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Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

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

Pledge of
allegiance.

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 Adrian Doolin of South Boston, who passed away peacefully after a long illness.

Adrian
Doolin.

A graduate of South Boston High School, Adrian was a dedicated public servant to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. He served as a corrections officer with the Department of Corrections for over a decade, surviving an attack while on duty during which he was stabbed 14 times. In addition to his work as a corrections officer, Adrian also served the Commonwealth as a Special State Police Officer for several years. Son of the late Edwin and Anita Doolin, Adrian is survived by his siblings, Cheryl, Edwin, Kathleen, Gerard, and Timothy, his long-time companion Karen O'Brien, and many nieces and nephews.

Statements of Representative Lawn of Watertown.

A written statement received from Mr. Lawn of Watertown, regarding the session of Thursday, February 6, 2025, was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

Dear Mr. Clerk:

I respectfully request that the following statement be entered into the Journal for the Formal Session which was held on Thursday, February 6, 2025.

Statement of
Mr. Lawn of
Watertown.

On Thursday, February 6, 2025, I was unable to be present in the House Chamber for the session. Had I been present I would have voted in the negative on Yea and Nay Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 4, and in the affirmative on Yea and Nay Nos. 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

A written statement received from Mr. Lawn of Watertown, regarding the session of Wednesday, April 9, 2025, was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

Dear Mr. Clerk:

I respectfully request that the following statement be entered into the Journal for the Formal Session which was held on Wednesday, April 9, 2025.

Id.

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On Wednesday, April 9, 2025, I was unable to be present in the House Chamber for the session. Had I been present I would have voted in the affirmative on Yea and Nay Nos. 26, 28, and 29, and in the negative on Yea and Nay No. 27.

Thank you very much for your attention to this matter.

A written statement received from Mr. Lawn of Watertown, regarding the session of Wednesday, May 21, 2025, was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

Dear Mr. Clerk:

I respectfully request that the following statement be entered into the Journal for the Formal Session which was held on Wednesday, May 21, 2025.

On Wednesday, May 21, 2025, I was unable to be present in the House Chamber for the session. Had I been present I would have voted in the affirmative on Yea and Nay Nos. 49, 50, 51, and 52.

Thank you very much for your attention to this matter.

Id.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Representative Frost of Auburn) congratulating the town of Auburn on its one hundredth anniversary of the historic launching of the world's first liquid-fueled rocket; and

Auburn,—
rocket launch
anniversary.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Representative Gregoire of Marlborough and other members of the House) welcoming Boston's new national women's soccer league team, the Boston Legacy, to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts;

Boston
Legacy.

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 Miss Gregoire of Marlborough, 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 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. 5220).

Revenue,—
extension of
time for
reporting.

Order (filed by Representatives Madaro of Boston and Philips of Sharon) relative to extending until Friday, June 26, 2026 the time within which the committee on Revenue is authorized to report on current House documents (House, No. 5221).

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. Garballey of Arlington, the orders were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Communications.

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From the Secretary of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see Section 35000(c) of Chapter 10 of the General Laws) on the activity, revenue and

Opioid

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expenditures to and from the Opioid Recovery and Remediation Fund in fiscal year 2025;

From the Essex District Attorney (see Section 32(e) of Chapter 12 of the General Laws) submitting its Juvenile Justice Unit annual report for calendar year 2026;

From the Massachusetts Gaming Commission (see Sections 9 and 9B of Chapter 128A of the General Laws) submitting regulations related to the Race Horse Development Fund: Distributions; Escrow Accounts;

From the University of Massachusetts (see item 7100-0200 in Section 2 of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting its annual report for fiscal year 2026; and

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 22, 2026 biweekly report on the emergency housing assistance program;

Severally were placed on file.

recovery and remediation.

Essex,— juvenile justice.

Race Horse Development Fund.

University of Massachusetts.

Emergency housing assistance.

Petitions.

Representative Gregoire of Marlborough presented a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5227) of Danielle W. Gregoire and James B. Eldridge (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to further regulate the filling of vacancies on the city council relative to the office of ward councilor in the city of Marlborough; and the same was referred to the committee on Election Laws. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Marlborough,— vacancies.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Hogan of Stow (by request), a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Amy Farrell relative to survivor sustainability and financial independence.

By Representative Lewis of Framingham, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Jack Patrick Lewis for legislation to replace the official poem of the Commonwealth.

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

Survivors,— housing stability.

State poem.

Papers from the Senate.

A report of the Massachusetts Capital Resource Company (under the provisions of Section 20 of Chapter 816 of the Acts of 1977) submitting its forty-ninth annual report (Senate, No. 2994), was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Revenue.

Capital Resource Company.

A report of the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, that the 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), recommending that the same be placed on file, accepted by the Senate, was considered forthwith, under Rule 42; and it was accepted, in concurrence.

Massachusetts Gaming Commission,— regulations.

Reports of Committees.

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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 Michael P. Kushmerek for legislation to further regulate social media accounts for persons under 16 years of age. To the committee on Advanced Information Technology, the Internet and Cybersecurity.

Social media,—
minors.

Joint petition (accompanied by bill) of John J. Marsi for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Courtney Cochran, an employee of the Department of Children and Families; and

Courtney
Cochran,—
sick leave.

Joint petition (accompanied by bill) 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.

Severally to the committee on Public Service.

