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Thursday, March 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.

### *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, the Sutton Suzies. The Sutton High School girls soccer team, were recognized for having a 19-4 season and winning their fifth consecutive state championship. They were the guests of Representative McKenna of Sutton and Senator Fattman.

Sutton High  
School girls  
soccer team.

At the beginning of the session, the Chair (Mr. Garballey of Arlington), declared a brief recess and introduced, seated in the Chamber, members of the Tri-County varsity football team and the Tri-County Boys Cross-Country Track Team. The football team recently won their second consecutive Massachusetts Vocational Athletic Directors Association Medium-School State Vocational Championship in 2025. The track team won the small division vocational title for the third year in a row. They were the guests of Representatives Roy of Franklin, Vaughn of Wrentham, Soter of Bellingham, Arena-DeRosa of Holliston, Scanlon of North Attleborough, Howitt of Seekonk, McMurtry of Dedham, Tarsky of Needham, Rogers of Norwood and Philips of Sharon.

Tri-County  
football and  
track teams.

### *Communications.*

#### Communications

From the Office of the Comptroller (see Section 12(a) of Chapter 7A of the General Laws) submitting the Statutory Basis Financial Report for fiscal year 2025;

Statutory  
basis.

From the Office of the Middlesex District Attorney (see Section 32(e) of Chapter 12 of the General Laws) submitting a statistical report on community based juvenile justice program activities in Middlesex County for the calendar year 2025;

Middlesex,—  
juvenile  
justice.

From the Office of the Plymouth District Attorney (see Section 32(e) of Chapter 12 of the General Laws) submitting a statistical report on community based juvenile justice program activities in Plymouth County for the calendar year 2025; and

Plymouth,—  
juvenile  
justice.

From the Office of the Child Advocate (see Section 10 of Chapter 18C of the General Laws) submitting its annual report of the office's accomplishments and activities for fiscal year 2025;

Child  
Advocate.

Severally were placed on file.

*Petitions.*

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Hogan of Stow, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5247) of Kate Hogan (by vote of the town) that the town of Maynard be authorized to prohibit or restrict the application of second-generation anticoagulant rodenticides in said town. To the committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Maynard,—  
rodenticides.

By Representative Bowen of Beverly and Senator Lovely, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5248) of Hannah Bowen (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Beverly be authorized to continue the employment of John G. LeLacheur as police chief in said city. To the committee on Public Service.

Beverly,—  
John  
LeLacheur.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Davis of Great Barrington and Senator Mark, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Leigh Davis for legislation to authorize the Department of Conservation and Recreation to extend the lease authorization for East Mountain State Forest.

East Mountain  
State Forest,—  
lease.

By Representative Gómez of Easthampton, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Homar Gómez for legislation to establish a civil duty to report emergencies and homicides.

Emergencies  
and homicides,—  
reporting.

By Representative Gómez of Easthampton, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Homar Gómez for legislation to prevent certain denials by insurers for medically necessary services.

Insurance  
denials.

By Representative Gómez of Easthampton, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Homar Gómez that the Registry of Motor Vehicles be authorized to issue special motor vehicle license plates to individuals who are autistic or neurodivergent or to parents or legal guardians of children who are autistic or neurodivergent.

License plates,—  
autism and  
neurodivergence.

By Representative González of Springfield, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Carlos González relative to police departments coordinating with the families of homicide victims with quarterly reports on the open investigations related to their family member.

Homicide  
reports.

By Representative González of Springfield, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Carlos González for the issuance of an annual proclamation by the Governor to designate June 4th as Save Our Streets Day.

Save Our  
Streets day.

By Representative Murray of Milford, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Brian W. Murray relative to specific medical diagnoses of certain children involved with the Department of Children and Families.

Medical  
diagnoses,—  
children.

By Representative Robertson of Tewksbury, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of David Allen Robertson that the secretary of public safety and security be authorized to supervise and manage security for inpatient and outpatient services at Tewksbury Hospital.

Tewksbury  
Hospital,—  
security.

By Representative Zlotnik of Gardner and Senator Durant, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Jonathan D. Zlotnik and Peter J. Durant for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Todd LaFreniere, an employee of the Department of Correction.

Todd  
LaFreniere,—  
sick leave.

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

*Reports of Committees.*

By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Financial Services, on House Nos. 1108, 1116, 1163, 1201, 1213, 1251 and 1340, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Financial Services to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to insurance and other financial services matters (House, No. 5206).

Insurance,  
financial  
services, etc.,—  
study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House Nos. 1149, 1159, 1174, 1179, 1204, 1262, 1290, 3986 and 4013, an Order relative to authoring the committee on Financial Services to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to dental and other healthcare matters (House, No. 5207).

Dental and  
healthcare  
matters,—  
study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 1106, 1114, 1122, 1145, 1177, 1183, 1221, 1264, 1332, 1335, 1348 and 1349, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Financial Services to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to banks, mortgages, vaccinations and other related matters (House, No. 5213).

