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Thursday, August 14, 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.

### *Message from the Governor.*

A message from Her Excellency the Governor recommending legislation relative to financing long-term improvements to municipal road and bridges (House, No. 4413), was filed in the office of the Clerk on Tuesday, August 12.

Municipal  
roads and  
bridges.

The message was read; and it was referred, under Joint Rule 1F, with the accompanying draft of a bill, to the committee on Bonding, Capital Expenditures and State Assets. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

### *Order.*

The Order (filed by Mr. McMurtry of Dedham) relative to extending until Wednesday, December 3, 2025 the time within which the committee on Labor and Workforce Development is authorized to report on current House documents, was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Labor and  
Workforce  
Development,—  
extension of time  
for reporting.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4403), ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Donato of Medford, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted.

### *Resolutions.*

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Representative Hogan of Stow) congratulating Jason X. Rosala on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout of Scouting America, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Jason  
Rosala.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee, reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Owens of Watertown, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

### *Communications.*

#### Communications

From the Office of the Comptroller (see Section 5G of Chapter 29 of the General Laws) submitting the Capital Gains Tax Revenue Transfers to the Stabilization Fund,

Capital gains  
revenue  
transfers.

the State Retiree Trust Fund, and the Pension Liability Fund for the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2025;

From the Executive Office for Administration and Finance (see item 1599-1213 contained in Section 2A of Chapter 88 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the Temporary Respite Center monthly report from July 11, 2025 to August 7, 2025;

Temporary  
respite centers.

From the Executive Office for Administration and Finance and the Executive Office for Housing and Livable Communities (see item 1599-0514 of Section 2 of Chapter 77 of the Acts of 2023 and Section 19 of Chapter 88 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the August 7, 2025 biweekly report on the emergency housing assistance program;

Emergency  
housing  
assistance.

From the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (see item 1595-0116 of Section 2 of Chapter 126 of the Acts of 2022) submitting a report to the Legislature on Genocide Education Programs for fiscal year 2023; and

Genocide  
education.

From the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (see item 1595-0116 of Section 2 of Chapter 126 of the Acts of 2022) submitting a report to the Legislature on the Genocide Education Trust Fund for fiscal year 2023;

Id.

Severally were placed on file.

#### *Special and Monthly Reports.*

A report of the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (under Section 94(p) of Chapter 71 of the General Laws) submitting the Commonwealth Virtual Schools (CMVS) legislative report for fiscal year 2023; and

Virtual  
schools.

A monthly report of the Executive Office of the Trial Court (under Section 15 of Chapter 239 of the General Laws, as amended 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.

#### *Petitions.*

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Cataldo of Concord, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4414) of Simon Cataldo (by vote of the town) relative to the town administrator of the town of Carlisle. To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Carlisle,—  
town  
administrator.

By Representative Michael J. Moran of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4415) of Michael J. Moran (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to the procurement and award of contracts for construction of a certain affordable housing and cultural space in the Brighton section of the city of Boston. To the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

Boston,—  
affordable  
housing.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

#### *Papers from the Senate.*

A Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Robert Tiro, an employee of the trial court of the commonwealth (Senate, No. 2580) (on a petition), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Robert  
Tiro,—  
sick leave.

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. 251) of Robyn K. Kennedy for legislation relative to health equity and community health workers, and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Public Health,— accepted by the Senate, was considered forthwith, under Rule 42; and it was accepted, in concurrence.

Community health workers.

*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 Thomas M. Stanley relative to Medicare coverage of end-stage renal disease. To the committee on Health Care Financing.

Renal disease.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of James J. O'Day for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Paul Starvaski, an employee of the Department of Correction; and

Paul Starvaski.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Jeffrey N. Roy for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Ankita Gajendra Patel, an employee of the Department of Correction; Severally to the committee on Public Service.

Ankita Gajendra Patel.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of William C. Galvin relative to permitting for the transportation of certain loads. To the committee on Transportation.

Super load permits.

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

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:

Relative to sales at retail (House, No. 318);

Food sales.

To protect innovation and entrepreneurship in the Commonwealth (House, No. 401);

Patent infringement.

Authorizing charity alcohol auctions (House, No. 442);

Alcohol.

Relative to water flow in the Central Plymouth County Water District (House, No. 984);

Central Plymouth County.

Authorizing the Wellfleet selectboard to lease property to the Wellfleet food pantry, inc. (House, No. 2310, changed) [Local Approval Received];

Wellfleet,— lease.

Relative to the town of Richmond Free Public Library (House, No. 4154) [Local Approval Received];

Richmond,— library.

Further regulating procurements by the city of Cambridge (House, No. 4157) [Local Approval Received];

Cambridge,— procurements.

Relative to the charter of the town of Provincetown (House, No. 4175) [Local Approval Received]; and

Provincetown,— charter.

Relative to the charter of the town of Provincetown (House, No. 4176) [Local Approval Received];

Id.

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

By Mr. Lewis of Framingham, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a petition, a Bill to improve parking and pedestrian safety (House,

Parking and pedestrian safety.

No. 2316). Read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

By Mr. Lewis of Framingham, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a petition, a Bill providing for more efficient wetlands (House, No. 2242).

Wetlands.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to late fees and accrued interest on parking tickets (House, No. 2278).

Parking tickets.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to ice cream truck vending (House, No. 2325).

Ice cream trucks.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill allowing municipalities to reasonably regulate solar siting (House, No. 2331).

Solar siting.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to COVID-19 complications for public safety employees (House, No. 2332).

Public safety employees.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill providing state grants for municipal sustainability directors (House, No. 2334).

Sustainability directors.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to dangerous dogs (House, No. 2342).

Dangerous dogs.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 16 and on a part of House, No. 11, a Bill relative to county land disposition (House, No. 4392).

County lands.

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

By Mr. Lewis of Framingham, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a petition, a Bill updating the linkage exaction program in the city of Medford (House, No. 4252) [Local Approval Received].

Medford,—  
linkage  
program.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to elected terms and municipal years (House, No. 4253) [Local Approval Received].

Boston,—  
terms.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill amending the charter of the town of Hopkinton to incorporate appointment powers of the board of library trustees (House, No. 4292) [Local Approval Received].

Hopkinton,—  
library  
trustees.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing an economic development special revenue account for the town of Hopkinton (House, No. 4293) [Local Approval Received].

Hopkinton,—  
economic  
development.

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

### *Engrossed Bill.*

The engrossed Bill relative to the town of Cheshire's special election (see House, No. 801) (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.

### *Orders of the Day.*

#### House bills

Increasing the membership of the board of health of the town of Marblehead from three members to five (House, No. 3912);

Establishing a charter for the city of Medford (House, No. 4263);

Third  
reading  
bills.

Establishing a sick leave bank for Alexandra Schwartz, an employee of the Department of State Police (House, No. 4323) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading); and

Establishing a sick leave bank for Stephanie Bramante Miller, an employee of the Appellate Tax Board (House, No. 4324) (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.

*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.

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At fourteen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Soter of Bellingham (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.