sally Desrosiers,—
sick leave.

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

By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Financial Services, on House, No. 1171, a Bill concerning the safety of autistic and alzheimer individuals (House, No. 4938).

Autism and
alzheimer's.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1173, a Bill to facilitate timely access to quality health care by expanding access to patient navigation (House, No. 4939).

Care and
access,—
screenings.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1181, a Bill to redirect excessive health insurer reserves to support health care safety net programs (House, No. 4940).

Health
safety net.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1185, a Bill relative to health savings accounts (House, No. 4941).

Health savings
accounts.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1187, a Bill relative to increasing consumer access to licensed rehabilitation counselors (House, No. 4942).

Mental health
professionals,—
definition.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1206, a Bill relative to epinephrine injectors (House, No. 4943).

Epinephrine.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1224, a Bill providing insurance coverage for biennial echocardiograms for persons under the age of 18 (House, No. 4945).

Health
screenings,—
youth.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1230, a Bill mandating access to cancer screenings for firefighters through health care benefits plans or programs provided by the public employer (House, No. 4946).

Firefighters,—
cancer
screenings.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1235, a Bill updating the mandated benefit review process (House, No. 4947).

Benefit review
process.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1237, a Bill to further enhance rate review examinations conducted by the health care access bureau within the division of insurance (House, No. 4948).

Health
insurance,—
oversight.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1238, a Bill establishing a division of health insurance (House, No. 4949).

Division of
health insurance.

Severally referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Financial Services, on House, No. 1212, a Bill relative to emergency insulin access (House, No. 4944). Read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Insulin.

Engrossed Bill.

The engrossed Bill authorizing the town of Milford select board to appoint a highway surveyor (see House, No. 4663) (which originated in the House), having

Bill
enacted.

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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.

Orders of the Day.

House bills

Directing the city of Boston Police Department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Chris Glaropoulos (House, No. 4092);

Directing the city of Boston police department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Jason DeLeon (House, No. 4142); and

Directing the city of Boston Police Department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Gissell Melo (House, No. 4246);

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.

Third
reading
bills.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

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

Next
sitting.

Representatives Mariano of Quincy, Ayers of Quincy and Chan of Quincy move that when the House adjourns today, it do so in respect to the memory of James A. Sheets, a member of the House from Quincy from 1975 to 1978, inclusive, and mayor of the city of Quincy from 1990 to 2001, inclusive; and the motion prevailed.

Accordingly, at six minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Tuesday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.



TUESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2026.

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Tuesday, January 27, 2026.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, 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.

Message from the Governor.

A message from Her Excellency the Governor recommending legislation relative to financing long-term improvements to municipal road and bridges (House, No. 4987), was filed in the office of the Clerk on Friday, January 23.

Municipal roads and bridges.

The message was read; and it was referred, under Rule 30, with the accompanying draft of a bill, to the committee on Transportation. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Orders.

The following orders were referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules:

Order (filed by Representatives McMurtry of Dedham and Vitolo of Brookline) relative to extending until Wednesday, March 18, 2026 the time within which the committee on Labor and Workforce Development is authorized to report on current House documents (House, No. 4990).

Extensions of time for committees to make reports.

Order (filed by Representatives Madaro of Boston and Philips of Sharon) relative to extending until Friday, March 6, 2026 the time within which the committee on Revenue is authorized to report on current House documents (House, No. 4991).

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported that the orders ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Owens of Watertown, the orders were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Communications.

Communications

From the Office of the Veteran Advocate (see Section 2 of Chapter 115B of the General Laws) submitting the Understanding Massachusetts' Municipal Veterans Service Officer report for fiscal year 2025;

Municipal veterans service officers.

From the Office of the Veteran Advocate (see Section 2 of Chapter 115B of the General Laws) submitting its' budget request for fiscal year 2026; and

Veteran Advocate.

From the Office of the Veteran Advocate (see Section 2 of Chapter 115B of the General Laws) submitting its' budget request for fiscal year 2025;

Id.

Severally were placed on file.

Annual and Special Reports.

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| The annual report of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (under Section 6 of Chapter 25 of the Acts of 2009) submitting its Performance Management report for fiscal year 2025; and | Transportation,— performance management. |
| Special Reports | |
| Of the Auto Body Labor Rate Advisory Board (under Section 292 of Chapter 238 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the ABLRAB’s final report; and | Auto body labor rate board. |
| Of the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (under Section 109 of Chapter 239 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the report from the Massachusetts Special Commission to Study the Impacts on the Fossil Fuel Workforce; | Fossil fuel workforce. |
| Severally were placed on file. | |

Petitions.

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| Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows: | |
| By Representative Chan of Quincy and Senator Feeney, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Tackey Chan, Kate Donaghue and others relative to consumer protections for low valued legal tender scarcity. | Legal tender,— scarcity. |
| By Representative Gentile of Sudbury, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Carmine Lawrence Gentile relative to designating the Sky Bar as the official chocolate bar of the Commonwealth. | Sky bar. |
| By Representative Lewis of Framingham, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Jack Patrick Lewis relative to retirement benefits for Suzanne Garcia a member of the state employee’s retirement system and the Framingham retirement system. | Suzanne Garcia,— retirement. |
| By Representatives Lipper-Garabedian of Melrose and Cabral of New Bedford, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Kate Lipper-Garabedian for legislation to establish a grant program to reduce poverty and create an ENOUGH fund advisory committee. | Poverty,— reduction. |
| By Representatives Luddy of Orleans and Tarsky of Needham, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Hadley Luddy for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) to study access to unemployment insurance | Unemployment insurance,— commission. |
| By Representative Peisch of Wellesley, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Alice Hanlon Peisch for legislation to regulate the operation of medical spas. | Medical spas,— regulation. |
| By Representative Rogers of Cambridge and Senator Brownsberger, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of David M. Rogers, William N. Brownsberger and others relative to consumer connected devices. | Consumer connected devices. |
| By Representative Tarsky of Needham, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Joshua Tarsky for legislation to establish a process to train, certify and retain high-quality educators for public schools. | Educators,— training. |
| By Representatives Worrell of Boston and Holmes of Boston, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Christopher J. Worrell for legislation to designate the Dorchester division of the Boston Municipal Court as the Judge Leslie E. Harris courthouse. | Boston,— Harris courthouse. |
| Severally, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules. | |

Reports of Committees.

UNCORRECTED PROOF.

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 Mindy Domb relative to the disclosure of consumer information related to tariffs. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Owens of Watertown, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Tariffs,—
disclosure.

By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill authorizing the [sic] Barnstable County and the town of Bourne to convey land and certain interests in land in the town of Bourne (House, No. 2351), ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a bill with the same title (House, No. 4992) [Local Approval Received].

Bourne,—
land.

By the same member, for the same committee, that the Bill requiring automated external defibrillators at sporting events (House, No. 2391), ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a bill with the same title (House, No. 4993).

External
defibrillators.

By the same member, for the same committee, that the Bill Preparing Apprentices through Training, Hiring, and Skills in Massachusetts (House, No. 4974), ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a Bill relative to preparing apprentices in the commonwealth (House, No. 4994).

Apprentices,—
preparation.

Severally referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling. Mr. Honan of Boston, for said committee, then reported that the matters be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Severally placed in the Orders of the Day for the next sitting for a second reading, with the amendments pending.

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:

Directing the city of Boston Police Department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Angel G. Rivera (House, No. 4389) [Local Approval Received];

Boston,—
Angel
Rivera.

Directing the city of Boston Police Department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Alex J. Rodriguez (House, No. 4391) [Local Approval Received];

Boston,—
Alex
Rodriguez.

Authorizing Anthony Morales to take the civil service examination for the position of police officer in the city of Haverhill notwithstanding the maximum age requirement (House, No. 4442) [Local Approval Received];

Haverhill,—
Anthony
Morales.

To update expungement (House, No. 4858); and

Expungement.

Authorizing the town of Monterey to continue the employment of police officer Jennifer O. Brown (House, No. 4862) [Local Approval Received].

Monterey,—
Jennifer
Brown.

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

By Mr. Arciero of Westford, for the committee on Transportation, on a petition, a Bill providing for a study to be conducted on the cost feasibility of implementing a ferry service to Long Island in Boston Harbor (House, No. 3615).

Ferry
service,—
study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing a special commission to identify, preserve and commemorate historic roadways in Massachusetts (House, No. 3785).

Historic
roadways,—
study.

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

By Mr. Cahill of Lynn, for the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, on a petition, a Bill relative to emergency hazard health duty (House, No. 2564) [Representatives Vaughn of Wrentham and Sweezy of Duxbury dissenting].

COVID-19,—
first responders.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to improve public safety and security (House, No. 2584) [Representatives Vaughn of Wrentham, Xiarhos of Barnstable and Sweezy of Duxbury dissenting].

State immigration
processing and
waiver office.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to build restorative family and community connection (House, No. 2591) [Representative Vaughn of Wrentham, Xiarhos of Barnstable and Sweezy of Duxbury dissenting].

Incarcerated,—
visitation.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to human rights and improved outcomes for incarcerated people (House, No. 2608) [Representatives Vaughn of Wrentham, Xiarhos of Barnstable and Sweezy of Duxbury dissenting].

Incarcerated,—
out-of-cell
time.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to critical incident intervention by emergency service providers (House, No. 2629) [Representative Vaughn of Wrentham dissenting].

Incident
intervention.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to critical incident intervention by emergency service providers (House, No. 2662) [Representative Vaughn of Wrentham dissenting].

Id.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to firearm industry accountability and gun violence victims' access to justice (House, No. 2672) [Representatives Vaughn of Wrentham, Xiarhos of Barnstable and Sweezy of Duxbury dissenting].

Firearms
industry,—
accountability.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to elder and medical parole (House, No. 2693) [Representatives Vaughn of Wrentham, Xiarhos of Barnstable and Sweezy of Duxbury dissenting].

Parole,—
elder and
medical.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill providing for an audit of gun violence prevention and intervention funding (House, No. 2733) [Representatives Vaughn of Wrentham, Xiarhos of Barnstable and Sweezy of Duxbury dissenting].

Gun
violence,—
funding audit.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to repeal pay-to-stay fees (House, No. 2734) [Representatives Vaughn of Wrentham, Xiarhos of Barnstable and Sweezy of Duxbury dissenting].

Incarcerated,—
fees.

By Mr. Arciero of Westford, for the committee on Transportation, on House, No. 43 and on a part of House, No. 35, a Bill relative to the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority Employees' Retirement System (House, No. 43).

Turnpike,—
retirement
system.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to unpaved roads (House, No. 3628).

Unpaved
roads.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 3679, 3686, 3687 and 3699, a Bill relative to license plate year of manufacture registration (House, No. 3679).

License
plates.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 3689, 3691 and 3693, a Bill relating to road building equipment classifications (House, No. 3689).

Road building
equipment.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill providing for mobile driver's licenses in the commonwealth (House, No. 3725).

Licenses,—
electronic.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing an emergency responder yellow dot program (House, No. 3741).

Medical
information.

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By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to provide identification to youth and adults experiencing homelessness (House, No. 3750).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to The Ride service of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (House, No. 3762).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill allowing blood types to be printed on licenses to operate motor vehicles (House, No. 3764).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 3766 and 3767, a Bill relative to the odometer reading of a vehicle that is 25 years or older (House, No. 3766).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to an ADA paratransit program riders' bill of rights (House, No. 3776).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to wrong-way driving (House, No. 3780).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to a motorcycle safety fund (House, No. 3784).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill ensuring access to state IDs for low-income people (House, No. 3794).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to ensure financial viability in the transportation of farm goods (House, No. 4326).

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

By Mr. Cahill of Lynn, for the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, on a petition, a Bill making firearm owners civilly liable for damage caused by lost or stolen firearms (House, No. 2590) [Representatives Vaughn of Wrentham, Xiarhos of Barnstable and Sweezy of Duxbury dissenting].

By Mr. Arciero of Westford, for the committee on Transportation, on a petition, a Bill designating a certain bridge in the town of Hopkinton as the Major General Frank D. Merrill memorial bridge (House, No. 3608).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to increasing the fine for handicap parking violations for city/town implementation and compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (House, No. 3614).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill designating a portion of state highway Route 7A in the town of Lenox as the Ross B. Dindio memorial highway (House, No. 3645).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to increase safety on public ways (House, No. 3650).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to proper notification of deceased animals on state highways (House, No. 3678).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to container safety on roadways (House, No. 3684).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill designating historic routes (House, No. 3685).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to excavation restoration on public ways (House, No. 3702).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill designating Marshfield the home of Senator Daniel Webster and Governor Edward Winslow (House, No. 3711).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill naming "The Bill Russell and Bob Cousy Highway" (House, No. 3727).

Homelessness,—
identification.

MBTA,—
The Ride.

Licenses,—
blood type.

Older vehicles,—
odometer
reading.

Paratransit
program.

Wrong-way
driving.

Motorcycle
safety fund.

State
identification.

Farm goods,—
transportation.

Lost or stolen
firearms,—
liability.

Hopkinton,—
Major General
Frank D. Merrill.

Handicap parking
violations,—
fines.

Lenox,—
Dindio memorial
highway.

Towing,—
public ways.

State highways,—
notification.

Containers,—
roadways.

Historic
routes.

Excavation
restoration.

Marshfield,—
historical
home.

Turnpike,—
naming.

UNCORRECTED PROOF.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill protecting motorists and emergency personnel (House, No. 3729).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill prohibiting the practice of coal rolling (House, No. 3746).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the safe operation of motor vehicles (House, No. 3748).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill designating a certain intersection in the town of Pembroke as the Lavina A. Hatch corner (House, No. 3790).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill regarding right of way violations (CeCelia's Law) (House, No. 3817).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill designating a certain overpass in the town of Sandwich as the U.S. Marine Staff Sergeant Raymond G. Tourville Veterans Memorial Overpass (House, No. 4374).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 3695, a Bill relative to littering (House, No. 4976).

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

Reports of the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, under the last sentence of Rule 7A, that the following bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

The Senate Bill providing for the filling of vacancies in the office of district councilor in the city of Boston (Senate, No. 2511, changed) [Local Approval Received]; and

House bills

Prohibiting employment discrimination based on the legal use of cannabis (House, No. 2179);

To ban internet tobacco sales (House, No. 2482);

Directing the superintendent of state office buildings to install a permanent memorial in the Massachusetts State House in honor of Mercy Otis Warren (House, No. 3315);

Establishing the official ice cream flavor of the Commonwealth (House, No. 3409); and

To protect Native American heritage (House, No. 3597);

Severally placed in the Orders of the Day for the next sitting for a second reading.

A report of the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, under the last sentence of Rule 7A, that the House Resolutions urging Congress to pass legislation establishing a national infrastructure bank (House, No. 3416), was placed in the Orders of the Day for the next sitting, the question being on adoption.

Orders of the Day.

The House Bill directing the city of Boston police department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Rodney Alcindor (House, No. 4254), 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.

Breakdown lanes.

Diesel exhaust,— modifications.

Distracted driving.

Pembroke,— Hatch corner.

Red lights,— turns.

Sandwich,— overpass.

Littering.

Boston,— vacancies.

Cannabis,— discrimination.

Tobacco sales.

State House,— Mercy Otis Warren.

Ice cream.

Native heritage.

National infrastructure bank.

Third reading bill.

