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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.

## *Resolutions.*

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Representatives Puppolo of Springfield and other members of the House) honoring Massachusetts veterinary associations and advocates in recognizing May 2, 2026 as Veterinary Youth Day in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Veterinary  
Youth 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. 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 Public Utilities (see Section 12Q of Chapter 25 of General Laws) submitting the Energy Facilities Siting Board Trust Fund report of the funds' financial activities from November 6, 2024 through November 12, 2025;

Energy Facilities  
Siting Board.

From the Department of Public Utilities (see Section 12R of Chapter 25 of General Laws) submitting the Unified Carrier Registration Trust Fund report of the funds' financial activities from November 7, 2024 through November 12, 2025;

Unified  
carriers.

From the Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth (see item 0521-0001 of Section 2 of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting its report on voter registration activity for the calendar year 2025;

Voter  
registration.

From the Office of the Comptroller (see item 1599-3384 of Section 2 of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting the Settlements and Judgements accounts payable report for the second quarter of fiscal year 2026;

Settlements  
and judgements.

From the Office of the Comptroller (see item 1595-6232 of Section 2E of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting the transfer schedule for the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center (MassCEC) Clean Energy Investment Fund for fiscal year 2026; and

Clean  
Energy  
Center.

From the Department of Public Health (see Section 31 of Chapter 285 of the Acts of 2024) submitting its "Report on Sober Homes in Massachusetts";

Sober  
homes.

Severally were placed on file.

*Petitions.*

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Consalvo of Boston, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Rob Consalvo relative to school bus safety technology.

School buses,—  
technology.

By Representative Cusack of Braintree, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Mark J. Cusack relative to military creditable service for judges.

Judges,—  
retirement.

By Representative Plouffe of Brockton, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Bridget Plouffe relative to disability retirement income.

Disability  
income.

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 bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

The Senate Bill extending the time for the town of Boxford to grant 2 additional licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (Senate, No. 2913) [Local Approval Received]; and

Boxford,—  
liquor  
licenses.

House bills

Relative to replacement plans (House, No. 3517);

Gas meters.

Establishing a housing trust fund in the town of Chatham (House, No. 4290) [Local Approval Received];

Chatham,—  
housing fund.

Relative to expanded small property tax abatements in the town of Auburn (House, No. 4754) [Local Approval Received];

Auburn,—  
property taxes.

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.

Relative to town meeting accessibility (House, No. 5052) [Local Approval Received]; and

Burlington,—  
town meeting.

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.

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.

The following report was received, the time within which the said committees was required to report having expired:

By Mr. Ryan of Boston, for the committee on Public Service, on House, Nos. 1395, 2741, 2742, 2744, 2745, 2748, 2750, 2751, 2752, 2754, 2755, 2756, 2758, 2760, 2761, 2763, 2765, 2769, 2770, 2772, 2773, 2778, 2779, 2780, 2785, 2789, 2791, 2792, 2793, 2794, 2795, 2797, 2803, 2804, 2809, 2811, 2812, 2821, 2822, 2824, 2825, 2827, 2828, 2830, 2831, 2835, 2837, 2843, 2847, 2849, 2850, 2854, 2855, 2856, 2857, 2858, 2859, 2862, 2863, 2867, 2868, 2872, 2873, 2874, 2875, 2876, 2877, 2888, 2890, 2891, 2892, 2895, 2900, 2903, 2904, 2906, 2907, 2910, 2911, 2912, 2914, 2916, 2919, 2924, 2925, 2927, 2930, 2931, 2934, 2936, 2938, 2941, 2945, 2950, 2952, 2954, 2957, 2960, 2962, 2963, 2964, 2965, 2966, 2967, 2973, 2974, 2976, 2983, 2984, 2989, 2994, 2995, 2999, 3001, 3964, 4079, 4126, 4127, 4141, 4213 and 4299, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Public Service to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to

Public  
Service,—  
study.

public service matters (House, No. 5312). 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, on the foregoing order, reported, in part, a Bill authorizing the city of North Adams to appoint retired North Adams police officers as special police officers within said city for paid detail assignments (House, No. 4141) [Local Approval Received]. Read; and 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 the rules, on motion of Ms. Badger of Plymouth, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

By Ms. Barber of Somerville, for the committee on Environment and Natural Resources, on House, Nos. 890, 895, 901, 920, 922, 937, 939, 966, 982, 983, 992, 1004, 1006, 1022, 1036, 1037, 1038, 1039, 1040, 1042, 1043, 1045, 1047, 1049, 1057, 1060, 1062, 1063, 1065, 1066, 1067, 1071, 1072, 1074, 1075, 2600, 3920, 4041, 4101, 4110, 4111, 4191, 4513, 4700, 5076 and 5141, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Environment and Natural Resources to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to hunting, water quality and other related matters (House, No. 5307). Referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Hunting, water quality 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.

The following reports were received, the time within which the said committees were required to report having expired:

By Mr. Stanley of Waltham, for the committee on Aging and Independence, on House, Nos. 755, 757, 759, 761, 766, 768, 770, 771, 773, 782, 784, 787, 788, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 1352 and 4039, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Aging and Independence to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to care facilities, home care and other related matters (House, No. 5310).

Care facilities, home care and other related matters,— study.

By Ms. Domb of Amherst, for the committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery, on House, Nos. 2192, 2194, 2195, 2204, 2209, 2212, 2213, 2214, 2215, 2217, 2218, 2219, 2223, 2224, 2225, 2228, 2229, 2230, 2232, 2233, 2234, 2235, 2236, 2237, 2239, 2240 and 2241, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to mental health, substance use and recovery matters (House, No. 5319).

Mental health, substance use and recovery,— 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.

**UNCORRECTED PROOF.**

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

By Mr. Cahill of Lynn, for the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, on a petition, a Bill establishing a fund for the care of retired police dogs (House, No. 2735).

Retired police dogs.

By Mr. Ryan of Boston, for the committee on Public Service, on House, No. 2786, a Bill relative to compliance officers at the Department of Fire Services (House, No. 5287).

Fire services,—retirement.

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. 4597, a Bill to ensure alcoholic beverages licensing economic opportunity and geographic equity (House, No. 5306) [Representative McKenna of Sutton dissenting].

Liquor licenses,—equity.

By Mr. Ryan of Boston, for the committee, on Public Service, on House, No. 4315, a Bill authorizing the City of Westfield to establish an age limit for original appointment to the position of firefighter (House, No. 5288) [Local Approval Received].

Westfield,—firefighters.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 4475, a Bill authorizing the appointment of retired police officers as special police officers in the town of Norwood (House, No. 5289) [Local Approval Received].

Norwood,—police officers.

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 Pierre Charles Darius (see House, No. 3925);

Bills enacted.

Directing the city of Boston Police Department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Doumy Pamera (see House, No. 4572); and

Directing the city of Boston police department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Ryan Cazeau (see House, No. 4740);

(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 Marblehead to establish a means-tested senior citizen property tax exemption (House, No. 4225); and

Third reading bills.

Establishing a sick leave bank for Courtney Cochran, an employee of the Department of Children and Families (House, No. 5245) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

**UNCORRECTED PROOF.**

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 Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next  
sitting.

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At ten minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. McKenna of Sutton (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.