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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 Ms. Domb of Amherst, the members, guests and employees stood in a moment of silent tribute in memory of Constance "Connie" Ellen Kruger who sadly passed away on May 10, 2026 at the age of 78.

Constance
"Connie"
Kruger.

Connie dedicated over 20 years to the Town of Amherst in the areas of planning, housing, civic engagement. As an elected member of the Select Board, a housing planner and advocate, and poll worker, her passion to create affordable housing led her to become a planner for the Town of Amherst, members of the Amherst Planning Board and the Amherst Affordable Housing Trust, and a Commissioner and the Chair of the Amherst Housing Authority. She also served as a senior program manager for the Massachusetts Housing Partnership, on the state's Housing Appeals Committee, and on the Citizen Housing and Planning Association's Board for over 20 years.

She leaves her spouse of 28 years, Susan J. Tracy; her daughter, Sarah Thompson and her three grandchildren, Sean, Lia, and Jordyn; her brothers, Philip and Charles; and her sister, Jo. She will be missed deeply by her family and her community.

Statement of Representative Nguyen of Andover.

A statement of Ms. Nguyen of Andover was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

MR. SPEAKER: I would like to call to the attention of the House the fact that I was unable to be present in the House Chamber during the sitting of June 4, 2026 due to a district conflict. If I had been present, I would have voted in the affirmative on roll call numbers 202 to 208, inclusive. This includes measures I previously voted yes on including modernizing archaic laws relative to persons with disabilities and the fair share supplemental budget. Additionally, I have been a strong proponent of the Consumer Data Privacy Act. My missing of roll calls was due entirely to the reason stated.

Statement of
Representative
Nguyen of
Andover.

Statement of Representative Schwartz of Newton.

A statement of Mr. Schwartz of Newton was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

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MR. SPEAKER: I would like to call to the attention of the House the fact that I was unable to be present in the House Chamber for a portion of the sitting of Thursday, June 4th due to my attendance at my daughter's graduation. If I had been present, I would have voted yea on roll call numbers 206, 207 and 208. My missing of roll calls is due entirely to the reason stated.

Statement of Representative Schwartz of Newton.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Representative McKenna of Sutton) congratulating Douglas Fire Chief John J. Furno on his retirement; and

John Furno.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Ryan of Boston and other members of the House) congratulating 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;

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. Wong of Saugus, 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 Department of Public Health (see Section 2UUUU of Chapter 29 of the General Laws) submitting the Long-Term Care Facility Quality Improvement Fund annual report for fiscal year 2025;

Long-term care facility quality improvement fund.

From the Department of Public Health (see Section 2UUUU of Chapter 29 of the General Laws) submitting the Long-Term Care Facility Quality Improvement Fund annual report for fiscal year 2024;

Id.

From the Department of Public Health (see Section 2UUUU of Chapter 29 of the General Laws) submitting the Long-Term Care Facility Quality Improvement Fund annual report for fiscal year 2023; and

Id.

From the Division of Insurance (see Section 228 (i) of Chapter 175 of the General Laws) submitting its annual report concerning coverage minimums for transportation network vehicles for calendar year 2025;

Transportation network vehicles.

Severally were placed on file.

Monthly Reports.

Monthly reports

Of the Department of Unemployment Assistance (under Section 14F of Chapter 151A of the General Laws) relative to the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund report for April, 2026; and

Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund.

Of the Executive Office of the Trial Court (under Section 15(c) of Chapter 239 of the General Laws, as added by Section 64 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting its report on filings, actions, and dispositions of summary process cases relative to permanent rental protections;

Permanent rental protections.

Severally were placed on file.

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Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Linsky of Natick and Senator Eldridge, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5481) of David Paul Linsky (by vote of the town) that the town of Wayland be authorized to grant 10 additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises in said town. To the committee Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Wayland,—
liquor
licenses.

By Representative Barrett of North Adams, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5483) of John Barrett, III (by vote of the town) that the town of Williamstown be authorized to ban second generation anticoagulant rodenticides in said town; and

Williamstown,—
rodenticides.

By Representative Luddy of Orleans and Senator Cyr, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5484) of Hadley Luddy (by vote of the town) for legislation to prohibit the application of fertilizer in the town of Eastham.

Eastham,—
fertilizer
application.

Severally to the committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

By Representative Linsky of Natick and Senator Eldridge, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5485) of David Paul Linsky (by vote of the town) relative to permissions to use land for green burials in the town of Wayland; and

Wayland,—
green burials.

By Representative Linsky of Natick and Senator Eldridge, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5486) of David Paul Linsky (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize print free digital legal notices in the town of Wayland.