The House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Marnie Jean Goldstein, an employee of the Department of Children and Families (House, No. 4888), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Marnie Jean Goldstein,—
sick leave.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Walsh of Peabody moved to amend it by inserting before the enacting clause the following emergency preamble:

“Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to establish forthwith a sick leave bank for a certain employee of the department of children and families, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.”

The amendment was adopted; and the bill (House, No. 4888, amended) was passed to be engrossed. 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 tomorrow at eleven o’clock A.M.

Next
sitting.

Representative Scarsdale of Pepperell moved that when the House adjourns today, it do so in respect to the memory of Robert S. Hargraves, a member of the House from Groton from 1995 to 2010, inclusive; and the motion prevailed.

Accordingly, at nine minutes after eleven o’clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following day at eleven o’clock A.M.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.



WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2026.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Wednesday, January 28, 2026.

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, the Chair (Ms. Hogan of Stow), declared a brief recess and introduced Lisette Arbelli and Tom Ricci, of Hudson. Lisette Arbelli is the vice president, market manager of Avidia Bank and has been part of the Downtown Hudson Community Bank for more than 40 years. Tom Ricci recently retired after 45 years of owning and operating Body & Paint Autobody in Hudson. Tom has served as president of Mass Autobody Association in recent years. They were the guests of the Chair.

Lisette Arbelli
and Tom Ricci.

During the Session, the Chair (Mr. Puppolo of Springfield), declared a brief recess and introduced 7-year-old Mariane Cullen, who was joined by her mother Kat Demeterion and her godfather Juan Latorre III.

Mariane
Cullen.

Born prematurely at 34 weeks, Marianne spent the first 15 days of her life in the neonatal intensive care unit. From this experience, she wants to dedicate her life to caring for infants while advancing medical research.

Marianne's passion for science has already turned into action. She created a fundraiser and developed a presentation to raise \$1,408. She also raised another \$500 in bracelet sales to support further research.

Behind Marianne's achievements are her proud and supportive parents, Kat Demetron and Robert Cullen. Their encouragement has helped Marianne turn her dreams into action.

But Marianne's story isn't just about science and academics. At just seven years old, Marianne excels in writing, math, and science at Frederick Harris elementary School, and she is a drama club member and also enjoys ballet, jazz, soccer, writing stories, and spending time with her family.

They were the guests of Representatives Puppolo of Springfield and Ramos of Springfield.

Statement of Representative Plouffe of Brockton.

A statement of Ms. Plouffe of Brockton was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

MR. SPEAKER: I would like to call to the attention of the House the fact that I was not present in the House Chamber for today's sitting due to my attendance at a

Statement of
Representative
Plouffe of

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memorial service. If I had been present, I would have voted in the affirmative on of roll call numbers 117, 118, 119 and 121 and in the negative on roll call No. 120. My missing of said roll call was due entirely to the reason stated.

Brockton.

Remote Participation.

Notice had been received from House Counsel that, under the provisions of House Rule 49, Representatives Armini of Marblehead, Ferguson of Holden, Lombardo of Billerica, Luddy of Orleans and Whipps of Athol had been approved to participate remotely for today's formal sitting.

Remote participation.

Resolutions.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Representatives Sullivan-Almeida of Abington and Plouffe of Brockton) congratulating Yolanda Kruger on her one hundredth birthday, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Yolanda Kruger.

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

Orders.

The following orders were referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules:

Order (filed by Representatives Decker of Cambridge and Kerans of Danvers) relative to extending until Monday, March 16, 2026 the time within which the committee on Public Health is authorized to report on a current House document (House, No. 4984).

Extensions of time for committees to make reports.

Order (filed by Representatives Decker of Cambridge and Kerans of Danvers) relative to extending until Monday, March 16, 2026 the time within which the committee on Public Health is authorized to report on a current House document (House, No. 4988).

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported that the orders ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Hamilton of Methuen, the orders were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Reports of Committees.

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 creating a commission to study unemployment insurance reform (House, No. 1209);

Unemployment insurance.

Of the Resolve creating a special commission on affordable housing insurance (House, No. 1279);

Housing,— insurance.

Of the Bill relative to a commission to study access to emotional support animals in residential housing (House, No. 1534); and

Housing,— support animals.

Of the Bill improving accessibility in the creative economy (House, No. 4912);

Creative economy.

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

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

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, that the Bill establishing a commission to study the financial abuse of elders (House, No. 4749) ought to pass. Referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Elders,—
financial
abuse.

By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Financial Services, on House, No. 1240, a Bill relative to insulin access (House, No. 4950).

Insulin,—
access.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1245, a Bill to address barriers to HIV prevention medication (House, No. 4951).

HIV medication,—
barriers.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1254, a Bill relative to the diagnosis and treatment of autism spectrum disorder (House, No. 4952).

Autism,—
treatment and
diagnosis.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1295, a Bill promoting consumer choice in health care (House, No. 4953).

Health care,—
consumer choice.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1298, a Bill to increase enrollment in affordable health plan networks (House, No. 4954).

Affordable plans,—
enrollment.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1299, a Bill to increase enrollment in affordable health plan networks (House, No. 4955).

Id.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1313, a Bill relating to patient choice in dispensing of clinician-administered drugs (House, No. 4956).

Drug dispensing,—
patient choice.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1315, a Bill relative to IUD pain management coverage (House, No. 4957).

IUD pain
management.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1337, a Bill relative to opioid use disorder treatment and rehabilitation coverage (House, No. 4958).

Opioid use
disorder.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 3946, a Bill relative to health insurance coverage for hearing aids (House, No. 4959).

Hearing aids,—
coverage.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 4012, a Bill relative to ensuring access to neurological disorder screenings for firefighters (House, No. 4960).

Firefighters,—
neurological
screenings.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 4162, a Bill to increase access to healthcare for ostomy patients (House, No. 4961).

Ostomy
patients.

By Ms. Decker of Cambridge, for the committee on Public Health, on a petition, a Bill relative to nursing career pathways in long term care (House, No. 2544).

Nursing.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 2506 and 2532, a Bill relative to therapeutic psilocybin treatment centers (House, No. 4986).

Psilocybin
treatment.

Severally referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

By Mr. Chan of Quincy, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, on House, No. 323, a Bill to promote domestic violence and sexual assault awareness education and training in the field of cosmetology and barbering (House, No. 4978).

Cosmetology,—
training.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 379, a Bill modernizing protections for consumers in automobile transactions (House, No. 4979).

Automobiles,—
transactions.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 342, 365, 406 and 424, a Bill modernizing the business practices between motor vehicle dealers, manufacturers, and distributors to increase consumer protections (House, No. 4980).

Id.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 354 and 441, a Bill relative to notifying automobile lien holders of certain towing and storage costs (House, No. 4981).

Towing costs,—
notifications.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 433, a Bill relative to portable wireless device repair (House, No. 4982).

Wireless devices,—
repair.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 4452, a Bill providing for earlier alcohol sales to be drunk on premises on Sundays (House, No. 4983).

Alcohol sales,—
Sundays.

By Ms. Decker of Cambridge, for the committee on Public Health, on a petition, a Bill relative to burial assistance (House, No. 2374).

Burial
assistance.

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

Orders of the Day.

Bills

Authorizing the town of Hudson to grant 1 additional license for the sale of wine and malt beverages not to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 4272);

Third
reading
bills.

Amending the town charter of the town of Plymouth (House, No. 4501); and

Authorizing the town of Cohasset to grant five additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 4561);

Severally having been 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.

At seventeen 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 subject to the call of the Chair; and at twenty-two minutes before two o'clock P.M., the House was called to order with Mr. Donato in the Chair.

Recess.

Ms. Hogan of Stow being in the Chair,—

The House Bill designating Domestic Workers' Rights Day (House, No. 3417), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Domestic
workers'
rights day.

After remarks on the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, the sense of the House was taken by the yeas and nays, at the request of Ms. Sousa of Framingham; and on the roll call 156 members voted in the affirmative and 0 in the negative.

Bill passed to
be engrossed,—
yea and nay
No. 117.

[See [Yea and Nay No. 117](#) in Supplement.]

Therefore the bill was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Prior to the noon recess (Mr. Donato being in the Chair),—

The House Bill Preparing Apprentices through Training, Hiring, and Skills in Massachusetts (House, No. 4974), was read a second time.

Apprentices,—
preparation.

The amendment previously recommended by the committee on Ways and Means,— that the bill be amended by substitution of a Bill relative to preparing apprentices in the Commonwealth (House, No. 4994),— 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. Jones of North Reading, the bill (having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) was read a third time.

After debate on the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Moran of Lawrence moved to amend it in section 1, in line 3, and in section 10, in line 87, by striking out the following: “the third paragraph of section 26” and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following: “paragraph (H) of subdivision (2) of section 44A”;

By striking out sections 4, 5 and 6;

By inserting after section 9 the following 3 sections:

“SECTION 9A. Subdivision (2) of section 44A of said chapter 149, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by adding the following paragraph:

(H) For any public works project with an estimated construction cost in excess of \$10,000,000, not less than 5 per cent of the total hours worked for each trade by employees receiving an hourly wage who are directly employed at the project site by the awarding authority, contractor or subcontractor and who are subject to the prevailing wage law, shall be performed by apprentices. Such apprentices shall be: (i) registered in apprentice programs approved by the division of apprentice standards within the executive office of labor and workforce development pursuant to sections 11H and 11I of chapter 23; and (ii) employed in compliance with applicable apprentice-to-journeyperson ratios established by a trades licensing board or by the division of apprentice standards.

SECTION 9B. Said subdivision (2) of section 44A of said chapter 149, as amended by section 9A, is hereby further amended by striking out the words ‘5 per cent’ and inserting in place thereof the following words: 10 per cent.

SECTION 9C. Said subdivision (2) of said section 44A of said chapter 149, as amended by section 9B, is hereby further amended by striking out the words ‘10 per cent’ and inserting in place thereof the following words: 15 per cent.”;

In section 12, in line 155, by striking out the following: “section 26” and inserting in place thereof the following: “paragraph (H) of subdivision (2) of section 44A”;

In section 13, in line 162, by striking out the figure: “4” and inserting in place thereof the following: “9A”;

In section 14, in line 163, by striking out the figure: “5” and inserting in place thereof the following: “9B”;

In section 15, in line 164, by striking out the figure: “6” and inserting in place thereof the following: “9C”.

The amendments were adopted.

On the question on passing the bill, as amended, to be engrossed, the sense of the House was taken by the yeas and nays, at the request of Mr. McMurtry of Dedham; and on the roll call 154 members voted in the affirmative and 1 in the negative.

[See [Yea and Nay No. 118](#) in Supplement.]

Therefore the bill (House, No. 5032, published as amended) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Bill passed to be engrossed,—
yea and nay
No. 118.

Engrossed Bill – Land Taking.

The engrossed Bill allowing the town of Hingham to use municipal property as the location for a center for active living (see House, No. 4314) (which originated in

Hingham,—
land.

the House), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was put upon its final passage.

On the question on passing the bill to be enacted, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays (this being a bill providing for the taking of land or other easements used for conservation purposes, etc., as defined by Article XCVII of the Amendments to the Constitution); and on the roll call 154 members voted in the affirmative and 0 in the negative.

[See [Yea and Nay No. 119](#) in Supplement.]

Therefore the bill was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill enacted
(land taking),—
yea and nay
No. 119.

Orders of the Day.

Prior to the noon recess (Mr. Donato being in the Chair),—

The House Bill requiring automated external defibrillators at sporting events (House, No. 2391), was read a second time.

The amendment previously recommended by the committee on Ways and Means,— that the bill be amended by substitution of a bill with the same title (House, No. 4993),— was adopted; and the substituted bill was ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently, the noon recess having terminated under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Decker of Cambridge, the bill (having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) was read a third time.

Ms. Hogan of Stow being in the Chair,—

After remarks on passing the bill to be engrossed, Representatives Frost of Auburn and Thurber of Somerset moved to amend it by adding the following section:

“SECTION 2. Subject to appropriation, a Massachusetts AED Communities Fund shall be established to help cities and towns pay for automated external defibrillator devices, as well as any necessary equipment and infrastructure to properly hold and charge such devices, pursuant to the requirements of this act and the regulations promulgated by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. The fund shall be overseen and operated by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health and may receive funds from appropriations of the state legislature, public, private and non-profit grants, internal transfers from within the Department of Public Health’s budget, federal funds, grants and appropriations, and private donations from individuals and businesses. The AED Communities Fund shall award funding to communities in the Commonwealth to help them meet the requirements to place such devices at all required facilities and fields.”

After debate on the question on adoption of the amendment, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays at the request of Mr. Frost of Auburn; and on the roll call 26 members voted in the affirmative and 130 in the negative.

[See [Yea and Nay No. 120](#) in Supplement.]

Therefore the amendment was rejected.

Representatives Frost of Auburn and Thurber of Somerset then moved to amend the bill by adding the following section:

“SECTION 2. The Massachusetts Department of Public Health shall provide exemptions for communities and sports activities in which fields and facilities are remote and do not have access to permanent power supply, or if the AED is broken or uncharged at the time of the event. A facility must post a sign and make a public announcement informing participants, coaches, officials and spectators that an AED device is not available for use.”

Sports,—
defibrillators.

Amendment
rejected,—
yea and nay
No. 120.

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The amendment was rejected.

On the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, the sense of the House was taken by the yeas and nays, at the request of Ms. Decker of Cambridge; and on the roll call (Mr. Donato of Medford having taken the Chair) 154 members voted in the affirmative and 1 in the negative.

[See [Yea and Nay No. 121](#) in Supplement.]

Therefore the bill was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Prior to the noon recess, the House Bill authorizing the Barnstable County and the town of Bourne to convey land and certain interests in land in the town of Bourne (House, No. 2351), was read a second time.

The amendment previously recommended by the committee on Ways and Means,— that the bill be amended by substitution of a bill with the same title (House, No. 4992),— was adopted; and the substituted bill was ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently, the noon recess having terminated, under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Diggs of Barnstable, 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.

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.

Bill passed to be engrossed,— yea and nay No. 121.

Apprentices,— preparation.

Next sitting.

At four o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Jones of North Reading (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following day at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 29, 2026.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, January 29, 2026.

Met at twenty-eight minutes after 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.

Messages from the Governor.

A message from Her Excellency the Governor submitting the annual budget of the Commonwealth for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 (House, No. 2), was filed in the office of the Clerk on Wednesday, January 28.

General
Appropriations
Bill.

The message was read; and it was referred, under Rule 30, with the accompanying schedules, to the committee on Ways and Means.

A message from Her Excellency the Governor submitting requests for making appropriations for the fiscal year 2026 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (House, No. 5033), was filed in the office of the Clerk on Wednesday, January 28.

Supplemental
appropriations.

The message was read; and it was referred, under Rule 30, with the accompanying draft of a bill, to the committee on Ways and Means.

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 Chamber, members of the Franklin High School girls' varsity volleyball team and their coaches. The team won the MIAA Division 1 State Championship; and they were the guests of Representative Roy of Franklin.

Franklin
High School
girls volleyball
team.

At the beginning of the session, the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford), declared a brief recess and introduced, seated in the Chamber, members of the 2025 Masconomet cheerleading squad, captains Ava Whitman, Anna Gustavson, Olivia Borghesi, Caroline Clemens and their coaches. The team won the Fall 2025 Massachusetts School Administrators' Association (MSAA) Small Co-ed Division Championship and were named the MSAA Grand Champions. They were the guests of Representatives Kerans of Danvers, Kassner of Hamilton, Jones of North Reading, Nguyen of Andover, Shand of Newburyport and Ramos of North Andover.

