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Monday, November 24, 2025.

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.

## *Order.*

The Order (filed by Representatives Decker of Cambridge and Kerans of Danvers) relative to extending until Friday, December 19, 2025 the time within which the committee on Public Health is authorized to report on current House documents was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Public Health,—  
extension of time  
for reporting.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4773) ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted.

## *Communications.*

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From the Office of Medicaid (see Section 6 of Chapter 118E of the General Laws) on the previous year's activities of the Medical Care Advisory Committee, including the agendas, materials and mailing list for MCAC meetings in calendar year 2024;

Medical Care  
Advisory  
Committee.

From the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (see item 1595-6369 of Section 2E of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) regarding the MBTA's Naxolone (Narcan) Pilot Distribution Program; and

MBTA,—  
Naxolone  
distribution.

From the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (see item 1596-2405 of Section 2F of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting its Income Eligible Fare report for fiscal year 2024;

MBTA,—  
Income  
eligible fares.

Severally were placed on file.

## *Quarterly, Monthly and Special Reports.*

A quarterly report of the Disabled Persons Protection Commission (under item 1107-2501 of Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting its fiscal year 2026 first quarterly report for the period of July-September, 2025; and

Disabled  
Persons  
Protection.

A monthly report of the Executive Office of the Trial Court (under Section 15(c) of Chapter 239 of the General Laws, as amended by Section 64 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting its report on filings, actions, and dispositions of summary process cases relative to permanent rental protections; and

Trial Court,—  
rental  
protections.

A report from the Department of Unemployment Assistance (under Section 14F of Chapter 151A of the General Laws) submitting the October Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund Annual Outlook Report containing updated projections for estimated contributions, benefit payments, and Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund balances for the five-year Outlook Period beginning January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2029;

Unemployment  
Insurance  
Trust Fund.

Severally were placed on file.

*Petition.*

Representative Murray of Milford presented a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4784) of Brian W. Murray (by vote of the town) relative to the town administrator in the town of Hopedale; and the same was referred to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Hopedale,—  
town  
administrator.

*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 following petitions:

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Paul J. Donato for legislation to regulate organ transport vehicles. To the committee on Public Health.

Organ transport  
vehicles.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Danielle W. Gregoire relative to the recording of a confirmatory deed by the Commonwealth of a certain parcel of land in the city of Marlborough to Louis G. Monti, Jr., of said city. To the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

Marlborough,—  
Louis Monti.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the reports were considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended, in each instance. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

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 preserving the ancient privileges of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts (House, No. 2666);

Artillery  
company.

Establishing the official marine flora of the Commonwealth (House, No. 3285);

Marine flora.

Designating the month of October as adopt a shelter dog month (House, No. 3288);

Shelter dog  
month.

Designating April 5 as Okur-Chung Neurodevelopmental Syndrome Awareness Day (House, No. 3366);

Okur-Chung  
syndrome day.

Relative to the appointment of the police chief in the city of Fall River (House, No. 4214) [Local Approval Received]; and

Fall River,—  
police chief.

Relative to the Monson select board (House, No. 4602) [Local Approval Received];

Monson,—  
select board.

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

By Mr. Lewis of Framingham, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on House, Nos. 2246, 2249, 2252, 2263, 2264, 2271, 2277, 2287, 2293, 2306, 2307, 2318, 2352, 2358 and 4192, an Order relative to authorizing the

Municipal  
powers and  
duties,—  
study.

committee on Municipalities and Regional Government to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to municipal powers and duties (House, No. 4776).

By Mr. Arciero of Westford, for the committee on Transportation, on House, Nos. 3609, 3649, 3652, 3653, 3672, 3682, 3692, 3697, 3712, 3773, 3804 and 3806, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Transportation to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to bike and pedestrian safety (House, No. 4775).

Bike and pedestrian safety,— study.

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

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committees, reported, in each instance, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the orders; 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 Ms. Decker of Cambridge, for the committee on Public Health, on a petition, a Bill to eliminate discrimination of incarcerated persons' participation in life saving programs (House, No. 2437).

Incarcerated persons',— programs.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to address conflicts of interest in the use of temporary nursing agencies at skilled nursing facilities (House, No. 2498).

Skilled nursing facilities,— temporary agencies.

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

By Ms. Decker of Cambridge, for the committee on Public Health, on a petition, a Bill establishing a Norwood hospital working group (House, No. 2525). Read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Norwood,— hospitals.

By Ms. Decker of Cambridge, for the committee on Public Health, on a petition, a Bill relative to informed consent for concurrent surgical procedures (House, No. 2459).

Concurrent surgical procedure consent.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill supporting survivors through financial assistance (House, No. 2466).

Survivor financial assistance.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing a task force to study the sustainability of emergency medical services (House, No. 2491).

Emergency medical services.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to improve outcomes for sudden cardiac arrest (House, No. 2510).

Sudden cardiac arrest.

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

#### *Orders of the Day.*

The Senate amendment of the House Bill relative to assault and battery upon a transit worker (House, No. 4645), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was considered.

Transit workers.

Mr. Walsh of Peabody then moved that the House concur with the Senate in its amendment with a further amendment by striking out all after the enacting clause (inserted by amendment by the Senate) and inserting in place thereof the following:

“Section 13D of chapter 265 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2024 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the first paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:

Whoever commits an assault and battery, including assault and battery by means of a bodily substance, upon any public employee, public transit worker or any transit worker contracted or employed to operate public transit services, when such person is engaged in the performance of their duties at the time of such assault and battery, shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than 90 days nor more than 2½ years in a house of correction or by a fine of not less than \$500 nor more than \$5,000, or both. For the purposes of this section, ‘bodily substance’ shall mean any human secretion, discharge or emission including, but not limited to, blood, saliva, mucous, semen, urine or feces.”.

The further amendment was adopted.

The House then concurred with the Senate in its amendment, as amended. Sent to the Senate for concurrence in the further amendment.

The House Bill authorizing Adam T. Jankowski to take the civil service examination for the position of police officer in the city of Haverhill notwithstanding the maximum age requirement (House, No. 4178), having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Haverhill  
Adam  
Jankowski.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Walsh of Peabody moved to amend it by adding the inserting after section 1 the following section:

“SECTION 1A. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10 of chapter 22C of the General Laws regarding the maximum age of applicants for initial enlistment as uniformed members of the state police, Adam T. Jankowski shall be eligible to take the next competitive examination for appointment for initial enlistment as a uniformed member of the state police and, provided he meets all other requirements, shall be eligible for appointment.”; and

By striking out the title and inserting in place thereof the following title: “An Act authorizing Adam T. Jankowski to take the civil service examination for the position of police officer in the city of Haverhill or the position of uniformed member of the state police notwithstanding the maximum age requirement.”.

The amendments were adopted; and the bill (House, No. 4178, amended) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

The House Bill amending the charter of the town of Hudson (House, No. 4503), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Hudson,—  
charter.

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. 4782), which was read.

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

*Engrossed Bill.*

**UNCORRECTED PROOF.**

The engrossed Bill changing the date of the annual town meeting of the town of North Reading (see House, No. 4645, amended) (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.

*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.

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At sixteen minutes before twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mr. Soter of Bellingham (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Wednesday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.