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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.

Guests of the House.

At the beginning of the session, the Chair (Mr. Garballey of Arlington), declared a brief recess and introduced, seated in the Chamber, residents and staff from all seven 2Life community campuses. They were the guests of Representatives Honan of Boston, Michael Moran of Boston, Vitolo of Brookline, Lawn of Watertown, Stanley of Waltham, Schwartz of Newton, Sangiolo of Newton, Gregoire of Marlborough, Lewis of Framingham, Sousa of Framingham, Donaghue of Westborough, Sena of Acton, Cahill of Lynn, Wong of Saugus, Reid of Lynn, Armini of Marblehead, Worrell of Boston, Holmes of Boston and Montañó of Boston.

2Life
communities.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Representative Day of Stoneham) recognizing the town of Stoneham and its veterans at the opening of the Vietnam Moving Wall Exhibit; and

Vietnam Moving
Wall Exhibit.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Sullivan-Almeida of Abington) congratulating firefighter/paramedic Michael Kolodziej on the occasion of his retirement from the Abington Fire Department;

Michael
Kolodziej.

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.

Order.

An Order (filed by Representatives Haggerty of Woburn and Ramos of North Andover) relative to extending until Wednesday, December 3, 2025 the time within which the committee on Housing is authorized to report on a current House document was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Housing,—
extension of time
for reporting.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4743) ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Vitolo of Brookline, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted.

Communications.

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From the Massachusetts Gaming Commission (see Section 69 of Chapter 23K of the General Laws) submitting its gaming revenue reports and associated sports wagering revenue report through August 2025;

Gaming and sports wagering report.

From the Department of Correction (see Section 1(p) and Section 6 of Chapter 124 and Section 1B of Chapter 127 of the General Laws) submitting its calendar year 2023 annual report;

Department of Correction.

From the Department of Correction (see item 8900-0001 of Section 2 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting the second quarter data report for calendar year 2024;

Department of Correction,— data report.

From the Department of Correction (see item 8900-0001 of Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the third quarter data report for calendar year 2024;

Id.

From the Department of Correction (see item 8900-0001 of Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the fourth quarter data report for calendar year 2024; and

Id.

From the Department of Correction (see item 8900-0001 of Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the first quarter data report for calendar year 2025;

Id.

Severally were placed on file.

Petitions.

Representative Gallagher of Bridgewater presented a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4748) of Dennis C. Gallagher (with the approval of the town council) that the town of Bridgewater be authorized to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises in said town; and the same was referred to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Bridgewater,— liquor license.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Biele of Boston (by request), a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Alexander Mattern relative to the reporting of convictions for assault and battery involving motor vehicles.

Motor vehicles,— convictions.

By Representative Rogers of Cambridge, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of David M. Rogers and Andrea Campbell (Attorney General) relative to prohibiting anticompetitive conduct and agreements and strengthening the Massachusetts Antitrust Act.

Massachusetts Antitrust Act.

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

Papers from the Senate.

The House Bill amending the charter of the town of Ipswich to eliminate the residency requirement for the Town Manager (House, No. 4243, amended), came from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in

Ipswich,— town manager.

Senate document numbered 2719. The amendment was referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

A Bill amending the charter of the town of Wareham (Senate, No. 2700) (on Senate bill No. 2527) [Local Approval Received], passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Wareham,—
charter.

Reports of Committees.

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 providing for the issuance of revenue bonds for the construction and reconstruction of telecommunications facilities by the city of Quincy (Senate, No. 2625) [Local Approval Received]; and

Quincy,—
bonds.

House bills

To promote urban agriculture and horticulture (House, No. 3130);

Urban farms.
Swampscott,—
recreational land.

Updating the tax treatment of recreational lands in the town of Swampscott (House, No. 3917) [Local Approval Received];

Relative to the select board of the town of Berlin (House, No. 4580) [Local Approval Received]; and

Berlin,—
select board.

Protecting public higher education student information (House, No. 4653);

Students.

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

By Mr. Finn of West Springfield, for the committee on Bonding, Capital Expenditures and State Assets, that the Bill to build resilient infrastructure to generate higher-ed transformation (House, No. 4693), ought to pass [Bond Issue: General Obligation Bonds: \$3,000,000,000.00]. Read and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Higher
education,—
capital
improvements.

By Ms. Decker of Cambridge, for the committee on Public Health, on a petition, a Bill relative to medical sharps stewardship (House, No. 2417).

Medical
sharps.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill enabling registered dental hygienists to administer nitrous oxide (House, No. 2426).

Dental
hygienists.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to primary care access (House, No. 2537).

Primary care,—
access.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to toxic-free medical devices (House, No. 4298).

Toxic-free
devices.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 2535, a Bill establishing a Naloxone Purchase Trust fund (House, No. 4730).

Naloxone
trust fund.

Severally referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, on the Order relative to authorizing the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to menstrual products and the Division of Highways (House, No. 4714), reported, in part, a Bill to increase access to menstrual products in public buildings (House, No. 3318).

Menstrual
products,—
access.

By the same member, for the same committee, on the Order relative to authorizing the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to menstrual products and the Division of Highways (House, No. 4714), reported, on the residue, a Bill relative to fairness in public contracting (House, No. 3370).

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

By Ms. Decker of Cambridge, for the committee on Public Health, on a petition, a Bill to ensure cleaner air for communities overburdened by outdoor air pollution (House, No. 2369) [Representative Thurber of Somerset dissenting].

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill promoting food safety by prohibiting harmful additives in food products (House, No. 3959).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 2488, a Bill relative to monitoring dry casks of spent nuclear fuel (House, No. 4728).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 2523, a Bill promoting radon testing (House, No. 4729).

By Mr. Cusack of Braintree, for the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy, on House, Nos. 3459, 3469, 3475, 3493, 3520, 3521, 3534, 3542, 3549, 3552, 3555 and 3556, a Bill relative to energy affordability, clean power and economic competitiveness (House, No. 4744).

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

By Mr. Lewis of Framingham, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a petition, a Bill relative to the composition of the licensing board for the city of Salem (House, No. 4007) [Local Approval Received].

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the Monson select board (House, No. 4602) [Local Approval Received].

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill permitting the city of Revere to establish penalties and liens for noise ordinance violations (House, No. 4603) [Local Approval Received].

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill in relation to James J. O'Neil Park (House, No. 4614, changed in section 1, in line 17, and in section 2, in line 24, by striking out the following: "&C" and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following: "8C") [Local Approval Received].

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill changing the board of selectmen in the town of Boylston to select board (House, No. 4621) [Local Approval Received].

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Milford Select Board to appoint a highway surveyor (House, No. 4663) [Local Approval Received].

By Ms. Decker of Cambridge, for the committee on Public Health, on a petition, a Bill relative to social security numbers on death certificates (House, No. 2383) [Representative Thurber of Somerset dissenting].

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill removing social security numbers from death certificates (House, No. 2438) [Representative Thurber of Somerset dissenting].

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Public contracting.

Cleaner air.

Food safety.

Nuclear fuel.

Radon testing.

Energy affordability.

Salem,—
licensing board.

Monson,—
select board.

Revere,—
violations.

Lawrence,—
land.

Boylston,—
select board.

Milford,—
select board.

Death certificates.

Id.

Orders of the Day.

The House Bill authorizing the town of Dartmouth to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 4006), 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. 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 thirteen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Berthiaume of Spencer (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.