Masconomet
High School
cheerleading
squad.

Resolutions.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Representative LaNatra of Kingston) congratulating the town of Kingston on the three hundredth anniversary of its incorporation, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Kingston.

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

Communications.

Communications

From the Office of the Child Advocate (see Section 14 of Chapter 18C of the General Laws) submitting its annual report from the Childhood Trauma Taskforce for calendar year 2025 entitled: Building a Trauma-Informed and Responsive Workforce;

Childhood
Trauma
Taskforce.

From the Division of Banks (see Section 14C of Chapter 167 of the General Laws) submitting the annual report of the Small Business Loan Review Boards for fiscal year 2025;

Small Business
Loan Review
Boards.

From the Executive Office for Administration and Finance and the Executive Office for Housing and Livable Communities (see Section 10 of Chapter 1 and Section 88 of Chapter 73 of the Acts of 2025 and Section 19 of Chapter 88 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the December 23, 2025 biweekly report on the emergency housing assistance program; and

Emergency
housing
assistance.

From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see Section 31 of Chapter 197 of the Acts of 2024) submitting an update on the Long-Term Care Workforce and Capital Fund;

Long-term
care.

Severally were placed on file.

Annual Reports.

Annual Reports

Of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (under Section 35QQ of Chapter 10 of the General Laws) for the Economic Empowerment Trust Fund for fiscal year 2025; and

Economic
Empowerment
Trust Fund.

Of the Executive Office of Economic Development (under Section 17 of Chapter 23D of the General Laws) submitting the Center for Employee Ownership report for calendar year 2025;

Center for
Employee
Ownership.

Severally were placed on file.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Hunt of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5034) of Daniel J. Hunt (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to authorize the appointment of Matthew Cummings as a police officer in the city of Boston, notwithstanding the maximum age requirement. To the committee on Public Service.

Boston,—
Matthew
Cummings.

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By Representative Muradian of Grafton and Senator Moore, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5035) of David K. Muradian, Jr., (by vote of the town) relative to the senior property tax exemption in the town of Grafton. To the committee on Revenue.

Grafton,—
senior tax
exemption.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Madaro of Boston, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Adrian C. Madaro relative to access to the court system and judicial proceedings and processes.

Courts,—
access.

By Representatives Vargas of Haverhill and Garcia of Chelsea, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Andres X. Vargas, Judith A. Garcia and others for legislation to further regulate state and local participation in federal civil immigration enforcement.

Civil
immigration
enforcement.

By Representative Zlotnik of Gardner, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Jonathan D. Zlotnik relative to chemical recycling.

Chemical
recycling.

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

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 joint petition of John H. Rogers and others that the commissioner of the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance be authorized to take by eminent domain a certain parcel of land in the town of Norwood. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Roy of Franklin, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Norwood,—
land.

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

The Senate Bill authorizing the appointment of retired police officers as special police officers in the town of Plainville (Senate, No. 1898) [Local Approval Received]; and

Plainville,—
police
officers.

House bills

Relative to the nomination process for candidates for town meeting in Milford (House, No. 4185) [Local Approval Received];

Milford,—
town meeting.

Relative to the charter of the town of Westborough (House, No. 4751) [Local Approval Received];

Westborough,—
charter.

Permitting the city of Revere to establish penalties and liens for rooming house & certificates of fitness ordinance violations (House, No. 4752) [Local Approval Received]; and

Revere,—
penalties.

Providing for a town administrator in the town of Hopedale (House, No. 4784) [Local Approval Received];

Hopedale,—
administrator.

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

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By Mr. Lewis of Framingham, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on House, Nos. 2254, 2261, 2272, 2274, 2281, 2282, 2283, 2286, 2301, 2309, 2312, 2317, 2326, 2329, 2353, 2354 and 4047, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to municipal powers, permitting and zoning (House, No. 4970). Referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Municipalities and Regional Government,—study.

Subsequently, Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committees, reported asking to be discharged from further consideration of the order; and recommending that the same be referred to the House committee on Rules.

Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted.

By Mr. McMurtry of Dedham, for the committee on Labor and Workforce Development, on a petition, a Bill to prohibit mandatory overtime (House, No. 2073).

Healthcare,—overtime.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill clarifying mandatory overtime protections (House, No. 2092).

Id.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to meeting human service demand by modernizing incentives for the direct care workforce (House, No. 2104).

Human services providers,—wages.

By Ms. Domb of Amherst, for the committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery, on a petition, a Bill to ensure efficient and effective implementation of the Roadmap for Behavioral Health Reform (House, No. 2193).

Behavioral health.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to supporting parents in recovery from substance use disorder and enhancing child welfare (House, No. 3950).

Parents in recovery.

Severally referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

By Ms. Barber of Somerville, for the committee on Environment and Natural Resources, on a petition, a Bill preserving public trust rights in land affected by ocean erosion (House, No. 946).

Ocean erosion,—public trust.

By Mr. Day of Stoneham, for the committee on the Judiciary, on House, No. 1638, a Bill relative to retirement reporting (House, No. 4995).

Retirement reporting.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1644, a Bill relative to the punishment of organized retail crimes (House, No. 4996).

Organized retail crimes.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 1760 and 1928, a Bill relative to accomplice and joint venture criminal liability (House, No. 4997).

Joint venture criminal liability.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1936, a Bill relative to offenses while driving on a non-administrative license suspension (House, No. 4998).

Driving,—offenses.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 2041, a Bill to protect victims of stalking in violation of harassment prevention orders (House, No. 4999).

Harassment prevention.

By Mr. McMurtry of Dedham, for the committee on Labor and Workforce Development, on a petition, a Bill establishing fairness for agricultural laborers in Massachusetts (House, No. 2108).

Agricultural laborers.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the notification of large job layoffs (House, No. 2127).

Layoffs.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to ensure adequate coverage of funeral expenses in cases of work-related death (House, No. 2138).

Funeral Expenses.

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By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to non-fault unemployment insurance overpayments (House, No. 2149).

Unemployment insurance.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to updating overtime salary thresholds and codify definitions to protect the middle class (House, No. 2166).

Overtime salary thresholds.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to provide economic security for fishing industry participants (House, No. 2177).

Fishing,—
economic security.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill requiring an annual report on the labor market needs of the Commonwealth (House, No. 2184).

Report,— labor
market needs.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to promoting fair hiring practices by limiting the use of credit reports in employment decisions (House, No. 3993).

Hiring
practices.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to expanding and modernizing apprenticeships (House, No. 4067).

Apprenticeships.

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

By Mr. McMurtry of Dedham, for the committee on Labor and Workforce Development, on a petition, a Bill amending the unemployment insurance law for workers with fluctuating work schedules (House, No. 2111).

Unemployment insurance.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill updating the Medical Society mission statement (House, No. 2157).

Medical
Society.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to a youth training wage (House, No. 2175).

Training
wage.

By Mr. Ryan of Boston, for the committee on Public Service, on a joint petition, a Bill exempting the positions of police lieutenant and police sergeant in the city of Leominster from the civil service law (House, No. 4702) [Local Approval Received].

Leominster,—
civil service
exemption.

Severally 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 further regulating vacancies among town meeting members in the town of Milford (House, No. 4171), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was adopted, in concurrence.

Milford,—
town meeting.

Engrossed Bill.

The engrossed Bill further regulating vacancies among town meeting members in the town of Milford (see House, No. 4171, amended) (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.

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.

UNCORRECTED PROOF.

At eight minutes before twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mr. Muradian of Grafton (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.



MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2026.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Monday, February 2, 2026.

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.

Message from the Governor.

A message from Her Excellency the Governor submitting requests for making appropriations for the fiscal year 2026 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for responding to recent federal actions (House, No. 5050), was filed in the office of the Clerk on Thursday, January 29.

Supplemental
appropriations.

The message was read; and it was referred, under Rule 30, with the accompanying draft of a bill, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Appointments of the Speaker.

The Speaker announced that (under the provisions of Section 68 of Chapter 3 of the General Laws) he had reappointed Amy Goh of Boston, Christopher Huang of Quincy and Jennifer Rubin of Newton to the permanent Commission on the status of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders.

Asian Americans
and Pacific
Islanders.

Guests of the House.

During the session, the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford) declared a brief recess and introduced the Westborough High School law club. They were visiting to learn more about the legislative process and how to be informed and engaged citizens. They were the guests of Representatives Kane of Shrewsbury, Donaghue of Westborough and Senator Moore.

Westborough
High School
law club.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Representatives McGonagle of Everett, Garcia of Chelsea and Ryan of Boston) congratulating the Webster School on its recognition as a 2025 National Elementary and Secondary Education Act Distinguished School; and

Webster
School.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Sabadosa of Northampton) commending David Alvord for his fifty years of service to the Plainfield Volunteer Firefighter and EMS Association;

David
Alvord.

UNCORRECTED PROOF.

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. Wong of Saugus, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Orders.

The Order (filed by Representatives Livingstone of Boston and Garcia of Chelsea) relative to extending until Wednesday, March 18, 2026 the time within which the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities is authorized to report on current House documents, was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities,—
extension of time for reporting.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4989) ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted.

The Order (filed by Representatives Domb of Amherst and DuBois of Brockton) relative to extending until Wednesday, March 18, 2026 the time within which the committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery is authorized to report on current House documents, was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery,—
extension of time for reporting.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4985) ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Donaghue of Westborough, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Rogers of Cambridge and Senator Brownsberger, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5051) of David M. Rogers and William N. Brownsberger (by vote of the town) relative to removing the seating capacity requirements for licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises in the town of Belmont. To the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Belmont,—
seating requirements.

By Representative Gordon of Bedford, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5052) of Kenneth I. Gordon (by vote of the town) relative to town meeting form of government in the town of Burlington; and

Burlington,—
town meeting.

By Representative Whipps of Athol and Senator Comerford, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5053) of Susannah M. Whipps and Joanne M. Comerford (by vote of the town) that the town of Orange be authorized to establish a town charter for said town.

Orange,—
town charter.

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

By Representative Walsh of Peabody and Senator Lovely, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5054) of Thomas P. Walsh (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to the maintenance of pre-employment physical examination records for public safety personnel in the city of Peabody. To the committee on Public Service.

Peabody,—
personnel records.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

The House amendment of the Senate Bill amending the charter of the town of Rockland (Senate, No. 2716, amended), came from the Senate with the endorsement that the Senate had concurred with the House in its amendment with a further amendment striking out all after the enacting clause (inserted by amendment by the House) and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 2932. The further amendment was referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

Rockland,—
charter.

Bills

Providing for tribal government representation on the Martha's Vineyard commission (Senate, No. 1431) (on a petition);

Martha's Vineyard
commission.

Regulating certain insurance benefits for certain officials in the town of Blackstone (Senate, No. 1445) (on a petition) [Local Approval Received]; and

Blackstone,—
insurance benefits.

Designating January 30 as Fred Korematsu Day of Civil Liberties and the Constitution (Senate, No. 2132) (on a petition);

Fred Korematsu
day.

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were read; and they were referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

A petition (accompanied by bill) of John J. Cronin and Margaret R. Scarsdale for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Greg Pinkerton, an employee of the department of corrections, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Public Service.

Greg
Pinkerton,—
sick leave.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2942) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Public Service.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2933) of Cindy F. Friedman and Marc T. Lombardo (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the town of Billerica to ban second generation anticoagulant rodenticides within the town, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Billerica,—
rodenticides.

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 following petitions:

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Andres X. Vargas, Judith A. Garcia and others for legislation to further regulate state and local participation in federal civil immigration enforcement. To the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security.

Civil
immigration
enforcement.

Joint petition (accompanied by bill) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., Bruce E. Tarr and others relative to energy costs, transparency, and sustainability. To the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

Energy.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the reports were considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended, in each instance. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

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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:

Exempting Hancock schools (House, No. 515) [Local Approval Received];
Exempting Warwick Schools (House, No. 751) [Local Approval Received];
Relative to home owners insurance and funding repairs (House, No. 1271);
Requiring notice to landlords relating to gas or electric shutoffs (House, No. 1561);
Relative to locksmiths and notice to property owners (House, No. 1562);
Relative to retirement benefits (House, No. 2921);
Relative to regional transit authority advisory boards (House, No. 3724); and
Designating a certain overpass in the town of Sandwich as the U.S. Marine Staff Sergeant Raymond G. Tourville Veterans Memorial Overpass (House, No. 4374);

Hancock.
Warwick.
Home insurance.
Utilities,—
shutoffs.
Locksmiths.
Mary McCabe.
Regional transit.
Sandwich,—
overpass.

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

By Mr. Chan of Quincy, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, on House, Nos. 345, 350, 381, 430, 439 and 467, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to consumer protection and professional licensure matters (House, No. 4969). Referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Consumer
Protection and
Professional
Licensure,—
study.

Subsequently, Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committees, reported asking to be discharged from further consideration of the order; and recommending that the same be referred to the House committee on Rules.

Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted.

By Mr. Livingstone of Boston, for the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, on House, No. 197, a Resolve for a foster care and child care liability insurance special commission (House, No. 5024). Read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Child care,—
insurance.

By Mr. Livingstone of Boston, for the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, on House, No. 4258, a Bill relative to allowing spouses to serve as paid caregivers (House, No. 5025). Referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

Paid caregivers,—
spouses.

By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Financial Services, on a petition, a Bill relative to insurance point surcharges (House, No. 1197).

Insurance
surcharges.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill reducing the costs for small business (House, No. 1256).

Small business,—
costs.

By the same member, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill establishing the fair calculation of labor rates paid by insurance companies to auto repairers in the Commonwealth (House, No. 1260).

Auto repairers,—
labor rates.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the calculation of labor rates paid by insurance companies to auto repairers in the Commonwealth (House, No. 1285).

Id.

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By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing protections and accountability for DNC workers, consumers, and communities (House, No. 1339).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1088, a Bill relative to personal injury protection, benefits due and payable (House, No. 5029).

By Mr. Rogers of Cambridge, for the committee on Higher Education, on House, No. 1449, a Bill ensuring students' access to academic transcripts (House, No. 5026).

By Mr. Haggerty of Woburn, for the committee on Housing, on House, No. 1568, a Bill relative to Cimex Lectularius (House, No. 5027) [Representative Markey of Dartmouth dissenting].

By Mr. Day of Stoneham, for the committee on the Judiciary, on House, Nos. 1898 and 1939, a Bill to further clear titles to real property affected by technical irregularities in recorded instruments (House, No. 5030).

By Mr. Ryan of Boston, for the committee on Public Service, on a joint petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Nantucket to issue pension obligation bonds or notes (House, No. 4509) [Local Approval Received].

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

By Mr. Day of Stoneham, for the committee on the Judiciary, on House, No. 1941, a Bill relative to housing court jurisdiction (House, No. 5031).

By Mr. Ryan of Boston, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill authorizing Kenneth Navarro to take the civil service examination for the position of fire fighter in the city of Haverhill notwithstanding the maximum age requirement (House, No. 4476) [Local Approval Received].

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing William (Rob) Cargill to take the civil service examination for the position of firefighter in the city of Haverhill notwithstanding the maximum age requirement (House, No. 4477) [Local Approval Received].

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Conway to continue the employment of fire department member Howard Boyden (House, No. 4506) [Local Approval Received].

