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Monday, September 8, 2025.

Met at six minutes after 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.

### *Resolutions.*

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Representatives Sangiolo of Newton and other members of the House) commending the PKD Foundation for its recognition of September 2025 as Polycystic Kidney Disease Awareness Month, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Polycystic  
Disease  
Awareness  
Month.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee, reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington, 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 McMurtry of Dedham and Vitolo of Brookline) 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 (House, No. 4472).

Extensions  
of time for  
committees  
to make  
reports.

Order (filed by Representatives Decker of Cambridge and Kerans of Danvers) relative to extending until Saturday, October 4, 2025 the time within which the committee on Public Health is authorized to report on current a House document (House, No. 4480).

Order (filed by Representatives Cabral of New Bedford and Tyler of Boston) relative to extending until Wednesday, December 3, 2025 the time within which the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight is authorized to report on current House documents (House, No. 4471).

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 (House, No. 4481).

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 Ms. Howard of Lowell, the orders were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

*Communications.*

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From the Office of the Comptroller (see item 1595-1068 of Section 2E of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting the Medical Assistance Trust Fund transfer schedule for fiscal year 2025; and

Medical Assistance Trust Fund.

From the Executive Office for Administration and Finance (see Section 63 of Chapter 42 of the Acts of 2022) submitting the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance Job Order Contracting report for fiscal years 2024 and 2025;

Job order contracting.

Severally were placed on file.

*Monthly Report.*

A monthly report of the Department of Revenue (under Section 5(e) of Chapter 62F of the General Laws) on year-to-date net state tax revenue for June, 2025, was placed on file.

Net state tax revenue.

*Papers from the Senate.*

The House Bill establishing a charter for the city of Cambridge (House, No. 4156), came from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 2598. The amendment was referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

Cambridge,—  
charter.

The House Bill establishing a charter for the city of Medford (House, No. 4263), came from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 2597. The amendment was referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

Medford,—  
charter.

Petitions severally were referred, in concurrence, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, as follows:

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2599) of Patrick M. O'Connor for legislation to provide insurance coverage for the medically necessary treatment of port-wine stains; and

Insurance,—  
port-wine  
stains.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2600) of Michael F. Rush for legislation to require health insurance coverage for scalp cooling systems;

Insurance,—  
scalp cooling.

Severally to the committee on Financial Services.

*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 Rules 12 and 9 be suspended on the petition of Adrian C. Madaro relative to modernizing the governance of port authority parks in the East Boston section of the city of Boston. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rules 12 and 9 were suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was

Boston,—  
port  
authority.

referred to the committee on Environment and Natural Resources. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

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 Mindy Domb relative to charter school funding. To the committee on Education.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Adam J. Scanlon relative to fishing licenses for seniors. To the committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Joint petition (accompanied by bill) of John J. Marsi, Ryan C. Fattman and Paul K. Frost for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Candy J. Pike, an employee of the Department of Developmental Services. To the committee on Public Service.

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

Charter schools.

Fishing licenses.

Candy Pike,—  
sick leave.

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 student mental health (House, No. 2221);

Regarding the disability pension for Misael Rodriguez administered by the Springfield retirement board (House, No. 2939) [Local Approval Received];

Designating September as PCOS awareness month (House, No. 3392);

Relative to roadway safety (House, No. 3812);

Amending the charter of the town of Hopkinton to incorporate appointment powers of the board of library trustees (House, No. 4292) [Local Approval Received]; and

Establishing an economic development special revenue account for the town of Hopkinton (House, No. 4293) [Local Approval Received];

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.

Mental health.

Springfield,—  
Misael Rodriguez.

PCOS month.

Roadway safety.

Hopkinton,—  
library trustees.

Hopkinton,—  
development.

By Ms. Blais of Deerfield, for the committee on Agriculture and Fisheries, on a petition, a Bill promoting equity in agriculture (House, No. 111, changed in line 9, and in line 46, by inserting after the word “agriculture” the words “and fisheries”).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 118, a Resolve providing for an investigation by a special commission relative to the strengths and sustainability of the Commonwealth’s emergency food network (House, No. 4419).

By Mr. Arciero of Westford, for the committee Transportation, on a petition, a Resolve relative to a VFW Parkway master plan special commission (House, No. 3734).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to greener and healthier transportation corridors (House, No. 3752).

Severally read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Agriculture equity.

Emergency food network.

VFW Parkway commission.

Transportation corridors.

By Ms. Blais of Deerfield, for the committee on Agriculture and Fisheries, on a petition, a Bill relative to lobstering closure mitigation (House, No. 110, changed in section 1, in line 22, by inserting after the word “agriculture” the words “and fisheries”).

Lobster closure mitigation.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to hemp and hemp products in the Commonwealth (House, No. 117).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to reimbursement of the marine recreational fisheries development fund (House, No. 123).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to food justice with jobs (House, No. 132).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 116, 120 and 130, a Bill relative to the Massachusetts Food Policy Council (House, No. 4418).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 119, a Bill to address the impact of climate change on farms and fisheries (House, No. 4420).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 125 and 142, a Bill establishing healthy soil performance guidelines (House, No. 4421).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 127, a Bill prohibiting the aquaculture of any species of octopus for the purpose of human consumption (House, No. 4422).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 128, a Bill relative to establishing a food justice frontline (House, No. 4423).