Banks, mortgages,  
vaccinations and  
other related  
matters,—  
study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 774, 1080, 1202, 1203, 1205, 1246, 1318 and 4181, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Financial Services to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to health insurance (House, No. 5223).

Health  
insurance,—  
study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 1089, 1112, 1119, 1182, 1239 and 1331, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Financial Services to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to banking matters (House, No. 5224).

Banking  
matters,—  
study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 1115, 1172, 1253, 1268, 1287, 1323, 1341 and 1342, 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. 5225).

Health insurance  
mandated  
benefits,—  
study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 1138, 1192, 1241 and 1300, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Financial Services to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to health insurance (House, No. 5226).

Health  
insurance,—  
study.

By Mr. McMurtry of Dedham, for the committee on Labor and Workforce Development, on House Nos. 2091, 2136, 2156, 2173, 2186, 2187, 4069 and 4116, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Labor and Workforce Development to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to unemployment, workers and other related matters (House, No. 5208).

Unemployment,  
workers, etc.,—  
study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 2095, 2176 and 4208, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Labor and Workforce Development to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to employee protections and other related matters (House, No. 5209).

Employee  
protections,—  
study.

By Ms. Decker of Cambridge, for the committee on Public Health, on House, Nos. 2504 and 2563, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Public Health to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to alternative health care and dentistry (House, No. 5214).

Alternative  
health and  
dentistry,—  
study.

By Mr. Madaro of Boston, for the committee on Revenue, on House, Nos. 3005, 3011, 3088, 3139, 3141, 3158, 3211, 3215, 3229, 3239, 3244 and 4239, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Revenue to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to property and local taxes (House, No. 5203).

Property and  
local taxes,—  
study.

**UNCORRECTED PROOF.**

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 3053, 3054, 3097, 3233, 3273, 3274 and 3275, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Revenue to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to relative to transportation, telecommunications, and utilities (House, No. 5204).

Transportation,  
telecommunications  
and utilities,—  
study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 3089 and 3207, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Revenue to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to advertising and economic development (House, No. 5205).

Advertising  
and economic  
development,—  
study.

By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on House, Nos. 3286, 3363, 3367, 3369, 3374, 3391, 3399, 3434 and 3442, 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 procurement (House, No. 5200).

Procurement,—  
study.

By Mr. Arciero of Westford, for the committee on Transportation, on House, No. 9 and on a part of House, No. 3, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Transportation to make an investigation and study of a certain House document relative to transportation and environmental oversight (House, No. 5201) [Representatives Orrall of Lakeville and Marsi of Charlton dissenting].

Transportation  
and  
environmental  
oversight,—  
study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 3703 and 3708, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Transportation to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to traffic signals (House, No. 5202) [Representative Orrall of Lakeville dissenting].

Traffic  
signals,—  
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 Ms. Domb of Amherst, for the committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery, on House, No. 2220, a Bill relative to access to psychiatric collaborative care (House, No. 5230). Referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

Psychiatric  
collaborative  
care.

By Ms. Barber of Somerville, for the committee on Environment and Natural Resources, on a petition, a Bill relative to funding water infrastructure and addressing economic target areas (House, No. 944) [Representative Sweezey of Duxbury dissenting].

Water  
infrastructure.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill designating the Marion Stoddart riverwalk (House, No. 5113).

Marion Stoddart  
riverwalk.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 931, a Bill establishing the Blue Communities Program (House, No. 5215).

Blue Communities  
Program.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 903, 952, 953 and 1048, a Bill relative to forest protection (House, No. 5216).

Forest  
protection.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 965, 975, 4091, 4133, 4172, 4266, 4310, 4500, 4571, 4917 and 4972, a Bill restricting the use of rodenticides in the environment (House, No. 5217).

Rodenticides.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 988, a Bill relative to the blue economy (House, No. 5218).

Ocean  
health.

**UNCORRECTED PROOF.**

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1003, a Bill relative to maintaining adequate water supplies through effective drought management (House, No. 5219).

Drought management.

By Mr. Haggerty of Woburn, for the committee on Housing, on House, No. 1564, a Bill relative to preventing algorithmic rent fixing in the rental housing market (House, No. 5222).

Rent fixing.

By Ms. Domb of Amherst, for the committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery, on a petition, a Bill replacing archaic and stigmatizing language for substance use (House, No. 2227).

Substance use,— language.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 2211, a Bill modernizing the six fundamental rights (House, No. 5229).

Mental health,— services.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 2231, a Bill establishing peer respites throughout the Commonwealth (House, No. 5231).

Peer respites.

By Mr. Lewis of Framingham, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a petition, a Bill related to the enforcement of chapter 140 (House, No. 4849).

Dog kennels.

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

By Ms. Barber of Somerville, for the committee on Environment and Natural Resources, on House, Nos. 893, 943 and 967, a Bill banning the retail sale of dogs, cats, and rabbits in new pet shops (House, No. 967).

Pet shops,— animal sales.