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill authorizing William Pilleri to take the civil service examination for the position of firefighter in the town of Arlington notwithstanding the maximum age requirement (House, No. 4507) [Local Approval Received].

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Conway to continue the employment of police department member Michael Habel (House, No. 4525) [Local Approval Received].

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill directing the city of Boston Police Department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Doumy Pamera (House, No. 4572) [Local Approval Received].

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing Sean Duffy to take the civil service examination for the position of firefighter in the city of Haverhill notwithstanding the maximum age requirement (House, No. 4573) [Local Approval Received].

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill directing the City of Boston Fire Department to waive the maximum age requirement for firefighters for Stylianos Katikakis (House, No. 4582) [Local Approval Received].

Transportation and delivery networks.

Personal injuries.

Academic transcripts.

Tenants and owners,—responsibilities.

Real property,—irregularities.

Nantucket,—bonds.

Housing court,—jurisdiction.

Haverhill,—Kenneth Navarro.

Haverhill,—William Cargill.

Conway,—Howard Boyden.

Arlington,—William Pilleri.

Conway,—Michael Habel.

Boston,—Doumy Pamera.

Haverhill,—Sean Duffy.

Boston,—Stylianios Katikakis.

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By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill regarding the appointment of Special Police Officers in the City of Malden (House, No. 4584) [Local Approval Received].

Malden,—
special
police.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill directing the city of Boston police department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Luisa Fernandes (House, No. 4604) [Local Approval Received].

Boston,—
Luisa
Fernandes.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the maximum age requirement for police officers in the city of Newton (House, No. 4718) [Local Approval Received].

Newton,—
police officers.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Sonia Felix, an employee of the Department of Transitional Assistance of the Commonwealth (House, No. 5014).

Sonia Felix,—
sick leave.

By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on House, No. 4688, a Bill making August 10th Agent Orange Awareness Day in Massachusetts (House, No. 5028).

Agent Orange
day.

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

Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed bills

Further regulating the Great Barrington fire district (see House, No. 924); and Authorizing the town of Ludlow to pay a certain unpaid bill (see House, No. 4589);

Bills
enacted.

(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.

Orders of the Day.

House bills

Authorizing the town of Rochester to continue the employment of fire chief Scott Weigel (House, No. 4235);

Third
reading
bills.

Directing the city of Boston Police Department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Luis Cabral (House, No. 4349);

Authorizing the town of Orange to increase the membership of the Board of Selectmen (House, No. 4701); and

Establishing a sick leave bank for William Blalock, an employee of the Suffolk county sheriff's office (House, No. 4908);

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.

UNCORRECTED PROOF.

At thirteen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mrs. Kane of Shrewsbury (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.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.



THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2026.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, February 5, 2026.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, 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.

Silent Prayer.

At the request of Mr. Murray of Milford, the members, guests, and employees stood in a moment of silent tribute for the Honorable Francis J. Larkin of Hopedale, who passed away on January 16, 2026, at the age of 92.

Honorable
Francis J.
Larkin.

Judge Larkin devoted his life to public service, education, and the pursuit of justice. He earned his JD and LLM from Georgetown University Law Center and served in the United States Army Judge Advocate General's Corps, retiring as a Colonel. He later joined Boston College Law School, serving as a professor, Associate Dean, and Acting Dean.

Appointed Special Justice of the Newton District Court in 1970, Judge Larkin went on to serve as Presiding Justice of the Milford District Court from 1972 to 1992 and on the Appellate Division of the Massachusetts District Court.

Following his retirement from the bench, Judge Larkin served as Dean, Chancellor, and Professor at Southern New England School of Law, guiding the institution through ABA accreditation and its transition to UMass School of Law.

The members of the House extend their sincere condolences to his family, colleagues, students, and the community he served so faithfully.

Guests of the House.

At the beginning of the session, the Chair (Mr. Garballey of Arlington), declared a brief recess and introduced, seated in the Chamber, 7th and 8th grade students from Four Rivers Charter Public School. The school, located in Greenfield, prides itself on its dedication to educating young people for lives of learning and service. They were the guests of Representatives Whipples of Athol and Saunders of Belchertown.

Four Rivers
Charter Public
School.

At the beginning of the session, the Chair (Mr. Garballey of Arlington), declared a brief recess and introduced, seated in the Chamber, the Medfield High School girls soccer team, who won their third state championship last fall. They were the guests of Mr. Vaughn of Wrentham.

Medfield
High School
girls soccer
team.

Resolutions.

UNCORRECTED PROOF.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Representatives McKenna of Sutton and Frost of Auburn) congratulating Oxford Fire Chief Laurent R. McDonald after forty-five years of dedicated public service, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Laurent
McDonald.

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

Order.

There being no objection,— Mr. Mariano of Quincy offered an Order relative to the establishment of a special joint committee for the purpose of considering the initiative petitions transmitted to the Clerk of the House of Representatives by the Secretary of the Commonwealth in accordance with the requirements of Article XLVIII of the Amendments to the Constitution (House, No. 5011).

Initiative
petitions,—
special joint
committee.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Donato of Medford, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Communications.

Communications

From the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (see Section 39M ½(L) of Chapter 30 of the General Laws) submitting its Highway Owners Representative annual report for fiscal year 2025;

Highway
owners.

From the Executive Office for Administration and Finance and the Executive Office for Housing and Livable Communities (see Section 10 of Chapter 1 and Section 88 of Chapter 73 of the Acts of 2025 and Section 19 of Chapter 88 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the January 8, 2026 biweekly report on the emergency housing assistance program;

Emergency
housing
assistance.

From the Committee for Public Counsel Services (see item 0321-1500 of Section 2 of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting its expected surplus or deficiency of items for fiscal year 2026;

Public
counsel
services.

From the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (see item 8000-0600 of Section 2 of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting the FIFA World Cup Boston 2026 Public Safety and Transportation Preparation and Budgeting Readiness report;

FIFA World
Cup Boston
2026.

From the Office of the Comptroller (see item 1595-1069 of Section 2E of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting the Health Information Technology Trust Fund transfer schedule for fiscal year 2026; and

Health
information
technology trust.

From the Chief Justice of the Trial Court (see Section 5 of Chapter 205 of the Acts of 2008) submitting the prosecution and deposition of certain cases which involved child protection offenses for fiscal year 2025;

Trial Court,—
child protection.

Severally were placed on file.

Annual and Special Reports.

The annual report of the Executive Office for Administration and Finance (under Section 2HHHHHH(d) of Chapter 29 of the General Laws) submitting the inaugural report on the activities of the Disaster Relief and Resiliency Fund for calendar year 2025; and

Disaster Relief
and Resiliency
fund.

UNCORRECTED PROOF.

A report of the Executive Office of Aging and Independence (under Section 32 of Chapter 197 of the Acts of 2024, as amended by Section 70 of Chapter 14 of the Acts of 2025) submitting the Massachusetts Assisted Living Residence (ALR) Commission report;

Assisted living residences.

Severally were placed on file.

Initiative Petitions.

Initiative petition of Andrew B. Mikula, and others for the passage of An Act to allow single-family homes on small lots in areas with adequate infrastructure (House, No. 5000) (received on January 7, 2026, from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, having been transmitted by him to the Clerk of the House of Representatives as required by Article XLVIII of the Amendments to the Constitution), was referred, under said Article and Rule 24, to the Special Joint Committee on Initiative Petitions. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Homes,—small lots.

Initiative petition of Norma B. Shulman, and others for the passage of An Act relative to election day registration (House, No. 5001) (received on January 7, 2026, from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, having been transmitted by him to the Clerk of the House of Representatives as required by Article XLVIII of the Amendments to the Constitution), was referred, under said Article and Rule 24, to the Special Joint Committee on Initiative Petitions. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Election day,—registration.

Initiative petition of Angie An-Chi Tso, and others for the passage of An Act to restore a sensible marijuana policy (House, No. 5002) (received on January 7, 2026, from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, having been transmitted by him to the Clerk of the House of Representatives as required by Article XLVIII of the Amendments to the Constitution), was referred, under said Article and Rule 24, to the Special Joint Committee on Initiative Petitions. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Marijuana policy.

Initiative petition of Danielle Susan Allen, and others for the passage of An Act to implement all-party state primaries (House, No. 5003) (received on January 7, 2026, from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, having been transmitted by him to the Clerk of the House of Representatives as required by Article XLVIII of the Amendments to the Constitution), was referred, under said Article and Rule 24, to the Special Joint Committee on Initiative Petitions. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

State primaries.

Initiative petition of Danielle Susan Allen, and others for the passage of An Act to improve access to public records (House, No. 5004) (received on January 7, 2026, from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, having been transmitted by him to the Clerk of the House of Representatives as required by Article XLVIII of the Amendments to the Constitution), was referred, under said Article and Rule 24, to the Special Joint Committee on Initiative Petitions. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Public records,—access.

Initiative petition of David John O'Neill, and others for the passage of An Act to protect water and nature (House, No. 5005) (received on January 7, 2026, from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, having been transmitted by him to the Clerk of the House of Representatives as required by Article XLVIII of the Amendments to the Constitution), was referred, under said Article and Rule 24, to the Special Joint Committee on Initiative Petitions. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Water and nature,—protection.

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Initiative petition of Christopher Robert Anderson, and others for the passage of An Act relative to limiting state tax collection growth and returning surpluses to taxpayers (House, No. 5006) (received on January 7, 2026, from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, having been transmitted by him to the Clerk of the House of Representatives as required by Article XLVIII of the Amendments to the Constitution), was referred, under said Article and Rule 24, to the Special Joint Committee on Initiative Petitions. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Limiting state tax collection growth.

Initiative petition of James John Stergios, and others for the passage of An Act relative to reducing the state personal income tax rate from 5% to 4% (House, No. 5007) (received on January 7, 2026, from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, having been transmitted by him to the Clerk of the House of Representatives as required by Article XLVIII of the Amendments to the Constitution), was referred, under said Article and Rule 24, to the Special Joint Committee on Initiative Petitions. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

State personal income tax,—rate reduction.

Initiative petition of Adam Gomez, and others for the passage of An Act to protect tenants by limiting rent increases (House, No. 5008) (received on January 7, 2026, from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, having been transmitted by him to the Clerk of the House of Representatives as required by Article XLVIII of the Amendments to the Constitution), was referred, under said Article and Rule 24, to the Special Joint Committee on Initiative Petitions. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Limiting rent increases.

Initiative petition of Vicki Jean McAuley, and others for the passage of An Act relative to labor relations policies for committee for public counsel services employees (House, No. 5009) (received on January 7, 2026, from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, having been transmitted by him to the Clerk of the House of Representatives as required by Article XLVIII of the Amendments to the Constitution), was referred, under said Article and Rule 24, to the Special Joint Committee on Initiative Petitions. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Public counsel services employees.

Initiative petition of John A. Lippitt, and others for the passage of An Act to reform and regulate legislative stipends (House, No. 5010) (received on January 7, 2026, from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, having been transmitted by him to the Clerk of the House of Representatives as required by Article XLVIII of the Amendments to the Constitution), was referred, under said Article and Rule 24, to the Special Joint Committee on Initiative Petitions. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Legislative stipends.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Arciero of Westford, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5075) of James Arciero (by vote of the town) that the town of Westford be authorized to grant one additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk off the premises in said town. To the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Westford,—liquor license.

By Representative Luddy of Orleans and Senator Cyr, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5076) of Hadley Luddy (by vote of the town)

Eastham,—pesticides.

UNCORRECTED PROOF.

relative to reducing the use of toxic pesticides in the town of Eastham. To the committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representatives Frost of Auburn and Marsi of Charlton, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Paul K. Frost, John J. Marsi and others that the Massachusetts Department of Transportation designate a segment of State Route 20 in the town of Oxford as the Brodeur curve in honor of Michael and Kyle Brodeur of Charlton.

Charlton,—
Brodeur
curve.

By Representative Montañó of Boston, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Samantha Montañó relative to long-term coverage of gender affirming care medications.

Gender
affirming care.

By Representative Scanlon of North Attleborough, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Adam J. Scanlon for legislation to prevent repricing for individuals based on consumer engagement.

Repricing.

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

Papers from the Senate.

Bills

Designating the last week in April as Building Trades Recovery Week (Senate, No. 2110) (on a petition);

Building trades.

Authorizing the city of Taunton to establish a separate billing rate for water supplied to manufactured housing communities (Senate, No. 2652) (on a petition) [Local Approval Received]; and

Taunton,—
water billing
rate.

Providing accidental death benefits for the surviving spouse of a former firefighter of the city of Boston (Senate, No. 2574) (on a petition);

Boston,—
Matthew Troy.

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were read; and they were referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2939) of Kelly A. Dooner and Justin Thurber (by vote of the town) for legislation relative to the appointment of retired police officers as special police officers in the town of Dighton, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Public Service.

Dighton,—
police officers.

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 following petitions:

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Marjorie C. Decker relative to family support and poverty alleviation. To the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

Poverty,—
alleviation.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Tommy Vitolo relative to the electoral count and presidential electors. To the committee on Election Laws.

Presidential
electors.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Alice Hanlon Peisch for legislation to regulate the operation of medical spas. To the committee on Public Health.

Medical
spas.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the reports were considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended, in each instance. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

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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:

Relative to preventing home insurers from forcing tree removal (House, No. 1316);

To maintain stable housing for families with pets (House, No. 1559);

Enhancing public safety in the town of Stoneham (House, No. 2800) [Local Approval Received];

Facilitating the appropriation and expenditure of community preservation funds for community housing purposes in the town of Chatham (House, No. 4289) [Local Approval Received];

Further regulating the Year-round Market Rate Rental Housing Trust Fund in the town of Provincetown (House, No. 4311) [Local Approval Received];

Regarding the disability pension of Christopher Taylor (House, No. 4902) [Local Approval Received]; and

Establishing a sick leave bank for Sonia Felix, an employee of the Department of Transitional Assistance of the Commonwealth (House, No. 5014);

Under suspension of Rule 7A, in each instance, on motion of Ms. Whipps of Athol, 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, that the Bill establishing a special commission on micro-transit (House, No. 4649), ought to pass. Referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Financial Services, on House, Nos. 1170, 1189 and 1307, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Financial Services to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to health insurance mandated benefit bills (House, No. 5048).

By Mr. Arciero of Westford, for the committee on Transportation, on House, Nos. 3618, 3625, 3663, 3671, 3797 and 3800, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Transportation to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to aviation and miscellaneous matters (House, No. 5049).

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 Ms. Barber of Somerville, for the committee on Environment and Natural Resources, on a petition, a Bill relative to the use of chlorpyrifos in the Commonwealth (House, No. 962).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to protect pollinator habitat (House, No. 981).

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

By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Financial Services, on a petition, a Bill directing the division of insurance to regularly report on the

Insurance,—
trees.

Pets.
Stoneham,—
police.

Chatham,—
housing.

Provincetown,—
housing.

Christopher
Taylor.

Sonia Felix,—
sick leave.

Micro-
transit.

Mandated
benefits,—
study.

Aviation, etc,—
study.

Chlorpyrifos.

Pollinator
habitat.

