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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.

### *Appointments of the Speaker.*

The Speaker announced that (under the provisions of Executive Order 647) he had appointed Representatives Fiola of Fall River and Gregoire of Marlborough to serve on the Governor's Competitiveness Council established to advise the Governor on issues relating to business incentives, business regulation, support of innovation, talent, taxation, and other related factors that affect the Commonwealth's economic competitiveness, and to offer recommendations on potential actions to strengthen the Commonwealth's business climate and support growth in existing and emerging industries.

Competitiveness  
Council.

### *Statement of Representative Sangiolo of Newton.*

A statement of Mrs. Sangiolo of Newton 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 unable to be present in the House Chamber for the sitting of Thursday, February 27<sup>th</sup> due to a family wedding. My missing of roll calls today is due entirely to the reason stated.

Statement of  
Representative  
Sangiolo of  
Newton.

### *Resolutions.*

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

Resolutions (filed by Representative McKenna of Sutton and other members of the House) commending the New England Hemophilia Association for its recognition of March 2026 as Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month; and

Bleeding  
Disorders  
Awareness Month.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Roy of Franklin and Soter of Bellingham) congratulating Gavin William Roberts on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout with Scouting America;

Gavin  
Roberts.

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. 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.

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*Orders.*

The following orders were referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules:  
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 a current House document (House, No. 5156).

Extensions of time for committees to make reports.

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. 5173).

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. Donato of Medford, the orders were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

*Communications.*

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From the Office of Climate Innovation and Resilience (see Section 73(f) of Chapter 7C of the General Laws) submitting an interim report from the Embodied Carbon Intergovernmental Coordinating Council promoting a clean energy grid, advancing equity and protecting ratepayers;

Clean energy.

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 December, 2025;

Gaming and sports wagering revenue.

From the Office of the Comptroller (see Section 6B(b) of Chapter 29 of the General Laws) submitting a fiscal year 2026 second quarter Federal Grants Report; and

Federal grants.

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 Hospital.

Severally were placed on file.

*Petitions.*

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Sabadosa of Northampton and Senator Comerford, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Lindsay N. Sabadosa that the State Board of Retirement be authorized to grant creditable service to Jason Patrissi, an employee of the probation service and a member of the state employees' retirement system.

Jason Patrissi,—retirement.

By Representatives Soter of Bellingham and McKenna of Sutton, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Michael J. Soter and Joseph D. McKenna relative to certain retirement benefits to be paid by the Worcester regional retirement system to the surviving spouse of Stephen LaPorta, of the police department of the town of Uxbridge.

Stephen LaPorta,—spousal benefits.

By Representatives Soter of Bellingham and McKenna of Sutton, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Michael J. Soter, Joseph D. McKenna and Ryan C. Fattman that the Massachusetts Department of Transportation be authorized to designate the roundabout at the intersection of state highways Routes 146 and 16 in the town of Uxbridge as the Officer Stephen A. LaPorta memorial roundabout.

Uxbridge,—LaPorta roundabout.

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

*Papers from the Senate.*

The House Bill authorizing the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to convey certain parcels of land in the city of Brockton (House, No. 4768), came from the Senate with the endorsement that it had been 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 2970. The amendment was referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

Brockton,—  
land.

Bills

Authorizing the reorientation and further lease of a parcel of land occupied by Riverside Boat Club of Cambridge (Senate, No. 2966) (on Senate bill No. 2126);

Cambridge,—  
land.

Providing for the ownership and maintenance of the Town Line Brook and Linden Brook culverts and dams (Senate, No. 2967) (on Senate bill No. 620);

Town Line and  
Linden Brooks.

Authorizing the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, acting by and through its Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance, to grant permanent easements over certain land in the town of Milton for highway purposes (Senate, No. 2968) (on Senate bill No. 2657); and

Milton,—  
land.

Updating the unit pricing exemption threshold (Senate, No. 2978) (on Senate bill No. 2965);

Unit  
pricing.

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

*Reports of Committees.*

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

The Senate Bill designating January 30 as Fred Korematsu Day of Civil Liberties and the Constitution (Senate, No. 2132); and

Fred Korematsu  
day.

House bills

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];

Haverhill,—  
Kenneth  
Navarro.

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];

Haverhill,—  
William  
Cargill.

Authorizing the town of Conway to continue the employment of fire department member Howard Boyden (House, No. 4506) [Local Approval Received];

Conway,—  
Howard Boyden.

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];

Arlington,—  
William  
Pilleri.

Authorizing the town of Conway to continue the employment of police department member Michael Habel (House, No. 4525) [Local Approval Received];

Conway,—  
Michael Habel.

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];

Boston,—  
Doumy  
Pamera.

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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];

Haverhill,—  
Sean Duffy.

Regarding the appointment of special police officers in the city of Malden (House, No. 4584) [Local Approval Received];

Malden,—  
special police.

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.

Making August 10th Agent Orange Awareness Day in Massachusetts (House, No. 5028);

Agent Orange  
day.

Relative to housing court jurisdiction (House, No. 5031);

Housing court.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Donato of Medford, 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. 3078 and 3967, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Revenue to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to freeze residential tax rate or valuation for the elderly and to further regulate surcharges on real property (House, No. 5163).

Tax rate for  
the elderly and  
surcharges on  
real property,—  
study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 3114, 3120, 3235, 3241, 3272, 3968 and 4027, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Revenue to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to tax issues for seniors, veterans and persons with disabilities (House, No. 5164).

Seniors, veterans,  
and persons with  
disabilities taxes,—  
study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 3134, 3167, 3190, 3198, 3254 and 3258, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Revenue to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to senior citizen tax exemptions (House, No. 5165) [Representative Lombardo of Billerica dissenting].

Senior citizen tax  
exemptions,—  
study.

By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on House, Nos. 3345, 3373, 3383, 3396 and 3404, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to official designations (House, No. 5166).

Official  
designations,—  
study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 3414, 3415 and 3432, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to tenure of the officers of the state staff, contractor liability and an audit of the Department of Unemployment Assistance related to unemployment fraud (House, No. 5167).

Tenure of state  
staff, contractor  
liability and  
unemployment  
fraud,—  
study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 3294, 3304, 3316, 3320, 3322, 3338, 3344, 3353, 3412 and 3413, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to public records, proclamation of certain days, official designations and other state administration and regulatory oversight issues (House, No. 5168).

Public records,  
and official  
designations,—  
study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 3355, 3356, 3362, 3378 and 3892, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to public contacts and state agencies (House, No. 5169).

Public contracts  
and state  
agencies,—  
study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 3397, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight to make an investigation and study of a certain House document relative to the official amphibian (House, No. 5170).

Official amphibian,—  
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.

*Emergency Measure.*

The engrossed Bill authorizing the Massachusetts Department of Transportation to convey a certain parcel of land in the town of Stoneham (see House, No. 4643), 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.

Stoneham,—  
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 3 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 Bill.*

The engrossed Bill amending the charter of the town of Natick (see House, No. 3898, 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 House Bill validating the results of the annual election held in the town of Bourne on May 20, 2025 (printed in House, No. 4763), 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.

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The House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Sally Desrosiers, an employee of the Department of Correction (House, No. 4962), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Sally  
Desrosiers,—  
sick leave.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Walsh of Peabody moved to amend it by striking out section 2; and 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

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department of correction, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.”.

The amendments were adopted; and the bill (House, No. 4962, 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 on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next  
sitting.

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At ten minutes before twelve o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (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.