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Thursday, December 4, 2025.

Met according to adjournment at ten 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.

Resolutions.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Representatives Garballey of Arlington, Donato of Medford and Barber of Somerville) congratulating the West Medford Community Center on the occasion of its ninetieth anniversary, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

West Medford
Community
Center.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee, reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Orders.

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

Order (filed by Representatives Livingstone of Boston and Garcia of Chelsea) relative to extending until Friday, January 30, 2026 the time within which the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities is authorized to report on current House documents (House, No. 4820).

Extensions
of time for
committees
to make
reports.

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 current House documents (House, No. 4803).

Order (filed by Representatives Gordon of Bedford and Ayers of Quincy) relative to extending until Wednesday, December 17, 2025 the time within which the committee on Education is authorized to report on current House documents (House, No. 4802).

Order (filed by Representatives Gordon of Bedford and Ayers of Quincy) relative to extending until Wednesday, March 18, 2026 the time within which the committee on Education is authorized to report on a current House document (House, No. 4821).

Order (filed by Representatives Cabral of New Bedford and Tyler of Boston) relative to extending until Wednesday, March 18, 2026 the time within which the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight is authorized to report on current House documents (House, No. 4801).

Order (filed by Representative Cusack of Braintree) relative to extending until Wednesday, March 18, 2026 the time within which the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy is authorized to report on current House documents (House, No. 4818).

Order (filed by Representatives Cusack of Braintree and Kushmerek of Fitchburg) relative to extending until Wednesday, March 18, 2026 the time within which the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy is authorized to report on current House documents (House, No. 4819).

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. Garballey of Arlington, the orders were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Communications.

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From the Office of the Comptroller (see item 1599-2040 of Section 2B of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting the Paid Prior Year Deficiency Report for the first quarter of fiscal year 2026;

Paid prior
year deficiency
report.

From the Department of Higher Education (see item 7066-1123 of Section 2 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting the State University and Community College Mental Health Legislative report of the methodology used to distribute funds for fiscal year 2024;

State university
and community
college
mental health.

From the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (see item 8100-1004 of Section 2 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting a report of the Massachusetts State Police Crime Lab for the second quarter of calendar year 2024;

State Police
crime lab.

From the Department of Transportation (see Section 53 of Chapter 176 of the Acts of 2022) submitting the Morrissey Boulevard Commission's final Morrissey Boulevard Corridor Study report; and

Morrissey
Boulevard.

From the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (see Section 2(f) of Chapter 98 of the Acts of 2021) submitting the Genocide Education Trust Fund and Programming report for fiscal year 2025;

Genocide education
trust fund and
programming.

Severally were placed on file.

Annual Report.

The annual report of the Department of Youth Services (under Section 16 of Chapter 123A of the General Laws) relative to sexually dangerous persons in the custody of the department [copies of said report were forwarded to the committee on Ways and Means and the committee on the Judiciary as required by said law], was placed on file.

Sexually
dangerous
persons.

Paper from the Senate.

A Bill providing for the retirement of Greg Heath, a former firefighter of the city of Westfield (Senate, No. 1919) (on a petition) [Local Approval Received], passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Westfield,—
Greg Heath.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the House Bill relative to modernization of insurance laws (House, No. 1084),— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Ways and Means. Under Rule 42A, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted.

Insurance,—
modernization.

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 “Critical Incident Leave” (House, No. 2621);

Banning hostile architecture targeting unhoused individuals (House, No. 3307);

Relative to the composition of the licensing board for the city of Salem (House, No. 4007) [Local Approval Received];

Critical incidents.
Accessible building.
Salem,—
licensing board.

In relation to James J. O’Neil Park (House, No. 4614, changed) [Local Approval Received];

Lawrence,—
land.

Changing the board of selectmen in the town of Boylston to select board (House, No. 4621) [Local Approval Received]; and

Boylston,—
select board.

Authorizing the town of Milford select board to appoint a highway surveyor (House, No. 4663) [Local Approval Received];

Milford,—
surveyor.

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

By Mr. Lawn of Watertown, for the committee on Health Care Financing, on a petition, a Bill clarifying rate setting processes for home health and home care services (House, No. 767) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00].

Home health
and home care,—
rate setting.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to an individual Medicare marketplace option (House, No. 1399) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00].

Medicare
marketplace
option.

