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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.

Silent Tribute.

At the request of Representative Shand of Newburyport, the members, guests and employees stood in a moment of silent tribute in respect to the memory of James McCauley, a dedicated public servant, who died May 7, 2026 at the age of 62.

James
McCauley.

Between 2019 and 2025, Mr. McCauley served six years as ward 5 city councilor in Newburyport. He was known for his preparedness in council debates and his attention to detail. He demonstrated a fierce love for the city and selfless service. To bring attention to an intersection in his district he thought too difficult to navigate, he served as a school crossing guard while he simultaneously pushed for safety improvements. He served on the building committee for two of the city's most critical projects: the West End Fire Station and Market Landing Park.

He is survived by his wife, Liz, and their two children.

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) congratulating Matthew Martin Fitzgibbon on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout of Scouting America;

Matthew
Fitzgibbon.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Peisch of Wellesley) congratulating Nicholas George Glaeser on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout of Scouting America;

Nicholas
Glaeser.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Peisch of Wellesley) congratulating Seth Daniel Janchar on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout of Scouting America;

Seth
Janchar.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Peisch of Wellesley) congratulating Curtis Stanislaw Keene on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout of Scouting America;

Curtis
Keene.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Peisch of Wellesley) congratulating Thomas Charles Kickham on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout of Scouting America;

Thomas
Kickham.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Peisch of Wellesley) congratulating Austin Glazier Marill on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout of Scouting America; and

Austin
Marill.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Worrell of Boston and other members of the House) celebrating Bishop-elect Egobudike E. Ezedi, Jr. on the occasion of his sacred service of episcopal consecration as appointment as Bishop;

Egobudike
Ezedi, Jr.

UNCORRECTED PROOF.

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

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Duffy of Holyoke, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5448) of Patricia A. Duffy (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to modernizing financial departments in the city of Holyoke; and

Holyoke,—
financial
departments.

By Representative Pease of Westfield, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5449) of Kelly W. Pease (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to amending the traffic commission in the city of Westfield.

Westfield,—
traffic
commission.

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Lawn of Watertown, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of John J. Lawn, Jr., for legislation to establish contract and coverage standards for health care worker platforms.

Long term
care workers.

By Representative Vaughn of Wrentham, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Marcus S. Vaughn for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Mark Giampa, an employee of the Department of Correction.

Mark
Giampa,—
sick leave.

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

Reports of Committees.

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 petition of Joshua Tarsky for legislation to authorize the establishment of a veterans' suicide mortality review and prevention council within the Executive Office of Veterans' Services. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Kerans of Danvers, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Veterans' suicide
mortality review
and prevention
council.

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 transparency in municipal health insurance (House, No. 2890);

Insurance.

Authorizing the town of Reading to establish a means tested senior citizen property tax exemption (House, No. 5103) [Local Approval Received];

Reading,—
tax exemption.

Addressing a vacancy in the office of mayor in the city of Holyoke (House, No. 5332) [Local Approval Received];

Holyoke,—
mayor

Pertaining to Holyoke's residency requirement (House, No. 5333) [Local Approval Received];

Holyoke,—
residency.

Further amending Holyoke's residency requirement (House, No. 5364) [Local Approval Received]; and

Id.

UNCORRECTED PROOF.

Authorizing the town of Lynnfield to appropriate funds from the Golf Enterprise Fund to the Recreation Capital Trust Stabilization Fund (House, No. 5416) [Local Approval Received];

Lynnfield,—
fund.

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.

Engrossed Bill.

The engrossed Bill providing for the appointment of retired police officers as special police officers in the town of Fairhaven (see House, No. 4234, amended) (which originated in the House), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill
enacted.

Orders of the Day.

House bills

Relative to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund of the town of Edgartown (House, No. 4186) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading); and

Third
reading
bills.

Relative to the maintenance of pre-employment physical examination records for public safety personnel in the city of Quincy (House, No. 4890);

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. 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 Tuesday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next
sitting.

At ten 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 Tuesday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.