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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.

Silent Tribute.

At the request of Representatives Badger of Plymouth and LaNatra of Kingston, the members, guests, and employees stood in a moment of silent tribute in the memory of Charles "Charlie" Vandini, a dedicated, lifelong member of our Plymouth community, who passed away on May 9, 2026, at the age of 95.

Charles
"Charlie"
Vandini.

Charlie was truly a pillar of the North Plymouth community, a dedicated Town Meeting Member for precinct 1 for over 50 years, a small business owner, and someone who many referred to as the "Mayor of North Plymouth". Through his ownership of Charlie's Hardware, he built more than just a business, he built relationships that spanned generations and a meeting place for community members.

He served the community on the North Plymouth Steering Committee, and the Plymouth Lions Club, where he was a past president and Melvin Jones Fellow. He was someone people turned to, not just for hardware, but for conversation, and connection.

He will be remembered by all who had the privilege of knowing him.

Guests of the House.

At the beginning of the session, the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford), declared a brief recess and introduced fourth grade students from the Howe-Manning Elementary School in Middleton, who were seated in the House Chamber. At the invitation of the Chair, the students joined the Chair in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag. They were the guests of Representatives Jones of North Reading and Kerans of Danvers.

Middleton,—
Howe-Manning
Elementary
School.

Order.

The Order (filed by Representatives Gordon of Bedford and Ayers of Quincy) relative to extending until Friday, June 12, 2026 the time within which the committee on Education is authorized to report on a current House document, was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Education,—
extension
of time for
reporting.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 5454) ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

Resolutions (filed by Representative Hogan of Stow) congratulating Jennavieve Gale on receiving the Girl Scouts of the United States of America Gold Award;

Jennavieve
Gale.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Hogan of Stow) congratulating Siena Hesbach on receiving the Girl Scouts of the United States of America Gold Award;

Siena
Hesbach.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Hogan of Stow) congratulating Madison Morgan on receiving the Girl Scouts of the United States of America Gold Award; and

Madison
Morgan.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Donaghue of Westborough and other members of the House) congratulating the Worcester Chapter of the Appalachian Mountain Club on the occasion of its one hundred and fiftieth anniversary and its outstanding service and commitment to outdoor recreation and conservation;

Worcester
Appalachian
Mountain 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. Jones of North Reading, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Communications.

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From the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (see Section 221(e) of Chapter 6 of the General Laws) submitting the Hate Crimes Task Force annual report for calendar year 2025;

Hate Crimes
Task Force.

From the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (see Section 39 of Chapter 7C of the General Laws) submitting a listing of the Commonwealth's real property holdings and leased property for fiscal year 2026;

Real and
leased
property.

From the Department of Transitional Assistance (see Section 2 (B) (r) of Chapter 18 of the General Laws) submitting a report entitled: Transitional Aid to Families with Dependent Children - Eligible Noncitizen Status Clients [copies of said report were forwarded to the committee on House Ways and Means and the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, as required by said law];

Transitional
aid,—
noncitizen
clients.

From the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center (see Section 5 of Chapter 23J of the General Laws) submitting the 2025 industry report (accompanied by financial statements for fiscal year ended June 30, 2025) [copies of the communication were forwarded to the committees on Ways and Means, Economic Development and Emerging Technologies and Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy, as required by said law];

Clean Energy
Center,—
industry
report.

From the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds (see Section 2KKK of Chapter 29 of the General Laws) submitting its plan for expenditure for technological improvements from the County Registers Technological Fund [copies of the report were forwarded to the committee on Ways and Means and the committee on Post Audit and Oversight, as required by said law];

Plymouth,—
technological
fund.

From the Executive Office for Housing and Livable Communities (see Section 2XXX of Chapter 29 of the General Laws) submitting the District Local Technical Assistance annual report for fiscal year 2025;

District Local
Technical
Assistance.

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From the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities (see Section 12 of Chapter 40R of the General Laws) submitting an update on the Chapter 40R Smart Growth Program for fiscal year 2025;

Smart growth.

From the Office of the Child Advocate (see Section 89 of Chapter 119 of the General Laws) submitting the Juvenile Justice Policy and Data Board (JJPAD) annual report for fiscal year 2025;

Juvenile Justice Policy Board.

From the Northwestern District Attorney's Office (see Section 99R of Chapter 272 of the General Laws) submitting its annual report relative to wiretaps for calendar year 2025;

Northwestern District Attorney,— wiretaps.

From the Executive Office for Administration and Finance and the Executive Office for Housing and Livable Communities (see Section 10 of Chapter 1 and Section 88 of Chapter 73 of the Acts of 2025 and Section 19 of Chapter 88 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the April 2, 2026 biweekly report on the emergency housing assistance program;

Emergency housing assistance.

From the Committee for Public Counsel Services (see item 0321-1500 of Section 2 of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting its annual report for fiscal year 2025;

Public Counsel Services.

From the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (see item 1595-0115 of Section 2E of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting a report on the Civic Projects Trust Fund for fiscal year 2024;

Civic projects trust fund.

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

Clean Energy Center,— budget.

From the Department of Public Health (see item 4590-0915 of Section 2 of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting a report on the status of the Pappas Rehabilitation Hospital for Children;

Pappas Rehabilitation Hospital.

From the Executive Office for Housing and Livable Communities (see items 7004-9024 and 7004-9030 of Section 2 of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting the Massachusetts Rental Voucher Program (MRVP) and Alternative House Voucher Program (AHVP) reports for fiscal years 2023-2025;

Rental and housing voucher programs.

From the Executive Office for Housing and Livable Communities (see item 7004-9030 of Section 2 of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting the Alternative House Voucher Program (AHVP) report for expenditures for fiscal year 2025;

Housing voucher programs.