Health
insurance

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performance of the merged non-group and small-group health insurance markets (House, No. 1236).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1096, a Bill relative to rate equity for community health centers (House, No. 5015).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1117, a Bill promoting and enhancing the sustainability of birth centers and the midwifery workforce (House, No. 5016).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1130, a Bill relative to telehealth and digital equity for patients (House, No. 5017).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1141, a Bill increasing access to acute hospital at home services (House, No. 5018).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1218, a Bill relative to access to health care (House, No. 5019).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1267, a Bill relative to unilateral contract changes (House, No. 5020).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1333, a Bill to expand the doula workforce (House, No. 5021).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1343, a Bill relative to direct primary care (House, No. 5022).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1147, a Bill relative to the sustainability of public health dental hygienists through adequate reimbursements (House, No. 5037).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1198, a Bill to improve patient access to non-emergency medical transportation (House, No. 5038).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1215, a Bill to assess the current status of the merged market (House, No. 5039).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1249, a Bill relative to PANDAS/PANS screening in medical/clinical settings (House, No. 5040).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1257, a Bill relative to ensuring treatment for genetic craniofacial conditions (House, No. 5041).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1261, a Bill protecting patients from surprise bills related to emergency ambulance service (House, No. 5042).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1291, a Bill further clarifying the delivery of health care (House, No. 5043).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1292, a Bill relative to financial services contracts for dental benefits corporations (House, No. 5044).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1306, a Bill ensuring transparency in the practice of dental leased networks (House, No. 5045).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 4622, a Bill to protect the lives of student athletes; Freddy's law (House, No. 5046).

Severally referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

By Mr. Livingstone of Boston, for the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, on a petition, a Bill to amend the safe haven law to extend the timeframe for voluntary placement of newborns (House, No. 199).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to children's advocacy centers and the Massachusetts children's alliance (House, No. 233).

market.

Community health centers.

Birth centers and midwives.

Telehealth.

At home health services.

Stuttering,— treatment.

Health insurance,— contracts.

Doula workforce.

Payments,— denials.

Dental hygienists.

Medical transportation.

Health market.

PANDAS/PANS screening.

Craniofacial conditions.

Ambulances,— billing.

Dentistry.

Id.

Id.

Student athletes,— electrocardiograms.

Safe Haven law.

Children's advocacy centers.

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By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to provide notice to counsel of changes in a child's placement and other events (House, No. 267).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to protect maternal health (House, No. 272).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill allowing certain minors to consent to supportive services (House, No. 290).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to promote equitable hair care for children in state custody (House, No. 4216).

By Ms. Barber of Somerville, for the committee on Environment and Natural Resources, on a petition, a Bill relative to improving pesticide protections for Massachusetts schoolchildren (House, No. 124).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the pesticide board (House, No. 932).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill governing the use of pesticides containing the herbicide substance Glyphosate in the Commonwealth (House, No. 950).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill empowering vulnerable municipalities to protect residents and the environment from harmful pesticides (House, No. 954).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing an ecologically-based mosquito management program in the Commonwealth to protect public health (House, No. 985).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill responding to the threat of invasive species (House, No. 1033).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 108 and 1041, a Bill to protect pollinators and public health (House, No. 1041).

By Mr. Rogers of Cambridge, for the committee on Higher Education, on a petition, a Bill establishing the John F. Kennedy service scholarship program for student debt relief for peace corps, americorps, and commonwealth corps alumni (House, No. 1421).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the Honorable George V. Kenneally, Jr. (House, No. 1440).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill designating the Senator Bill Owens Center at the University of Massachusetts Boston (House, No. 1468).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to Hispanic-serving institutions (House, No. 4544).

By Mr. McMurtry of Dedham, for the committee on Labor and Workforce Development, on House, No. 2190, a Bill relative to sexual harassment workplace training (House, No. 5023).

By Mr. Madaro of Boston, for the committee on Revenue, on a petition, a Bill to promote jobs and economic growth in tourism, visitation and hospitality (House, No. 3031).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the bundled cell phone taxation (House, No. 3045).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to regional ballot initiatives (House, No. 3050).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to promote employee ownership (House, No. 3079).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to embarkation fees (House, No. 3080).

Youth placement,—
notice.

Maternal health,—
financial assistance.

Unaccompanied
youth.

Children,—
hair care.

Children,—
pesticide
exposure.

Pesticide
board.

Pesticides,—
Glyphosate.

Cities and
towns,—
pesticide use.

Mosquito
management.

Invasive
species.

Pollinators,—
protections.

Students,—
scholarship
programs.

George
Kenneally.

Bill Owens
center.

Higher education,—
Hispanic-serving.

Sexual
harassment,—
training.

Economic
growth,—
promotion.

Cellular
telephones.

Ballot
initiatives.

Employee
ownership.

Embarkation
fees.

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By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing the micro business fund (House, No. 3111).

Micro
business fund.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill allowing peer-to-peer cardrooms (House, No. 3177).

Peer-to-peer
cardrooms.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to bundled cellular telephone transactions (House, No. 3227).

Cellular
telephones.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill advancing renewable heating solutions for the Commonwealth (House, No. 3230).

Renewable
heating.

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

Engrossed Bill.

The engrossed Bill providing for the recall of elected officers of the town of Sharon (see House, No. 862) (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.

Senate bills

Directing the police department of the city of Boston to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Antonio Pires (Senate, No. 27); and

Third
reading
bills.

Directing the city of Boston Police Department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officer Cherell Mellace (Senate, No. 1907);

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, in concurrence.

House bills

Directing the city of Boston police department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Jonathan Telfort (House, No. 4255); and

Id.

Directing the city of Boston Police Department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Jose Ortiz (House, No. 4256);

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 Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next
sitting.

At a quarter after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mrs. Kane of Shrewsbury (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.

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Monday, February 9, 2026.

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 Chamber, students from Oliver Ames High School in Easton. They were celebrating their state championship wins; the volleyball team who won the MIAA Division 2 state volleyball championship and the boys' cross-country team who won the MIAA Division 1C state cross-country championship. They were the guests of Representatives Field of Taunton and Plouffe of Brockton.

Oliver Ames
High School.

At the beginning of the session, the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford), declared a brief recess and introduced, seated in the Chamber, members of the student council from the Knox Trail Middle School in Spencer. The students were accompanied by their teacher Melissa Porter. They were the guests of Representative Berthiaume of Spencer.

Knox Trail
Middle
School.

Orders.

The Order (filed by Representatives Madaro of Boston and Philips of Sharon) relative to extending until Friday, March 13, 2026 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. 5078) ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Field of Taunton, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted.

The following orders were referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules:

Order (filed by Representatives Gordon of Bedford and Ayers of Quincy) relative to extending until Wednesday, March 18, 2026 the time within which the committee on Education is authorized to report on current House documents (House, No. 5082).

Extensions
of time for
committees
to make
reports.

Order (filed by Representatives Domb of Amherst and DuBois of Brockton) relative to extending until Friday, February 27, 2026 the time within which the committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery is authorized to report on a current House document (House, No. 5074).

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Order (filed by Representatives Domb of Amherst and DeBois of Brockton) relative to extending until Wednesday, March 18, 2026 the time within which the committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery is authorized to report on current House documents (House, No. 5077).

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported that the orders ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Berthiaume of Spencer, the orders were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Communications.

Communications

From MassDevelopment (see Section 34 of Chapter 23G of the General Laws) submitting its fiscal year 2025 annual report;

MassDevelopment.

From the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center (see Section 5 of Chapter 23J of the General Laws) submitting the Massachusetts Clean Energy Climatech Industry Report for calendar year 2025;

Climatech industry.

From the Massachusetts Gaming Commission (see Section 69 of Chapter 23K of the General Laws) submitting its gaming revenue reports and associated sports wagering revenue report through November, 2025;

Gaming revenue and sports wagering.

From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see Section 111 of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting the Personal Care Attendant (PCA) Working Group implementation plan; and

Personal care attendants.

From Massachusetts Development Finance Agency (MassDevelopment) (see Section 27 of Chapter 498 of the Acts of 1993) submitting the Devens annual report for fiscal year 2025;

Devens.

Severally were placed on file.

Annual Reports.

Annual reports

Of the Massachusetts Clean Water Trust (under Section 17 of Chapter 29C of the General Laws) for fiscal year 2025 [copies of the report forwarded to the Speaker, the Senate President, the Senate committee on Ways and Means and the House committee on Ways and Means, as required by said law]; and

Clean Water Trust.

Of the Department of Agricultural Resources (under Section 5A of Chapter 132B of the General Laws) submitting its report on pesticide use for federal fiscal years 2024 and 2025;

Pesticide use.

Severally were placed on file.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Pease of Westfield, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5083) of Kelly W. Pease (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Westfield be authorized to convert one seasonal off-premises all alcoholic beverages license to an annual license in said city; and

Westfield,—
liquor
license.

By Representative Vieira of Falmouth, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5084) of David T. Vieira, Steven George Xiarhos and Dylan A. Fernandes (by vote of the town) that the town of Bourne be authorized to grant a non-transferable license for the sale of alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premise in said town.

Bourne,—
liquor
license.

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Severally to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.
Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Representative Howard of Lowell presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Vanna Howard for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Adrian Mitchell, an employee of the Department of Correction; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Adrian Mitchell,—
sick leave.

Papers from the Senate.

The Senate Bill relative to individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities (Senate, No. 2563, amended), came from the Senate with the endorsement that said branch had concurred with the House in its amendment (striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in House document numbered 4704) with further amendments striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 2954; and by inserting before the enacting clause the following emergency preamble:

Individuals with disabilities.

“Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to make corrective changes in certain general laws relative to persons with disabilities, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.”

The further amendments were referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

The House Bill amending the charter of the town of Natick (House, No. 3898) (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 2953. The amendment was referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

Natick,—
charter.

A report of the committee on Financial Services, that the communication from the Division of Banks (pursuant to Section 6A of Chapter 171 of the General Laws) submitting the final amended regulation 209 CMR 50.00 et seq.: Parity with Federal Credit Unions (printed in Senate, No. 2871) and that the regulations and conditions are consistent with the statutory provisions under which they were promulgated, recommending that the same be placed on file was accepted, in concurrence.

Federal credit unions,—
regulations.

A communication from the Massachusetts Gaming Commission (pursuant to Section 9B of Chapter 128A of the General Laws and Section 222 of Chapter 6 of the General Laws) proposed amendments to regulations for 205 CMR 149.00: Race Horse Development Fund (Senate, No. 2951), was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Race Horse Development Fund,—
regulations.

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 following petitions:

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Joint petition (accompanied by bill) of David M. Rogers, William N. Brownsberger and others relative to consumer connected devices. To the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Consumer connected devices.

Joint petition (accompanied by bill) of Margaret R. Scarsdale that the Department of Conservation and Recreation be authorized to designate a certain trail in the J. Harry Rich State Forest in the town of Groton as the Marion Stoddart riverwalk;

Groton,—
Stoddart riverwalk.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Kenneth P. Sweezy for legislation to establish a review process of guidelines for managing recreational use of beaches to protect piping plovers, terns and their habitats;

Beaches,—
use.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Kenneth P. Sweezy relative to the Massachusetts Habitat Conservation Plan; and

Habitat conservation.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Kenneth P. Sweezy relative to over-sand vehicle access and other recreational activities on beaches;

Beaches,—
access.

Severally to the committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of David M. Rogers relative to prohibiting genetic discrimination in insurance. To the committee on Financial Services.

Insurance,—
discrimination.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of David M. Rogers and Andrea Campbell (Attorney General) relative to prohibiting anticompetitive conduct and agreements and strengthening the Massachusetts Antitrust Act. To the committee on the Judiciary.

Massachusetts Antitrust Act.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Plouffe of Brockton, the reports were considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended, in each instance. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

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

The Senate Bill authorizing the city of Taunton to establish a separate billing rate for water supplied to manufactured housing communities (Senate, No. 2652) [Local Approval Received]; and

Taunton,—
water billing rate.

House bills

Regarding public insurance adjusters (House, No. 1113);

Insurance adjusters.

Relative to the electronic filing of certain forms used in property valuation (House, No. 3093);

Property valuation.

Regarding late payments and interest rates for real estate bills and personal property taxes (House, No. 3238);

Real estate,—
payments.

Relative to the establishment of a Milton means-tested property tax exemption (House, No. 4094) [Local Approval Received];

Milton,—
property taxes.

Authorizing the town of Marblehead to establish a means-tested senior citizen property tax exemption (House, No. 4225) [Local Approval Received];

Marblehead,—
property taxes.

Authorizing the town of Wrentham to exempt from taxation certain real estate owned and occupied by the surviving spouse of Wrentham Deputy Chief George C. Labonte (House, No. 4269) [Local Approval Received]; and

Wrentham,—
George Labonte.

Relative to affordable housing trust fund of the town of West Tisbury (House, No. 4378) [Local Approval Received];

West Tisbury,—
housing.

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

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the House Bill making firearm owners civilly liable for damage caused by lost or

Lost or stolen firearms,—

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stolen firearms (House, No. 2590), be scheduled for consideration by the House. Placed in the Orders of the Day for the next sitting for a second reading.

liability.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that the Bill relative to preventing fraud and establishing regulations on certain virtual currencies (House, No. 1247) ought to pass. Referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Virtual currencies.

By Mr. Vargas of Haverhill, for the committee on Community Development and Small Businesses, on House, Nos. 302, 303, 308, 314 and 316, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Community Development and Small Businesses to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to housing, development and business competitiveness (House, No. 4790).

Housing, development and business competitiveness,— study.

By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Financial Services, on House, Nos. 1155, 1325 and 4043, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Financial Services to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to pharmacy matters (House, No. 4789).

Pharmacy matters,— study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 1118, 1120, 1156, 1196, 1210, 1255, 1320 and 1375, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Financial Services to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to health insurance contracting matters (House, No. 5066).

Health insurance contracting,— study.

By Mr. Arciero of Westford, for the committee on Transportation, on House, No. 3783, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Transportation to make an investigation and study of a certain House document relative to motorcycle driver education (House, No. 4786).

Motorcycle driver education,— study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 3803 and 3807, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Transportation to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to civil fines and license application (House, No. 4787).

Civil fines and license application,— study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 3809, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Transportation to make an investigation and study of a certain House document relative to driver education on Halloween (House, No. 4788).

Driver education,— 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 Ms. Domb of Amherst, for the committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery, on a petition, a Bill creating parity for mental and behavioral health services (House, No. 2202).

Mental and behavioral health.

By Ms. Decker of Cambridge, for the committee on Public Health, on a petition, a Bill relative to office-based surgical centers (House, No. 2382).

Surgical centers.

Severally referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Education, on a petition, a Bill relative to school transportation personnel (House, No. 592).

School transportation.

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By Mr. Day of Stoneham, for the committee on the Judiciary, on House, No. 1603, a Bill providing for equity within the Judicial Branch (House, No. 5055).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 1646, 1765 and 1857, a Bill to modify the rules for taking depositions outside the Commonwealth and to adopt the uniform interstate depositions and discovery act (House, No. 5056).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1651, a Bill requiring the relocation of the Cambridge District Court (House, No. 5057).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1761, a Bill designating the Charlestown division of Boston Municipal Court as the George Lewis Ruffin Courthouse (House, No. 5058).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1766, a Bill relative to judicial security (House, No. 5059).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1890, a Bill relative to equitable court staffing (House, No. 5060).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1966, a Bill concerning equitable allocation of recovery proceeds for subrogation claims (House, No. 5062).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 2016, a Bill to designate the courthouse in the Roxbury section of the city of Boston as the Edward O. Gourdin Courthouse (House, No. 5063).

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

By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Education, on a petition, a Bill relative to recess for elementary and middle school students (House, No. 543).

