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Thursday, November 5, 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).

Pledge of allegiance.

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.

Resolutions.

John Brown.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Representative Peisch of Wellesley) honoring John Brown upon his retirement as Athletic Director for the Wellesley Public Schools, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, 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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Transportation projects.

From the Executive Office for Administration and Finance (see Section 2BBBBBB(a½) of Chapter 29 of the General Laws, as most recently amended by Section 19 of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting the annual transportation projects report for fiscal year 2026, a five-year project spending plan, and bonds or notes scheduled to be issued;

Child fatalities.

From the Office of the Child Advocate (see Section 2A of Chapter 38 of the General Laws) submitting its Child Fatality Review annual report for fiscal year 2025;

State Police Crime Lab.

From the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (see item 8100-1004 of Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting a report of the Massachusetts State Police Crime Lab for the fourth quarter of calendar year 2025; and

Women Veterans Network.

From the Executive Office of Veterans' Services (see Section 115 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the annual report of the Women Veterans Network (WVN) for fiscal year 2026;

Severally were placed on file.

Annual Reports.

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Veterans services.

Of the Executive Office of Veterans' Services (under Section 2 of Chapter 115 of the General Laws) for fiscal year 2026;

Soldiers' homes.

Of the Executive Office of Veterans' Services (under Section 12 of Chapter 115A of the General Laws) submitting its state of the Commonwealth's two Soldiers'

Homes report for fiscal year 2026 [a copy of said communication was forwarded to the committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs, as required by law]; and

Of the Department of Youth Services (under Section 16 of Chapter 123A of the General Laws) relative to sexually dangerous persons in the custody of the department for fiscal year 2026 [copies of said report were forwarded to the committee on Ways and Means and the committee on the Judiciary as required by said law]; Sexually dangerous persons.

Severally were placed on file.

Papers from the Senate.

A Bill authorizing the relocation of a portion of a certain parcel of land within a designated port area in the Charlestown section of the city of Boston (Senate, No. 3137) (on a petition), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling. Boston,— Charlestown port area.

A report of the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, that the communication from the Massachusetts Gaming Commission (pursuant to Section 9B of Chapter 128A of the General Laws) submitting proposed regulations for 205 CMR 17.00 relative to transfer of interests in a racing meeting licensing (Senate, No. 3277), recommending that the same be placed on file, was accepted, in concurrence. Racing meeting licensing,— regulations.

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 establishing a sick leave bank for Timothy Cluett, an employee of the Worcester county sheriff's office (Senate, No. 3296); and Timothy Cluett,— sick leave.

The House 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.

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.

Engrossed Bills.

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Authorizing the city of Newton to place municipal charges liens on property in the city of Newton for nonpayment of any local charge, fee or fine (see House, No. 5358); and Bills enacted.

Authorizing the town of Topsfield to continue the employment of police chief Neal Hovey (see House, No. 5435, 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

Relative to recall elections in the town of Danvers (House, No. 5539);

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

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);

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.

The Senate Bill extending the time for the town of Boxford to grant 2 additional licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (Senate, No. 2913), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Boxford,—liquor licenses.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, in concurrence, Mr. Walsh of Peabody moved to amend it by striking out section 1 and inserting in place thereof the following section:

"SECTION 1. Section 5 of chapter 83 of the acts of 2020 is hereby amended by striking out the words "within 2 years after the effective date of this act" and inserting in place thereof the following words: no later than December 31, 2031.".

The amendment was adopted; and the bill (Senate, No. 2913, amended) was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence. Sent to the Senate for concurrence in the amendment.

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 eight minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Pease of Westfield (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.