By Mr. Haggerty of Woburn, for the committee on Housing, on a joint petition, a Bill authorizing the Provincetown year-round market rate rental housing trust to acquire year-round housing occupancy restrictions (House, No. 3909) [Local Approval Received].

Provincetown,— year-round market rate rental.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill further defining the purposes of the affordable housing trust in the city of Somerville (House, No. 3921) [Local Approval Received].

Somerville,— affordable housing trust.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to affordable housing trust fund of the town of Edgartown (House, No. 4186) [Local Approval Received].

Edgartown,— affordable housing.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to the inclusion of commercial fishermen as a designated vocation for affordable and attainable housing preference in the town of Chatham under Section 32, Seasonal Communities, Subsection (d), of the Affordable Homes Act (House, No. 4288) [Local Approval Received].

Chatham,— commercial fishermen.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill establishing a housing trust fund in the town of Chatham (House, No. 4290) [Local Approval Received].

Chatham,— housing trust fund.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Harwich affordable housing trust to provide for the creation of attainable housing (House, No. 4318) [Local Approval Received].

Harwich,— housing trust fund.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to clarify the organization of the Lexington Housing Assistance Board (House, No. 4842) [Local Approval Received].

Lexington Housing Assistance Board.

By Mr. Lewis of Framingham, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a petition, a Bill regarding special meetings of the Holyoke City Council (House, No. 4738) [Local Approval Received].

Holyoke,— special meetings.

**UNCORRECTED PROOF.**

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill providing for the exchange of certain park land in the town of Lexington (House, No. 4843) [Local Approval Received].	Lexington,— land.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill providing for the appointment and removal authority of the town administrator of the town of Wilbraham for employees other than those sworn officers of the Wilbraham police department and Wilbraham fire department appointed by the select board, and department heads appointed by the select board, and department heads appointed by boards and commissions so authorized by general law or by-law (House, No. 4844) [Local Approval Received].	Wilbraham,— appointments.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill allowing a lease term of up to 99 years for 305 South Street east or a portion thereof (House, No. 4878) [Local Approval Received].	Raynham,— lease.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Plymouth to establish a special revenue account for land acquisition (House, No. 4887) [Local Approval Received].	Plymouth,— land.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to town meeting accessibility (House, No. 5052) [Local Approval Received].	Burlington,— town meeting.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill establishing a charter for the town of Orange (House, No. 5053) [Local Approval Received].	Orange,— charter.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the town of Reading Home Rule Charter (House, No. 5102) [Local Approval Received].	Reading,— charter.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the charter and the town clerk in the town of Falmouth (House, No. 5107) [Local Approval Received].	Falmouth,— charter.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the acquisition and disposition of certain land in the town of Falmouth (House, No. 5108) [Local Approval Received].	Falmouth,— land.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Falmouth to expend funds to offset certain costs associated with the installation of low pressure pumps on private property in future sewer service areas (House, No. 5109) [Local Approval Received].	Falmouth,— funds.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill providing for the establishment of a board to oversee use and occupancy payments for manufactured housing community accommodations in the city of Attleboro, Massachusetts (House, No. 5128) [Local Approval Received].	Attleboro,— payments.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill increasing the maximum amount of penalties which may be imposed for violations of ordinances in the city of Newton (House, No. 5136) [Local Approval Received].	Newton,— penalties.
By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 4845, a Bill granting Uxbridge the ability to post public meeting notices (House, No. 5228) [Local Approval Received].	Uxbridge,— public notices.
By Mr. Madaro of Boston, for the committee on Revenue, on a joint petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Charlemont to establish a tax on commercial recreation services (House, No. 4435) [Local Approval Received].	Charlemont,— commercial recreation tax.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to a real property exemption for disabled persons in the town of Swampscott (House, No. 4444) [Local Approval Received].	Swampscott,— exemptions.

**UNCORRECTED PROOF.**

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill authorizing the town of North Attleborough to establish a means-tested senior citizen property tax exemption (House, No. 4526) [Local Approval Received].

North  
Attleborough,—  
property taxes.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to excise upon the transfer of parking spaces in the city of Salem (House, No. 4547) [Local Approval Received].

Salem,—  
parking  
spaces.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill amending the town of Arlington's means tested senior citizen property tax exemption (House, No. 4575) [Local Approval Received].

Arlington,—  
property  
taxes.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Auburn to offer expanded senior property tax abatements (House, No. 4585) [Local Approval Received].

Auburn,—  
property  
taxes.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Millis to establish a means-tested senior citizen property tax exemption for school building construction projects (House, No. 4605) [Local Approval Received].

Millis,—  
property  
taxes.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to expanded small property tax abatements in the town of Auburn (House, No. 4754) [Local Approval Received].

Auburn,—  
property  
taxes.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill amending the means tested senior citizen property tax exemption in the town of Sudbury (House, No. 4755) [Local Approval Received].

Sudbury,—  
property  
taxes.

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

*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.

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At 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.