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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).

Pledge of allegiance.

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.

Silent Tribute.

Anne Davenport Silveira.

At the request of Representative Sylvia of Fairhaven, the members, guests and employees stood in a moment of silent tribute in memory of Anne Davenport Silveira, wife of the late State Representative Walter Silveira, Jr., who passed away on Monday, November 2, 2026, surrounded by her family.

Anne, a nurse for 40 years, also served her hometown of Fairhaven as a Town Meeting member, member of the Fairhaven Housing Authority and as a volunteer at the Fairhaven Council on Aging and Fairhaven Community Nurses Association, in addition to many other local organizations. Anne was a recipient of the Marian Medal and an active member of St. Joseph's Church in Fairhaven.

She is survived by her children, Walter Silveira, III and his wife Lori of Fairhaven, Audrey Hurley and her husband Daniel of Mansfield, and Martha Silveira and her spouse Lisa Thibeault of Fairhaven; a son-in-law, Steven Kraver of North Carolina, eight grandchildren, and three great grandchildren. Anne was the mother of the late Jane Kraver.

She will be missed deeply by her family and many more loved ones and great friends.

Communications.

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Recidivism rates.

From the Department of Correction (see item 8900-0010 of Section 2 of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting its report on Correctional Industries Program Participation and Recidivism on Incarcerated Individuals Released in 2020; and

Capital grants.

From the Department of Early Education and Care (see item 1596-2429 of Section 2E of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2024) submitting its annual capital grants programs report for fiscal year 2024;

Severally were placed on file.

Paper from the Senate.

Move over law.

The Senate Bill updating the Move Over Law (Senate, No. 2653, amended), came from the Senate with the endorsement that said branch had concurred with the House in its amendment (striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in

place thereof the text contained in House document numbered 5622), with a further amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 3305. The Senate further amendment was referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

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

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:

Relative to extending the police chief's service to the town of Leicester (House, No. 5420) [Local Approval Received]; and

Leicester,—Antanavica.

Providing for an appointed town clerk in the town of Southborough (House, No. 5711) [Local Approval Received];

Southborough,—town clerk.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington, 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. Hunt of Boston, for the committee on Election Laws, on House, No. 5584, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Election Laws to make an investigation and study of a certain House document relative to Salem elections (House, No. 5724). Referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Salem,—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.

Orders of the Day.

The House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Kimberly Gervais, an employee of the department of mental health (House, No. 5710), 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 relative to the maximum age requirement for original appointment of firefighters for the town of Bedford (House, No. 2852) (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.

Bedford,—firefighters.

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. 5725), which was read.

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

Engrossed Bills.

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Updating the Move Over Law (see Senate, No. 2653, amended) (which originated in the Senate); Bills enacted.

Directing the city of Boston police department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Constantinos Papadopoulos (see House, No. 4267); and

Directing the city of Boston police department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Luisa Fernandes (see House, No. 4604, 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.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Wednesday next at eleven o'clock A.M. Next sitting.

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