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Thursday, April 2, 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 Peisch of Wellesley) honoring William B. O'Leary on the occasion of his one hundredth birthday;

William  
O'Leary.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Owens of Watertown) congratulating Ethan Ho on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout of Scouting America; and

Ethan  
Ho.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Smola of Warren) celebrating the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of Saint Paul's Church of Palmer;

Saint Paul's  
Church of  
Palmer.

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. Smola of Warren, 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 Greater Attleboro Taunton Regional Transit Authority (see Section 8(g) of Chapter 161B of the General Laws) submitting the Attleboro Commuter Rail Station and Parking Lot statement of income and calculation of MBTA share of income for fiscal year 2025;

Greater Attleboro  
Taunton Regional  
Transit Authority.

From the Greater Attleboro Taunton Regional Transit Authority (see Section 8(g) of Chapter 161B of the General Laws) submitting their annual financial statements for fiscal year 2025;

Id.

From the Greater Attleboro Taunton Regional Transit Authority (see Section 8(g) of Chapter 161B of the General Laws) submitting their single audit report for fiscal year 2025;

Id.

From the Office of the Comptroller (see Section 1A and 1B of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting the actual revenue tax and non-tax collections for the second quarter of fiscal year 2026;

Comptroller,—  
revenue  
collections.

From the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities (see item 7004-9316 of Section 2 of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting its Residential

Residential  
Assistance for  
Families in  
Transition.

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Assistance for Families in Transition (RAFT) first quarterly report for fiscal year 2026; and

From the Office of the Comptroller (see item 1599-2040 of Section 2B of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting the Paid Prior Year Deficiency Report for the second quarter of fiscal year 2026;

Severally were placed on file.

Paid prior  
year deficiency.

*Petitions.*

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Duffy of Holyoke, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5332) of Patricia A. Duffy (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to electing certain city officials and filling related vacancies; and

Holyoke,—  
mayoral  
vacancies.

By the same member, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5333) of Patricia A. Duffy (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Holyoke be authorized to amend its charter to require that elected officials be citizens and residents for at least two years.

Holyoke,—  
residency  
requirement.

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

By Representative Roy of Franklin, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5334) of Jeffrey N. Roy (with the approval of the town council) that the town of Franklin be authorized to increase the limit of the local hotel excise tax in said town. To the committee on Revenue.

Franklin,—  
hotel excise  
tax.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Representatives Stanley of Waltham and Fiola of Fall River presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Thomas M. Stanley and Patricia D. Jehlen relative to assisted living residences; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Assisted  
living  
residences.

*Papers from the Senate.*

**Bills**

Authorizing the town of Topsfield to convert 4 licenses for sale of wine and malt beverages not to be drunk on the premises to 4 licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises and to prohibit the sale of alcoholic beverages in the containers less than 200 milliliters (Senate, No. 2526) (on a petition) [Local Approval Received]; and

Topsfield,—  
liquor  
licenses.

Regulating the number of registered voters who may petition for a special town meeting in the town of Andover (Senate, No. 2544) (on a petition) [Local Approval Received];

Andover,—  
town meeting.

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 Kelly A. Dooner, Steven S. Howitt and Adam J. Scanlon for legislation relative to retirement benefits for Alec Ciminello, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Public Service.

Alec  
Ciminello,—  
retirement.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 3044) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Public Service.

*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:

Relative to excise upon the transfer of parking spaces in the city of Salem (House, No. 4547) [Local Approval Received];

Authorizing the town of Auburn to offer expanded senior property tax abatements (House, No. 4585) [Local Approval Received];

Amending the means tested senior citizen property tax exemption in the town of Sudbury (House, No. 4755) [Local Approval Received]; and

Relative to the acquisition and disposition of certain land in the town of Falmouth (House, No. 5108) [Local Approval Received];

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.

Salem,—  
parking spaces.

Auburn,—  
tax abatements.

Sudbury,—  
property tax.

Falmouth,—  
land.

By Mr. Chan of Quincy, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, on House, Nos. 319, 320, 325, 332, 357, 375, 427, 447, 448, 450, 454, 4019 and 4159, 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. 5320).

Consumer  
protection and  
professional  
licensure,—  
study.