Wayland,—
digital legal
notices.

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

By Representative Ciccolo of Lexington, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5487) of Michelle L. Ciccolo and Cindy F. Friedman (by vote of the town) that the town of Lexington be authorized to establish a surcharge on certain residential development activities for the purpose of funding the creation of community housing. To the committee on Revenue.

Lexington,—
housing
surcharge.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Barrett of North Adams, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of John Barrett, III for legislation relative to authorizing the firefighters of the Adams Fire District to continue service past the age of 65.

Adams
Fire
District.

By Representative Meschino of Hull and Senator O'Connor, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Joan Meschino (by vote of the town) that the town of Hingham be authorized to grant certain parcels of land in said town to the Commonwealth for highway purposes.

Hingham,—
land.

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

Papers from the Senate.

The House Bill authorizing municipalities to opt-in to a temporary pilot to extend the hours of liquor licenses and to allow for public consumption in designated districts in summer 2026 (House, No. 5478), 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 3115. 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.

Alcohol,—
public
consumption.

Mr. Walsh of Peabody then moved that the House concur with the Senate in its amendment with a further amendment striking out all after the enacting clause (inserted by amendment by the Senate) and inserting in place thereof the text contained in House document numbered 5482; and the further amendment was adopted.

The House then concurred with the Senate in its amendment, as amended. Sent to the Senate for concurrence in the further amendment.

The House Bill relative to benefits for teachers (House, No. 4361), came from the Senate, passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with amendments striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 3109; and inserting before the enacting clause the following emergency preamble:

“Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to provide forthwith an opportunity for eligible teachers to participate in the superannuation retirement benefit program, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.”.

The amendments were referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

Bills

Relative to toxic-free medical devices (Senate, No. 3106) (on Senate bill No. 2579); and

Relative to advancing the profession of commercial interior design (Senate, No. 3107) (on Senate bill No. 2620);

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were read; and they were referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

A report of the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 3112) of Barry R. Finegold and Julian Cyr 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 in summer 2026, and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies,— accepted by the Senate, was considered forthwith, under Rule 42; and it was accepted, in concurrence.

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 Mark J. Cusack relative to creditable service for Thomas Brooks; and

Petition (accompanied by bill) 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;

Severally to the committee on Public Service.

Teachers,—
superannuation
retirement.

Medical
devices.

Interior
design.

Alcohol,—
public
consumption.

Thomas
Brooks.

Springfield
Empowerment
Zone.

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Petition (accompanied by bill) 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. To the committee on Transportation.

Gardner,—
Rice bridge.

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

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, on the Order relative to authorizing the committee on Housing to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to affordable housing, public housing, rental issues, condominiums and other housing related issues (House, No. 5352), reported, in part, a Bill relative to establishing the Barnstable home center for housing resources (House, No. 3988). Read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Barnstable,—
housing
resources.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, that the Resolve creating a special commission on affordable housing insurance (House, No. 1279) ought to pass. Referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Housing,—
insurance.

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 increase the membership of the board of selectmen (Senate, No. 2897) [Local Approval Received]; and

Berkley,—
elected officials.

House bills

Banning the retail sale of dogs, cats, rabbits, and guinea pigs in pet shops (House, No. 4319); and

Pets,—
retail sales.

Relating to the transfer of interest in land in West Brookfield (House, No. 5379) [Local Approval Received];

West Brookfield,—
land.

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.

The following report was received, the time within which the said committee was required to report having expired:

By Mr. Lewis of Framingham, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on House, No. 5294, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government to make an investigation and study of a certain House document relative to moratoriums on solar installations in the town of Worthington (House, No. 5480). Referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Worthington,—
solar
installations.

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.

Orders of the Day.

House bills

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Authorizing the town of South Hadley to grant additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages (House, No. 5343); and

Third reading bills.

Authorizing the town of Westford to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk off the premises (House, No. 5345) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

Severally reported by said committee to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Recess.

At seven minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Smola of Warren (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House recessed subject to the call of the Chair; and at thirteen minutes after two o'clock P.M. the House was called to order with Mr. Donato in the Chair.

Recess.

Emergency Measure.

The engrossed Bill authorizing municipalities to opt-in to a temporary pilot to extend the hours of liquor licenses and to allow for public consumption in designated districts in summer 2026 (see House, No. 5478, amended), 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.

Alcohol,— public consumption.

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 2 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 House) was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill enacted.

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.

At a quarter after three o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Smola of Warren (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Wednesday at eleven o'clock A.M.