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Thursday, November 12, 2026.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. O'Day of West Boylston 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. O'Day), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Resolutions.

Beverly.—Troop 4.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Representative Bowen of Beverly) congratulating Scouting America Troop 4 of the city of Beverly on its one hundredth anniversary, 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 Ms. Ferguson of Holden, 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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Sheriffs',—no cost calls.

From the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (see items 8910-0203, 8910-0148, 8910-8303, 8910-8404, 8910-0622, 8910-1023, 8910-1060, 8910-0113, 8910-1015, 8910-0603, 8910-0703, 8910-8804 and 8910-1012, Section 2XXXXX of Chapter 29 of the General Laws) submitting the No Cost Calls report for each of the Sheriffs' Offices for the third quarter of fiscal year 2026;

Barnstable sheriff,—medical treatment.

From the Barnstable County Sheriff's Office (see items 8910-0201, 8901-0202 and 8910-8200 of Section 2 of Chapter 137 of the Acts of 2026) submitting the FTE, Medically Assisted Treatment and Programs and Services reports for fiscal year 2026;

Sheriffs',—medical treatment.

From the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (see items 8910-0147, 8910-8302, 8910-8403, 8910-0621, 8910-1022, 8910-1040, 8910-0112, 8910-1014, 8910-0602, 8910-8702, 8910-8803 and 8910-1011 of Section 2 of Chapter 137 of the Acts of 2026) submitting the Medication Assisted Treatment Program reports for various county offices for fiscal year 2026; and

Sheriffs',—programs and practices.

From the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (see items 8910-0147, 8910-8302, 8910-8403, 8910-0621, 8910-1022, 8910-1040, 8910-0112, 8910-1014, 8910-0602, 8910-8702, 8910-8803 and 8910-1011 of Section 2 of Chapter 137 of the Acts of 2026) submitting the Inventory of Current Programs and Practices reports for various county offices for fiscal year 2026;

Severally were placed on file.

Petition.

Representative DuBois of Brockton and Senator Brady presented a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Michelle M. DuBois and Michael D. Brady for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Evelise Pereira, an employee of the Department of Developmental Services; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Evelise Pereira,— sick leave.

Papers from the Senate.

Bills

Providing for the maintenance of physical examinations records for public safety personnel (Senate, No. 1851) (on a petition); and

Public safety,— physicals.

Designating a certain bridge in the town of Princeton as the Captain Christopher J. Sullivan memorial bridge (Senate, No. 2383, amended by inserting before the enacting clause the following emergency preamble:

Princeton,— Sullivan bridge.

"*Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to designate forthwith a certain bridge in the town of Princeton, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.") (on a petition);

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were read; and they were referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

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:

Establishing a sick leave bank for Monica C. Murphy, an employee of the department of children and families (House, No. 5707);

Monica Murphy.

Establishing a sick leave bank for Kimberly Gervais, an employee of the department of mental health (House, No. 5710); and

Kimberly Gervais.

Establishing a sick leave bank for Julia Matthews, an employee of the department of the public health [sic] (House, No. 5713);

Julia Matthews.

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.

The following report was received, the time within which the said committee was required to report having expired:

By Mr. Ryan of Boston, for the committee on Public Service, on House, Nos. 5525, 5557, 5579 and 5642, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Public Service to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to disability pensions, sick leave and firefighter employment (House, No. 5719). Referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Disability pensions, sick leave and firefighter employment,— 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.

Engrossed Bills.

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Releasing certain land use restrictions held by the commonwealth in a certain parcel of land in the city of Revere (see House, No. 5552); and

Relative to the department of public works in the town of Barre (see House, No. 5601);

(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.

Bills enacted.

Orders of the Day.

The Senate amendment of the House Bill authorizing print-free digital legal notices in the town of Wellesley (House, No. 4138), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was adopted, in concurrence.

Wellesley,— legal notices.

The House Bill restructuring the town of Ludlow recreation department and recreation commission (House, No. 5604) (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 seven minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Ms. Ferguson of Holden (Mr. O'Day of West Boylston being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.