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Thursday, November 20, 2025.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, 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.

Guests of the House.

During the session, the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford), declared a brief recess and introduced, seated in the House Chamber, students from the Pioneer Charter School of Science in Everett, who were accompanied by Superintendent Barish Icin and Principal Mahmut Ballan. They were the guests of Representatives McGonagle of Everett and Garcia of Chelsea.

Pioneer
Charter
School
of Science.

Order.

An Order (filed by Representatives Chan of Quincy and Keefe of Worcester) relative to extending until Wednesday, March 18, 2026 the time within which the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure is authorized to report on current House documents was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Consumer
Protection and
Professional
Licensure,—
extension of time
for reporting.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4771) ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Garcia of Chelsea, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted.

Communications.

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From the Office of the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds (see Section 2KKK of Chapter 29 of the General Laws) submitting the County Registers Technology Fund fifty-fifth planned expenditure [copies of the communication were forwarded to the committees on Ways and Means and Post Audit and Oversight, as required by said law];

Norfolk
County,—
technology
fund.

From the Office of the Comptroller (see Section 6B(b) of Chapter 29 of the General Laws) submitting a fiscal year 2026 first quarter Federal Grants Report; and

Federal
grants.

From the Massachusetts Technology Development Corporation (Mass Ventures) (see Section 6 of Chapter 40G of the General Laws) submitting financial statements for fiscal year 2025;

Mass Ventures.

Severally were placed on file.

Quarterly and Monthly Reports.

A quarterly report of the Sheriff's Department of Plymouth County (under Section 40 of Chapter 126 of the General Laws) submitting the aggregate data on the population of the Plymouth County Correctional Facility for the third quarter of calendar year 2025; and

Plymouth,—
correctional
facility data.

A monthly report of the Department of Revenue (under Section 5(e) of Chapter 62F of the General Laws) on year-to-date net state tax revenue for August, 2025; Severally were placed on file.

State tax
revenue.

Papers from the Senate.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2742) of Rebecca L. Rausch, James K. Hawkins, Brian M. Ashe, Michael O. Moore and others for legislation to enhance safety and security for candidates and professionals. To the committee on Election Laws.

Candidates,—
safety.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2743) of Rebecca L. Rausch and James K. Hawkins for legislation relative to officer training concerning staged suicides. To the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security.

Officers,—
training.

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 petition of Lindsay N. Sabadosa relative to the rights of individuals experiencing homelessness. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Garcia of Chelsea, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on the Judiciary. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Homelessness,—
rights.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, asking to be discharged from further consideration:

Of the Bill establishing a special commission on paid family and medical leave for public employees (House, No. 2070);

Public employee
paid leave.

Of the Bill creating a special legislative commission to study barriers to job retention for low-income workers (House, No. 2140);

Low-income
workers.

Of the Bill establishing a commission on municipal emergency medical service staffing levels and workforce development (House, No. 2587);

Emergency medical
staffing.

Of the Bill establishing a special commission to ensure the safety and sustainability of non-profit public events (House, No. 2724); and

Public events,—
safety.

Of the Bill establishing a special commission on micro-transit (House, No. 4649);

Micro-
transit.

And recommending that the same severally be referred to the House committee on Rules.

Under Rule 42, the reports severally were considered forthwith; and they were accepted.

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 amending the charter of the town of Rockland (Senate, No. 2716, amended) [Local Approval Received]; and

Rockland,—
charter.

House bills

Relative to the definition of podiatry (House, No. 2407);

Podiatry.

Authorizing the appointment or retired police officers as special police officers in the town of Brookline (House, No. 2992) [Local Approval Received];

Brookline,—
special police.

Authorizing Bridgewater Town Charter amendment Article IV, Section 4-3, Town Manager Powers of Appointment (House, No. 4579) [Local Approval Received]; and

Bridgewater,—
charter.

Permitting the city of Revere to establish penalties and liens for noise ordinance violations (House, No. 4603) [Local Approval Received];

Revere,—
penalties.

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

By Mr. Stanley of Waltham, for the committee on Aging and Independence, on a petition, a Bill relative to assessing the feasibility of in-state drug manufacturing (House, No. 763).

In-state drug
manufacturing.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 772, a Bill establishing a commission to study the financial abuse of elders (House, No. 4749).

Elders,—
financial abuse.

By Mr. Haggerty of Woburn, for the committee on Housing, on a petition, a Resolve establishing a special commission to study and make recommendations relative to Chapter 40B (House, No. 1486).

Chapter 40B.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1531, a Bill establishing a commission to study housing affordability and density reform (House, No. 4762).

Housing
affordability.

Severally read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

By Mr. Stanley of Waltham, for the committee on Aging and Independence, on a petition, a Bill to increase access to the flu vaccine for older adults (House, No. 760). Referred; under Joint Rule 1E to the committee on Health Care Financing.

Flu vaccine,—
access.

By Mr. Stanley of Waltham, for the committee on Aging and Independence, on a petition, a Bill protecting vulnerable elders from abuse (House, No. 786).

Elders,—
protection.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to support quality improvement in nursing homes (House, No. 790).

Nursing homes,—
quality
improvement.

By Mr. Haggerty of Woburn, for the committee on Housing, on a petition, a Bill relative to accessory dwelling units (House, No. 1484).

Accessory
dwelling units.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to manufactured housing communities (House, No. 1513) [Representative DeCoste of Norwell dissenting].

Manufactured
housing.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to starter homes (House, No. 1518).

Starter
homes.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to affordable housing and the preservation of a community's water resources (House, No. 1530).

Housing,—
local water
needs.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 2298 and 2350, a Bill facilitating site plan review (House, No. 2298) [Representative DeCoste of Norwell dissenting].

Site plan
review.

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

Engrossed Bill.

The engrossed Bill authorizing the continued employment of Steven A. Hilliger, a firefighter in the town of Lancaster (see House, No. 2879) (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.

Bill
enacted.

Orders of the Day.

The House Bill relative to any vacancy among town meeting members in Milford (House, No. 4171), 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.

The House Bill establishing the city of Cambridge employment and job training trust (House, No. 4134), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Cambridge,—
trust fund.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Walsh of Peabody moved to amend it by substitution of a bill with the same title (House, No. 4774), which was read.

The amendment was adopted; and the substituted bill was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

The House Bill relative to the appointment of retired police officers as special police officers in the town of Fairhaven (House, No. 4234), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Fairhaven,—
special
police.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Walsh of Peabody moved to amend it by adding the following section:

“SECTION 6. This act shall take effect upon its passage.”.

The amendment was adopted; and the bill (House, No. 4234, amended) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

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.

UNCORRECTED PROOF.

At fourteen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.