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Monday, August 25, 2025.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Donato of Medford 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. Donato), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of  
allegiance.

### *Notice of Change of Address.*

Notice was received that John J. Marsi, Jr. of Charlton, formerly of Dudley, had changed his residential address to the town of Charlton. Sent to the Senate for its information.

Representative  
Marsi of  
Charlton.

### *Resolutions.*

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Representatives Roy of Franklin and Soter of Bellingham) congratulating Jeffrey P. Lynch on celebrating his retirement from the Medway Fire Department, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Jeffrey  
Lynch.

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

### *Orders.*

The following orders were referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules:

Order (filed by Representatives Chan of Quincy and Keefe of Worcester) relative to extending until Wednesday, March 18, 2026 the time within which the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure is authorized to report on current House documents (House, No. 4446).

Consumer  
Protection and  
Professional  
Licensure,—  
extension  
of time for  
reporting.

Order (filed by the same members) relative to extending until Wednesday, March 18, 2026 the time within which the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure is authorized to report on current House documents (House, No. 4447).

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported that the orders ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Chan of Quincy, the orders were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

### *Petitions.*

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Armini of Marblehead and Senator Crighton, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4438) of Jennifer Balinsky Armini and Brendan P. Crighton (by vote of the town) that the town of Swampscott be authorized to establish an annual fall town meeting. To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Swampscott,—  
town meeting.

By the same members, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4444) of Jennifer Balinsky Armini and Brendan P. Crighton (by vote of the town) relative to a real property exemption for disabled persons in the town of Swampscott. To the committee on Revenue.

Swampscott,—  
exemption.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

*Paper from the Senate.*

A report of the committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1414) of Michael O. Moore, John J. Cronin, James B. Eldridge, Paul R. Feeney and other members of the Senate for legislation to increase access to Applied Behavior Analysis services by recognizing assistant level providers, 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.

Applied  
behavioral  
analysis.

*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:

To protect consumers by further defining subprime loans (House, No. 1110);

Subprime loans.  
Titles.

Relative to simplifying processes at the Registry of Motor Vehicles for surviving spouses and next of kin (House, No. 3722);

Relative to motor vehicle distributors (House, No. 3791);

Relative to banning the use of tinted license plate covers (House, No. 4029);

Relative to councils on aging (House, No. 4301);

Establishing a sick leave bank for Paul Starvaski (House, No. 4426); and

Distributors.  
License plates.  
Aging councils.  
Paul Starvaski.

Establishing a sick leave bank for Ankita Gajendra Patel, an employee of the department of corrections [sic] (House, No. 4427);

Ankita  
Gajendra Patel,—  
sick leave.

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

By Ms. Domb of Amherst, for the committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2222) of William F. MacGregor for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to the quality and accessibility of telehealth,—and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Public Health. Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Telehealth.

By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Education, on a petition, a Bill to support community-based schools (House, No. 653).

Community-  
based schools.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 564, a Bill relative to improved special needs transportation and student safety, “John’s Law” (House, No. 4404).

By Mr. Ryan of Boston, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill relative to the retirement benefits of the surviving beneficiary of William Manduca (House, No. 2866).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the Massachusetts Teachers’ Retirement Board to grant creditable service to Heather Leger (House, No. 2880).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill providing for certain retirement benefits for the surviving beneficiary of Brandon Arakelian (House, No. 2942).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the state retirement board to retire Jamie J. Magarian, a uniformed member of the department of state police at the regular rate of compensation (House, No. 2955).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing Thomas Struthers to purchase creditable service from the Massachusetts Teachers’ Retirement Board (House, No. 2958).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to providing the next of kin of a state police officer killed in the line of duty with a flag during the memorial service (House, No. 2970).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to creditable service for Wendy Lopriore, a member of the Massachusetts Teachers’ Retirement System (House, No. 2977).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the retirement benefits of Virginia E. Cummings (House, No. 2996).

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

By Mr. Ryan of Boston, for the committee on Public Service, on a joint petition, a Bill authorizing the city of New Bedford Retirement Board to provide certain retirement benefits to Lavar Gilbert (House, No. 2864) [Local Approval Received].

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to employees of the Dedham Westwood Water District (House, No. 2917).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing Thomas Harmon to purchase creditable service from the Barnstable County Retirement Board (House, No. 2998).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill exempting the position of assistant fire chief in the town of Natick from the civil service law (House, No. 3901) [Local Approval Received].

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill providing for violent act injury retirement benefits for retirement police officer Leo MacAskill (House, No. 3915) [Local Approval Received].

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to authorize the city of Westfield to establish an age limit for original appointment to the position of police officer (House, No. 3916) [Local Approval Received].

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill increasing the age limit for retired police officers serving as special police officers in the town of Weston (House, No. 4031) [Local Approval Received].

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

Special needs  
transportation.

William  
Manduca,—  
benefits.

Heather  
Leger,—  
retirement.

Brandon  
Arakelian,—  
retirement.

Jamie  
Magarian,—  
retirement.

Thomas  
Struthers,—  
retirement.

Line of duty  
deaths,—  
flag.

Wendy  
Lopriore,—  
retirement.

Virginia  
Cummings,—  
retirement.

New Bedford,—  
Lavar Gilbert.

Dedham Westwood  
Water District.

Thomas  
Harmon,—  
retirement.

Natick,—  
civil service.

Leo  
MacAskill,—  
retirement.

Westfield,—  
police  
officers.

Weston,—  
police  
officers.

*Orders of the Day.*

The House Bill authorizing Dartmouth Fire District No. 1 to appoint the position of treasurer (House, No. 3952), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading 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.

*Order.*

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

*Ordered*, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next  
sitting.

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At six minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Berthiaume of Spencer (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Thursday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.