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Thursday, November 6, 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.

### *Silent Prayer.*

At the request of Representative Kassner of Hamilton, the members, guests and employees stood in a moment of silent tribute in memory of Anthony Duignan, a military veteran and longtime resident of Hamilton, who passed away on Saturday October 25, 2025.

Anthony  
Duignan.

Anthony was born in 1949 in County Cavan, Ireland, the son of the late James and Margaret Duignan. He graduated from Hamilton-Wenham Regional High School in 1967, then served in the U.S. Air Force until honorably discharged in 1972 as a Staff Sergeant.

Anthony worked in jet assembly at GE in Lynn for 39 years. He was passionately involved with the A.P. Gardner Post #194 in Hamilton for many years, serving as a Commander several times. Former Representative Brad Hill stated that there had never been a Veterans Day or Memorial Day event where Tony was not involved. He will be greatly missed by his fellow veterans.

Anthony is survived by his daughter, Jacquelyn, his son Michael, his longtime partner Mary O'Neil, and his siblings and grandchildren.

At the request of Representatives MacGregor of Boston, Consalvo of Boston, Rogers of Norwood and Lawn of Watertown, the members, guests and employees stood in a moment of silent tribute in memory of Bruce Higgins, who passed away on November 2, 2025.

Bruce  
Higgins.

Detective Higgins was an active Boston Police Detective and a 1993 graduate of Catholic Memorial. After graduation, he entered a career in public service, and in his free time, he continued to give back by coaching basketball at Catholic Memorial High School.

Detective Higgins received several commendations from the Commissioner and was a recipient of the Massachusetts Police Association Medal of Valor and the prestigious Trooper George L. Hanna Medal of Valor.

Bruce is survived by his wife, Lori, his daughter, Maddie, and his son, Ryan.

### *Resolutions.*

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

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Lipper-Garabedian of Melrose and Wong of Saugus) congratulating Fire Chief Michael Sullivan of the town of Wakefield on his retirement; and

Michael  
Sullivan.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Sullivan-Almeida of Abington) congratulating Joan Smith on the occasion of her retirement from the Abington Public Schools as school nurse;

Joan  
Smith.

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. 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.

#### *Order.*

An Order (filed by Representatives Decker of Cambridge and Kerans of Danvers) relative to extending until Sunday, December 7, 2025 the time within which the committee on Public Health is authorized to report on current House documents was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Public Health,—  
extension  
of time for  
reporting.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4715) ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Donato of Medford, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted.

#### *Communications.*

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From the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (see Section 40 of Chapter 126 of the General Laws) submitting the aggregate data on the population of the Barnstable County Correctional Facility for the second quarter of calendar year 2025;

Barnstable,—  
correctional  
facility data.

From the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (see Section 40 of Chapter 126 of the General Laws) submitting the aggregate data on the population of the Berkshire County Correctional Facility for the second quarter of calendar year 2025;

Berkshire,—  
correctional  
facility data.

From the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (see Section 40 of Chapter 126 of the General Laws) submitting the aggregate data on the population of the Bristol County Correctional Facility for the second quarter of calendar year 2025;

Bristol,—  
correctional  
facility data.

From the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (see Section 40 of Chapter 126 of the General Laws) submitting the aggregate data on the population of the Dukes County Correctional Facility for the second quarter of calendar year 2025;

Dukes,—  
correctional  
facility data.

From the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (see Section 40 of Chapter 126 of the General Laws) submitting the aggregate data on the population of the Essex County Correctional Facility for the second quarter of calendar year 2025;

Essex,—  
correctional  
facility data.

From the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (see Section 40 of Chapter 126 of the General Laws) submitting the aggregate data on the population of the Franklin County Correctional Facility for the second quarter of calendar year 2025;

Franklin,—  
correctional  
facility data.

From the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (see Section 40 of Chapter 126 of the General Laws) submitting the aggregate data on the population of the Hampden County Correctional Facility for the second quarter of calendar year 2025;

Hampden,—  
correctional  
facility data.

From the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (see Section 40 of Chapter 126 of the General Laws) submitting the aggregate data on the population of the Hampshire County Correctional Facility for the second quarter of calendar year 2025;

Hampshire,—  
correctional  
facility data.

From the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (see Section 40 of Chapter 126 of the General Laws) submitting the aggregate data on the population of the Middlesex County Correctional Facility for the second quarter of calendar year 2025;

Middlesex,—  
correctional  
facility data.

From the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (see Section 40 of Chapter 126 of the General Laws) submitting the aggregate data on the population of the Norfolk County Correctional Facility for the second quarter of calendar year 2025;

Norfolk,—  
correctional  
facility data.

From the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (see Section 40 of Chapter 126 of the General Laws) submitting the aggregate data on the population of the Plymouth County Correctional Facility for the second quarter of calendar year 2025;

Plymouth,—  
correctional  
facility data.

From the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (see Section 40 of Chapter 126 of the General Laws) submitting the aggregate data on the population of the Suffolk County Correctional Facility for the second quarter of calendar year 2025; and

Suffolk,—  
correctional  
facility data.

From the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (see Section 40 of Chapter 126 of the General Laws) submitting the aggregate data on the population of the Worcester County Correctional Facility for the second quarter of calendar year 2025;

Worcester,—  
correctional  
facility data.

Severally were placed on file.

#### *Petitions.*

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Farley-Bouvier of Pittsfield, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4716) of Tricia Farley-Bouvier (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to amending the charter of the city of Pittsfield; and

Pittsfield,—  
charter.