By Mr. Hunt of Boston, for the committee on Election Laws, on a message from Her Excellency the Governor, a Bill validating the results of the annual election held in the town of Bourne on May 20, 2025 (printed in House, No. 4763).

By Mr. Day of Stoneham, for the committee on the Judiciary, on a petition, a Bill requiring the reporting of satisfaction of judgments awarding money damages (House, No. 1767).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1958, a Bill relative to advertising for justices of the peace (House, No. 5061).

By Mr. Ryan of Boston, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill directing the city of Boston Police Department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Constantinos Papadopoulos (House, No. 4267) [Local Approval Received].

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill directing the city of Boston police department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Ryan Cazeau (House, No. 4740) [Local Approval Received].

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill directing the city of Boston police department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Edny Joseph (House, No. 4741) [Local Approval Received].

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill directing the city of Boston Police Department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Jose Reyes (House, No. 4799) [Local Approval Received].

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing Jonathan Gagne to take the civil service examination for the position of police officer in the city of Haverhill notwithstanding the maximum age requirement (House, No. 4879) [Local Approval Received].

Judiciary,—
salaries.

Uniform
interstate
depositions.

Cambridge
District Court.

Boston,—
Ruffin
courthouse.

Judicial
security.

Edgartown
and Nantucket.

Equitable
allocation.

Boston,—
Gourdin
courthouse.

Schools,—
recess.

Bourne,—
election
results.

Money
damages.

Justices of
the peace.

Boston,—
Constantinos
Papadopoulos.

Boston,—
Ryan Cazeau.

Boston,—
Edny Joseph.

Boston,—
Jose Reyes.

Haverhill,—
Jonathan Gagne.

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

Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed bills

Directing the city of Boston police department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Antonio Pires (see Senate, No. 27); and

Bills enacted.

Directing the city of Boston police department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Cherell Mellace (see Senate, No. 1907);

(Which severally originated in the Senate);

Establishing an annual stipend for the town council of the city known as the town of Bridgewater (see House, No. 2268, amended);

Providing for the filling of any temporary absence of the town manager in the city known as the town of Bridgewater (see House, No. 4569);

Further regulating the town manager's powers of appointment in the city known as the town of Bridgewater (see House, No. 4579); and

Establishing the city of Cambridge Employment and Job Training Trust (see House, No. 4774);

(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.

Orders of the Day.

The Senate further amendment to the House amendment of the Senate Bill amending the charter of the town of Rockland (Senate, No. 2716, amended), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was adopted, in concurrence.

Rockland,—
charter.

House bills

Relative to real property tax deferrals in the town of Wellesley (House, No. 4143); and

Third reading bills.

Authorizing Nick Santos to take the civil service examination for the position of police officer in the city of Haverhill notwithstanding the maximum age requirement (House, No. 4390);

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 Wednesday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next sitting.

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At fourteen 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 Wednesday at eleven o'clock A.M..

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.



WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2026.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Wednesday, February 11, 2026.

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.

Silent Prayer.

The Speaker having taken the Chair, at the request of Representatives Mariano of Quincy, Chan of Quincy and Ayers of Quincy, the members, guests, and employees stood in a moment of silent tribute for the Honorable Arthur Tobin, who passed away on January 16, 2026.

Arthur Tobin.

Arthur Tobin was a life-long public servant. He was a veteran of the Korean War, a State Representative, a State Senator, President of the Quincy City Council, Mayor of Quincy, Chair of the Quincy School Committee, and Clerk-Magistrate of Quincy District Court – a role that he served in for 44 years. In each of those roles, Mr. Tobin worked tirelessly to better the lives of the people that he served, setting a shining example for each of us who sought elected office after him.

Mr. Tobin was married to Shirley Tobin, who passed away one day before her husband. Together, Arthur and Shirley Tobin raised 7 children and were grandparents to 20 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren. It's truly impossible to overstate the impact that Mr. Tobin had on Quincy, and on the people who knew him, other than to say that we are all better because of that privilege.

Appointments to a Joint Special Committee.

The Speaker announced that (under the provisions of House order No. 5011) he had appointed Representatives Peisch of Wellesley, Hogan of Stow, Moran of Lawrence, and Day of Stoneham to the special joint committee established for the purpose of considering the initiative petitions transmitted to the Clerk of the House of Representatives by the Secretary of the Commonwealth in accordance with the requirements of Article XLVIII of the Amendments to the Constitution.

Initiative petitions.

The House Minority Leader announced that (under the provisions of House order No. 5011) he had appointed Mr. Vieira of Falmouth to the special joint committee established for the purpose of considering the initiative petitions transmitted to the Clerk of the House of Representatives by the Secretary of the Commonwealth in accordance with the requirements of Article XLVIII of the Amendments to the Constitution.

Id.

Remote Participation.

Notice had been received from House Counsel that, under the provisions of House Rule 49, Representatives Armini of Marblehead, Ferguson of Holden, Lombardo of Billerica, Ultrino of Malden and Xiarhos of Barnstable had been approved to participate remotely for today’s formal sitting.

Remote participation.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Jones of North Reading, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5102) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., Richard M. Haggerty and Jason M. Lewis (by vote of the town) relative to the charter of the town of Reading. To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Reading,—charter.

By the same member, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5103) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., Richard M. Haggerty and Jason M. Lewis (by vote of the town) that the town of Reading be authorized to establish a means tested senior citizen property tax exemption in said town. To the committee on Revenue.

Reading,—senior tax exemption.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Kassner of Hamilton, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Kristin E. Kassner and others relative to senior property tax credits.

Tax credits.

By Representatives Sabadosa of Northampton and Livingstone of Boston, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Lindsay N. Sabadosa and Jay D. Livingstone relative to the concealment of the death of child born out of wedlock.

Child death concealment.

By Representative Sabadosa of Northampton and Senator Comerford, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Lindsay N. Sabadosa and Joanne M. Comerford relative to taxation of certain foreign government pension benefits.

Foreign pensions,—taxation.

By Representative Silvia of Fall River, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Alan Silvia, Thomas W. Moakley and Steven S. Howitt relative to the definition of electric mopeds.

Electric mopeds.

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

Papers from the Senate.

The House Bill relative to teacher preparation and student literacy (House, No. 4683, amended), 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 2940.

Students,—literacy.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Gordon of Bedford, the amendment was considered forthwith. The House then non-concurred with the Senate in its amendment; and on further motion of the same member, asked for a committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches. Representatives Gordon of Bedford, Cataldo of Concord and Marsi of Charlton were appointed the committee on the part of the House. Sent to the Senate to be joined.

Committee of conference.

A Bill enabling the maintenance of private roads in the city of Gloucester (Senate, No. 2596), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Gloucester,—
private roads.

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 Christopher J. Worrell for legislation to designate the Dorchester division of the Boston Municipal Court as Judge Leslie E. Harris courthouse. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Ouellette of Westport, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on the Judiciary. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Boston,—
Harris
courthouse.

By Mr. Chan of Quincy, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, on House, Nos. 322, 361, 363, 378, 389, 402, 403, 444, 452, 455, 458 and 469, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to telemarketing, billboards and other related matters (House, No. 5080). Referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Telemarketing,
billboards and
other related
matters,—
study.

Subsequently, Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committees, reported asking to be discharged from further consideration of the order; and recommending that the same be referred to the House committee on Rules.

Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted.

By Mr. McGonagle of Everett, for the committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs, on House, No. 3834, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs to make an investigation and study of a certain House document relative to voluntary contribution check-off boxes on municipal tax bills for support of local veterans' agents (House, No. 5100) [Representatives Thurber of Somerset and Gaskey of Carver dissenting]. Referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Voluntary
contributions
for veterans,—
study.

Subsequently, Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committees, reported asking to be discharged from further consideration of the order; and recommending that the same be referred to the House committee on Rules.

Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted.

Subsequently, Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee on Rules, reported, on the foregoing order, a Bill in support of veterans and dependents through municipal tax bills (House, No. 3834). Read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Voluntary
contributions
for veterans.

By Mr. McGonagle of Everett, for the committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs, on House, No. 3886, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs to make an investigation and study of a certain House document relative to support for military connected families (House, No. 5101). Referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Military
family
support,—
study.

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Subsequently, Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committees, reported asking to be discharged from further consideration of the order; and recommending that the same be referred to the House committee on Rules.

Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted.

Subsequently, Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee on Rules, reported, on the foregoing order, a Bill to enhance access, inclusion, support and equity for military connected families (House, No. 3886). Read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Military family support.

By Mr. Livingstone of Boston, for the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, on a petition, a Bill establishing a special commission to study women and homelessness (House, No. 289).

Women and homelessness,— study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing a special commission on two-generation approaches to childhood education (House, No. 291).

Childhood education,— study.

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

By Mr. Livingstone of Boston, for the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, on a petition, a Bill to end child homelessness (House, No. 226).

Children,— homelessness.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 215, a Bill supporting the development of children experiencing homelessness (House, No. 5090).

Id.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 285, a Bill relative to health care quality for children and youth (House, No. 5091).

Healthcare,— youth.

By Mr. McMurtry of Dedham, for the committee on Labor and Workforce Development, on a petition, a Bill clarifying the prevailing wage act to protect actions by the attorney general (House, No. 2115).

Prevailing wage law.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill clarifying the prevailing wage law (House, No. 2120).

Id.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to compliance with the prevailing wage laws of the Commonwealth (House, No. 2162).

Id.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill clarifying the process for paying the wages of dismissed employees (House, No. 2163).

Dismissed employees.

By Ms. Decker of Cambridge, for the committee on Public Health, on a petition, a Bill relative to Topical Steroid Withdrawal Syndrome (House, No. 4686).

Topical Steroid Withdrawal.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 586, a Bill relative to type 1 diabetes informational materials for the parents and guardians of students (House, No. 5092).

Type 1 diabetes.

By Mr. Madaro of Boston, for the committee on Revenue, on a petition, a Bill repealing the property tax exemption for Massport lessees (House, No. 3112).

MassPort,— property tax.

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

By Mr. Madaro of Boston, for the committee on Revenue, on a petition, a Bill relative to the valuation of long term residences (House, No. 3006).

Long-term residences.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to ensuring fairness and equity in the assessment of the value of property (House, No. 3212).

Property assessments.

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By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to municipal tax collectors (House, No. 3266).

Municipal tax collectors.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to preserving information content of historic resources with community preservation funds (House, No. 3271).

Historic resources.

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

Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed bills

Amending the charter of the town of Rockland (see Senate, No. 2716, amended) (Which originated in the Senate);

Bills enacted.

Authorizing the town of Williamstown to expand financial eligibility for senior property tax exemption (see House, No. 3026); and

Authorizing the town of Rochester to continue the employment of fire chief Scott Weigel (see House, No. 4235);

(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.

Recess.

At six minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Frost of Auburn (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House recessed until one o'clock P.M.; and two minutes before three o'clock, the House was called to order with Mr. Donato of Medford 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 enhancing disclosure requirements for synthetic media in political advertising (House, No. 846), ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a bill with the same title (House, No. 5094). Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Political advertising.

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 of Boston, 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. Jones of North Reading, the bill (having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) was read a third time.

After debate on the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair) Mr. Jones of North Reading moved to amend it by adding the following:

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“(c) This section shall not apply to a radio or television broadcasting station, including a cable or satellite television operator, programmer, producer or mobile application or streaming service when it is paid to broadcast materially deceptive audio or visual media or materially deceptive election-related communication.”.

The amendment was adopted.

On the question on passing the bill, as amended, to be engrossed, the sense of the House was taken by the yeas and nays, at the request of Mr. Hunt of Boston; and on the roll call 157 members voted in the affirmative and 0 in the negative.

[See [Yea and Nay No. 122](#) in Supplement.]

Therefore the bill (House, No. 5094, amended) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Bill passed to be engrossed,—
yea and nay
No. 122.

Prior to the noon recess (Mr. Donato being in the Chair), By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill to protect against election misinformation (House, No. 76), ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a bill with the same title (House, No. 5093). Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

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 of Boston, 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 (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Hunt of Boston, the bill (having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) was read a third time.

After debate on the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Swezey of Duxbury moved to amend the bill by adding the following section:

“SECTION 6. Section 28 of chapter 53 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 1, the word ‘seventh’ and inserting in place thereof the following word: ‘eleventh’.”

After debate on the question on adoption of the amendment, the sense of the House was taken by the yeas and nays, at the request of the same member; and on the roll call 25 members voted in the affirmative and 132 in the negative.

[See [Yea and Nay No. 123](#) in Supplement.]

Therefore the amendment was rejected.

Mr. Gaskey of Carver then moved to amend the bill as follows:—

Section 1 (definitions)

In the definition of “Materially deceptive audio or visual media”, strike the words “concerning the safety or regular operations of an election or candidate’s appearance, speech or conduct that has been fabricated or intentionally manipulated” and insert in place thereof the following:

“purporting to depict a candidate for elective office or an election official engaged in speech or conduct that did not, in fact, occur, and that has been fabricated or materially altered using synthetic media so as to cause a reasonable person to believe the fabricated or altered speech or conduct actually occurred”.

In the definition of “Materially deceptive election-related communication”, insert after the words “verifiably false information regarding” the words:

“, with the specific intent to prevent or deter an otherwise eligible voter from casting a ballot.”.

Elections,—
misinformation.

Amendment rejected,—
yea and nay
No. 123.

Amendment to Section 5 (new § 70 in chapter 56)

In subsection (a)(1), by striking out the words “within 90 days of an election at which a candidate for elective office will appear on the ballot,” and inserting in place thereof the following words:

“within 30 days immediately preceding an election at which a candidate for elective office will appear on the ballot.”

In subsection (a)(1), after the words “materially deceptive audio or visual media” insert the words:

“that is synthetic media and purports to be an authentic recording of the candidate or election official”.

In subsection (a)(2), after the words “materially deceptive election-related communication” insert the words:

“that is likely to cause substantial voter confusion or disenfranchisement”.

Add the following new subsection after subsection (a):

(a½) Nothing in this section shall apply to any communication that, at the time of distribution, is based on and substantially consistent with: (i) publicly available information published by a federal, state or local election official; or (ii) information later determined to be inaccurate, if the distributor, upon learning of such inaccuracy, takes reasonable steps to correct or withdraw the communication.

In subsection (b)(1), after “the attorney general may seek injunctive or other equitable relief” insert:

“; provided, however, that no prior restraint shall issue unless a court finds, after an evidentiary hearing, that the plaintiff has demonstrated by clear and convincing evidence that the communication is materially deceptive under this section and that there is no less restrictive means, including disclaimer or corrective notice, sufficient to remedy the harm”.

Add the following new subsection:

(b½) In any action under this section, it shall be an affirmative defense that the defendant: (i) clearly and conspicuously disclosed, in close proximity to the communication, that the relevant content was created or altered using synthetic media and does not depict an actual recording of the candidate or election official; or (ii) reasonably believed, based on specific facts, that the communication was accurate at the time of distribution.

Rewrite subsection (c)(2) as follows:

(2) This section shall not apply to a radio or television broadcasting station, including a cable or satellite television operator, programmer, producer or mobile application or streaming service, or to an internet website or regularly published newspaper, magazine or other periodical of general circulation, that carries materially deceptive audio or visual media or materially deceptive election-related communication prohibited by this section as part of bona fide news reporting or commentary, if the content is accompanied by a clear disclosure that questions the authenticity or accuracy of such media or communication.

Add a new subsection (d):

(d) This section shall be enforced in a viewpoint-neutral manner. No action shall be brought or maintained under this section based on disagreement with the political, ideological or policy views expressed in a communication.

