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Tuesday, September 2, 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.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Representative Biele of Boston) honoring Yolanda Cerullo on her one hundred and second birthday and for her service to the United States of America; and

Yolanda
Cerullo.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Walsh of Peabody and Kerans of Danvers) honoring the Knights of Columbus Peabody Leo Council #508 on their one hundred and twenty-fifth year anniversary;

Peabody,—
Knights of
Columbus.

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 Ms. Kerans of Danvers, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Orders.

An Order (filed by Representatives Gordon of Bedford and Ayers of Quincy) relative to extending until Wednesday, December 17, 2025 the time within which the committee on Education is authorized to report on current House documents, 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. 4462), ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Gallagher of Bridgewater, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted.

An Order (filed by Representatives Cusack of Braintree and Kushmerek of Fitchburg) relative to extending until Wednesday, December 3, 2025 the time within which the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy is authorized to report on current House documents, was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Telecommu-
nications,
Utilities and
Energy,—
extension
of time for
reporting.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4461), ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Kerans of Danvers, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted.

Communications.

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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 21, 2025 biweekly report on the emergency housing assistance program;

Emergency housing assistance.

From the Office of the Comptroller (see item 1599-3384 of Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the Settlements and Judgements for the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2025; and

Settlements and judgements.

From the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (see Section 122 of Chapter 239 of the Acts of 2024) submitting guidance on the impacts of electric battery storage and electric vehicle chargers;

Electric battery storage and chargers.

Severally were placed on file.

Annual and Special Reports.

The annual report of the Division of Administrative Law Appeals (under Section 4H of Chapter 7 of the General Laws) for calendar year 2024; and

Administrative Law Appeals.

A report of the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (under Section 125 of Chapter 239 of the Acts of 2024) submitting a report entitled: “Flood Risk Mapping Resources Assessment and Recommendations”;

Flood risk mapping.

Severally were placed on file.

Papers from the Senate.

A Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Gregory Baker, an employee of the Suffolk county sheriff’s office (Senate, No. 2560) (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.

Gregory Baker,—
sick leave.

A petition (accompanied by bill) of Peter J. Durant and Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr. for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Emily Coollick, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Public Service.

Emily Coollick,—
sick leave.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2595) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Public Service.

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 Lisa Field for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Aayden Daniels, an employee of the Department of Correction. To the committee on Public Service.

Aayden Daniels,—
sick leave.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Lindsay N. Sabadosa for legislation to rescind all previous calls for a federal constitutional convention. To the committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs.

Federal constitutional convention.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, 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:

Authorizing reserved capacity billing in the town of Norfolk (House, No. 3899) [Local Approval Received];

Norfolk,—
billing.

Relative to the town resident requirement for the town manager of the town of Dalton (House, No. 4210) [Local Approval Received];

Dalton,—
town manager.

Authorizing the town of Lancaster to dissolve its animal control commission (House, No. 4212) [Local Approval Received];

Lancaster,—
animals.

Authorizing the city of Cambridge to expand the options available to issue notices of violation for parking enforcement above the limits set forth in M.G.L.

Cambridge,—
violation
notices.

C. 90, §20A½ or other applicable state laws (House, No. 4231) [Local Approval Received];

Relative to the charter of the town of Fairhaven (House, No. 4232) [Local Approval Received];

Fairhaven,—
charter.

Amending the charter of the city of Malden (House, No. 4233) [Local Approval Received];

Malden,—
charter.

To amend the town charter of Ipswich (House, No. 4243) [Local Approval Received]; and

Ipswich,—
charter.

Establishing a sick leave bank for John C. Murphy (House, No. 4454).

John Murphy.

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

By Mr. Donahue of Worcester, for the committee on Cannabis Policy, on House, Nos. 176 and 181, a Bill further defining eligibility for medical use marijuana (House, No. 176). Referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

Medical
marijuana
eligibility.

By Mr. Hunt of Boston, for the committee on Election Laws, on a petition, a Bill enhancing disclosure requirements for synthetic media in political advertising (House, No. 846).

Political
advertising.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to reprecincting (House, No. 856).

Reprecincting.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill providing disclosure of political phone calls (House, No. 858).

Political
phone calls.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to early voting and vote by mail (House, No. 860).

Early and
mail voting.

By Mr. McMurtry of Dedham, for the committee on Labor and Workforce Development, on a petition, a Bill to protect the collective bargaining rights of certain administrative employees (House, No. 2068).

Collective
bargaining
rights.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to roadway excavation quality assurance (House, No. 2089).

Roadway
excavation.

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

By Mr. Donahue of Worcester, for the committee on Cannabis Policy, on a petition, a Bill prohibiting employment discrimination based on legal use of cannabis (House, No. 159).

Cannabis use,—
employment
discrimination.

By Mr. Hunt of Boston, for the committee on Election Laws, on a petition, a Bill relative to gender neutral language in elections law (House, No. 804).

Election law,—
language.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill clarifying the role of Governor's Councillor on the ballot (House, No. 805).

Governor's
Councillors.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to absentee voting (House, No. 822).

Absentee
voting.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to uniformity of ballots in polling places (House, No. 832).

Ballots,—
polling places.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to election ballots (House, No. 837).

Election
ballots.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to changing the two-year elected term for the Mayor of Chicopee to a four-year elected term (House, No. 4201) [Local Approval Received].

Chicopee,—
mayoral
term.

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

Emergency Measure.

The engrossed Bill authorizing the commissioner of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to grant certain easements to the town of Bourne (see House, No. 4364), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was considered, the question being on adopting the emergency preamble.

Bourne,—
land.

A separate vote was taken, as required by the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXVII) of the Amendments to the Constitution; and the preamble was adopted, by a vote of 5 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Orders of the Day.

House bills

Establishing a sick leave bank for Paul Starvaski, an employee of the Department of Correction (House, No. 4426) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading); and

Third
reading
bills.

Establishing a sick leave bank for Ankita Gajendra Patel, an employee of the Department of Correction (House, No. 4427) (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 Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next
sitting.

At fourteen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Smola of Warren (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Thursday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.