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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.

Order.

An Order (filed by Representatives Gordon of Bedford and Ayers of Quincy) relative to extending until Friday, July 17, 2026 the time within which the committee on Education is authorized to report on a current House document, was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Education,—
extension
of time for
reporting.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 5559) ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted.

Communications.

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From the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development (see Section 2RR of Chapter 29 of the General Laws) submitting the Workforce Training Fund Program (WTFP) annual report for fiscal year 2025;

Workforce
Training Fund.

From the Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth (see Section 25C(g) of Chapter 54 of the General Laws) submitting a report on jail-based voting in the 2024 state primary and state election;

Elections,—
jail-based
voting.

From the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (see Section 1P of Chapter 69 of the General Laws) submitting the eleventh annual report of the Safe and Supportive Schools Commission [copies of said report were forwarded to the committee on Ways and Means, committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, committee on Education; and the committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery, as required by said law]; and

Safe and
supportive
schools.

From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see item 1599-2027 of Section 2 of Chapter 102 of the Acts of 2021) submitting the Human Service and Home Health Workers Student Loan Repayment Initiative for fiscal year 2026;

Student loan
repayment,—
health workers.

Severally were placed on file.

Monthly Reports.

Monthly reports

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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 May, 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) 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.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Sena of Acton and Senator Eldridge, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5563) of Danillo A. Sena (by vote of the town) that the town of Ayer be authorized to prohibit the use or sale of second-generation anti-coagulant rodenticides in said town. To the committee Environment and Natural Resources.

Ayer,—
rodenticides.

By Representative Soter of Bellingham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5564) of Michael J. Soter (by vote of the town) for legislation to amend the charter of the town of Bellingham to allow the director of finance to serve as the town accountant. To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Bellingham,—
charter.

By Representative Moran of Lawrence, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5565) of Frank A. Moran (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the retirement board of the city of Lawrence be directed to grant credible service to Lawrence police officer Abel Cano, Jr.; and

Lawrence,—
Abel Cano.

By Representative Smola of Warren and Senator Oliveira, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5566) of Todd M. Smola (by vote of the town) that the town of Warren be authorized to continue the employment of Steven Perkins, a member of the fire department of said town, notwithstanding the maximum age requirement.

Warren,—
Steven Perkins.

Severally to the committee on Public Service.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Cataldo of Concord, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Simon Cataldo for legislation to establish a Great Brook State Park trust fund.

Great Brook
trust fund.

By Representative Luddy of Orleans and Senator Cyr, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Hadley Luddy (by vote of the town) relative to year-round housing occupancy restrictions and attainable housing restrictions in the town of Chatham.

Chatham,—
housing.

By Representative Moakley of Falmouth, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Thomas W. Moakley for legislation to designate the regional lockup as a part of the Dukes County Jail and House of Corrections.

Dukes County,—
regional lockup.

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

Papers from the Senate.

A Bill to improve outdoor lighting, conserve energy, and increase dark-sky visibility (Senate, No. 3162) (on Senate bill No. 3145), passed to be engrossed by the Senate was read; and it was referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Outdoor
lighting.

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A joint petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 3165) of John F. Keenan and Mark J. Cusack (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the town of Holbrook to appoint Patrick Doherty as a firefighter notwithstanding the maximum age requirement, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Public Service.

Holbrook,—
Patrick
Doherty.

Reports of Committees.

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:

Amending the charter of the town of North Attleborough (House, No. 5426) [Local Approval Received]; and

North
Attleborough.

Providing for the appointment of associate members of the Planning Board of the town of Tisbury to fill vacancies on the board (House, No. 5434) [Local Approval Received].

Tisbury,—
planning board.

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. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill relative to a certain parcel of land in the town of Norton (House, No. 4660), ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a Bill authorizing the commissioner of capital asset management and maintenance to transfer certain parcels of land in the town of Norton (House, No. 5561).

Norton,—
land.