After debate on the question on adoption of the amendments, the sense of the House was taken by the yeas and nays, at the request of the same member; and on the roll call 12 members voted in the affirmative and 145 in the negative.

[See [Yea and Nay No. 124](#) in Supplement.]

Therefore the amendments were rejected.

Amendments
rejected,—
yea and nay
No. 124.

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The Speaker being in the Chair,—

On the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, the sense of the House was taken by the yeas and nays, at the request of Mr. Hunt of Boston; and on the roll call 154 members voted in the affirmative and 3 in the negative.

[See [Yea and Nay No. 125](#) in Supplement.]

Therefore the bill (House, No. 5093) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Bill passed
to be engrossed,—
yea and nay
No. 125.

Order.

Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair,—

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.

Next
sitting.

Mr. Frost of Auburn 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 sixteen 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., in an Informal Session.

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2026.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, February 12, 2026.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, 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.

Statement of Representative Decker of Cambridge.

A statement of Ms. Decker of Cambridge was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

MR. SPEAKER: I would like to call to the attention of the House the fact that I am unable to be present in the House Chamber for yesterday's sitting due to a family emergency. Had I been present, I would have voted in the affirmative on Yea and Nay Nos. 122 and 125 and in the negative on Yea and Nay Nos. 123 and 124. My missing of roll calls was due entirely to the reason stated.

Statement of Representative Decker of Cambridge.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Barrett of North Adams) recognizing the 100th anniversary of Ayrhill Farms in the town of Adams; and

Ayrhill Farms.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Linsky of Natick) congratulating Fiona White on receiving the Gold Award of the Girl Scouts of the United States of America;

Fiona White.

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. Wong of Saugus, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Communications.

Communications

From the Executive Office of Economic Development (see Section 13T of Chapter 23A of the General Laws) submitting the Office of Travel and Tourism and Massachusetts Marketing Partnership annual report on state expenditures for fiscal year 2025;

Travel and tourism expenditures.

From the Executive Office of Economic Development (see Section 13T of Chapter 23A of the General Laws) submitting the Office of Travel and Tourism's Regional Tourism Council annual report on state expenditures for fiscal year 2025;

Regional tourism expenditures.

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From the Public Employee Retirement Administration Commission (see Section 21(3)(f) of Chapter 32 of the General Laws) submitting the Cost-of-Living Adjustments for members of the State Employees' and Teachers' Retirement Systems;

PERAC,—
cost-of-living
adjustments.

From the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities (see Section 106 of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting a report relative to the feasibility and efficacy of a housing construction sales tax exemption program; and

Sales tax,—
housing
construction.

From the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities (see Section 107 of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting a report relative to the feasibility and efficacy of using licensed third-party inspectors to conduct inspections;

Third-party
inspections.

Severally were placed on file.

Annual Report.

A report of the District Attorney of Norfolk County (under Section 99(R) of Chapter 272 of the General Laws) submitting a report relative to wiretaps for calendar year 2025, was placed on file.

Norfolk
County,—
wiretaps.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Vieira of Falmouth, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5107) of David T. Vieira (by vote of the town) relative to the charter and the town clerk in the town of Falmouth;

Falmouth,—
charter.

By the same member, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5108) of David T. Vieira (by vote of the town) relative to the acquisition and disposition of certain land in the town of Falmouth; and

Falmouth,—
land.

By the same member, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5109) of David T. Vieira (by vote of the town) the town of Falmouth be authorized to expend funds to offset certain costs associated with the installation of low pressure pumps on private property in future sewer service areas in said town.

Falmouth,—
low pressure
pumps.

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

By Representative Saunders of Belchertown and Senator Comerford, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5110) of Aaron L. Saunders (by vote of the town) that the town of Petersham be authorized to continue the employment of police department members Richard D. Cooley, Jr., and David A. Shoemaker, notwithstanding the maximum age requirement. To the committee on Public Service.

Petersham,—
Richard Cooley
and David
Shoemaker.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

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 joint petition of James K. Hawkins (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to the establishment of a board to oversee use and occupancy payments for manufactured housing community accommodations in the city of Attleboro. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Consalvo of Boston, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the joint petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Attleboro,—
manufactured
housing.

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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:

Protecting the use of bank names, trade names and trademarks in electronic communications (House, No. 1102);

Electronic communications.

Making changes to certain references in the banking laws of the Commonwealth (House, No. 1232);

Banking laws,—
certain references

Allowing fair compensation of Massachusetts credit union directors (House, No. 1338);

Credit union compensation.

Providing volunteer firefighters and emergency medical technicians with a local option real estate tax exemption (House, No. 3132);

Exemptions,—
first responders.

Relative to the electronic filing of certain forms used in property valuation (House, No. 3176);

Property valuations.

Relative to the delivery of property tax bills (House, No. 3219);

Property taxes.

Relative to proper notification of deceased animals on state highways (House, No. 3678);

Highways,—
animals.

Directing the City of Boston Fire Department to waive the maximum age requirement for firefighters for Stylianos Katikakis (House, No. 4582) [Local Approval Received];

Boston,—
Katikakis.

Validating the results of the annual election held in the town of Bourne on May 20, 2025 (printed in House, No. 4763);

Bourne,—
election.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, in each instance, on motion of Ms. Badger of Plymouth, 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 providing for a study to be conducted on the cost feasibility of implementing a ferry service to Long Island in Boston Harbor (House, No. 3615); and

Long Island ferry service.

Of the Bill establishing a special commission to identify, preserve and commemorate historic roadways in Massachusetts (House, No. 3785);

Historic roadways.

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 Ms. Farley-Bouvier of Pittsfield, for the committee on Advanced Information Technology, the Internet and Cybersecurity, on House, No. 4229, an Order authorizing the committee on Advanced Information Technology, the Internet and Cybersecurity to make an investigation and study of a certain House document relative to social media feeds (House, No. 5071) [Representative Gaskey of Carver dissenting].

Social media feeds,—
study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 79, 87, 88, 89, 95, 102, 105 and 107, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Advanced Information Technology, the Internet and Cybersecurity to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to broadband, blockchain technology and other related matters (House, No. 5072).

Broadband, blockchain technology and other related matters,—
study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 81 and 90, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Advanced Information Technology, the Internet and Cybersecurity to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to artificial intelligence (House, No. 5073) [Representative Gaskey of Carver dissenting].

Artificial intelligence,—
study.

UNCORRECTED PROOF.

By Mr. Vargas of Haverhill, for the committee on Community Development and Small Businesses, on House, Nos. 297 and 306, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Community Development and Small Businesses to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to neighborhood stabilization (House, No. 5064).

Neighborhood stabilization,— study.

By Mr. Lewis of Framingham, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on House, Nos. 1512, 1514, 1535, 2266, 2267, 2285, 2288, 2289, 2290, 2291, 2292, 2294, 2295, 2296, 2297, 2305, 2308, 2327, 2338, 2339, 2340, 2343, 2344, 2345, 2355, 3997, 4020, 4021 and 4074, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to the MBTA Communities Act and other municipal matters (House, No. 5065).

MBTA Communities Act and other municipal matters,— study.

By Mr. Madaro of Boston, for the committee on Revenue, on House, Nos. 3047, 3161, 3220, 3223, 3240, 3969 and 4105, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Revenue to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to agriculture, land use and environment (House, No. 5068).

Agriculture, land use and environment,— 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 be referred to the House committee on Rules.

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

By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Education, on a petition, a Bill to establish a community schools special legislative commission (House, No. 726).

Community schools.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill strengthening transitional planning and increasing accountability for persons with disabilities and their families (House, No. 752).

Special education.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to ensure fair due process in special education disputes (House, No. 4217).

Id.

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

By Mr. Livingstone of Boston, for the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, on a petition, a Bill to promote equity in school attendance requirements (House, No. 210).

School attendance.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 202 and 280, a Bill to close the achievement gap by addressing disparities in children's vision (House, No. 5089).

Children's vision.

By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Education, on a petition, a Bill to improve augmentative and alternative communication opportunities for children with disabilities (House, No. 514).

Disabilities,— communication.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the training, assessment, and assignment of qualified school interpreters in educational settings (House, No. 520).

Schools,— interpreters.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to ensure equitable access to education, including special education services, for all students in Massachusetts (House, No. 546).

Education,— access.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to special education finance (House, No. 670).

Special education.

UNCORRECTED PROOF.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing the school supplies for teachers program (House, No. 675).

School supplies.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to establish de-escalation training in student transportation (House, No. 736).

School transportation.

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

By Mr. Chan of Quincy, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, on House, No. 336, a Bill relative to consumer rights of renters (House, No. 5095).

Tenants' rights.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 4588, a Bill relative to extending the timeframe within which the town of Southbridge may grant additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 5096) [Local Approval Received].

Southbridge,—
liquor licenses.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 4661, a Bill authorizing the city of Salem to convert seasonal licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises to annual licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 5097) [Local Approval Received].

Salem,—
liquor licenses.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 4662, a Bill authorizing the city of Salem to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises upon the return of the license authorized in chapter 67 of the acts of 2008 (House, No. 5098) [Local Approval Received].

Salem,—
liquor license.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 4877, a Bill authorizing the town of Raynham to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 5099) [Local Approval Received].

Raynham,—
liquor license.

By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Education, on a petition, a Bill relative to the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (House, No. 729).

Education,—
state board.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to fresh fruits and vegetables in schools (House, No. 4059).

Schools,—
produce.

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

Orders of the Day.

House bills

Relative to the nomination process for candidates for town meeting in Milford (House, No. 4185);

Third reading bills.

Designating a certain overpass in the town of Sandwich as the U.S. Marine Staff Sergeant Raymond G. Tourville Veterans Memorial Overpass (House, No. 4374);

Directing the city of Boston Police Department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Alex J. Rodriguez (House, No. 4391); and

Relative to the charter of the town of Westwood (House, No. 4753);

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,—

UNCORRECTED PROOF.

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

Next
sitting.

At ten minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Tuesday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.



TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2026.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Tuesday, February 17, 2026.

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.

Message from the Governor.

A message from Her Excellency the Governor (under the provisions of Section 8 of Article LXXXIX of the Amendments to the Constitution) recommending legislation relative to validating certain proceedings of the town of Stow (House, No. 5129), was filed in the office of the Clerk on Friday, February 13.

Stow,—
town
meeting.

The message was read; and it was referred, under Rule 30, with the accompanying draft of a bill, to the committee on Election Laws. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Lunar New Year.

During the session, Ms. Howard of Lowell took the Chair, declared a brief recess and, on behalf of Representatives Chan of Quincy, Wong of Saugus, Nguyen of Andover, Howard of Lowell, Uytterhoeven of Somerville, Sangiolo of Newton and Hong of Lowell, paid tribute to the members of the Asian community of the Commonwealth on the occasion of Lunar New Year, as follows:

Lunar
New Year.

On Tuesday, February 17th, the new year of the lunar calendar began. The lunar calendar is the second oldest continuously used calendar in the world, with this year marking the 4,724th year. Many Asian cultures, including Chinese, Vietnamese, and Korean, celebrate the Lunar New Year as a time to spend with family sharing happiness and good fortune.

The lunar calendar is set in 12-year cycles using 12 different zodiac animals to symbolize each year. This year is the year of the Horse, the 7th animal of the 12-year cycle. Persons born this year are responsible, confident and enjoy both physical and mental challenges. This year brings fast changes, innovations and opportunities for transformation in people's interpersonal and economic life.

The House Asian Caucus warmly wishes everyone a happy Lunar New Year!

Resolutions.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Representatives Chan of Quincy and other members of the House) recognizing the Asian American community's celebration of the Lunar New Year, the Year of the Horse, on February 17, 2026, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Lunar
New Year.

UNCORRECTED PROOF.

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

Orders.

The following orders were referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules:

Order (filed by Representatives Livingstone of Boston and Garcia of Chelsea) relative to extending until Wednesday, March 18, 2026 the time within which the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities is authorized to report on a current House document (House, No. 5069).

Extensions
of time for
committees
to make
reports.

Order (filed by Representatives Gordon of Bedford and Ayers of Quincy) relative to extending until Wednesday, March 18, 2026 the time within which the committee on Education is authorized to report on current House documents (House, No. 5123).

Order (filed by Representatives Haggerty of Woburn and Ramos of North Andover) relative to extending until Wednesday, March 18, 2026 the time within which the committee on Housing is authorized to report on current House documents (House, No. 4923).

Order (filed by Representatives Haggerty of Woburn and Ramos of North Andover) relative to extending until Wednesday, March 18, 2026 the time within which the committee on Housing is authorized to report on current House documents (House, No. 4932).

Order (filed by Representatives McMurtry of Dedham and Vitolo of Brookline) relative to extending until Wednesday, March 18, 2026 the time within which the committee on Labor and Workforce Development is authorized to report on current House documents (House, No. 5122).

Order (filed by Representatives Lewis of Framingham and Sabadosa of Northampton) relative to extending until Wednesday, March 18, 2026 the time within which the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government is authorized to report on a current House document (House, No. 5067).

Order (filed by Representatives Madaro of Boston and Philips of Sharon) relative to extending until Friday, March 13, 2026 the time within which the committee on Revenue is authorized to report on a current House document (House, No. 5079).

Order (filed by Representatives Madaro of Boston and Philips of Sharon) relative to extending until Wednesday, March 18, 2026 the time within which the committee on Revenue is authorized to report on current House documents (House, No. 5124).

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported that the orders ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the orders were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Communications.

Communications

From the Executive Office for Administration and Finance (see Section 2EEEEEE(e) of Chapter 29 of the General Laws) submitting a report on the activities of and expenditures from the Commonwealth Federal Match and Debt Reduction Fund as of December, 2025;

Federal Match
and Debt
Reduction Fund.

UNCORRECTED PROOF.

From the Executive Office for Administration and Finance (see Section 22C of Chapter 32 of the General Laws) submitting the triennial funding schedule for the Commonwealth's employee retirement obligations;

Employee retirement obligations.

From the Executive Office for Administration and Finance (see item 1595-6153 of Section 2E of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting a report on funds appropriated through the Communications Access Trust Fund transfer; and

Communications Access Trust Fund transfer.

From the Department of Public Utilities (see Section 9 of Chapter 149 of Acts of 2014) submitting their annual report on the prevalence of natural gas leaks in the natural gas system for calendar year 2025;

Natural gas leaks.

Severally were placed on file.

Annual and Special Reports.

The annual report of the Middlesex District Attorney (under Section 99R of Chapter 272 of the General Laws) submitting a report relative to wiretaps for calendar year 2025; and

Middlesex,— wiretaps.

A report of the Massachusetts Office of Victim Assistance (MOVA) (under item 0840-0100 of Section 2 of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting the Victim and Witness Assistance Board report relative to the Massachusetts Victims of Violent Crimes Compensation program;

Victims of violent crimes compensation.

Severally were placed on file.

Petitions.

Representatives Plouffe of Brockton and Sullivan-Almeida of Abington presented a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5130) of Bridget Plouffe (by vote of the town) that the town of East Bridgewater be authorized to issue up to four additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises in said town; and the same was referred to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

East Bridgewater,— liquor licenses.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Sangiolo of Newton (by request), a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Peter F. Harrington relative to condominium conversion of co-owned two-unit buildings.

Condominiums,— conversions.

By Representative Scanlon of North Attleborough, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Adam J. Scanlon for legislation to establish a missing-middle starter home development and home ownership program.

