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Monday, June 1, 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.

### *Guests of the House.*

At the beginning of the session, the Chair (Mr. Garballey of Arlington), declared a brief recess and introduced, seated in the Chamber, students from the Transition Program at Arlington High School. At the invitation of the Chair, the students participated in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the Flag. They were the guests of the Chair.

Arlington  
High School  
transition program.

During the session, the Chair (Mr. Garballey of Arlington), declared a brief recess and introduced, seated in the Chamber, students from the Wampatuck School in Scituate. They were the guests of Mr. Kearney of Scituate.

Wampatuck  
School.

### *Resolutions.*

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

Resolutions (filed by Representative M. Moran of Boston) recognizing Virginia Anne Connolly on her fifty plus years of service to Beaverbrook Step, Inc.;

Virgina Anne  
Connolly.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Hogan of Stow) congratulating Nuno Bettencourt for receiving a Portuguese Heritage Award from the Portuguese-American Legislative Caucus;

Nuno  
Bettencourt.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Peisch of Wellesley) congratulating Joseph P. Nickerson, Sr. on the occasion of his one hundredth birthday; and

Joseph  
Nickerson.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Ferguson of Holden) congratulating Andrew Labovitz on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout;

Andrew  
Labovitz.

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. Owens of Watertown, 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

**UNCORRECTED PROOF.**

From the State Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team (see Section 18N of Chapter 6A of the General Laws) submitting its annual report for calendar year 2025;

Domestic violence.

From the Office of the Comptroller (see Section 12(c) of Chapter 7A of the General Laws) submitting the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025;

Comptroller,— financial report.

From the Office of the Inspector General (see Section 12 of Chapter 12A of the General Laws) submitting its annual report for calendar year 2025;

Inspector General.

From the Department of Revenue (see Section 6 of Chapter 14 of the General Laws) submitting its annual report for fiscal year 2025;

Department of Revenue.

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 30, 2026 biweekly report on the emergency housing assistance program;

Emergency housing assistance.

From the Massachusetts Peace Officer Standards and Training Commission (see item 0800-0000 of Section 2 of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting its annual report for fiscal year 2025;

POST Commission

From the Massachusetts Peace Officer Standards and Training Commission (see item 0800-0000 of Section 2 of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) addressing provision (iii) of its annual report for fiscal year 2025;

Id.

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 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 third quarter of fiscal year 2026;

Paid prior year deficiency.

From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see item 4000-0300 of Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the Office of Medicaid continuous skilled nursing report for fiscal year 2025; and

Medicaid,— skilled nursing.

From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see Section 80(e) of Chapter 343 of the Acts of 2024) submitting a Massachusetts Health Policy Commission Primary Care, Access, Delivery and Payment Task Force report;

Primary care task force.

Severally were placed on file.

*Annual Report.*

The annual report of the Executive Office for Housing and Livable Communities (under Section 6M(c)(8) of Chapter 62 and Section 38EE(c)(8) of Chapter 63 of the General Laws) submitting the Community Investment Tax Credit (CITC) annual report for calendar year 2025, was placed on file.

Community investment tax credits.

*Petitions.*

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Peisch of Wellesley and Senator Barrett, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5467) of Alice Hanlon Peisch (by vote of the town) that the town of Weston be authorized to transfer certain parcels of land in said town from the conservation commission to the select board. To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Weston,— land.

**UNCORRECTED PROOF.**

By Representative Ferguson of Holden and Senator Durant, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5468) of Kimberly N. Ferguson (by vote of the town) that the town of Princeton be authorized to continue the employment of police officer Paul Quinn, notwithstanding the maximum age requirement. To the committee on Public Service.

Princeton,—  
Paul Quinn.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Berthiaume of Spencer and Senator Durant, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr., establish a sick leave bank for Rosemarie Derry, an employee of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services.

Rosemarie  
Derry,—  
sick leave.

