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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.

Silent Tribute.

At the request of Representative Silvia of Fall River, the members, guests and employees stood in a moment of silent tribute to the memory of Clara Fallon, who passed away on September 26, 2025, surrounded by her loving family after a brave battle with cancer.

Clara
Fallon.

A lifelong resident of Fall River, Clara dedicated her life to service—first as a licensed practical nurse at Saint Anne's Hospital, and later as legislative aide to State Representative Alan Silvia. In this role, she became a trusted advocate for the community, known for her compassion, fairness, and dedication.

Beyond her professional life, she was active in civic life, serving as vice president of the Fall River Garden Club, a board member of the Friends of the Fall River Public Library, and a member of the Carousel Lions Club. A devout Catholic and parishioner of Good Shepherd Parish, Clara also found strength in her faith. She leaves behind her children, grandchildren, and extended family, who carry forward her legacy of love, service, and devotion.

Guests of the House.

At the beginning of the session, the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford) declared a brief recess and introduced the Wellesley High School girls' tennis team, who won their second consecutive Division 1 State Championship earlier this year, accompanied by their head coach, Rob Miller and assistant coach, Tim Lipsky. They were the guests of Representative Peisch of Wellesley.

Wellesley
High girls
tennis team.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Badger of Plymouth, Garballey of Arlington and other members of the House) commending Lobular Breast Cancer Alliance Inc. for its recognition of October 15, 2025 as Lobular Breast Cancer Awareness Day; and

Lobular
Breast
Cancer.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Representatives Kassner of Hamilton and Kerans of Danvers) congratulating the town of Topsfield on the three hundred and seventy-fifth anniversary of its incorporation;

Topsfield.

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

Communications.

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From the Department of Public Utilities (see Section 121(C) of Chapter 239 of the Acts of 2024) submitting its Advanced Transmission Solutions Report;

Transmission solutions.

From the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (see Section 124 of Chapter 239 of the Acts of 2024) submitting a supplementary report of the Department of Energy Resources 2025 Solar Canopy Working Group;

Solar canopy group.

From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see Section 30 of Chapter 285 of the Acts of 2024) submitting its “Report on the Plan to End Operations at the Massachusetts Alcohol and Substance Abuse Center (MASCAC)”;

Alcohol and substance abuse center.

From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see Section 80(e) of Chapter 343 of the Acts of 2024) submitting a Massachusetts Health Policy Commission Primary Care Task Force report;

Primary Care Task Force.

From the Executive Office for Administration and Finance (see item 1599-2051 of Section 2A of Chapter 102 of the Acts of 2021, as amended by Section 54 of Chapter 77 of the Acts of 2023) providing a status update regarding immediate Covid-19 recovery needs for the first quarter of calendar year 2025;

Covid-19 recovery.

From the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (see Section 7 of Chapter 453 of the Acts of 2008) submitting the Department of Environmental Protection’s home heating oil release report for calendar year 2024; and

Home heating oil.

From the Massachusetts Capital Resource Company (see Section 12 of Chapter 816 of the Acts of 1977) submitting its annual report describing the formation and current status of said company [a copy of said report was forwarded to the Speaker of the House and Senate President, as required by said law];

Capital Resource Company.

Severally were placed on file.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Gallagher of Bridgewater, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4578) of Dennis C. Gallagher (with the approval of the town council) relative to gender neutral language in the charter of the city known as the town of Bridgewater;

Bridgewater,—charter.

By the same member, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4579) of Dennis C. Gallagher (with the approval of the town council) relative to the appointment powers of the town manager of the city known as the town of Bridgewater;

Bridgewater,—town manager.

By Representative Kilcoyne of Clinton and Senator Kennedy, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4580) of Meghan K. Kilcoyne and Robyn K.

Berlin,—select board.

Kennedy (by vote of the town) relative to the membership of the select board of the town of Berlin; and

By Representative O'Day of West Boylston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4581) of James J. O'Day (with the approval of the city council) that the city of Worcester be authorized to require the adoption of institutional master plans in said city.

Worcester,—
master plans.

