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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.

Appointment of the House Minority Leader.

The House Minority Leader announced that (under the provisions of Section 109 of Chapter 137 of the Acts of 2026) he had appointed Representative Marsi of Charlton to the special commission on special education transitional planning services.

Special
education
transitional
planning services.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Representative Barrett of North Adams) congratulating the Leab family on the occasion of the ninetieth anniversary of their family farm; and

Leab
family.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Sullivan-Almeida of Abington) congratulating Sergeant Stephen Marquardt on the joyous occasion of his retirement from the Abington Police Department;

Stephen
Marquardt.

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 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.

Petitions.

Representative Vargas of Haverhill presented a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5667) of Andres X. Vargas (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to authorize John M. Roche to take the civil service examination for the position of firefighter in the city of Haverhill, notwithstanding the maximum age requirement; and the same was referred to the committee on Public Service. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Haverhill,—
John Roche.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Howitt of Seekonk, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Steven S. Howitt relative to exempting certain motor vehicles from displaying front number license plates.

Motor vehicles,—
front license
plates.

By Representative Montañño of Boston, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Samantha Montañño for the issuance of an annual proclamation by the Governor to designate September twenty-fifth as 9 to 5 Day, in recognition of the life and legacy of Dolly Parton.

Dolly Parton
day.

Severally, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Papers from the Senate.

Bills

Authorizing a certain employment contract for the town of Boylston (Senate, No. 3088) (on a petition) [Local Approval Received]; and

Boylston,—
police lieutenant.

Authorizing the town of Holbrook to appoint Patrick Doherty as a firefighter notwithstanding the maximum age requirement (Senate, No. 3165) (on a petition) [Local Approval Received];

Holbrook,—
Patrick
Doherty.

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were read; and they were referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Reports of a Committee.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the following bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

The Senate Bill authorizing the town of Foxborough to grant three additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (Senate, No. 3266) [Local Approval Received]; and

Foxborough,—
liquor licenses.

The House Bill amending the charter of the town of Middleton (House, No. 5462) [Local Approval Received];

Middleton,—
charter.

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

Engrossed Bill.

The engrossed Bill regulating elections in the town of Conway (see House, No. 4498) (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

Authorizing the continued employment of Michael Marchand, the fire chief in the town of Upton (House, No. 5389); and

Third
reading
bills.

Providing for tenant representation on the Great Barrington Housing Authority board (House, No. 5554);

Severally reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading 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 seven minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (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.