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Wednesday, November 26, 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.

## *Orders.*

The following orders were referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules:

Order (filed by Representatives Fiola of Fall River and Giannino of Revere) relative to extending until Monday, March 16, 2026 the time within which the committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies is authorized to report on a current House document (House, No. 4785).

Extensions  
of time for  
committees  
to make  
reports.

Order (filed by Representatives McMurtry of Dedham and Vitolo of Brookline) relative to extending until Wednesday, March 18, 2026 the time within which the committee on Labor and Workforce Development is authorized to report on current House documents (House, No. 4794).

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported that the orders ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the orders were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

The following orders were referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules:

Order (filed by Representatives Barber of Somerville and Cataldo of Concord) relative to extending until Wednesday, December 31, 2025 the time within which the committee on Environment and Natural Resources is authorized to report on current House documents (House, No. 4793).

Extensions  
of time for  
committees  
to make  
reports.

Order (filed by Representative Lewis of Framingham) relative to extending until Friday, February 13, 2026, the time within which the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government is authorized to report on a current House document (House, No. 4791).

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported that the orders ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Ms. Badger of Plymouth, the orders were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

The Order (filed by Representatives Domb of Amherst and DuBois of Brockton) relative to extending until Wednesday, March 18, 2026 the time within which the committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery is authorized to report on a current House document, was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Mental Health,  
Substance Use  
and Recovery,—  
extension of time  
for reporting.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4792) ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Berthiaume of Spencer, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted.

*Communications.*

Communications

From the Massachusetts Gaming Commission (see Section 69 of Chapter 23K of the General Laws) submitting its gaming revenue reports and associated sports wagering revenue report through September, 2025;

From the Executive Office for Administration and Finance and the Executive Office for Housing and Livable Communities (see Section 10 of Chapter 1 of the Acts of 2025 and Section 19 of Chapter 88 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the October 16, 2025 biweekly report on the emergency housing assistance program;

From the Department of Public Health (see item 4590-0915 of Section 2 of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting a report on the status of the Pappas Rehabilitation Hospital for Children; and

From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see item 4510-0108 of Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the Department of Public Health's report entitled 'State Office of Pharmacy Services FY25';

Severally were placed on file.

Gaming and  
sports wagering  
revenue.

Emergency  
housing  
assistance.

Pappas  
Rehabilitation  
Hospital.

Pharmacy  
services.

*Quarterly and Monthly Reports.*

A quarterly report of the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (under Section 2 of Chapter 35 of the Acts of 2021) submitting its Sexual Assault Evidence Collection Kit (SAECK) report for the second quarter of calendar year 2025; and

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 September, 2025; Severally were placed on file.

Sexual assault  
evidence  
collection kit.

Net state  
tax reports.

*Petition.*

Representative Scarsdale of Pepperell presented a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4795) of Margaret R. Scarsdale and Danillo A. Sena (by vote of the town) for legislation to amend the charter of the town of Groton; and the same was referred to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Groton,—  
charter.

*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 Department of Conservation and Recreation Title IX compliance (House, No. 1068);

Relative to civil rights (House, No. 1641);

Designating Domestic Workers' Rights Day (House, No. 3417);

Establishing the official sedimentary structure of the Commonwealth (House, No. 3438); and

Relative to notice of activation of the Massachusetts National Guard within the Commonwealth (House, No. 4664);

Title IX  
compliance.

Civil rights.  
Workers' rights.  
Sedimentary  
structure.

National Guard,—  
activation.

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

By Mr. Cahill of Lynn, for the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, on a petition, a Bill establishing a Purple Alert system in the commonwealth (House, No. 2657).

Disabilities,—  
missing persons  
alert system.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the establishment of minority recruitment and selection program (House, No. 2677) [Representative Sweezey of Duxbury dissenting].

Law  
enforcement,—  
recruitment.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing the Massachusetts Law Enforcement Memorial Fund (House, No. 2728).

Law enforcement  
memorial fund.

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

By Mr. Lewis of Framingham, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on House, No. 4578, a Bill authorizing Bridgewater town charter amendment for gender neutral language (House, No. 4781) [Local Approval Received].

Bridgewater,—  
charter.

By Mr. Cahill of Lynn, for the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, on a petition, a Bill relative to “Critical Incident Leave” (House, No. 2621).

Critical  
incident leave.

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 Jeanne McCarron, an employee of the Registry of Motor Vehicles (see House, No. 4624), 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.

Jeanne  
McCarron,—  
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 4 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 passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill  
enacted.

#### *Engrossed Bills.*

Engrossed bills

Extending residency requirements for members of the regular police and fire departments and fire alarm and wires division of the city of Newton (see House, No. 2335);

Bills  
enacted.

Authorizing certain investments for the town of Richmond Free Public Library (see House, No. 4154); and

Authorizing the town of Acton to increase the residency limit for members of its police and fire departments (see House, No. 4168);

(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.

*Orders of the Day.*

The Senate amendment of the House Bill revising the charter of the city of Lynn (House, No. 4149, amended), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was adopted in concurrence.

Lynn,—  
charter.

*Bills*

Amending the charter of the city of Greenfield (House, No. 4379); and

Authorizing the town of Ludlow to pay a certain unpaid bill (House, No. 4589);

Third  
reading  
bills.

Severally reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally 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.

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At twenty minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Berthiaume of Spencer (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.