By Mr. Madaro of Boston, for the committee on Revenue, on House, Nos. 3055, 3057, 3059, 3067, 3070, 3082, 3087, 3094, 3126, 3127, 3129, 3208, 3262 and 3278, an Order authorizing the committee on Revenue to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to certain revenue petitions relating to state taxation (House, No. 5309).

State taxation,—  
study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 3013, 3014, 3017, 3024, 3039, 3048, 3052, 3068, 3071, 3072, 3074, 3075, 3081, 3090, 3091, 3103, 3107, 3117, 3119, 3122, 3123, 3160, 3163, 3168, 3174, 3180, 3181, 3182, 3189, 3195, 3197, 3199, 3201, 3205, 3216, 3217, 3218, 3232, 3247, 3253, 3260, 3270, 3281, 4050, 4080, 4081, 4083 and 4219, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Revenue to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to tax credits and deductions (House, No. 5318).

Tax credits and  
deductions,—  
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 House, Nos. 799, 800, 802, 807, 811, 812, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 821, 824, 826, 827, 833, 834, 839, 840, 842, 843, 844, 845, 849, 850, 851, 853, 857, 859, 863, 864, 865, 867, 871, 873, 874, 875, 877, 878, 880, 882, 3918, 4033, 4095, 4096, 4097, 4132, 4148, 4190, 4209, 4223, 4241 and 4713, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Election Laws to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to political contributions, voter registration and other related matters (House, No.

Political  
contributions,  
voter  
registration,—  
study.

5311) (the time within which the said committee was required to report having expired). 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 severally was considered forthwith; and it was accepted.

By Mr. Ryan of Boston, for the committee on Public Service, on a part of House, No. 56 (as relates to sections 18, 19, 83, 84 and 88), a Bill empowering municipalities and local governments (House, No. 5321) [Senator Dooner dissenting]. Read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Local governments.

By Mr. Rogers of Cambridge, for the committee on Higher Education, on a petition, a Bill relative to tuition and student loan reimbursement in gateway cities (House, No. 4044).

Student loans,—reimbursement.

By Ms. Decker of Cambridge, for the committee on Public Health, on a petition, a Bill relative to organ transplant vehicles (House, No. 4796).

Organ transport vehicles.

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 expanding the definition of dependent for the purposes of municipal employee benefits as to the city of Cambridge (House, No. 3924) [Local Approval Received].

Cambridge,—dependents.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Colrain to continue the employment of fire department chief Nicholas Anzuoni (House, No. 4846) [Local Approval Received].

Colrain,—Nicholas Anzuoni.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Colrain to continue the employment of fire department deputy chief Kevin Worden Sr. (House, No. 4848) [Local Approval Received].

Colrain,—Kevin Worden.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to the reserve time of public safety personnel in the city of Salem (House, No. 4909) [Local Approval Received].

Salem,—public safety personnel.

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

*Engrossed Bills.*

Engrossed bills

Exempting Stephen Justice from the maximum age requirement for the position of firefighter in the city of Haverhill (see House, No. 2985);

Bills enacted.

Exempting Javier Vargas from the maximum age requirement for the position of firefighter in the city of Haverhill (see House, No. 2986);

Exempting Brittany Sproule from the maximum age requirement for the position of firefighter in the city of Haverhill (see House, No. 2987);

Exempting Freddy Castaneda from the maximum age requirement for the position of police officer in the city of Haverhill (see House, No. 2988);

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Designating a certain overpass in the town of Sandwich as the United States Marine Corps Staff Sergeant Raymond G. Tourville Veterans Memorial Overpass (see House, No. 4374);

Changing the name of the board of selectmen in the town of Williamsburg to select board (see House, No. 4524); and

Making the charter of the city of Chicopee gender neutral (see House, No. 4542); (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 Kenneth Navarro to take the civil service examination for the position of firefighter in the city of Haverhill notwithstanding the maximum age requirement (House, No. 4476) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

Third reading bills.

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) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

Regarding special meetings of the Holyoke City Council (House, No. 4738);

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. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

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The Senate Bill providing for the retirement of Walter L. Guertin, a former member of the fire department in the city of Attleboro (Senate, No. 1859), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Attleboro—  
Walter  
Guertin.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, in concurrence, Mr. Walsh of Peabody moved to amend it by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in House document numbered 5331.

The amendment was adopted; and the bill (Senate, No. 1859, amended) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence in the amendment.

*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 ten minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Smola of Warren (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.