By the same member, for the same committee, that the Bill relative to Massachusetts winning global investment, talent, and innovation (House, No. 5527), ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a Bill relative to economic development in the commonwealth (House, No. 5562) [Bond Issue: General Obligation Bonds: \$425,100,000.00].

Economic
infrastructure,—
bond bill.

Severally referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, with the amendments pending.

By Mr. Madaro of Boston, for the committee on Revenue, on a petition, a Bill supporting families through enhanced tax credits (House, No. 3073).

Tax credits,—
families.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill providing incentives to the digital interactive media/entertainment industries (House, No. 3085).

Digital
media.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing the Martha's Vineyard housing bank (House, No. 3193).

Martha's
Vineyard.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to property tax classifications in the city of Watertown for fiscal year 2027 and subsequent fiscal years (House, No. 4687) [Local Approval Received].

Watertown,—
property taxes.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to senior property tax credits (House, No. 5298) [Local Approval Received].

Seniors,—
property taxes.

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

By Mr. Chan of Quincy, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, on House, No. 5425, a Bill authorizing the town of Southborough to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 5546) [Local Approval Received].

Southborough,—
liquor license.

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<p>By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 5445, a Bill extending the timeframe for the issuance of licenses granted pursuant to Chapter 46 of the Acts of 2020 in the city of Easthampton (House, No. 5547) [Local Approval Received].</p>	Easthampton,— liquor licenses.
<p>By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 5461, a Bill authorizing the town of Weston to grant an additional license for sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 5548) [Local Approval Received].</p>	Weston,— liquor license.
<p>By Mr. Madaro of Boston, for the committee on Revenue, on a petition, a Bill establishing a real estate transfer fee upon the transfer of property in the town of Concord (House, No. 3043) [Local Approval Received].</p>	Concord,— transfer fee.
<p>By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Nantucket to impose a real estate transfer fee for affordable and workforce housing and related capital improvements (House, No. 3903) [Local Approval Received].</p>	Nantucket,— transfer fee.
<p>By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing a real estate transfer fee upon the transfer of residential property in the town of Falmouth for the purpose of funding affordable housing (House, No. 3931) [Local Approval Received].</p>	Falmouth,— transfer fee.
<p>By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill establishing a real estate transfer fee upon the transfer of property in the city known as the town of Amherst (House, No. 4193) [Local Approval Received].</p>	Amherst,— transfer fee.
<p>By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill establishing a real property transfer fee in the town of Chatham (House, No. 4300) [Local Approval Received].</p>	Chatham,— transfer fee.
<p>By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Brookline to levy a real estate transfer fee on certain real property transfers (House, No. 4350) [Local Approval Received].</p>	Brookline,— transfer fee.
<p>By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill establishing a real estate transfer fee upon the transfer of property in the town of Arlington (House, No. 4574) [Local Approval Received].</p>	Arlington,— transfer fee.
<p>By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Eastham to impose a 3% real estate transfer fee (House, No. 4576) [Local Approval Received].</p>	Eastham,— transfer fee.
<p>By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Truro to impose a 0.5% real estate transfer fee (House, No. 4703) [Local Approval Received].</p>	Truro,— transfer fee.
<p>By the same member, the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Lynnfield to impose a local sales tax upon restaurant meals originating within the town (House, No. 5417) [Local Approval Received].</p>	Lynnfield,— local meals tax.
<p>By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Wakefield to establish a means tested senior citizen property tax exemption (House, No. 5418) [Local Approval Received].</p>	Wakefield,— property tax exemptions.
<p>By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Provincetown to impose a 0.5% real estate transfer fee (House, No. 5457) [Local Approval Received].</p>	Provincetown,— transfer fee.
<p>By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to establish a surcharge on specific residential development activities for the purpose of funding the creation of community housing (House, No. 5487) [Local Approval Received].</p>	Lexington,— surcharge.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

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Engrossed Bill.

The engrossed Bill relative to parking enforcement in the city of Cambridge (see House, No. 4231, amended) (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; 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 six minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Wednesday at eleven o'clock A.M.