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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.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Representative Bowen of Beverly) congratulating Wesley Harville-Fry on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout of Scouting America;

Wesley
Harville-Fry.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Marsi of Charlton and McKenna of Sutton) congratulating Tri-Valley, Inc. on the fiftieth anniversary of its establishment; and

Tri-Valley,
Inc.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Stanley of Waltham) congratulating Edward D. Desmond on the celebration of his one hundredth birthday;

Edward
Desmond.

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 Pension Reserves Investment Management Board (see Section 23(2A)(e)(xi) of Chapter 32 of the General Laws) submitting its fiscal year 2026 first quarterly report;

PRIM
Board.

From the Department of Public Health (see Section 224 of Chapter 111 of the General Laws) submitting a report entitled: "Massachusetts Commission on Falls Prevention Phase 5 Report: Towards a Comprehensive Plan for Addressing Older Adult Falls in Massachusetts";

Falls
prevention.

From the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (see Section 40 of Chapter 126 of the General Laws) submitting the aggregate data on the population of the Barnstable County Correctional Facility for the fourth quarter of calendar year 2025;

Barnstable,—
correctional
facility data.

From the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (see Section 40 of Chapter 126 of the General Laws) submitting the aggregate data on the population of the Berkshire County Correctional Facility for the fourth quarter of calendar year 2025;

Berkshire,—
correctional
facility data.

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From the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (see Section 40 of Chapter 126 of the General Laws) submitting the aggregate data on the population of the Bristol County Correctional Facility for the fourth quarter of calendar year 2025;

Bristol,—
correctional
facility data.

From the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (see Section 40 of Chapter 126 of the General Laws) submitting the aggregate data on the population of the Dukes County Correctional Facility for the fourth quarter of calendar year 2025;

Dukes,—
correctional
facility data.

From the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (see Section 40 of Chapter 126 of the General Laws) submitting the aggregate data on the population of the Essex County Correctional Facility for the fourth quarter of calendar year 2025;

Essex,—
correctional
facility data.

From the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (see Section 40 of Chapter 126 of the General Laws) submitting the aggregate data on the population of the Franklin County Correctional Facility for the fourth quarter of calendar year 2025;

Franklin,—
correctional
facility data.

From the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (see Section 40 of Chapter 126 of the General Laws) submitting the aggregate data on the population of the Hampden County Correctional Facility for the fourth quarter of calendar year 2025;

Hampden,—
correctional
facility data.

From the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (see Section 40 of Chapter 126 of the General Laws) submitting the aggregate data on the population of the Hampshire County Correctional Facility for the fourth quarter of calendar year 2025;

Hampshire,—
correctional
facility data.

From the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (see Section 40 of Chapter 126 of the General Laws) submitting the aggregate data on the population of the Middlesex County Correctional Facility for the fourth quarter of calendar year 2025;

Middlesex,—
correctional
facility data.

From the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (see Section 40 of Chapter 126 of the General Laws) submitting the aggregate data on the population of the Norfolk County Correctional Facility for the fourth quarter of calendar year 2025;

Norfolk,—
correctional
facility data.

From the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (see Section 40 of Chapter 126 of the General Laws) submitting the aggregate data on the population of the Plymouth County Correctional Facility for the fourth quarter of calendar year 2025;

Plymouth,—
correctional
facility data.

From the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (see Section 40 of Chapter 126 of the General Laws) submitting the aggregate data on the population of the Suffolk County Correctional Facility for the fourth quarter of calendar year 2025;

Suffolk,—
correctional
facility data.

From the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (see Section 40 of Chapter 126 of the General Laws) submitting the aggregate data on the population of the Worcester County Correctional Facility for the fourth quarter of calendar year 2025;

Worcester,—
correctional
facility data.

From the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development (see item 7003-0500 of Section 2 of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting the Department of Industrial Accidents Workplace Safety Training Grant Program annual report for fiscal year 2025; and

Workplace
safety training
grant program.

From the Office of the Comptroller (see item 1595-6368 of Section 2E of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting an updated Massachusetts Transportation Trust Fund (MTTF) transfer schedule for fiscal year 2026;

Transportation
trust fund.

Severally were placed on file.

Annual and Monthly Reports.

The annual report of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (under Section 80 of Chapter 118E of the General Laws) certifying and outlining how the health benefit plans under the office of Medicaid, and their contractors, comply with the federal Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act for calendar year 2025; and

Mental health
parity and
addiction
equity.