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

By Representative Biele of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4582) of David Biele (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that city of Boston be authorized to waive the maximum age requirement for firefighters for Stylianos Katikakis;

Boston,—
Stylianos
Katikakis.

By Representative Cruz of Salem, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4583) of Manny Cruz (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to the harbormaster and assistant harbormasters in the city of Salem; and

Salem,—
harbormasters.

By Representative Ultrino of Malden, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4584) of Steven Ultrino (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to the appointment of special police officers in the city of Malden.

Malden,—
special
police.

Severally to the committee on Public Service.

By Representative Frost of Auburn, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4585) of Paul K. Frost and Michael O. Moore (by vote of the town) that the town of Auburn be authorized to offer expanded senior property tax abatements in said town. To the committee on Revenue.

Auburn,—
senior
property tax.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

A Bill providing for the retirement of Walter L. Guertin, a former member of the fire department in the city of Attleboro (Senate, No. 1859) (on a petition) [Local Approval Received], passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Attleboro,—
Walter
Guertin.

A report from the Massachusetts Gaming Commission (under the provisions of Section 9B of Chapter 128A of the General Laws) submitting proposed changes to 205 CMR 15.00 relative to racing meeting licensing (Senate, No. 2624), was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Horse
racing,—
regulations.

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 James K. Hawkins and others relative to penalties for law enforcement officers wearing masks or personal disguises while interacting with the public in the performance of their duties. To the committee on the Judiciary.

Law
enforcement,—
masks.

Joint petition (accompanied by bill) of John J. Marsi for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for David A. Russell, an employee of the Department of Correction. To the committee on Public Service.

David
Russell,—
sick leave.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of James K. Hawkins, Kelly W. Pease and others for legislation to designate August 10th as Agent Orange awareness day. To the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

Agent
Orange
day.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of James K. Hawkins and Kelly W. Pease relative to establishing an Orange Star license plate for veterans exposed to Agent Orange. To the committee on Transportation.

Orange star
license
plate.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Peisch of Wellesley, 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:

Relative to school absences (House, No. 667);

School absences.

Further regarding the term of the town moderator in the town of Norwood (House, No. 4381) [Local Approval Received]; and

Norwood,—
moderator.

Establishing a sick leave bank for Marie Letendre (House, No. 4565);

Marie Letendre.

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

Reports of the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, under the last sentence of Rule 7A, that the following House bills be scheduled for consideration by the House (the time within which said committee is required to report having expired):

Relative to the disability retirement of Casey L'Italien, a police officer in the city known as the town of Randolph (House, No. 3914) [Local Approval Received]; and

Randolph,—
Casey L'Italien.

Relative to the retirement of Greg Heath, a former firefighter of the city of Westfield (House, No. 3963) [Local Approval Received];

Westfield,—
Greg Heath.

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

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, asking to be discharged from further consideration:

Of the Bill promoting equity in agriculture (House, No. 111, changed);

Agriculture.

Of the Resolve relative to a VFW Parkway master plan special commission (House, No. 3734);

VFW Parkway
commission.

Of the Bill relative to greener and healthier transportation corridors (House, No. 3752);

Transportation
corridors.

Of the 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);

Emergency
food network.

Of the Bill to provide green and healthy public colleges and universities (House, No. 4463); and

Deferred
maintenance.

Of the Bill relative to the examination of evidence rooms and evidentiary procedures (House, No. 4464);

Evidence,—
study.

And recommending that the same be referred to the House committee on Rules.

Under Rule 42, the reports severally were considered forthwith; and they were accepted.

By Mr. Stanley of Waltham, for the committee on Aging and Independence, on House, No. 775, a Bill establishing a commission on aging disabled adults (House, No. 4558).

Aging disabled adults.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 792, a Bill establishing a special commission on a statewide long-term services and supports benefit program (House, No. 4559).

Long-term services.

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

By Mr. Stanley of Waltham, for the committee on Aging and Independence, on House, No. 756, a Bill increasing the penalties for unfair and deceptive actions perpetrated against persons with disabilities and senior citizens (House, No. 4557).

Penalties and fees.

By Mr. Chan of Quincy, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, on a petition, a Bill to reduce inequities in access to hearing aids (House, No. 367).

Hearing aids,—access.

By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Education, on a petition, a Bill requiring opioid use disorder education (House, No. 530).

Opioid use education.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 590 and 611, a Bill relative to emergency stock supply of epinephrine in schools (House, No. 590).

Epinephrine,—schools.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the promotion of mental health education (House, No. 598).

Mental health education.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill providing for diabetes management in schools (House, No. 652).

Diabetes,—schools.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 539, a Bill relative to healthy school lunches (House, No. 4562).

Nutrition,—schools.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 672 and 699, a Bill relative to suicide prevention in schools (House, No. 4563).

Suicide prevention.

By Mr. Ryan of Boston, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill relative to regional planning agencies (House, No. 2889).

Regional planning agencies.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to updating judicial retirement benefits (House, No. 2915).

Judges,—retirement.

By Mr. Arciero of Westford, for the committee on Transportation, on a petition, a Bill relative to licensed funeral home vehicles (House, No. 3606).

Funeral home vehicles.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to vehicle registration plates of veterans (House, No. 3607).

Veteran license plates.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to veteran license plates (House, No. 3648).

Id.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing a Medal of Fidelity license plate (House, No. 3706).

License plates,—Medal of Fidelity.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing distinctive license plates for Army combat veterans (House, No. 3714).

Army veterans,—license plates.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to training tomorrow's trucking industry workforce (House, No. 3730).

Trucking,—workforce.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 3749, a Bill relative to unmanned aerial systems (House, No. 4546).

Unmanned aerial systems.

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

By Mr. Chan of Quincy, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, on House, No. 3894, a Bill authorizing the town of Cohasset

Cohasset,—liquor licenses.

to grant five additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 4561) [Local Approval Received].

By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Education, on House, Nos. 600 and 619, a Bill relative to youth skin health (House, No. 600).

By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Financial Services, on a petition, a Bill relative to the cleanup of accidental home heating oil spills (House, No. 1194).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the remediation of home heating oil releases (House, No. 1302).

By Mr. Ryan of Boston, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the city of Taunton to continue the employment of police chief Edward J. Walsh (House, No. 2810) [Local Approval Received].

By Mr. Arciero of Westford, for the committee on Transportation, on a petition, a Bill relative to eligibility for veteran license plates (House, No. 3657).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to veterans' specialty license plates on leased vehicles (House, No. 3674).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to school bus transportation professionals (House, No. 3715).

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

Sunscreen,—
schools.

Oil spills,—
cleanup.

Oil releases,—
remediation.

Taunton,—
Edward
Walsh.

Veterans,—
plate eligibility.

Veteran plates,—
leased vehicles.

School bus
professionals.

Engrossed Bill.

The engrossed Bill further regulating certain licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises in the city of Holyoke (see House, No. 360) (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.

The Senate Bill further regulating the Gloucester Fisheries Commission (Senate, No. 2566), having been 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, in concurrence.

Third
reading
bill.

Bills

Authorizing reserved capacity billing in the town of Norfolk (House, No. 3899);
Relative to the town resident requirement for the town manager of the town of Dalton (House, No. 4210);

Relative to a cemetery in the town of Norton (House, No. 4348); and

Establishing a sick leave bank for Candy J. Pike, an employee of the Department of Developmental Services (House, No. 4514) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

Severally having been 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.

Third
reading
bills.

The House Bill amending the charter of the town of Ipswich to eliminate the residency requirement for town manager (House, No. 4243) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading), reported by said committee to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Ipswich,—
town
manager.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Walsh of Peabody moved to amend it by striking out section 2.

The amendment was adopted; and the bill (House, No. 4243, amended) was passed to be engrossed. 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.

Representative Frost of Auburn moved that when the House adjourns today, it do so in respect to the memory of Paul Kollios, a member of the House from Millbury from 1981 to 1996, inclusive; and the motion prevailed.

Accordingly, at thirteen minutes after eleven A.M., on motion of Mr. Muradian of Grafton (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.