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**JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.**



**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2025.**

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Thursday, October 23, 2025.

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 Biele of Boston) congratulating Mary Shanley on the occasion of her one hundredth birthday; and

Mary  
Shanley.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Linsky of Natick) congratulating Thomas Sagendorph on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout of Scouting America;

Thomas  
Sagendorph.

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

### *Petitions.*

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Badger of Plymouth, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Michelle L. Badger relative to a transfer of retirement benefits for Valeria D'Orazio an associate professor at the Massachusetts Maritime Academy.

Valeria  
D'Orazio,—  
retirement.

By Representative Scanlon of North Attleborough, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Adam J. Scanlon that the Center for Health Information and Analysis be authorized to conduct an analysis of eliminating or capping co-pays for mental and behavioral health services.

Mental  
health,—  
co-pays.

By Representative Tarsky of Needham (by request), a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Bonnie Ruggiero and Richard Ruggiero relative to visibility and safety in biking.

Biking  
safety.

By the same member (by request), a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Gregory Dunn relative to colonoscopy procedures.

Colonoscopy  
procedures.

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

### *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 Kelly W. Pease and Lindsay N. Sabadosa relative to battery storage facility permitting and penalties for noncompliance. To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Battery  
storage  
facilities.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Kelly W. Pease and Lindsay N. Sabadosa for legislation to establish buffer zones for battery storage facilities; and

Id.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Kelly W. Pease, Lindsay N. Sabadosa and Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr. relative to lithium battery storage facilities;

Id.

Severally to the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, 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 seeds (House, No. 150);

Seeds.

To protect children from the use of alcohol and marijuana (House, No. 154);

Advertising.

To protect library patron privacy (House, No. 638);

Library privacy.

Relative to restricted vital records (House, No. 3393);

Vital records.

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

Cohasset,—  
liquor licenses.

Establishing a sick leave bank for David A. Russell, an employee of the Department of Corrections (DOC) (House, No. 4587); and

David Russell,—  
sick leave.

Establishing a sick leave bank for Jeanne McCarron (House, No. 4624);

Jeanne McCarron,—  
sick leave.

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

By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Education, on House, Nos. 594, 627, and 636, a Bill relative to the strengthening of financial literacy throughout the commonwealth (House, No. 627). Read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Financial  
literacy.

Subsequently, Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committees, reported that the foregoing bill ought to pass. Referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Education, on a petition, a Bill updating the administration of medications in schools statute to include epilepsy (House, No. 644).

Schools,—  
epilepsy.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 635, a Bill relating to seizure disorders in schools (House, No. 4641).

Schools,—  
seizure disorders.

By Mr. Day of Stoneham, for the committee on the Judiciary, on House, No. 1608, a Bill relative to restraining orders as they pertain to hate crimes (House, No. 4633).

Hate crimes,—  
protections.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1643, a Bill to protect the privacy of 911 callers (House, No. 4634).

911 calls,—  
transcripts.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1669, a Bill relative to the effective enforcement of municipal ordinances and by-laws (House, No. 4635).

Municipal ordinances.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1675, a Bill to advance hate-crime protections for victims who are targeted due to their gender (House, No. 4636).

Hate crimes,—protections.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 1688 and 1978, a Bill relative to civil rights and technology (House, No. 4637).

Robotic technologies.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1738, a Bill relative to the free flow of information (House, No. 4638).

Journalists,—protections.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1946, a Bill to implement the recommendations of the special commission on facial recognition technology (House, No. 4640).

Facial recognition.

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

By Mr. Day of Stoneham, for the committee on the Judiciary, on House, Nos. 1855 and 1968, a Bill for uniform fiduciary access to digital assets (House, No. 4639). Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Digital assets,—decedents.

#### *Engrossed Bill.*

The engrossed Bill providing for the terms of certain bonds to be issued by the Commonwealth (see House bill printed in House, No. 4413) (which originated in the House), in respect to which the Senate had concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, 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 Thomas Harmon to purchase creditable service from the Barnstable County Retirement Board (House, No. 2998);

Third reading bills.

Authorizing the city of Westfield to establish an age limit for original appointment to the position of police officer (House, No. 3916) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

In the town of Hanson local licenses and permits; denial, revocation or suspension for failure to comply with conditions of approval (House, No. 3953); and

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

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.

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At fourteen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Ms. Ferguson of Holden (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.