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

By Mr. Lawn of Watertown, for the committee on Health Care Financing, that the following House bills ought to pass:

Updating terminology and investigative practices related to the protection of persons with disabilities (House, No. 243) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00];

Persons with
disabilities.

Relative to transparency of consumer health insurance rights (House, No. 1321) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00];

Health plan
cards.

Expanding access to hygiene products (House, No. 2390) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00];

Hygiene
products.

Requiring automated external defibrillators at sporting events (House, No. 2391) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00];

Sporting events,—
defibrillators.

To strengthen our public health infrastructure to address Alzheimer’s and all dementia (House, No. 2398) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00];

Alzheimer’s and
dementia.

Relative to patient access to information regarding breast reconstructive surgery (House, No. 2421) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00];

Reconstructive
surgery.

Requiring automatic external defibrillator devices in health clubs (House, No. 2424) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00];

Health clubs,—
defibrillators.

To reduce incidence and death from pancreatic cancer (House, No. 2432) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00];

Protecting the interests of patients in the event of the sale, relocation or closure of certain physician practices (House, No. 2478) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00];

Relative to the provision and administration of bronchodilators, spacers, and nebulizers in schools (House, No. 2526) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00];

To improve care and prepare for the new era of Alzheimer's and dementia (House, No. 4302) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00];

Improving medical decision making (House, No. 4329) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00];

Regarding cervical cancer and women's preventative health (House, No. 4337) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00];

Relative to patient access to biomarker testing to provide appropriate therapy (House, No. 4339) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00];

Ensuring access to full spectrum pregnancy care (House, No. 4343) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00];

Relative to insurance coverage for doula services (House, No. 4344) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00];

Relative to non-medical switching (House, No. 4491) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00];

To improve outcomes for persons with limb loss and limb difference (House, No. 4549) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00];

Relative to modern family building (House, No. 4550) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00];

Improving access to infertility treatment (House, No. 4551) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00];

Relative to increasing access to epinephrine (House, No. 4607) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00];

To increase access to disposable menstrual products (House, No. 4611) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00];

Relative to culturally competent and effective health care (House, No. 4613) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00]; and

Building resilience and increasing access to mental health services (House, No. 4667) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00].

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

Pancreatic cancer.

Physician practices.

Bronchodilators and nebulizers.

Alzheimer's and dementia.

Medical decision making.

Women,—cervical cancer.

Biomarker testing.

Pregnancy care.

Doulas,—insurance.

Non-medical switching.

Limb loss and limb difference.

Modern family building.

Infertility treatment.

Epinephrine,—access.

Menstrual products.

Health care.

Mental health services.

Engrossed Bill.

The engrossed Bill authorizing the city known as the town of West Springfield to grant 4 additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (see House, No. 4287) (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 engrossed Bill increasing the membership of the board of health of the town of Marblehead from three members to five (see House, No. 3912) which had been

Marblehead,—board of health.

returned by Her Excellency the Governor pursuant to Article LVI of the Amendments to the Constitution with recommendation of amendment (for message, see House, No. 4798), was considered.

The committee on Bills in the Third Reading reported recommending that the amendment recommended by the Governor be considered in the following form:

The second sentence of section 1 is hereby amended by striking out the word “select”.

The report was accepted. The amendment recommended by the Governor then was adopted. Sent to the Senate for its action.

House bills

Relative to the Great Barrington Fire District (House, No. 924); and

Authorizing the town of Scituate to issue four additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 4657);

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.

Third
reading
bills.

The House Bill changing certain instances of the name of the inland fisheries and game fund to the George L. Darey Inland Fisheries and Game Fund (House, No. 1064) (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.

Inland Fisheries
and Game Fund.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Walsh of Peabody moved to amend it by striking out section 5 and inserting in place thereof the following section:

“SECTION 5. Section 2B of said chapter 131, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out the words ‘Inland Fisheries and Game Fund’, each time they appear, and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following words: George L. Darey Inland Fisheries and Game Fund.”; and

By striking out section 10 and inserting in place thereof the following section:

“SECTION 10. Chapter 101 of the acts of 2003 is hereby amended by striking out section 14 and inserting in place thereof the following section:

Section 14. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, any reference to the Inland Fisheries and Game Fund or the Inland Fish and Game Fund in any general or special law shall mean the George L. Darey Inland Fisheries and Game Fund, established by section 2C of chapter 131 of the General Laws.”.

The amendments were adopted; and the bill (House, No. 1064, 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 ten o'clock A.M., on motion of Mrs. Kane of Shrewsbury (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.