By Representative Davis of Great Barrington and Senator Mark, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Leigh Davis relative to tenant representation on the Great Barrington Housing Authority board.

Tenant  
representation.

By Representative Williams of Springfield, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Bud L. Williams and Alice Hanlon Peisch for legislation to authorize teachers employed by the Springfield Empowerment Zone to become members of the Massachusetts Teachers' Retirement System.

Springfield  
Empowerment  
Zone.

*Papers from the Senate.*

A Bill providing killed in the line of duty benefits to Joanne Songy, surviving spouse of Detective John D. Songy, a police officer of the town of Rutland (Senate, No. 1831, amended in section 1, in line 4, by striking out the figures: "100" and inserting in place thereof the figure: "9") (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.

Rutland,—  
John  
Songy.

Petitions were referred, in concurrence, as follows:

Joint petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 3097) of Julian Cyr and Christopher Richard Flanagan (by vote of the town) for legislation to amend the waterways capital improvement fund for the town of Dennis; and

Dennis,—  
waterways  
improvement.

Joint petition (accompanied by bill, Senate No. 3098) of Julian Cyr and Christopher Richard Flanagan (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the town of Dennis to publish legal notices digitally;

Dennis,—  
digital legal  
notices.

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

*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 Steven Ultrino relative to the treatment of cleft palate and cleft lip. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Owens of Watertown, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on the Financial Services. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Cleft palate  
and lip.

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:

**UNCORRECTED PROOF.**

Authorizing an increase in the limit of the local (hotel) excise tax that the town of Franklin may impose (House, No. 5334) [Local Approval Received]; and

Franklin,—  
excise tax.

Amending the home rule charter of the town of Falmouth to create the Falmouth Licensing Commission (House, No. 5365, changed) [Local Approval Received];

Falmouth,—  
licensing  
commission.

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

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, on the Order relative to authorizing the committee on Education to make an investigation and study of a certain House document relative to the Athol-Royalston Regional School District Financial Stability Fund (House, No. 5117), reported a Bill relative to the Athol-Royalston Regional School District Financial Stability Fund (House, No. 4720). Read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Athol-Royalston  
Regional School  
District,—  
fund.

By Mr. McGonagle of Everett, for the committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs, on House, Nos. 3819, 3820, 3821, 3822, 3823, 3824, 3825, 3826, 3830, 3837, 3838, 3840, 3841, 3843, 3844, 3845, 3846, 3847, 3850, 3852, 3854, 3856, 3857, 3858, 3859, 3861, 3863, 3864, 3865, 3866, 3868, 3870, 3872, 3874, 3875, 3876, 3877, 3879, 3880, 3881, 3882, 3883, 3884, 3885, 3887, 3889, 4002 and 4479, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to veterans' benefits, prisoners of war, federal constitutional convention and other veterans and federal affairs issues (House, No. 5466). Referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Veterans'  
benefits,  
etc.,—  
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.

*Engrossed Bills.*

Engrossed bills

Amending the charter of the town of Tewksbury to modify the residency requirement for the town manager (see Senate, No. 1446) (which originated in the Senate);

Bills  
enacted.

Exempting Nick Santos from the maximum age requirement for the position of police officer in the city of Haverhill (see House, No. 4390); and

Exempting Anthony Morales from the maximum age requirement for the position of police officer in the city of Haverhill (see House, No. 4442);

(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 town of Berkley to recall elected officials (Senate, No. 3018), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be

Third  
reading  
bill.

**UNCORRECTED PROOF.**

correctly drawn, was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The House Bill authorizing the town of Raynham to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 5099), 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.

Id.

*Order.*

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

*Ordered,* That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Wednesday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next sitting.

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Representative Williams of Springfield moved that when the House adjourns today, it do so in respect to the memory of Benjamin Swan, a member of the House from Springfield from 1994 to 2016, inclusive; and the motion prevailed.

Accordingly, at eleven minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Berthiaume of Spencer (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Wednesday at eleven o'clock A.M.