

Wednesday, November 19, 2025 (at 11:00 o'clock A.M.).

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M. 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.

Statement of Representative Gregoire of Marlborough.

A statement of Miss Gregoire of Marlborough was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

MR. SPEAKER: I would like to call to the attention of the House the fact that I am unable to be present in the House Chamber for today's sitting due to official business outside the State House. Had I been present, I would have voted in the affirmative on Yea and Nay Nos. 111 to 116, inclusive. My missing of roll calls today is due entirely to the reason stated.

Statement of
Representative
Gregoire of
Marlborough.

Statement of Representative Vaughn of Wrentham.

A statement of Mr. Vaughn of Wrentham was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

MR. SPEAKER: I would like to call to the attention of the House the fact that I am unable to be present in the House Chamber for today's sitting. Had I been present, I would have voted in the affirmative on Yea and Nay Nos. 111 to 116, inclusive.

Statement of
Representative
Vaughn of
Wrentham.

Guests of the House.

During the session Mr. González of Springfield took the Chair, declared a brief recess and introduced members of the Higuayagua Taíno Luku Kairi Tribal Nation and other Taíno Tribes. Representative González then read resolutions previously adopted by the House honoring them for their culture and heritage within the Commonwealth. They were all guests of Representatives González, Ramos of Springfield, Gómez of Easthampton, Arriaga of Chicopee, Cruz of Salem, Moran of Lawrence, Paulino of Methuen, Reyes of Lawrence and Vargas of Haverhill.

Taíno
Tribes.

Remote Participation.

Notice had been received from House Counsel that, under the provisions of House Rule 49, Representatives Barber of Somerville, Boldyga of Southwick, Ferguson of Holden, Ferrante of Gloucester, Nguyen of Andover and Sullivan-Almeida of Abington had been approved to participate remotely for today's formal sitting.

Remote
participation.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Cataldo of Concord and Arciero of Westford) commending the National Alliance for Children's Grief for its recognition of November 20, 2025 as Children's Grief Awareness Day; and

Children's
Grief
Awareness.

Resolutions (filed by Representative González of Springfield and other members of the House) commemorating the Higuayagua Taíno Luku Kairi Tribal Nation and other Taíno Tribes for their culture and heritage within the Commonwealth;

Taíno
Tribes.

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. Ouellette of Westport, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Papers from the Senate.

The House Bill authorizing the town of Westford to release agricultural preservation restrictions over land owned by Westford Gateway, LLC (House, No. 4362), 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 Senate document numbered 2723. The amendment was referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

Westford,—
land.

Subsequently, said committee then reported that the amendment was correctly drawn; and it was adopted, in concurrence.

A Bill dissolving the North Carver water district (Senate, No. 2735) (on Senate bill No. 2517), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling

North Carver
water district.

Mr. Honan of Boston, for said committee, then reported recommending that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of the same member, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

A Bill amending the charter of the town of Rockland (Senate, No. 2716, amended) (on Senate No. 2573), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling,

Rockland,—
charter.

Petitions severally were referred, in concurrence, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, as follows:

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2738) of Kelly A. Dooner, Norman J. Orrall, Bruce E. Tarr, Kelly W. Pease and other members of the General Court for legislation to address rising insurance costs for manufactured home residents; and

Insurance,—
manufactured
homes.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2739) of Michael O. Moore for legislation relative to firefighting water supplies and a state cistern program;

Insurance,—
water.

Severally to the committee on Financial Services.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2737) of Adam Gómez for legislation relative to Medicare coverage of end-stage renal disease. To the committee on Health Care Financing.

Renal disease.

Joint petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2736) of Julian Cyr, Hadley Luddy and Patrick M. O'Connor relative to inspections of buildings or structures occupied in short-term rentals. To the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security.

Short-term rentals.

Reports of Committees.

By Ms. Farley-Bouvier of Pittsfield, for the committee on Advanced Information Technology, the Internet and Cybersecurity, on a petition, a Bill to modernize funding for community media programming (House, No. 91) [Representative Gaskey of Carver dissenting].

Community media,—
funding.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to modernize funding for community media programming (House, No. 106) [Representative Gaskey of Carver dissenting].

Id.

By Mr. Vargas of Haverhill, for the committee on Community Development and Small Businesses, on House, No. 305, a Bill promoting housing opportunities and access (House, No. 4757) [Representative Thurber of Somerset dissenting].

Housing,—
access.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 307, a Bill supporting the economic growth of downtowns and small businesses (House, No. 4758) [Representative Thurber of Somerset dissenting].

Downtowns,—
economic growth.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 309 and 313, a Bill relative to modernizing Chapter 40R (House, No. 4759).

Smart growth.

By Mr. Hunt of Boston, for the committee on Election Laws, on a petition, a Bill supporting caregivers running for public office (House, No. 825).

