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Thursday, August 6, 2026.

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.

Communications.

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From the Office of the Worcester County District Attorney (see Section 32(e) of Chapter 12 of the General Laws) submitting a statistical report on community based juvenile justice program activities in Worcester County for the calendar year 2025;

Worcester
County,—
juvenile justice.

From the Office of the Worcester County District Attorney (see Section 24W(e) of Chapter 90 of the General Laws) submitting a report on motor vehicle forfeiture fund statistics for fiscal year 2025;

Worcester
County,—
forfeiture funds.

From the Office of the Worcester County District Attorney (see Section 47(d) of Chapter 94C of the General Laws) submitting a report on its law enforcement trust funds for drug rehabilitation, drug education and other drug or neighborhood crime watch programs for fiscal year 2025; and

Worcester
County,—
drug and
crime funds.

From the District Attorney of Worcester County (see Section 6 of Chapter 258B of the General Laws) submitting its annual report on the Victim Witness Assistance program for calendar year 2025;

Worcester
County,—
witness assistance.

Severally were placed on file.

Quarterly Report.

A quarterly report of the Office of the Inspector General (under Section 54 of Chapter 77 of the Acts of 2023 and Section 12 of Chapter 12A of the General Laws) submitting its Pandemic Funding Oversight Quality Report for the second quarter of calendar year 2026, was placed on file.

Pandemic
funding
oversight.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

A Bill directing the city of Boston police department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Elijah George Osborne (Senate, No. 3017) (on a petition) [Local Approval Received], passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Boston,—
Elijah George
Osborne.

Resolutions to call on the congressional delegation to support the treaty on the prohibition of nuclear weapons (Senate, No. 3247) (on Senate resolutions No. 1649), adopted by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Nuclear
weapons.

Petitions were referred, in concurrence, as follows:

Joint petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 3234) of Michael O. Moore and Paul K. Frost (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the town of Millbury to grant additional liquor licenses. To the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Millbury,—
liquor
licenses.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 3248) of Vanna Howard (with approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation relative to a certain parcel of land in the city of Lowell. To the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

Lowell,—
land.

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:

Authorizing Craig Riley to take the civil service examination for the position of firefighter in the city of Haverhill notwithstanding the maximum age requirement (House, No. 5384) [Local Approval Received]; and

Haverhill,—
Craig Riley.

Amending the town meeting act for the town of Danvers (House, No. 5571) [Local Approval Received];

Danvers,—
town meeting.

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

By Mr. Livingstone of Boston, for the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, on a recommitted petition, a Bill ensuring access to behavioral health services for children involved with state agencies (House, No. 213). Read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Behavioral
health,—
children.

By Mr. Livingstone of Boston, for the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, on a petition, a Bill significantly alleviating poverty (House, No. 5085).

Poverty,—
alleviation.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 5286, a Bill relative to specific medical diagnoses regarding the Department of Children and Families (House, No. 5628).

Medical
diagnoses,—
children.

Severally referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

By Ms. Fiola of Fall River, for the committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies, on a petition, a Bill establishing MassQuantum (House, No. 5436).

Quantum
science.

By Mr. Cahill of Lynn, for the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, on a petition, a Bill relative to firefighter staffing (House, No. 5431).

Firefighters,—
staffing.

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

By Ms. Barber of Somerville, for the committee on Environment and Natural Resources, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Maynard to prohibit or restrict the application of second-generation anticoagulant rodenticides (House, No. 5247) [Local Approval Received].

Maynard,—
rodenticides.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill to restrict the use of second generation anticoagulant rodenticides in Newbury (House, No. 5432) [Local Approval Received].

Newbury,—
rodenticides.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to authorize the town of Topsfield to prohibit or restrict the application of second generation anticoagulant rodenticides (House, No. 5446) [Local Approval Received].

Topsfield,—
rodenticides.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill allowing the town of Williamstown to ban second generation anticoagulant rodenticides (SGARs) (House, No. 5483) [Local Approval Received].

Williamstown,—
rodenticides.

By Mr. Haggerty of Woburn, for the committee on Housing, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to Affordable Housing Trust Fund of the town of West Tisbury (House, No. 5447) [Local Approval Received].

West Tisbury,—
affordable
housing.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill providing for tenant representation on the Great Barrington Housing Authority board (House, No. 5554).

Great Barrington
Housing
Authority.

By Mr. Ryan of Boston, for the committee on Public Service, on a joint petition, a Bill authorizing the continued employment of Michael Marchand, the fire chief in the town of Upton (House, No. 5389) [Local Approval Received].

Upton,—
Michael
Marchand.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Middleton to continue the employment of police officer Richard Kassiotis (House, No. 5513) [Local Approval Received].

Middleton,—
Richard
Kassiotis.

By Mr. Madaro of Boston, for the committee on Revenue, on a joint petition, a Bill to increase the value of estates eligible for abatements pursuant to M.G.L. chapter 59, section 5, clauses seventeenth D and forty-first C in the town of Shrewsbury (House, No. 5515) [Local Approval Received].

Shrewsbury,—
abatements.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Holliston to establish a means-tested senior citizen property tax exemption for debt exclusion construction projects (House, No. 5526) [Local Approval Received].

Holliston,—
tax
exemptions.

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

Orders of the Day.

The House Bill authorizing the town of Bourne to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 5347) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading), reported by said committee to be correctly drawn, was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Third
reading
bill.

The Senate Bill authorizing 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

Topsfield,—
liquor
licenses.

alcoholic beverages in the containers less than 200 milliliters (Senate, No. 2526), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, in concurrence, Mr. Walsh of Peabody moved to amend it by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in House document numbered 5650.

The amendment was adopted; and the bill (Senate, No. 2526, amended) was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence. Sent to the Senate for concurrence in the amendment.

The House Bill designating a certain bridge in the city of Gardner as the Representative Robert L. Rice, Jr. Bridge (House, No. 5503), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Gardner,—
Rice bridge.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Walsh of Peabody moved to amend it in section 1, in line 2, by inserting after the word “bridge” the word “located”;

In section 2, in line 6, by inserting after the word “erect” the words “and maintain”;

By striking out section 3; and

By 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 establish forthwith the designation of a certain bridge in the city of Gardner as the Representative Robert L. Rice, Jr. Bridge, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.”.

The amendments were adopted; and the bill (House, No. 5503, 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 Monday next at eleven o’clock A.M.

Next
sitting.

At seven minutes after eleven o’clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Orrall of Lakeville (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.