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Thursday, September 10, 2026.

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.

Silent Tribute.

At the request of Representatives Domb of Amherst and Gómez of Easthampton, the members, guests and employees stood in a moment of silent tribute to the memory of Chief David Seiffert, Sr., who passed away on August 13, 2026, at the age of 84 years.

David
Seiffert, Sr.

Chief Seiffert was the first full-time fire chief in Granby and served the town from 1969 to 1988. Chief Seiffert served Granby diligently and effectively. His efforts improved the emergency medical response services to make Granby the first small town in the region to achieve Advanced Level Services; oversaw a major hazardous materials incident at Granby High School; and secured a 15% reduction for residents' fire insurance costs in 1983.

In addition to his leadership as Fire Chief, Seiffert was a Cub Scout leader and honorary Girl Scout, a farmer, and a devoted husband, father, and grandfather.

Communications.

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From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see Section 10F of Chapter 118E of the General Laws) submitting a quarterly report for the third quarter of fiscal year 2026 legislative report for the Children's Medical Security Plan;

Children's
medical
security.

From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see Section 10F of Chapter 118E of the General Laws) submitting a quarterly report for the second quarter of fiscal year 2026 legislative report for the Children's Medical Security Plan;

Id.

From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see Section 10F of Chapter 118E of the General Laws) submitting a quarterly report for the first quarter of fiscal year 2026 legislative report for the Children's Medical Security Plan;

Id.

From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see Section 10F of Chapter 118E of the General Laws) submitting a quarterly report for the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2025 legislative report for the Children's Medical Security Plan;

Id.

From the Division of Occupational Licensure (see Section 1 of Chapter 147 of the General Laws) submitting its annual report for fiscal year 2026;

Occupational
licensure.

From the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (see Section 101 of Chapter 159 of the General Laws) submitting a report detailing fare evasion warnings

MBTA,—
fare evasion.

or citations issued by the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority for calendar year 2025;

From the Department of Public Utilities (see Section 1G of Chapter 164 of the General Laws) submitting its self-generation report for calendar year 2025;

From the Office of the Comptroller (see item 1595-1068 Section 2E of Chapter 137 of the Acts of 2026) submitting the Medical Assistance Trust Fund transfer schedule for fiscal year 2027;

From the Office of the Comptroller (see item 1595-6368 Section 2E of Chapter 137 of the Acts of 2026) submitting the Massachusetts Transportation Trust Fund (MTTF) transfer schedule for fiscal year 2027;

From the Office of the Comptroller (see item 1595-6370 Section 2E of Chapter 137 of the Acts of 2026) submitting the Regional Transit Authorities (RTA) transfer schedule for fiscal year 2027;

From the Office of the Comptroller (see item 1595-6379 Section 2E of Chapter 137 of the Acts of 2026) submitting the Motor Vehicle Insurance Merit Rating Board (MRB) transfer schedule for fiscal year 2027;

From the Executive Office for Administration and Finance and the Executive Office for Housing and Livable Communities (see Section 10 of Chapter 1 and Section 88 of Chapter 73 of the Acts of 2025 and Section 19 of Chapter 88 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the August 6, 2026 biweekly report on the emergency housing assistance program;

From the Executive Office for Administration and Finance and the Executive Office for Housing and Livable Communities (see Section 10 of Chapter 1 and Section 88 of Chapter 73 of the Acts of 2025 and Section 19 of Chapter 88 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the July 23, 2026 biweekly report on the emergency housing assistance program;

From the Executive Office for Administration and Finance and the Executive Office for Housing and Livable Communities (see Section 10 of Chapter 1 and Section 88 of Chapter 73 of the Acts of 2025 and Section 19 of Chapter 88 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the July 9, 2026 biweekly report on the emergency housing assistance program; and

From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see item 4000-0005 of Section 2 of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting its Safe and Successful Youth Initiative report for fiscal year 2024;

Severally were placed on file.

Self-generation.

Medical assistance.

Transportation.

Regional transit authorities.

Motor Vehicle Merit Rating Board.

Emergency housing assistance.

Id.

Id.

Safe and successful youth initiative.

Papers from the Senate.

Bills

Authorizing the town of Tewksbury to lease the North Street elementary school for a term of not more than 99 years (Senate, No. 2878) (on a petition) [Local Approval Received]; and

Amending the Waterways Capital Improvement Fund in the town of Dennis (Senate, No. 3097) (on a petition) [Local Approval Received];

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.

Tewksbury,—lease.

Dennis,—fund.

Reports of a Committee.

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

Authorizing the town of Dennis to publish legal notices digitally (Senate, No. 3098) [Local Approval Received]; and

Dennis,—
legal notices.

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

Holbrook,—
Patrick
Doherty.

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.

A report of the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, under the last sentence of Rule 7A, that the Bill relative to the department of public works in the town of Barre (House, No. 5601) [Local Approval Received], be scheduled for consideration by the House (the time within which said committee is required to report having expired).

Barre,—
public
works.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

Engrossed Bills.

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Authorizing the town of Raynham to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (see House, No. 5099); and

Bills
enacted.

Amending the traffic commission in the city of Westfield (see House, No. 5449); (Which severally originated in the House);

Severally having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, were passed to be enacted; and they were signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

House bills

Authorizing the town of Natick to continue the employment of police chief James Hicks beyond the age of 65 (House, No. 5427); and

Third
reading
bills.

Authorizing the town of Topsfield to continue to employment of police chief Neal Hovey (House, No. 5435);

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 Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next
sitting.

UNCORRECTED PROOF.

At eleven 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 Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.