Political candidates.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill improving campaign finance reporting by state ballot question committees (House, No. 868).

Ballot question committees.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 820, a Bill enforcing accessibility for voters with disabilities (House, No. 4760).

Voting,—
accessibility.

By Mr. Ryan of Boston, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill providing for fairness and equity for Massachusetts Water Resources Authority employees (House, No. 2896).

Massachusetts Water Resources Authority.

By Mr. Madaro of Boston, for the committee on Revenue, on a petition, a Bill relating to improvements to residential properties (House, No. 3040).

Residential properties.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill encouraging home ownership by establishing a first time home buyers savings account (House, No. 3041).

Home buyers,—
savings accounts.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill reducing CPA recording fees for affordable housing (House, No. 3092).

Affordable housing.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill encouraging home ownership by establishing a first time home buyers savings account (House, No. 3192).

Home buyers,—
savings accounts.

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

By Mr. Vargas of Haverhill, for the committee on Community Development and Small Businesses, on House, No. 299, a Bill to improve business improvement districts (House, No. 4756).

Business improvement districts.

By Mr. Hunt of Boston, for the committee on Election Laws, on a petition, a Bill relative to dark money in local government (House, No. 806).

Campaign expenditures.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill expanding ballot access for regional school district votes (House, No. 836).

Regional school district votes.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill providing for recall elections in the town of Dalton (House, No. 4242, changed in section 2, in line 3, by striking out the figures “50” and inserting in place thereof the figures “200”). [Local Approval Received].

Dalton,—
recall elections.

By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Financial Services, on House, Nos. 1084, 1085, 1100, 1105, 1123, 1129, 1139, 1233, and 1248, a Bill relative to modernization of insurance laws (House, No. 1084).

Insurance,—
modernization.

By Mr. Ryan of Boston, for the committee on Public Service, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to the appointment of the police chief in the city of Fall River (House, No. 4214) [Local Approval Received].

Fall River,—
police chief.

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

Orders of the Day.

Bills

Relative to the release or amendment of certain use restrictions for the Foxborough State Hospital (Senate, No. 2141, amended); and

Third reading bills.

Authorizing the commonwealth to dispose of certain parcels of land in the town of Upton acquired for conservation and recreation purposes (Senate, No. 2576, amended);

Severally having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, were read a third time, under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Owens of Watertown; and they were passed to be engrossed, in concurrence. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence in the amendments previously adopted by the House.

The House Bill authorizing the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to convey certain parcels of land in the city of Brockton (House, No. 4768), having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time, under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Owens of Watertown; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Id.

The Senate amendment of the House Bill amending the charter of the town of Ipswich to eliminate the residency requirement for Town Manager (House, No. 4243, amended), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was adopted in concurrence.

Ipswich,—
town manager.

The Senate amendment of the House Bill authorizing the town of Palmer to grant additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages (House, No. 4282, amended), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was adopted in concurrence.

Palmer,—
liquor licenses.

The House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Amy Tanguay, an employee of the Trial Court of the Commonwealth (House, No. 4647) (its title having been

Third reading bill.

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.

Recess.

At eight minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House recessed until one o'clock P.M.; and fourteen minutes after one o'clock, the House was called to order with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair.

Recess.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the House Resolutions rescinding previous Article V Convention applications (House, No. 4692), be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Article V
Convention.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Ms. Peisch of Wellesley, the resolutions (having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn), were considered forthwith.

After remarks on the question on adoption of the resolutions, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, at the request of Ms. Peisch of Wellesley; and on the roll call 155 members voted in the affirmative and 3 in the negative.

Resolutions
adopted,—
yea and nay
No. 111.

[See [Yea and Nay No. 111](#) in Supplement.]

Therefore the resolutions were adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Emergency Measures.

The engrossed Bill authorizing the commonwealth to dispose of certain parcels of land in the town of Upton acquired for conservation and recreation purposes (see Senate, No. 2576, amended), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was considered, the question being on adopting the emergency preamble.

Upton,—
land.

A separate vote was taken, as required by the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXVII) of the Amendments to the Constitution; and the preamble was adopted, by a vote of 59 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Subsequently, the Senate having concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, the bill (which originated in the Senate) was put upon its final passage.

On the question on passing the bill to be enacted, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays (this being a bill providing for the taking of land or other easements used for conservation purposes, etc., as defined by Article XCVII of the Amendments to the Constitution); and on the roll call 158 members voted in the affirmative and 0 in the negative.

Bill enacted
(land taking),—
yea and nay
No. 112.

[See [Yea and Nay No. 112](#) in Supplement.]

Therefore the bill was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

The engrossed Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2025 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (see House, No. 4761), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and

Supplemental
appropriations.

truly prepared for final passage, was considered, the question being on adopting the emergency preamble.