Joint petition (accompanied by bill) of Lindsay N. Sabadosa and Joanne M. Comerford relative to taxation of certain foreign government pension benefits. To the committee on Revenue.

Foreign
pensions,—
taxation.

Joint petition (accompanied by bill) of Joan Meschino and Patrick M. O'Connor for legislation to designate the American lobster as the official crustacean of the Commonwealth. To the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

State
crustacean.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington, 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 enabling the maintenance of private roads in the city of Gloucester (Senate, No. 2596) [Local Approval Received]; and

Gloucester,—
private roads.

House bills

Relative to the valuation of long term residences (House, No. 3006);

Valuation.

Relative to ensuring fairness and equity in the assessment of the value of property (House, No. 3212);

Property
assessments.

Relative to municipal tax collectors (House, No. 3266);

Municipal taxes.

Relative to preserving information content of historic resources with community preservation funds (House, No. 3271);

Historic
resources.

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.

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.

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. 8 and on a part of House, No. 3, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Children, Families and Persons with

Foster
children,—
study.

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Disabilities to make an investigation and study of a certain House document relative to electronic backpacks for foster children (House, No. 4918).

By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Financial Services, on House, Nos. 1169, 1216, 1286, 1297, 1308 and 4014, 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 benefits (House, No. 5210).

Health insurance benefits,— study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 1077, 1098, 1099, 1243, 1344 and 4042, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Financial Services to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to home insurance (House, No. 5211).

Home insurance,— study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1193, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Financial Services to make an investigation and study of a certain House document relative to insurance for in-patient substance use treatment (House, No. 5212).

Substance use treatment,— study.

By Mr. Ryan of Boston, for the committee on Public Service, on House, Nos. 39, 41, 42 and 49 and on a part of House, No. 35, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Public Service to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to the SMART plan, state retirement and divestment (House, No. 5193).

State retirement, etc.— study.

By Mr. Madaro of Boston, for the committee on Revenue, on House, Nos. 3029, 3042, 3058, 3060, 3061, 3121, 3128, 3149, 3164, 3166, 3183 and 3191, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Revenue to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to housing related tax issues (House, No. 5182).

Housing related tax issues,— study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 4 and 5 and on a part of House, No. 3, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Revenue to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to state-owned land and tax records (House, No. 5194).

State-owned land and tax records,— study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 3022, 3106, 3113, 3162, 3224, 3280, 3965, 3966 and 4051, an Order relative authorizing the committee on Revenue to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to property and local taxes (House, No. 5195).

Property and local taxes,— study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 3023, 3028, 3038, 3118 and 3263, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Revenue to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to revenue from advertising and economic development (House, No. 5196).

Revenue from advertising and economic development,— study.

By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on House, Nos. 2238, 3295, 3303, 3327, 3336, 3349, 3357, 3365, 3380, 3387, 3394, 3400, 3405, 3406, 3425, 3891, 4028 and 4737, 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 state agencies, designating official day, regulations and other related issues (House, No. 5183).

State Agencies, etc.,— study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 3287, 3310, 3314, 3319, 3325, 3341, 3350, 3354, 3368, 3371, 3372, 3379, 3401 and 3971, 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 state properties, public officials and employees, construction, lobbying and other related issues (House, No. 5184).

State properties, construction, etc.,— study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 14 and on a part of House, No. 11, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on State

Procurement,— study.

Administration and Regulatory Oversight to make an investigation and study of a certain House document relative to procurement (House, No. 5197).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 17 and on a part of House, No. 11 and on House, No. 38 on a part of House, No. 35, 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 creating the Office of the Inspector General Recovery Fund and treasury operations (House, No. 5198).

Inspector General Recovery Fund and treasury operations,— study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 47 and on a part of House, No. 35, 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 Office of Economic Empowerment (House, No. 5199) [Senator Eldridge dissenting].

Office of Economic Empowerment,— study.

By Mr. Garballey of Arlington, for the committee on Tourism, Arts and Cultural Development, on House, Nos. 3586, 3589, 3593 and 3600, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Tourism, Arts and Cultural Development to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to artists, choreographer laureate, poet laureate and tourism marketing (House, No. 5185).

Artists, choreographer laureate, etc.,— study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 3590, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Tourism, Arts and Cultural Development to make an investigation and study of a certain House document relative to the position of poet laureate (House, No. 5186).

Poet laureate,— study.

By Mr. Arciero of Westford, for the committee on Transportation, on House, Nos. 3624, 3640, 3798 and 4085, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Transportation to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to motor vehicle registration and locomotives (House, No. 5133).

Motor vehicle registration and locomotives,— study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 3626, 3635, 3646 and 3647, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Transportation to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to tolls and fares (House, No. 5134).

Tolls and fares,— study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 3720 and 3721, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Transportation to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to railroads (House, No. 5135).

Railroads,— 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.

Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed bills

Authorizing the city of Revere to pay a certain sum of money to Denise Mattera (Condelli), widow of former school committee member Anthony Mattera (see House, No. 2275);

Bills enacted.

Authorizing the town of Wellesley to amend the income threshold for senior real property tax deferments (see House, No. 4143); and

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Amending the charter of the town of Hopkinton to incorporate appointment powers of the board of library trustees (see House, No. 4292);

(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 House Bill directing the city of Boston police department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Edny Joseph (House, No. 4741), 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.

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