UNCORRECTED PROOF.

A monthly report of the Department of Revenue (under Section 5(e) of Chapter 62F of the General Laws) on year-to-date net state tax revenue for April, 2026; Severally were placed on file.

Net state
tax revenue.

Papers from the Senate.

The House Bill authorizing the town of Wayland to establish a millennium fund of the Wayland Free Public Library (House, No. 4137) (its title having been changed by the Senate committee on Bills in the Third Reading), came from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment striking out sections 3 and 4 and inserting in place there of the following sections:

Wayland,—
public library
fund.

“SECTION 3. Notwithstanding sections 45 through 47, inclusive, of chapter 41 of the General Laws or any other general or special law to the contrary, the treasurer of the town of Wayland shall be the custodian of the fund and shall maintain the fund as a separate revenue account. The town treasurer shall invest and reinvest the fund pursuant to chapter 203C of the General Laws as directed by the board of commissioners of trust funds. The town treasurer shall expend therefrom monies as directed by the board of library trustees. The books and records of the fund shall be audited annually by an independent auditor in accordance with accepted accounting practices. A copy of the audit shall be provided annually to the board of library trustees and the select board.

SECTION 4. Within 30 days of the effective date of this act, the board of commissioners of trust funds shall inspect the records of the town treasurer and the board of library trustees and determine what existing monies of the town were intended by donors to be a part of the fund and vote to transfer such monies into the fund. Such monies shall thereafter be subject to this act.”

The amendment was referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

Petitions were referred, in concurrence, as follows:

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 3117) of Bruce E. Tarr, Barry R. Finegold and Adrienne Pusateri Ramos (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the town of North Andover to ban SGARs and FGARs. To the committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

North Andover,—
pesticides bans.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 3118) of Vanna Howard (by vote of the town) for legislation to provide for the filling of a vacancy on the Groton-Dunstable School Committee. To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Groton-Dunstable
Regional School
District.

A communication from the Massachusetts Gaming Commission (pursuant to Section 9B of Chapter 128A of the General Laws and Section 222 of Chapter 6 of the General Laws) submitting proposed regulations changes to 205 CMR 3.00: Harness Horse Racing (2026), (Senate, No. 3096), was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Horse
racing,—
regulations.

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 Patricia A. Duffy relative to the retirement benefits for Julia Flannery,

Julia
Flannery,—
retirement.

the surviving spouse of the Honorable Francis Flannery. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on the Public Service. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

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 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) [Local Approval Received]; and

Rutland,—
John
Songy.

House bills

Relative to Grafton's senior tax exemption (House, No. 5035) [Local Approval Received];

Grafton,—
tax exemption.

Expanding the exemption for residential property in the town of Wellfleet (House, No. 5374) [Local Approval Received];

Wellfleet,—
tax exemption.

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]; and

Marion,—
liquor
license.

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.

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

By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Education, on House, No. 4867, a Bill relative to school choice (House, No. 5502).

School
choice.

By Mr. Ryan of Boston, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill to provide equitable access to military creditable service for judges (House, No. 5359).

Judges,—
creditable
service.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Engrossed Bills.

The engrossed Bill validating certain actions taken at the special town meeting held in the town of Stow (see House bill printed in House, No. 5129) (which originated in the House, having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be enacted (more than two-thirds of the members having agreed to pass the same); and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill
enacted.

Engrossed bills

Facilitating better interactions between police officers and persons with autism spectrum disorder (see Senate, No. 2565, amended);

Bills
enacted.

Providing accidental death benefits for the surviving spouse of a former firefighter of the city of Boston (see Senate, No. 2574);

(Which severally originated in the Senate);

Amending the charter of the town of Longmeadow (see House, No. 4312);

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Authorizing the town of Reading to establish a means tested senior citizen property tax exemption (see House, No. 5103);

Providing for the appointed position of town clerk in the town of Falmouth (see House, No. 5412); and

Relative to certain affordable housing and cultural space in the Brighton section of the city of Boston (see House, No. 5442);

(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 House Bill amending the charter for the town of Groton (House, No. 4795), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Groton,—
charter.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Walsh of Peabody moved to amend it by striking out section 13 and inserting in place thereof the following:

“SECTION 13. Paragraph 5.3.7 of said section 5.3 of said article 5 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the word “assistant” each time it appears.”.

The amendment was adopted; and the bill (House, No. 4795, amended) was passed to be engrossed. 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 Wednesday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next
sitting.

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