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Tuesday, October 13, 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.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Representative Peisch of Wellesley and other members of the House) commending Hope and Comfort, Inc. on its observation of the week of October 17 through October 23, 2026 as Hygiene Insecurity Awareness Week;

Hygiene
insecurity
awareness.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Badger of Plymouth and LaNatra of Kingston) recognizing the town of Plymouth and the Plymouth Two Hundred and Fiftieth Commemoration Committee for honoring the historic Parting Ways Black Revolutionary War Veterans; and

Plymouth,—
Revolutionary
War veterans.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Biele of Boston) congratulating the Boston Lyric Opera on the occasion of its fiftieth anniversary;

Boston
Lyric Opera.

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.

Communications.

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From the Office of the Inspector General (see Section 64 of Chapter 6C of the General Laws) submitting a report entitled: "Highway Service Plaza Draft Lease Review";

Highway
service plazas.

From the Massachusetts Gaming Commission (see Section 69 of Chapter 23K of the General Laws) submitting its gaming revenue reports and associated sports wagering revenue report through August, 2026;

Gaming and
sports wagering
revenue.

From the Berkshire District Attorney's Office (see Section 47(d) of Chapter 94C of the General Laws) submitting a report on its fiscal year 2026 expenditures for drug rehabilitation, drug education and other anti-drug or neighborhood crime watch programs;

Berkshire District
Attorney,—
drugs and
crime.

From the Essex District Attorney's Office (see Section 47(d) of Chapter 94C of the General Laws) submitting a report on its fiscal year 2026 expenditures for drug

Essex District
Attorney,—
drugs and
crime.

rehabilitation, drug education and other anti-drug or neighborhood crime watch programs;

From the Norfolk County District Attorney’s Office (see Section 47(d) of Chapter 94C of the General Laws) submitting a report on its fiscal year 2026 expenditures for drug rehabilitation, drug education and other anti-drug or neighborhood crime watch programs;

From the Massachusetts Housing Finance Agency (see Section 5 of Chapter 121D of the General Laws) submitting its annual report for fiscal year 2026;

From the Office of the Comptroller (see item 1599-6152 of Section 2E of Chapter 137 of the Acts of 2026) submitting the State Retiree Benefits Trust Fund transfer report for fiscal year 2027;

From the Executive Office of Technology Services and Security (see item 1790-0100 of Section 2 of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting a report on IT-related project expenditures for fiscal year 2026;

From the Office of the Comptroller (see item 1599-2040 of Section 2B of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting the final Paid Prior Year Deficiency Report for fiscal year 2026 and accounts payable;

From the Office of the Comptroller (see item 1595-4512 of Section 2E of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting the transfer schedule for the Behavioral Health Outreach, Access and Support Trust Fund for fiscal year 2026;

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 year 2026;

From the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development (see item 1599-6086 of Section 2 of Chapter 268 of the Acts of 2022) submitting a report entitled: “Effectiveness of Workforce Development Services”;

From the Office of the Inspector General (see Section 196(c) of Chapter 46 of the Acts of 2015) submitting its report entitled “MBTA Privatization Review #5: Warehousing and Logistics Contract with Mancon, LLC (2017-2026)”;

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 2025;

Severally were placed on file.

Norfolk District Attorney,—
drugs and crime.

Housing
finance agency.

State retiree
benefits
trust fund.

IT
expenditures.

Paid prior
year
deficiency.

Behavioral
health.

Job order
contracting.

Workforce
services
effectiveness.

MBTA,—
privatization
review.

Home
heating oil.

Special, Quarterly and Monthly Reports.

Reports

Of the Berkshire District Attorney’s Office (under Section 24W(e) of Chapter 90 of the General Laws) submitting a report on its fiscal year 2026 Operating Under the Influence Deterrent Trust Fund (Melanie’s Law);

Of the Essex District Attorney’s Office (under Section 24W(e) of Chapter 90 of the General Laws) submitting a report on its fiscal year 2026 Operating Under the Influence Deterrent Trust Fund (Melanie’s Law); and

Of the Norfolk District Attorney’s Office (under Section 24W(e) of Chapter 90 of the General Laws) submitting a report on its fiscal year 2026 Operating Under the Influence Deterrent Trust Fund (Melanie’s Law); and

Monthly reports

Of the Department of Unemployment Assistance (under Section 14F of Chapter 151A of the General Laws) relative to the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund report for September, 2026; and

Melanie’s
Law.