Starter home development.

By Representative Stanley of Waltham, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Thomas M. Stanley, John J. Marsi and James C. Arena-DeRosa relative to medication administration in rest homes.

Medications,— rest homes.

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

Papers from the Senate.

Bills

Modernizing protections for consumers in automobile transactions (Senate, No. 2945) (on Sente bill No. 228);

Automobile transactions

Relative to modernizing the pathway to becoming a certified public accountant (Senate, No. 2946) (on Sente bill No. 209); and

Certified public accountants.

UNCORRECTED PROOF.

Regarding fair housing practices in the Commonwealth (Senate, No. 2959) (on Senate bill No. 2947);

Housing,—
discrimination.

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were read; and they were referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

A Bill establishing residency requirements for the offices of mayor, city councilor and school committee in the city of Brockton (Senate, No. 2957) (on Senate bill No. 2510) [Local Approval Received], passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Brockton,—
residency
requirements.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2956) of Liz Miranda (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to amend the operations of the city of Boston Finance Commission to establish the Boston Inspector General Oversight Commission, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Boston,—
commission.

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 following petitions:

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Shirley B. Arriaga relative to the sale of parrots; and

Parrots,—
sales.

Joint petition (accompanied by bill) of Tackey Chan, Kate Donaghue and others relative to consumer protections for low valued legal tender scarcity;

Legal tender,—
scarcity.

Severally to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mrs. Sangiolo of Newton, the reports were considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended, in each instance. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

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

The Senate Bill amending the veteran property tax work-off amounts (Senate, No. 1948); and

Property taxes.

House bills

Relative to impairment of health caused by infectious disease (House, No. 2826);

Infectious diseases.
Worcester Regional
Retirement System.

Further defining a quorum of the Worcester Regional Retirement System Board Advisory Council (House, No. 2926);

Authorizing cities and towns to provide a residential exemption to senior citizens (House, No. 3004);

Tax exemption,—
seniors.

Expanding the senior property tax exemption (House, No. 3102);

Id.

Creating a local option property tax cap for low-income seniors (House, No. 3234);

Id.

Expanding the senior property tax exemption (House, No. 3236);

Id.

Exempting the positions of police lieutenant and police sergeant in the city of Leominster from the civil service law (House, No. 4702) [Local Approval Received];

Leominster,—
civil service.

Designating a certain bridge in the town of Chelmsford as the Ferreira Brothers Bridge (House, No. 4723); and

Chelmsford,—
bridge.

UNCORRECTED PROOF.

Amending the charter for the town of Groton (House, No. 4795) [Local Approval Received];

Groton,—
charter.

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

By Mr. Livingstone of Boston, for the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, on House, Nos. 217, 237, 240, 245, 255, 274 and 294, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to parent supports, day care and other related matters (House, No. 4919).

Parent
supports, etc.,—
study.

By Mr. Chan of Quincy, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, on House, Nos. 339, 355, 368, 371, 372, 373, 376, 385, 392, 393, 394, 396, 397, 398, 415, 426, 446, 463, 470 and 472, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to funeral homes, motor vehicles and other related matters (House, No. 5081).

Funeral homes,
etc.,—
study.

By Mr. Rogers of Cambridge, for the committee on Higher Education, on House, Nos. 1436, 1437, 1446, 1460, 1464 and 4113, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Higher Education to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to debt-free education and other matters (House, No. 5104).

Debt-free
education, etc.,—
study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1448, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Higher Education to make an investigation and study of a certain House document relative to higher education opportunities (House, No. 5105).

Higher
education
opportunities,—
study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 1439 and 1445, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Higher Education to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to student representation and public private partnerships (House, No. 5106).

Student
representation,
etc.,—
study.

By Mr. McMurtry of Dedham, for the committee on Labor and Workforce Development, on House, Nos. 2077, 2132, 2135 and 2183, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Labor and Workforce Development to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to human resources, commission sales rates, minors and meetings (House, No. 5070).

Human resources,
etc.,—
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. Hunt of Boston, for the committee on Election Laws, on a petition, a Bill amending chapter 445 of the acts of 1960 and establishing a board of election commissioners in the city of Salem (House, No. 3907) [Local Approval Received].

Salem,—
election
commissioners.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to preliminary elections in the town of Longmeadow (House, No. 4309) [Local Approval Received].

Longmeadow,—
preliminary
elections.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill providing for recall elections in the town of Charlemont (House, No. 4434) [Local Approval Received].

Charlemont,—
recall elections.

UNCORRECTED PROOF.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill regulating elections in the town of Conway (House, No. 4498) [Local Approval Received].

Conway,—
elections.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing remote participation at town meetings and special town meetings in the Town of Concord (House, No. 4522) [Local Approval Received].

Concord,—
town meetings.

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

Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed bills

Amending the charter of the city known as the town of Agawam to strike the reference to the board of appeals (see House, No. 4380, amended); and

Bills
enacted.

Authorizing the select board of the town of Arlington to place upon a town ballot a question to increase the number of licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (see House, No. 4815);

(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.

Orders of the Day.

House bills

Directing the city of Boston Police Department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Angel G. Rivera (House, No. 4389); and

Third
reading
bills.

Providing for a town administrator in the town of Hopedale (House, No. 4784);

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 twenty-three minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Soter of Bellingham (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.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.



THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2026.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, February 19, 2026.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, 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.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Representative Sabadosa of Northampton) congratulating All Out Adventures on the occasion of its twenty-fifth anniversary;

All Out
Adventures.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Sabadosa of Northampton) recognizing Alex Ghiselin for his many years of service to the city of Northampton;

Alex
Ghiselin.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Sabadosa of Northampton) recognizing Marianne Labarge for her many years of dedicated service to the city of Northampton;

Marianne
Labarge.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Stanley and other members of the House) commending the New England Chapter of the National Kidney Foundation, Inc. for its recognition of March 2026 as National Kidney Month and March 12, 2026, as World Kidney Day; and

National Kidney
Month and World
Kidney Day.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Sullivan-Almeida of Abington) congratulating Sergeant Christopher McDermott on the occasion of his retirement from the Brockton Police Department;

Christopher
McDermott.

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. Wong of Saugus, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Communications.

Communications

From the Department of Unemployment Assistance (see Section 14F of Chapter 151A of the General Laws) relative to the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund report for December, 2025;

Unemployment
Insurance
Trust Fund.

From the Cape and Islands District Attorney's Office (see Section 6 of Chapter 258B of the General Laws) submitting a report on the Victim Witness Assistance program; and

Cape and Islands,—
victim witness
assistance.

From the Norfolk District Attorney's Office (see Section 6 of Chapter 258B of the General Laws) submitting a report on the Victim Witness Assistance program; Severally were placed on file.

Norfolk,—
victim
assistance.

Annual Reports.

Annual Reports

Of the Executive Office for Housing and Livable Communities (under Section 27 1/2 of Chapter 23B of the General Laws) submitting its HousingWorks Infrastructure annual report for the fiscal years 2024 and 2025; and

Of the Massachusetts District Attorneys Association (under item 0340-2100 of Section 2 of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting its data from the District Attorneys relative to their criminal prosecutions and workloads for calendar year 2025;

Severally were placed on file.

HousingWorks
infrastructure.

District
attorneys,—
workloads.

Petitions.

Representative Schwartz of Newton and Senator Creem presented a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5136) of Greg Schwartz and Cynthia Stone Creem (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to increasing the maximum amount of penalties for violations of ordinances in the city of Newton; and the same was referred to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Newton,—
ordinance
violations.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Frost of Auburn (by request), a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Aspen Boss relative to penalties for non-consensual image sharing and providing supportive victim services.

By Representative Meschino of Hull and Senator O'Connor, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Joan Meschino and Patrick M. O'Connor for legislation to designate the American lobster as the official crustacean of the Commonwealth.

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

Images,—
non-consensual
sharing.

State
crustacean.

Papers from the Senate.

The House Bill relative to teacher preparation and student literacy (House, No. 4683), came from the Senate with the endorsement that said branch had insisted on its amendment (striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 2940) (in which the House had non-concurred).

The bill bore the further endorsement that said branch had concurred with the House in the appointment of a committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches; and that Senators DiDomenico, Lewis and O'Connor had been joined as the committee on the part of the Senate.

Students,—
literacy.

Committee of
conference.

A Bill authorizing the commissioner of capital asset management and maintenance to convey certain land in the town of Brookfield (Senate, No. 2958) (on Senate bill No. 2128), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and it was referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Brookfield,—
land.

UNCORRECTED PROOF.

A Bill clarifying call firefighter rights (Senate, No. 2960) (on Senate bill No. 1915), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Call
firefighters.

A joint petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2961) of Kelly A. Dooner and Justin Thurber (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the town of Dighton to use a portion of conservation land for public way purposes, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee Environment and Natural Resources.

Dighton,—
land.

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 following petitions:

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Brian M. Ashe for legislation to authorize the Massachusetts Teachers' Retirement System to grant credible service to Sara Scibelli. To the committee on Public Service.

Sara Scibelli,—
retirement.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Paul K. Frost, John J. Marsi and others that the Massachusetts Department of Transportation designate a segment of State Route 20 in the town of Oxford as the Brodeur curve in honor of Michael and Kyle Brodeur of Charlton. To the committee on Transportation.

Oxford,—
Brodeur
curve.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the reports were considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended, in each instance. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

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

The Senate Bill regulating certain insurance benefits for elected officials in the town of Blackstone (Senate, No. 1445) [Local Approval Received]; and

Blackstone,—
insurance.

House bills

Designating a portion of state highway Route 7A in the town of Lenox as the Ross B. Dindio memorial highway (House, No. 3645);

Lenox,—
highway.

Relative to container safety on roadways (House, No. 3684);

Container safety.

Naming "The Bill Russell and Bob Cousy Highway" (House, No. 3727);

Turnpike.

Prohibiting the practice of coal rolling (House, No. 3746);

Coal rolling.

Regarding right of way violations (CeCelia's Law) (House, No. 3817);

Red lights.

Relative to recognition of the "Honor and Remember" flag in the Commonwealth (House, No. 3839);

Honor and
Remember flag.

Directing the city of Boston Police Department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Constantinos Papadopoulos (House, No. 4267) [Local Approval Received];

Boston,—
Papadopoulos.

Amending the charter of the city of Pittsfield (House, No. 4716) [Local Approval Received];

Pittsfield,—
charter.

Directing the city of Boston police department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Ryan Cazeau (House, No. 4740) [Local Approval Received];

Boston,—
Ryan Cazeau.

Directing the city of Boston police department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Edny Joseph (House, No. 4741) [Local Approval Received]; and

Boston,—
Edny Joseph.

Relative to littering (House, No. 4976);

Littering.

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

By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Education, on House, No. 4720, a Bill authorizing the committee on Education to make an investigation and study of a certain House document relative to the Athol-Royalston Regional School District Financial Stability Fund (House, No. 5117).

Athol-Royalston,—
study.

By Mr. Lewis of Framingham, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on House, Nos. 2248, 2276 and 2330, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Education to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to certain municipal administrative matters (House, No. 5118).

Municipal matters,—
study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 2279, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government to make an investigation and study of a certain House document relative to travel mileage rate fees for sheriffs, deputy sheriffs and constables (House, No. 5119).

Travel mileage rates,—
study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 3923, 4152 and 4581, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to institutional master plans (House, No. 5120).

Master plans,—
study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 4739, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government to make an investigation and study of a certain House document relative to the operation of the municipal light plant in the town of Hull (House, No. 5121).

Hull,—
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. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the Resolve for a foster care and child care liability insurance special commission (House, No. 5024) and recommending that the same be referred to the House committee on Rules.

Foster care liability insurance.

Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted.

By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Financial Services, on a petition, a Bill creating a climate bank in Massachusetts (House, No. 3937).

Climate bank.

By Mr. Day of Stoneham, for the committee on the Judiciary, on House, No. 1913, a Bill relative to treatment, not incarceration (House, No. 5126).

Courts,—
addiction.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 2454 and 4261, a Bill relative to kratom (House, No. 5127).

Kratom.

By Mr. McMurtry of Dedham, for the committee on Labor and Workforce Development, on a petition, a Bill relative to minimum wage for municipal employees (House, No. 2072).

Municipal employees,—
minimum wage.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to increase unemployment insurance benefits for low wage workers (House, No. 2150).

Workers,—
Benefits.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to unemployment compensation and labor disputes (House, No. 2168).

Unemployment,—
labor disputes.

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By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to establishing a prevailing wage for security officers (House, No. 2178).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to establish an enhanced care worker minimum wage (House, No. 2191).

By Mr. Lewis of Framingham, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a part of House, No. 56 (as relates to sections 1 to 17, inclusive, 20 to 44, inclusive, 73 to 82, inclusive, and 87), a Bill empowering municipalities and local governments (House, No. 5131).

By Mr. Madaro of Boston, for the committee on Revenue, on a petition, a Bill excluding the Segal Americorps Educational Award from taxable income (House, No. 3010).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill providing for settlements of tax liability (House, No. 3062).

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

By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Financial Services, on a petition, a Bill temporarily protecting recently widowed spouses from foreclosure (House, No. 1329).

By Mr. Day of Stoneham, for the committee on the Judiciary, on House, No. 1597, a Bill limiting the use of prison labor (House, No. 5125).

By Mr. McMurtry of Dedham, for the committee on Labor and Workforce Development, on a petition, a Bill protecting wages of employees who receive wages through an electronic wage card (House, No. 2074).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to noncompetition agreements in the Commonwealth (House, No. 2118).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to protect hospital workers from being deprived of their wages (House, No. 2124).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing a minimum wage for employees of airline catering companies (House, No. 2145).

By Mr. Madaro of Boston, for the committee on Revenue, on a petition, a Bill to encourage donations to local nonprofits (House, No. 3169).

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

By Mr. McGonagle of Everett, for the committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs, on a petition, Resolutions urging the Congress of the United States to update the Drug Addiction Treatment Act of 2000 and remove excessive training requirements mandated for obtaining a waiver to prescribe buprenorphine (House, No. 3827) [Representative Gaskey of Carver dissenting].

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, Resolutions condemning political oppression and encouraging free and fair elections in Cambodia (House, No. 3851) [Representative Gaskey of Carver dissenting].

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

Security officers,—
prevailing wage.

Care workers,—
minimum wage.

Local
governments.

Taxable income—
exemption.

Tax liability,—
settlements.

Foreclosures,—
widows.

Prison labor.

Electronic
wage cards.

Noncompetition
agreements.

Hospitals,—
wages.

Airlines,—
minimum wage.

Nonprofit
donations.

Buprenorphine.

Cambodia,—
elections.

Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed bills

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Authorizing alternate members for the conservation commission of the town of Becket (see House, No. 3977); and

Bills
enacted.

Authorizing the town of Swampscott to establish a fall annual town meeting (see House, No. 4438);

(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.

Orders of the Day.

House bills

Directing the city of Boston Police Department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Angela C. Depina (House, No. 4388);

Third
reading
bills.

Authorizing Anthony Morales to take the civil service examination for the position of police officer in the city of Haverhill notwithstanding the maximum age requirement (House, No. 4442);

Relative to the charter of the town of Westborough (House, No. 4751); and

Permitting the city of Revere to establish penalties and liens for rooming house & certificates of fitness ordinance violations (House, No. 4752) (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.

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.

At thirteen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Soter of Bellingham (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.