From the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (see item 7061-9813 of Section 2 of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting report #1 on Rural School Aid for fiscal year 2026;

Rural school aid.

From the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (see item 7061-9813 of Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting report #1 on Rural School Aid for fiscal year 2025;

Id.

From the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (see item 7061-9813 of Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting report #2 on Rural School Aid for fiscal year 2025; and

Id.

From the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities (see Section 105 of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting the Crumbling Concrete Stakeholder Working Group final report;

Crumbling concrete.

Severally were placed on file.

Special and Quarterly Reports.

Reports

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Of the Executive Office for Administration and Finance (under Section 2EEEEEE(d) of Chapter 29 of the General Laws) submitting a report on an expenditure from the Commonwealth Federal Match and Debt Reduction Fund; and

Federal Match and Debt Reduction fund.

Of the Massachusetts District Attorneys Association (under Section 20D of Chapter 12 of the General Laws) submitting its report on the status of child abuse and neglect cases for fiscal year 2025; and

Child abuse and neglect.

A quarterly report of the Sheriff's Department of Plymouth County (under Section 40 of Chapter 126 of the General Laws) submitting the aggregate data on the population of the Plymouth County Correctional Facility for the first quarter of calendar year 2026;

Plymouth County Correctional Facility.

Severally were placed on file.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Luddy of Orleans and Senator Cyr, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5456) of Hadley Luddy (by vote of the town) relative to the year-round market rate rental housing trust fund in the town of Provincetown. To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Provincetown,—housing trust.

By the same members, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5457) of Hadley Luddy (by vote of the town) that the town of Provincetown be authorized to impose a 0.5% real estate transfer fee upon the transfer of certain property in said town. To the committee on Revenue.

Provincetown,—real estate transfer fee.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Luddy of Orleans and Senator Cyr, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Hadley Luddy (by vote of the town) that the town of Provincetown be authorized to designate a check-off box on its municipal tax bills or motor vehicle excise tax bills for the coastal resilience fund in said town.

Provincetown,—fund.

By Representative Shand of Newburyport and Senator Finegold, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Dawne Shand and Barry R. Finegold for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Andrew Bartlett, an employee of the Department of Public Health.

Andrew Bartlett,—sick leave.

By Representative Zlotnik of Gardner, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Jonathan D. Zlotnik that the Massachusetts Department of Transportation be authorized to designate a certain bridge over state highway Route 140 in the city of Gardner as the Representative Robert L. Rice, Jr. bridge.

Gardner,—Rice bridge.

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

Papers from the Senate.

A joint petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 3094) of Paul R. Feeney and Michael S. Chaisson (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the town of Foxborough to grant three additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Foxborough,—liquor licenses.

A petition (accompanied by bill) of Ryan C. Fattman for legislation to implement fines on motorboat operators engaged in wakesurfing activity in close proximity to

Motorboats,—wakesurfing.

the shoreline, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 3099) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security.

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 Carole A. Fiola for legislation to authorize municipalities to opt-in to a temporary pilot to extend the hours of liquor licenses and to allow for public consumption in designated districts from June 1 to August 31, 2026. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Fiola of Fall River, the report was considered forthwith. At the request of the same member, the question was divided. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred, on motion of Ms. Fiola, to the committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Liquor licenses and public consumption,—pilot program.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the following bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

Senate bills

Authorizing the town of Berkley to grant additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (Senate, No. 2553) [Local Approval Received]; and

Berkley,—liquor licenses.

Regulating the issuance of licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages in the town of Bolton (Senate, No. 2628) [Local Approval Received]; and

Bolton,—liquor licenses.

House bills

Authorizing the city of Newton to place municipal charges liens on certain properties in the city of Newton for nonpayment of any local charge, fee or fine (House, No. 5358) [Local Approval Received]; and

Newton,—liens.

Authorizing the transfer of a certain parcel of land in the town of Marion from the Open Space Acquisition Commission to the Select Board (House, No. 5388) [Local Approval Received];

Marion,—land.

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

By Mr. Chan of Quincy, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, on House, No. 5036, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure to make an investigation and study of a certain House document relative to disclosure of information relative to tariffs (House, No. 5453). Referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Tarriffs,—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.

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By Ms. Decker of Cambridge, for the committee on Public Health, on a petition, a Bill to establish a celiac disease screening pilot program (House, No. 5013). Referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

Celiac disease,—
pilot program.

By Mr. Chan of Quincy, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, on House, No. 5138, a Bill regarding currency efficiency and non-digital tendering scarcity (House, No. 5450).

Low value
legal tender.

By Ms. Decker of Cambridge, for the committee on Public Health, on a petition, a Bill establishing statewide food truck regulations (House, No. 5115).

Food trucks,—
regulations.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 5087, a Bill regulating the operation of medical spas (House, No. 5455).

Medical spas,—
regulation.

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. 5378, a Bill authorizing the town of Marion to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 5451) [Local Approval Received].

Marion,—
liquor
license.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 5383, a Bill authorizing the town of Oxford to grant 2 additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 5452) [Local Approval Received].

Oxford,—
liquor
licenses.

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

Emergency Measure.

The engrossed Bill financing long-term improvements to municipal roads and bridges (see House, No. 5375), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was considered, the question being on adopting the emergency preamble.

Municipal
roads and
bridges.

A separate vote was taken, as required by the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXVII) of the Amendments to the Constitution; and the preamble was adopted, by a vote of 7 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Orders of the Day.

The House Bill relative to the maximum age requirement for original appointment as a police officer for the city of Worcester (House, No. 3929), 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.

Third
reading
bill.

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 thirteen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Frost of Auburn (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.