Id.

Id.

Unemployment
Insurance
Trust Fund.

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 July, 2026;
Severally were placed on file.

Net state
tax revenue.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Sangiolo of Newton, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Amy Mah Sangiolo and Cynthia Stone Creem for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Monica C. Murphy, an employee of the Department of Children and Families

Monica
Murphy,—
sick leave.

By Representative Wong of Saugus, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Donald H. Wong relative to tax exemptions for certain veterans' organizations.

Veterans,—
tax exemption.

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

Papers from the Senate.

The House Bill authorizing print-free digital legal notices in the town of Wellesley (House, No. 4138) (its title having been changed by the Senate committee on Bills in the Third Reading), 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 3272. Referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

Wellesley,—
digital legal
notices.

A joint petition (accompanied by bill) of Jacob R. Oliveira and Brian M. Ashe for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Ann Marie Basile, an employee of the Hampshire County Sheriff's Office, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on the Public Service.

Ann Marie
Basile,—
sick leave.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the joint petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 3282) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on the Public Service.

Reports of Committees.

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:

Amending the town manager act for the town of Danvers (House, No. 5593, changed) [Local Approval Received]; and

Danvers,—
town manager.

Providing for the appointment of retired police officers as special police officers in the town of Acushnet (House, No. 5597) [Local Approval Received];

Acushnet,—
police officers.

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

By Mr. Chan of Quincy, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, on House, No. 5516, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure to make an investigation and study of a certain House document relative to condominium associations and management companies (House, No. 5694). Referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Condominium
associations and
management
companies,—
study.

Subsequently, Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committees, reported asking to be discharged from further consideration of the order; and recommending that the same be referred to the House committee on Rules.

Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted.

By Mr. Chan of Quincy, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, on House, No. 5481, a Bill authorizing the town of Wayland to grant additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 5688) [Local Approval Received].

Wayland,—
liquor
licenses.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 5583, a Bill authorizing the town of Webster to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 5689) [Local Approval Received].

Webster,—
liquor
license.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 5602, a Bill authorizing the town of Ludlow to grant additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 5690) [Local Approval Received].

Ludlow,—
liquor
licenses.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 5605, a Bill further extending the time for issuing certain licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises in the town of Hanover (House, No. 5691) [Local Approval Received].

Hanover,—
liquor
licenses.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 5656, a Bill authorizing the town of Avon to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 5692) [Local Approval Received].

Avon,—
liquor
license.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 5659, a Bill authorizing the town of Rutland to convert one seasonal license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk off the premises to an annual license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk off the premises (House, No. 5693) [Local Approval Received].

Rutland,—
liquor
license.

By Mr. Arciero of Westford, for the committee on Transportation, on a petition, a Bill designating a certain roundabout in the town of Uxbridge in honor of Officer Stephen A. LaPorta (House, No. 5666).

Uxbridge,—
LaPorta
roundabout.

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

Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed bills

Directing the city of Boston police department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Elijah George Osborne (see Senate, No. 3017) (which originated in the Senate);

Bills
enacted.

Authorizing the Provincetown Year-Round Market Rate Rental Housing Trust to acquire year-round housing occupancy restrictions (see House, No. 3909);

Relative to increasing the membership of the select board of the town of Berlin (see House, No. 4580); and

Amending the means tested senior citizen property tax exemption in the town of Sudbury (see House, No. 4755, amended);

(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

Establishing a sick leave bank for David Gilman, an employee of the department of correction (House, No. 5677); and

Establishing a sick leave bank for Carry Shulock-Sexton, an employee of the department of agricultural resources (House, No. 5685);

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 Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next
sitting.

At seven minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Muradian of Grafton (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.