By Representative Whipps of Athol and Senator Comerford, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4717) of Susannah M. Whipps and Joanne M. Comerford (by vote of the town) relative to the annual town meeting for the town of Orange.

Orange,—  
town  
meeting.

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

By Representative Sangiolo of Newton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4718) of Amy Mah Sangiolo, Greg Schwartz and Cynthia Stone Creem (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to the maximum age requirement for police officers in the city of Newton. To the committee on Public Service.

Newton,—  
police.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows

By Representative Hawkins of Attleboro and Senator Feeney, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of James K. Hawkins (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to the establishment of a board to oversee use and occupancy payments for manufactured housing community accommodations in the city of Attleboro.

Attleboro,—  
manufactured  
housing.

By Representative Hong of Lowell, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Tara T. Hong relative to presidential electors.

Presidential  
electors.

By Representative Marsi of Charlton (by request), a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Craig Ahearn relative to legal repossessions.

Legal  
repossessions.

By Representative Scanlon of North Attleborough, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Adam J. Scanlon relative to no-cost calls for incarcerated individuals.

No-cost  
calls.

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

#### *Paper from the Senate.*

A petition (accompanied by bill) of Mark C. Montigny for legislation to protect assisted living residents from unfair and deceptive billing practices, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Housing.

Assisted  
living,—  
billing.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2701) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Housing.

*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 Christopher M. Markey and Steven George Xiarhos for legislation to establish penalties for reckless or negligent operation of a vehicle and hindering the movement of other vehicles. To the committee on the Judiciary.

Vehicles,—  
penalties.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr., and others for the issuance of an annual proclamation by the Governor to designate May 2 as veterinary youth day. To the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

Veterinary  
youth day.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Owens of Watertown, 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 the Great Barrington Fire District (House, No. 924);

Fire district.  
Inland Fisheries  
and Game Fund.

Relative to a technical change to the George L. Darey Inland Fisheries and Game Fund (House, No. 1064);

Relative to teacher strikes (House, No. 3949);

Teacher strikes.  
Arlington,—  
town manager.

Amending the town manager act of the town of Arlington (House, No. 4502) [Local Approval Received];

Authorizing the town of Ludlow to pay a certain unpaid bill (House, No. 4589) [Local Approval Received]; and

Ludlow,—  
unpaid bill.

Authorizing the town of Scituate to issue four additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 4657);

Scituate,—  
liquor licenses.

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.

By Mr. Chan of Quincy, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, on House, Nos. 317, 326, 328, 329, 353, 370, 382, 408, 412, 422, 429, 437, 456, 459, 460, 464 and 471, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to professional licensure, liquor licenses and safety (House, No. 4677). Referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Consumer  
Protection and  
Professional  
Licensure,—  
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. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, that the Bill establishing a commission on aging disabled adults (House, No. 4558) ought to pass. Referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Aging disabled adults.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that the Bill to establish an amputation prevention task force (House, No. 2433) ought to pass. Referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Amputation prevention.

By Mr. Haggerty of Woburn, for the committee on Housing, on a petition, a Bill promoting housing stability for families by strengthening the HomeBASE program (House, No. 1469).

HomeBASE program.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill promoting geographic equity in state-funded housing development (House, No. 1471).

Public housing,— equity.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to create affordable homes for persons with disabilities (House, No. 1481).

Housing,— vouchers.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to establish an accessory dwelling unit trust fund (House, No. 1482).

Dwelling units,— trust fund.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to promote affordable housing (House, No. 1485).

Affordable housing.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill providing upstream homelessness prevention assistance to families, youth, and adults (House, No. 1488) [Representative DeCoste of Norwell dissenting].

RAFT program.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill providing for energy assistance during the summer months (House, No. 1495).

Energy cost assistance.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 1496 and 1566, a Bill relative to residential assistance for families in transition (RAFT) (House, No. 1496).

RAFT program.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill addressing affordable housing (House, No. 1500).

Affordable housing.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to home remodeling programs for seniors and people with disabilities (House, No. 1502).

Home remodeling programs.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing the Massachusetts rental assistance and financial stability program (House, No. 1511) [Representative DeCoste of Norwell dissenting].

Rental assistance.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to transform the Commonwealth's emergency response system and create housing strategies to end the homelessness of unaccompanied adults (House, No. 1515).

Housing emergency response system.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to housing authority executive director contracts (House, No. 1517).

Housing authority executive directors.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to housing service coordinators (House, No. 1519).

Housing service coordinators.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1473, a Bill to expand housing opportunities through homesharing (House, No. 4695).

Homesharing.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1542, a Bill to study single-stair residential buildings (House, No. 4699) [Representative DeCoste of Norwell dissenting].

Single-stair residential buildings.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1493, a Bill allowing movable tiny houses as permanent residential dwellings and accessory dwelling units (House, No. 4707).

Tiny houses.

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

By Mr. Haggerty of Woburn, for the committee on Housing, on House, No. 1472, a Bill relative to increasing affordable and public housing options (House, No. 4694). Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Affordable housing.

*Orders of the Day.*

The Senate Bill authorizing the appointment of alternate members to the conservation commission of the town of Swampscott (Senate, No. 23), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Third reading bill.

House bills

Authorizing the continued employment of Steven A. Hilliger, firefighter of the town of Lancaster (House, No. 2879);

Providing for alternate members of the conservation commission of the town of Becket (House, No. 3977); and

Designating the Weider Park tennis courts as the Kim O'Connell tennis courts (House, No. 4259);

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 Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next sitting.

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At thirteen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Orrall of Lakeville (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.