A separate vote was taken, as required by the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXVII) of the Amendments to the Constitution; and the preamble was adopted, by a vote of 52 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Subsequently, the Senate having concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, the bill (which originated in the House) was put upon its final passage.

On the question on passing the bill to be enacted, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays (this being a bill providing for the taking of land or other easements used for conservation purposes, etc., as defined by Article XCVII of the Amendments to the Constitution); and on the roll call 149 members voted in the affirmative and 9 in the negative.

[See [Yea and Nay No. 113](#) in Supplement.]

Therefore the bill was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill enacted
(land taking),—
yea and nay
No. 113.

The engrossed Bill relative to the release or amendment of certain use restrictions for the Foxborough State Hospital (see Senate, No. 2141, amended), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was considered, the question being on adopting the emergency preamble.

Foxborough
State Hospital.

A separate vote was taken, as required by the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXVII) of the Amendments to the Constitution; and the preamble was adopted, by a vote of 64 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Subsequently, the Senate having concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, the bill (which originated in the Senate) was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill
enacted.

Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed bills

Amending the charter of the town of Ipswich to eliminate the residency requirement for Town Manager (see House, No. 4243, amended); and

Bills
enacted.

Authorizing the town of Palmer to grant additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages (see House, No. 4282, 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.

Reports of Committees.

Prior to the noon recess (Mr. Donato being in the Chair), By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill requiring health care employers to develop and implement programs to prevent workplace violence (House, No. 2655), ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a bill with the same title (House, No. 4767). Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Workplace
violence.

Mr. Honan of Boston, for said committee, then reported recommending that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Owens of Watertown, the bill was read a second time forthwith.

The amendment recommended by the committee on Ways and Means then was adopted; and the substituted bill was ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently, the noon recess having terminated (Ms. Hogan of Stow being in the Chair), under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Jones of North Reading, the bill (having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) was read a third time.

After debate on the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Ms. Fiola of Fall River moved to amend it in section 1, in lines 9 and 10, by striking out the words “or under contract for employment with an independent entity or a third-party vendor at a health care facility, by a health care employer” and inserting in place thereof the words “a health care employer, or employed by or under contract for employment with an independent entity or a third-party vendor at a health care facility.”; and

In section 4, in line 202, by inserting after the word “employee” the following: “shall be as defined in section 52F of chapter 149.”.

The amendments were adopted.

On the question on passing the bill, as amended, to be engrossed, the sense of the House was taken by the yeas and nays, at the request of Mr. Lawn of Watertown; and on the roll call 158 members voted in the affirmative and 0 in the negative.

[See Yea and Nay No. 114 in Supplement.]

Therefore the bill (House, No. 4767, amended) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Bill passed to be
engrossed,—
yea and nay
No. 114.

By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill authorizing the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to grant easements in certain parcels of land to the city of Lowell (House, No. 4183), ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a bill with the same title (House, No. 4772). Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Mr. Honan of Boston, for said committee, then reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, the bill was read a second time forthwith. The amendment recommended by the committee on Ways and Means then was adopted; and the substituted bill was ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently, under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Howard of Lowell, the bill (having been 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.

Lowell,—
land.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the Senate Bill amending the charter of the town of Wareham (Senate, No. 2700) [Local Approval Received], be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of the same member, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

Wareham,—
charter.

Engrossed Bill — Land Taking.

The engrossed Bill authorizing the town of Westford to release agricultural preservation restrictions over land owned by Westford Gateway, LLC (see House,

Westford,—
land.

No. 4362, amended), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was put upon its final passage.

On the question on passing the bill to be enacted, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays (this being a bill providing for the taking of land or other easements used for conservation purposes, etc., as defined by Article XCVII of the Amendments to the Constitution); and on the roll call 156 members voted in the affirmative and 0 in the negative.

[See [Yea and Nay No. 115](#) in Supplement.]

Therefore the bill was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill enacted
(land taking),—
yea and nay
No. 115.

Emergency Measure.

The engrossed Bill authorizing the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to grant easements in certain parcels of land to the city of Lowell (see House, No. 4772), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was considered, the question being on adopting the emergency preamble.

A separate vote was taken, as required by the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXVII) of the Amendments to the Constitution; and the preamble was adopted, by a vote of 49 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Subsequently, the Senate having concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, the bill (which originated in the House) was put upon its final passage.

On the question on passing the bill to be enacted, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays (this being a bill providing for the taking of land or other easements used for conservation purposes, etc., as defined by Article XCVII of the Amendments to the Constitution); and on the roll call 153 members voted in the affirmative and 0 in the negative.

[See [Yea and Nay No. 116](#) in Supplement.]

Therefore the bill was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Lowell,—
land.

Bill enacted
(land taking),—
yea and nay
No. 116.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet tomorrow at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next
sitting.

At six minutes before seven o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Frost of Auburn (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following day at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.