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Thursday, June 12, 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.

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 Margaret A. Neary Elementary School in Southborough. They were accompanied by their teachers and volunteer chaperones. They were the guests of Representative Donaghue of Westborough.

Southborough,— Neary Elementary School.

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 Colt Jackson on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout of Scouting America;

Resolutions (filed by Representative Hogan of Stow) congratulating Trevor Sears on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout of Scouting America;

Resolutions (filed by Representative Arciero of Westford) congratulating Andrea Peraner-Sweet on being named a 2025 Commonwealth Heroine by the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women;

Resolutions (filed by Representative Bowen of Beverly) congratulating Gracelyn Skilling on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout of Scouting America;

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Garballey of Arlington and Rogers of Cambridge) congratulating Thomas Dahill on the occasion of his one hundredth birthday; and

Resolutions (filed by Representative Roy of Franklin) congratulating Lisa M. Audette on celebrating her retirement from the town of Franklin as Executive Director of the Franklin Housing Authority;

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

Colt Jackson.

Trevor Sears.

Andrea Peraner-Sweet.

Gracelyn Skilling.

Thomas Dahill.

Lisa Audette.

UNCORRECTED PROOF.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Representative Fiola of Fall River) designating August 9th and 10th, 2025 as the sales tax holiday (House, No. 4220), were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Sales tax holiday.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee, reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, 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 Commission on the Status of Women (see Section 66 of Chapter 3 of the General Laws) submitting its annual report for fiscal year 2025;

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-third 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];

From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see Section 2SSSS of Chapter 29 of the General Laws) submitting the legislative report for the MassHealth Delivery System Reform Incentive Platform (DSRIP) for the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2024;

From the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (see Section 1S(d) of Chapter 69 of the General Laws) submitting a report to the Legislature: Student Opportunity Act Three-Year Evidence-Based Plans for fiscal years 2023 and 2024;

From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see Section 10F of Chapter 118E of the General Laws) submitting a quarterly report for the first quarter of fiscal year 2025 legislative report for the Children's Medical Security Plan (CMPS) for the period of July 31, 2024 through September 30, 2024;

From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see item 5042-5000 of Section 2 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting the Department of Mental Health's Strengthening Public Access to Mental Health Services for Children and Youth for fiscal year 2024;

From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see item 5042-5000 of Section 2 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting the Department of Mental Health's Massachusetts Child Psychiatry Access Project (MCPAP) Service Report for fiscal years 2023 and 2024; and

From the Massachusetts Life Insurance Community Investment Initiative, LLC (see Section 2(e) of Chapter 259 of the Acts of 1998) submitting its annual report and statement of financial condition for calendar year 2024 [copies of said report were forwarded to the committee on Ways and Means, the committee on Financial Services, and the committee on Revenue, as required by said law];

Severally were placed on file.

Petitions

The following additional petitions (having been deposited in the office of the Clerk of the House, previously to five o'clock in the afternoon on Friday, January 17, 2025) were referred, under Rule 24 and Joint Rule 13, as follows:

Status of Women.

Norfolk County Registry of Deeds, expenditure.

MassHealth delivery platform.

Student opportunity plans.

Children's medical security.

Children and youth mental health services.

MassHealth child psychiatry access.

Life insurance.

UNCORRECTED PROOF.

By Representative Fluker-Reid of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4216) of Brandy Fluker-Reid and others relative to hair care for children in state custody. To the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

Hair care,—children.

By Representative Sullivan-Almeida of Abington, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4217) of Alyson M. Sullivan-Almeida relative to special education disputes. To the committee on Education.

Special education,—disputes.

By Representative Holmes of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4218) of Russell E. Holmes relative to reforming the parole board. To the committee on the Judiciary.

Parole board,—reform.

By Representative Ciccolo of Lexington, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4219) of Michelle L. Ciccolo for legislation to establish a transportation excise tax for large employers. To the committee on Revenue.

Transportation, excise tax.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

A report of the committee on Transportation, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2446) of Bruce E. Tarr for legislation to promote motor vehicle safety and habitual offenders,— and recommending the same be referred to the committee on the Judiciary,— accepted by the Senate, was considered forthwith, under Rule 42; and it was accepted, in concurrence.

Motor vehicle safety.

A joint petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2528) of Brendan P. Crighton and Jennifer Balinsky Armini (by vote of the town) for legislation relative to parking fines during snow emergencies in the town Marblehead, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Marblehead,—parking fines.

A petition of Nick Collins and Bruce E. Tarr for legislation relative to assault and battery by means of bodily substance upon a transit worker, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on the Judiciary.

Transit workers,—assault.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2531) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on the Judiciary.

Report 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 James J. O'Day relative to access and continuity of care to specialist and hospital services for dually eligible individuals. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Vieira of Falmouth, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended; and petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Public Health. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Healthcare,—dual eligibility.

Orders of the Day.

House bills

UNCORRECTED PROOF.

Establishing a sick leave bank for Daniel Yender, an employee of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (House, No. 4104); and

Third reading bills.

Relative to a sick leave bank for Mark Kratman, an employee of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (House, No. 4161);

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 Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next sitting.

At ten minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Vieira of Falmouth (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.