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Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Garballey 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 Decker of Cambridge) commending the Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America for acknowledging May as Asthma and Allergy Awareness Month in Massachusetts;

Asthma and
Allergy
Awareness Week.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Galvin of Canton) commending the Greater Boston Chapter of the American Society of Safety Professionals on its recognition of the North American Occupational Safety and Health Week and Occupational Safety and Health Professional Day;

Occupational
health and
safety.

Resolutions (filed by Representative McMurtry of Dedham) congratulating Harrison Abber on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout of Scouting America;

Harrison
Abber.

Resolutions (filed by Representative McMurtry of Dedham) congratulating Milo James Angel on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout of Scouting America;

Milo
Angel.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Nguyen of Andover, Chan of Quincy, Hong of Lowell, Sangiolo of Newton, Uyterhoeven of Somerville and Wong of Saugus) honoring the Taiwanese American community of Massachusetts during Taiwanese American Heritage Week of 2026;

Taiwanese
American
Heritage Week.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Roy of Franklin) celebrating the one hundredth anniversary of Quattro Eroi Lodge 1414, a proud chapter of the Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America; and

Quattro
Eroi Lodge.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Stanley of Waltham and Lawn of Watertown) congratulating the Waltham Rotary Club on the occasion of its one hundredth anniversary;

Waltham
Rotary Club.

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. Sylvia of Fairhaven, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Communication.

A communication from the Secretary of the Idaho State Senate transmitting a Senate Joint Memorial No. 112, urging the members of the United States Congress to

Idaho,—
federal balanced
budget amendment

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propose the Federal Balanced Budget Amendment to the states for ratification, was read for the information of the House; and it was placed on file.

to U.S.
Constitution.

Petition.

Representative Diggs of Barnstable presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Kip A. Diggs for legislation to further regulate the transportation of vessels in the villages of Marston Mills and Osterville in the town of Barnstable; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Barnstable,—
vessels.

Papers from the Senate.

The House Bill relative to the charter of the town of Fairhaven (House, No. 4232), came from the Senate 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 3059. The amendment was referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading. Said committee then reported that the amendment was correctly drawn; and it was adopted, in concurrence.

Fairhaven,—
charter.

A Bill allowing the town of Somerset to prohibit water fluoridation (Senate, No. 2627) (on a petition) [Local Approval Received], passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Somerset,—
fluoridation.

A message from Her Excellency the Governor recommending legislation to enhance the safe use of micromobility devices (Senate, No. 3077), was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Transportation.

Micromobility
devices.

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 authorizing the town of Berkley to recall elected officials (Senate, No. 3018) [Local Approval Received]; and

Berkley,—
elected officials.

House bills

Authorizing the town of Ashland to grant 10 additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 5339) [Local Approval Received]; and

Ashland,—
liquor
licenses.

Removing the seating capacity requirements of licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises in the town of Belmont (House, No. 5344) [Local Approval Received];

Belmont,—
liquor
licenses.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Sylvia of Fairhaven, the bills severally were read a second time forthwith; and they were ordered to a third reading.

By Mr. Lawn of Watertown, for the committee on Health Care Financing, to whom were referred the Bill to increase access to the flu vaccine for older adults (House, No. 760) and the Bill boosting flu prevention for seniors (House, No. 764), reports recommending that the bill (House, No. 760) ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a bill with the same title (House, No. 5411) [Cost:

Flu
vaccines.

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Greater than \$100,000.00]. Read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means, with the amendment pending.

By Mr. Ryan of Boston, for the committee on Public Service, that the communication from the Public Employee Retirement Administration Commission (under sections 21, 102 and 103 of Chapter 32 of the General Laws) relative to the percentum change in the average cost-of-living as shown by the United States consumer price index for the year 2025 compared with such index for the year 2024 (House, No. 52), be placed on file. Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

PERAC,—
cost of living
report.

By Mr. Ryan of Boston, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Carla Johnson, an employee of the department of unemployment assistance (House, No. 5399). Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Carla Johnson,—
sick leave.

Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed bills

Providing for recall elections in the town of Rutland (see Senate, No. 2789) (which originated in the Senate);

Bills
enacted.

Further regulating creditable service for employees of the Dedham Westwood Water District (see House, No. 2917, amended);

Authorizing the town of Lancaster to dissolve its animal control commission (see House, No. 4212);

Relative to the charter of the town of Fairhaven (see House, No. 4232, amended); and

Setting a date for the annual town meeting for the town of Orange (see House, No. 4717, amended);

(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 Senate Bill authorizing the city of Taunton to establish a separate billing rate for water supplied to manufactured housing communities (Senate, No. 2652), having been 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, in concurrence.

Third
reading
bill.

The House Bill validating certain proceedings of the town of Stow (printed in House, No. 5129), 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.

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The House Bill relative to the charter and the town clerk in the town of Falmouth (House, No. 5107), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Falmouth,—
charter.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Walsh of Peabody moved to amend it by substitution of a bill with the same title (House, No. 5412), which was read.

The amendment was adopted; and the substituted bill 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.

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