By Mr. Vargas of Haverhill, for the committee on Community Development and Small Businesses, on House, No. 300, a Bill improving micro business and small business representation (House, No. 4460) [Representative Thurber of Somerset dissenting].

By Mr. Chan of Quincy, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, on House, Nos. 341 and 432, a Bill extending live and simulcasted horse racing in the Commonwealth (House, No. 341).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 383, a Bill expanding licensure opportunity for school counselors (House, No. 4456).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 431, a Bill to end housing discrimination in the Commonwealth (House, No. 4457).

By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Financial Services, on a petition, a Bill requiring licensed auto insurance damage appraisers to provide safety notices to the owners of damaged motor vehicles (House, No. 1153).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the compulsory automobile insurance limits (House, No. 1304).

By Mr. Ryan of Boston, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill relative to firefighter retirement benefits (House, No. 2753).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to Parkinson's disease disability and death in firefighters (House, No. 2836).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 2841 and 2842, a Bill providing equity and fairness to POST-certified police officers disabled by cardiac disease (House, No. 2842).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 2846 and 2851, a Bill relative to disability or death cause by contagious disease; presumption [sic] (House, No. 2846).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to PTSD and accidental disability (House, No. 2853).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill providing fair and equitable line of duty death benefits for public employees (House, No. 2901).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the disability or death caused by post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) (House, No. 2909).

Hemp products.

Marine fisheries fund.

Jobs,— food justice.

Food policy council.

Farms and fisheries.

Healthy soil.

Octopuses.

Food justice.

Micro and small businesses.

Simulcasting.

School counselors.

Real estate brokers.

Damaged motor vehicles.

Automobile insurance limits.

Firefighters,— retirement.

Firefighters,— Parkinson's.

Police officers,— cardiac disease.

Contagious diseases.

PTSD and disability.

Death benefits.

PTSD,— disability or death.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to disability or death caused by contagious disease; presumption [sic] (House, No. 2961).

By Mr. Arciero of Westford, for the committee on Transportation, on a petition, a Bill to enhance agricultural operations (House, No. 3627).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill facilitating cost efficient transportation (House, No. 3629).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill facilitating better interactions between police officers and persons with autism spectrum disorder (House, No. 3655).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to enhance pedestrian safety (House, No. 3731).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to rehabilitate regional roadways (House, No. 3751).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to promoting native plantings for stormwater management, pollinator support and climate resilience (House, No. 3998) [Representative DeCoste of Norwell dissenting].

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to establishing accountability for stormwater runoff mitigation and watershed restoration (House, No. 3999) [Representative DeCoste of Norwell dissenting].

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

By Ms. Blais of Deerfield, for the committee on Agriculture and Fisheries, on House, No. 139, a Bill relative to rodeos (House, No. 4424).

By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Financial Services, on a petition, a Bill to relative to an underinsurance issue (House, No. 1109).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill providing for temporary emergency licensing of appraisers of motor vehicle damage covered by auto insurance policies (House, No. 1231).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill [sic] eliminate penalty charges when canceling auto insurance (House, No. 1269).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to primary insurance (House, No. 1301).

By Mr. Lewis of Framingham, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to charter changes for the town of Longmeadow (House, No. 4312) [Local Approval Received].

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill allowing “print-free” digital legal notices for the town of North Brookfield (House, No. 4313) [Local Approval Received].

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill to allow the town of Hingham to use municipal property as the location for a center for active living (House, No. 4314) [Local Approval Received].

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill authorizing the Dalton Fire District to continue the employment of interim fire chief Christopher Francis Cachat (House, No. 4321).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the Williamstown Library Trustees (House, No. 4347) [Local Approval Received].

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to a cemetery in the town of Norton (House, No. 4348) [Local Approval Received].

Contagious diseases.

Agricultural operations.

Cost efficient transportation.

Police,— persons with autism.

Pedestrian safety.

Regional roadways.

Highways,— native plantings.

Roadways,— watershed restoration.

Rodeos.

Underinsurance.

Automobile appraiser licensing.

Auto insurance,— penalties.

Primary insurance.

Longmeadow,— charter.

North Brookfield,— digital notices.

Hingham,— property.

Dalton,— Christopher Cachat.

Williamstown,— library trustees.

Norton,— cemetery.

By Mr. Ryan of Boston, for the committee on Public Service, on House, Nos. 2940 and 2978, a Bill relative to police officers and firefighters relative to Chapter 41, Section 111F (House, No. 2940).

Police officers  
and firefighters.

By Mr. Arciero of Westford, for the committee on Transportation, on a petition, a Bill promoting safety in the use of off-highway vehicles (House, No. 3639).

Off-highway  
vehicle safety.

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

*Emergency Measure.*

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Alexandra Schwartz, an employee of the Department of State Police (see House, No. 4323), 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.

Alexandra  
Schwartz,—  
sick leave.

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.

Subsequently, the Senate having concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, the bill (which originated in the House) was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill  
enacted.

*Orders of the Day.*

The House Bill dissolving the Whately Water District (House, No. 2250, changed), 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.

*Order.*

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

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

Next  
sitting.

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At twenty-seven minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mrs. Kane of Shrewsbury (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Thursday at a half past eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.