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Thursday, November 19, 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.

Silent Tribute.

Mark Gallivan.

At the request of Representatives Rogers of Norwood, Philips of Sharon, McMurtry of Dedham and Vaughn of Wrentham, the members, guests, and employees stood for a moment of silent tribute in memory of Mark E. Gallivan of Walpole, who passed away on October 28, 2026, at age 69.

Mark devoted decades to Walpole, serving on the Finance Committee and for six terms on the Select Board. He helped advance major town investments, including new police and fire stations, a Department of Public Works building, a Council on Aging facility, the Route 1A Fields Complex, and school improvements. He also volunteered with the Walpole High School Robotics Team and served as president of Walpole Youth Soccer.

Representative Rogers of Norwood remembers Mark as a kind, thoughtful public servant and dear friend whose contributions to Walpole will endure for generations.

Representative Rogers of Norwood and the Walpole Legislative Delegation extend their heartfelt condolences to Nancy, his four children, the Gallivan family, and the Walpole community.

Communications.

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Persons with disabilities.

From the Massachusetts Permanent Commission on the Status of Persons with Disabilities (see Section 74(g) of Chapter 3 of the General Laws) submitting its annual report for fiscal year 2026;

Early education and care data.

From the Department of Early Education and Care (see Section 12B of Chapter 15D of the General Laws) submitting the annual report of the Early Education and Care Data Advisory Commission for fiscal year 2025;

Permanent rental protections.

From the Executive Office of the Trial Court (see Section 15(c) of Chapter 239 of the General Laws) submitting its report on filings, actions, and dispositions of summary process cases relative to permanent rental protections for November, 2026;

Paid prior year deficiency.

From the Office of the Comptroller (see item 1599-2040 of Section 2B of Chapter 137 of the Acts of 2026) submitting the final Paid Prior Year Deficiency Report for the first quarter of fiscal year 2027 and accounts payable;

From the Office of the Comptroller (see item 1599-3384 of Section 2 of Chapter 137 of the Acts of 2026) submitting the Settlements and Judgements accounts payable report for the first quarter of fiscal year 2027; Settlements and judgements.

From the Department of Early Education and Care (see items 1596-2410 and 3000-6025 of Section 2 of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting its annual report on the status of the Commonwealth Preschool Partnership Initiative (CPPI) implementation activities for fiscal year 2025; Preschool partnership.

From the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (see item 8100-1004 of Section 2 of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting a report of the Massachusetts State Police Crime Lab for the second quarter of calendar year 2026; State Police crime lab.

From the Department of Early Education and Care (see items 1596-2410 and 3000-6025 of Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting its annual report on the status of the Commonwealth Preschool Partnership Initiative (CPPI) implementation activities for fiscal year 2024; and Preschool partnership.

From the Department of Early Education and Care (see Section 182 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting its report on early education and care cost management; Early education and care cost management.

Severally were placed on file.

Monthly Report.

A monthly report of the Department of Unemployment Assistance (under Section 14F of Chapter 151A of the General Laws) relative to the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund report for October, 2026, was placed on file. Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Murray of Milford and Senator Fattman, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5721) of Brian W. Murray (by vote of the town) relative to the capital expenditure fund in the town of Mendon. To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government. Mendon,—capital expenditure fund.

By Representative Ashe of Longmeadow, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5722) of Brian M. Ashe (by vote of the town) that Michael Kane be authorized to continue serving as a reserve police officer in the town of Hampden, notwithstanding the maximum age requirement; and Hampden,—Michael Kane.

By Representative Cusack of Braintree and Senator Driscoll, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5723) of Mark J. Cusack and William J. Driscoll, Jr. (with the approval of the mayor and town council) relative to the retirement of Donald M. Delaney, a police officer in the city known as the town of Braintree. Braintree,—Donald Delaney.

Severally to the committee on Public Service.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

The House Bill amending the charter of the town of Westborough (House, No. 4751) (its title having been changed by the Senate committee on Bills in the Third Reading), came form the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the Westborough,—charter.

text contained in Senate document 3302. The amendment was referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

Wrongful convictions,— compensation.

A Bill further regulating compensation for victims of wrongful conviction (Senate, No. 3300) (on Senate bill No. 1132), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Ludlow Community Center.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 3301) of Vanna Howard (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the town of Pepperell to establish a Patriot Regional Emergency Communications Center Enterprise Fund, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Reports of Committees.

Dinamarie McCarthy,— sick leave.

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 petition of James M. Murphy for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Dinamarie McCarthy, an employee of the Department of Children and Families. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Owens of Watertown, the report considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Public Service. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the following bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

Boston,— land.

The Senate 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); and

Haverhill,— John Roche.

The House Bill authorizing John M. Roche to take the civil service examination for the position of firefighter in the city of Haverhill notwithstanding the maximum age requirement (House, No. 5667) [Local Approval Received];

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.

Pelham,— Gary Thomann.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, on the Order relative to authorizing the committee on Public Service to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to retirement benefits, credible service and continued employment (House, No. 5423), reported, in part, a Bill authorizing the town of Pelham to continue the employment of Gary L. Thomann as police chief (House, No. 4742) [Local Approval Received].

Leicester,— Kenneth Antanavica.

By the same member, for the same committee, on the Order relative to authorizing the committee on Public Service to make an investigation and study of a certain House document relative to the town of Leicester (House, No. 5648), reported, a Bill relative to extending the police chief"\s service to the town of Leicester (House, No. 5420) [Local Approval Received].

Princeton,— Paul Quinn.

By the same member, for the same committee, on the Order relative to authorizing the committee on Public Service to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to retirement benefits and police and fire employment (House, No. 5672), reported, in part, a Bill authorizing the town of

Princeton to continue the employment of police officer Paul Quinn beyond the age of 65 (House, No. 5468) [Local Approval Received].

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

By Mr. Lewis of Framingham, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a petition, a Bill pertaining to city council procedures (House, No. 5669) [Local Approval Received]. Holyoke,— city council procedures.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill pertaining to the laying out of streets, ways, and highways in the city of Holyoke (House, No. 5670) [Local Approval Received]. Holyoke,— street layout.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Scituate to dispose of a portion of the Cushing Elementary School property to the Scituate Food Pantry, Inc. (House, No. 5701, changed in section 1, in line 2, by inserting after the word "contrary," the following: "but subject to paragraphs (a), (b) and (g) of section 16 of chapter 30B of the General Laws,") [Local Approval Received]. Scituate,— property.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill changing the board of selectmen in the town of Oxford to select board (House, No. 5702) [Local Approval Received]. Oxford,— select board.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill providing for an appointed town clerk in the town of Southborough (House, No. 5711) [Local Approval Received]. Southborough,— town clerk.

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

Emergency Measures.

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

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 3 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.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Gina Dellagatta, an employee of the department of mental health (see House, No. 5686), 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. Gina Dellagatta,— sick leave.

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Engrossed Bill.

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The engrossed Bill directing the city of Boston police department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Edny Joseph (see House, No. 4741) (which originated in the House), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

Third reading bills.

House bills

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);

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

Establishing a sick leave bank for Julia Matthews, an employee of the department of public health (House, No. 5713) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

Severally reported by said committee to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

Next sitting.

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.

At twenty-seven minutes before twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (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.