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Thursday, June 5, 2025.

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.*

During the session, the Chair (Mr. Garballey of Arlington), declared a brief recess and introduced, seated in the Chamber, students from the Weymouth High School scrap robotics team. They were the guests of Mr. Murphy of Weymouth.

Weymouth  
High School  
robotics team.

## *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 Grupo Nossa Senhora das Candeias for receiving a Portuguese Heritage Award from the Portuguese American Legislative Caucus;

Grupo Nossa  
Senhora das  
Candeias.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Duffy of Holyoke) honoring the retirement and services of Karen Desjeans; and

Karen  
Desjeans.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Murray of Milford, Soter of Bellingham, Muradian of Grafton, McKenna of Sutton and Frost of Auburn) congratulating Dr. Michael F. Fitzpatrick in recognition of his retirement as Superintendent-Director of the Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional school district;

Michael  
Fitzpatrick.

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

From the Department of Environmental Protection (see Section 18 of Chapter 21A of the General Laws) submitting its Timely Action, Fees, and Program Improvements report for fiscal year 2024;

Environmental  
Protection,—  
improvements.

From the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center (see Section 5 of Chapter 23J of the General Laws) submitting the Massachusetts Clean Energy Industry Report for calendar year 2024;

Clean  
energy.

From the Massachusetts Gaming Commission (see Section 69 of Chapter 23K of the General Laws) submitting its gaming revenue reports and associated sports wagering revenue report through December, 2024;

Gaming and sports wagering revenue.

From the Department of Energy Resources (see Section 5 of Chapter 25A of the General Laws) submitting its calendar year 2024 annual report;

Energy resources.

From the Office of the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds (see Section 2KKK of Chapter 29 of the General Laws) submitting the County Registers Technology Fund fifty-second planned expenditure [copies of the communication were forwarded to the committees on Ways and Means and Post Audit and Oversight, as required by said law];

Norfolk County Registry of Deeds,— expenditure.

From the Executive Office for Administration and Finance (see item 1599-1213 contained in Section 2A of Chapter 88 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the Temporary Respite Center monthly report from April 18, 2025 to May 15, 2025;

Temporary respite centers.

From the Executive Office for Administration and Finance and the Executive Office for Housing and Livable Communities (see item 1599-0514 of Section 2 of Chapter 77 of the Acts of 2023 and Section 19 of Chapter 88 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the May 15, 2025 biweekly report on the emergency housing assistance program;

Emergency housing assistance.

From the Office of the Comptroller (see item 1595-4512 of Section 2E of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the transfer schedule for the Behavioral Health Outreach, Access and Support Trust Fund for fiscal year 2025;

Behavioral health trust fund.

From the Executive Office for Housing and Livable Communities (see item 7004-9316 of Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting its Residential Assistance for Families in Transition (RAFT) third quarterly report for fiscal year 2024; and

RAFT.

From the Executive Office of Economic Development (see Section 298 of Chapter 238 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the final report of the Devens Housing Working Group;

Devens,— housing.

Severally were placed on file.

### *Petitions.*

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Arriaga of Chicopee, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4201) of Shirley B. Arriaga (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to changing the two-year elected term for the office of mayor of in the city of Chicopee to a four-year elected term;

Chicopee,— mayoral term.

By the same member, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4202) of Shirley B. Arriaga (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to the recall of any holder of elective office in the city of Chicopee;

Chicopee,— election recall.

By Representative Vargas of Haverhill, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4203) of Andres X. Vargas (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to the election of candidates in the city of Haverhill; and

Haverhill,— elections.

By the same member, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4204) of Andres X. Vargas (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to preliminary election of candidates in the city of Haverhill.

Id.

Severally to the committee on Election Laws.

By Representatives Owens of Watertown and Lawn of Watertown, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4205) of Steven Owens (with the approval of the city council) that the city of Watertown be authorized to lease space at the former

Watertown,— lease.

Parker school in said city. To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Representative Fiola of Fall River and Senator Rodrigues, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Carole A. Fiola for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Esther Odufuwa, an employee of the Department of Mental Health; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Esther  
Odufuwa,—  
sick leave.

*Papers from the Senate.*

A Bill designating June 7 as Tourette Syndrome Awareness Day (Senate, No. 2152, amended by inserting before the enacting clause the following emergency preamble:

Tourette  
Syndrome  
awareness day.

“Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to designate forthwith June 7 as Tourette Syndrome Awareness Day, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.”) (on a petition), passed to be engrossed by the Senate was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Mr. Honan of Boston, for said committee, then reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently under suspension of the rules, on further motion of Mr. Owens of Watertown, the bill (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.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2526) of Bruce E. Tarr, Kristin E. Kassner and Sally P. Kerans (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize 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, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Topsfield,—  
liquor  
licenses.

*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 following petitions:

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr., and Samantha Montaña relative to school library standards. To the committee on Education.

School  
libraries.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr., relative to damages for employees aggrieved by violations of the Massachusetts Wage Act. To the committee on Labor and Workforce Development.

Wage act,—  
violations.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Owens of Watertown, the reports were considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended, in each instance. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Jato Charlotin, an employee of Massachusetts Department of Transportation (House, No. 4182), be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Jato  
Charlotin,—  
sick leave.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

*Emergency Measures.*

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Andrew Setera, an employee of the trial court of the commonwealth (see Senate, No. 2508), 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.

Andrew  
Setera,—  
sick leave.

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 3 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Subsequently, the Senate having concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, the bill (which originated in the Senate) was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill  
enacted.

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*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.

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At sixteen minutes after twelve o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (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.