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Thursday, October 29, 2026.

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.

Message from the Governor.

A message from Her Excellency the Governor returning with recommendation of amendment the engrossed Bill establishing a board of election commissioners in the city of Salem [see House No. 3907] (for message, see House, No. 5712), was filed in the office of the Clerk on Wednesday, October 28.

Salem,—
election
board.

The message was read; and, under the provisions of Article LVI of the Amendments to the Constitution, the bill was thereupon “before the General Court and subject to amendment and re-enactment”.

Pending the question on adoption of the amendment recommended by Her Excellency, the bill was referred, on motion of Mr. Walsh of Peabody, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

Petitions.

Representative Smola of Warren and Senator Fattman presented a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5714) of Todd M. Smola (by vote of the town) that the town of Holland be authorized to continue the employment of Barton Temple as a firefighter in said town; and the same was referred to the committee on Public Service. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Holland,—
Barton
Temple.

Representative Murphy of Weymouth presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of James M. Murphy for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Dinamarie McCarthy, an employee of the Department of Children and Families; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Dinamarie
McCarthy,—
sick leave.

Paper from the Senate.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 3288) of Vanna Howard (with approval of the city council) for legislation relative to the retirement of police sergeant Vincent Fernandez from the city of Lowell police department, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Public Service.

Lowell,—
Vincent
Fernandez.

Reports of a Committee.

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

The Senate Bill designating October 15 as lobular breast cancer awareness day (Senate, No. 2666); and

Lobular breast cancer day.

House bills

Establishing a sick leave bank for Gina Dellagatta, an employee of the department of mental health (House, No. 5686);

Gina Dellagatta.

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]; and

Avon,—
liquor
license.

Establishing a sick leave bank for Jonathan Murphy, an employee of the Human Resources Division (House, No. 5695);

Jonathan Murphy.

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.

Orders of the Day.

The House Bill amending the form of government in the town of Danvers (House, No. 5593, changed) (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; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Third reading bill.

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.

At six minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. McKenna of Sutton (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.