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Thursday, December 11, 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.

## *Statement of Representative Decker of Cambridge.*

A statement of Ms. Decker of Cambridge was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

MR. SPEAKER: I would like to call to the attention of the House the fact that I was unable to be present in the House Chamber for the sitting of November 5, 2025 due to a family emergency. Had I been present, I would have voted in the affirmative on Yea and Nay Nos. 105, 106 and 107. My missing of roll calls was due entirely to the reason stated.

Statement of  
Representative  
Decker of  
Cambridge.

## *Resolutions.*

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Representative Day of Stoneham) congratulating the town of Stoneham on the three hundredth anniversary of the town's founding, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Stoneham,—  
300<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee, reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Owens of Watertown, 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 Day of Stoneham and Fluker-Reid of Boston) relative to extending until Wednesday, March 18, 2026 the time within which the committee on the Judiciary is authorized to report on current House documents (House, No. 4825).

Extensions  
of time for  
committees  
to make  
reports.

Order (filed by Representatives Arciero of Westford and Philips of Sharon) relative to extending until Wednesday, March 18, 2026 the time within which the committee on Transportation is authorized to report on current House documents (House, No. 4836).

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. Walsh of Peabody, the orders were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

The Order (filed by Representatives Ryan of Boston and Higgins of Leominster) relative to extending until Wednesday, March 18, 2026 the time within which the committee on Public Service is authorized to report on current House documents, was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Public Service,—  
extension  
of time for  
reporting.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4837) ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Whipps of Athol, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted.

The Order (filed by Representatives Madaro of Boston and Philips of Sharon) relative to extending until Friday, February 20, 2026 the time within which the committee on Revenue is authorized to report on current House documents, was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Revenue,—  
extension  
of time for  
reporting.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4828) ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Owens of Watertown, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted.

### *Communications.*

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From the Department of Telecommunications and Cable (see Section 6 of Chapter 25C of the General Laws) submitting its annual report for fiscal year 2025;

Telecommunica-  
tions and cable.

From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see Section 13L of Chapter 118E the General Laws) submitting the 340B/High-Cost Drugs Impact report;

High-cost  
drugs impact.

From the Department of Correction (see Section 16 of Chapter 123A of the General Laws) relative to sexually dangerous persons in the custody of the department during calendar year 2024 [copies of said report were forwarded to the committee on Ways and Means and the committee on the Judiciary as required by said law];

Sexually  
dangerous  
persons.

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 30, 2025 biweekly report on the emergency housing assistance program;

Emergency  
housing  
assistance.

From the Executive Office for Administration and Finance (see item 1599-1213 contained in Section 2A of Chapter 88 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the Temporary Respite Center monthly report from October 2, 2025 to October 29, 2025; and

Temporary  
respite  
centers.

From the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (see items 0330-0613 and 8900-1100 of Section 2 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting its report on One Year Recidivism Rates of Men and Women released from 2017-2021 and Multi-Year Descriptive Analysis of Risk Reduction Programs;

Recidivism  
rates.

Severally were placed on file.

### *Petitions.*

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Cabral of New Bedford, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Antonio F. D. Cabral for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Sonia Felix, an employee of the Department of Transitional Assistance.

Sonia Felix,—  
sick leave.

By Representative Elliott of Lowell, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Rodney M. