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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.

Silent Tribute.

At the request of Representative Smola of Warren, the members, guests and employees stood in a moment of silent tribute in memory of Paul Holloway who passed away on July 25th. Paul was the embodiment of compassion, dedication, and service. He was a big-hearted firefighter who gave selflessly to others both on and off duty. In addition to his commitment to the Holland Fire Department, Paul served full-time as an educator at Palmer High School, where he inspired countless students with his wisdom, warmth, and unwavering positivity.

Paul
Holloway.

Paul's infectious laugh, kind spirit, and genuine friendship touched everyone who knew him. He was more than a firefighter; he was family. His presence will be deeply missed, but his legacy of service and love will live on in all of us.

Our thoughts are with his wife Kristina, his family, friends, colleagues, and the entire community during this difficult time.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Fiola of Fall River, Peisch of Wellesley, Silvia of Fall River, Ouellette of Westport and Thurber of Somerset) congratulating People Incorporated on the grand opening of its New Early Education Center;

People
Incorporated.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Roy of Franklin) congratulating Logan Collins on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout with Scouting America; and

Logan
Collins.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Soter of Bellingham) honoring the Bellingham Lions Club on the occasion of its seventy-fifth anniversary;

Bellingham
Lions Club.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee, reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Hong of Lowell, the resolutions (having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Order.

An Order (filed by Representatives Decker of Cambridge and Kerans of Danvers) relative to extending until Friday, November 7, 2025 the time within which

Public Health,—
extension

the committee on Public Health is authorized to report on current House documents, was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

of time for reporting.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4586), ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Marsi of Charlton and Senator Fattman, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4588) of John J. Marsi (with the approval of the town council) for legislation to further regulate the granting of additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises in the city known as the town of Southbridge. To the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Southbridge,—
liquor
licenses.

By Representative Saunders of Belchertown, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4589) of Aaron L. Saunders (by vote of the town) that the town of Ludlow be authorized to pay a certain unpaid bill. To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Ludlow,—
unpaid
bill.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

The following order, having been adopted by the Senate, was considered forthwith, under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus; and it was adopted, in concurrence:

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the motion previously adopted during the Joint Session of May 14, 2025 to recess the joint session until Wednesday, October 8, 2025 and notwithstanding any special rules to the contrary, the joint session of the two houses is hereby recessed until Thursday, October 9, 2025 at a half past eleven o'clock A.M.

Constitutional
convention,—
date and
time change.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2626) of Robyn K. Kennedy and Meghan K. Kilcoyne (by vote of the town) for legislation relative to the select board of the town of Berlin, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Berlin,—
select board.

A petition (accompanied by bill) of Cindy F. Friedman for legislation to adjust the MBTA assessment, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on the Transportation.

MBTA
assessments.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2629) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on the Transportation.

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 petition of Paul McMurtry relative to licenses for off premises retail of alcoholic

Alcoholic
beverages.

beverages located near other off premises licenses. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Hong of Lowell, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended; and petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure. 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 youth skin health (House, No. 600);

Relative to employment protections for victims of abusive behavior (House, No. 2143);

Relative to veterans' specialty license plates on leased vehicles (House, No. 3674); and

Providing a simplified procedure for the layout and acceptance of subdivision roads in the city of Marlborough (House, No. 4439) [Local Approval Received];

Under suspension of Rule 7A, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Hong of Lowell, 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 authorizing Thomas Harmon to purchase creditable service from the Barnstable County Retirement Board (House, No. 2998), be scheduled for consideration by the House (the time within which said committee is required to report having expired).

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

By Mr. Garballey of Arlington, for the committee on Tourism, Arts and Cultural Development, on a petition, a Bill addressing challenges facing public libraries and digital resource collections (House, No. 3595). Read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

By Mr. Ryan of Boston, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill relative to documentary material or data received by retirement boards (House, No. 2766).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 2787 and 2871, a Bill relative to certain option B and option C retirees (House, No. 2787).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 2834 and 2956, a Bill relative to the veteran allowance for public retirees (House, No. 2834).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to timely retirement payment (House, No. 2990).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to a COVID-19 retirement credit study (House, No. 3003).

By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on a petition, a Bill relative to civil asset forfeiture data reporting (House, No. 3297).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill further regulating access to public records (House, No. 3301).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relating to public access to historical records (House, No. 3335).

Sunscreen.

Abusive
behavior.

Veteran
plates.

Marlborough,—
roads.

Thomas
Harmon,—
retirement.

Public
libraries.

Retirement
boards,—
data.

Retirement,—
options.

Veteran
allowance.

Retirement,—
payments.

COVID-19
credit.

Civil asset
forfeiture.

Public records,—
access.

Id.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to online posting of CMRs (House, No. 3364).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to microfilm (House, No. 3377).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill elevating the National Guard to a cabinet level position (House, No. 3395).

By Mr. Garballey of Arlington, for the committee on Tourism, Arts and Cultural Development, on House, Nos. 3591, 3594 and 3598, a Bill regarding free expression (House, No. 3594).

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

By Mr. Ryan of Boston, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill authorizing Adam T. Jankowski to take the civil service examination for the position of police officer in the city of Haverhill notwithstanding the maximum age requirement (House, No. 4178) [Local Approval Received].

By Mr. Madaro of Boston, for the committee on Revenue, on a petition, a Bill relative to tax abatement for permanently disabled veterans (House, No. 3115).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill providing for line-of-duty death benefits for firefighters (House, No. 3188).

By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on a petition, a Bill establishing building trades recovery week (House, No. 3358).

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

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:

Prohibiting employment discrimination based on legal use of cannabis (House, No. 159);

Clarifying the role of Governor's Councillor on the ballot (House, No. 805);

Relative to absentee voting (House, No. 822);

Relative to uniformity of ballots in polling places (House, No. 832);

Relative to election ballots (House, No. 837);

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]; and

Regulating the use of credit reports by employers (House, No. 4450);

Severally placed in the Orders of the Day for the next sitting for a second reading.

Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed bills

Further regulating the Gloucester Fisheries Commission (see Senate, No. 2566) (which originated in the Senate); and

Authorizing the town of Maynard to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (see House, No. 4273) (which originated in the House);

Regulations,—
online posting.

Registries
of Deeds.

National
Guard.

Schools,—
student
expression.

Haverhill,—
Adam
Jankowski.

Disabled
veterans.

Firefighters,—
benefits.

Building trades
recovery week.

Cannabis,—
employment.

Councillors.
Absentee voting.
Polling places.
Ballots.

Chicopee,—
mayor.

Credit reports.

Bills
enacted.

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

Relative to parking enforcement in the city of Cambridge (House, No. 4231) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

Relative to the charter of the town of Fairhaven (House, No. 4232);

Authorizing the town of Palmer to grant additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages (House, No. 4282); and

Authorizing the town of Milford to convert a license for the sale of wine and malt beverages into a license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be consumed on the premises (House, No. 4359);

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.

Third
reading
bills.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Wednesday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next
sitting.

At fifteen 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 Wednesday at eleven o'clock A.M.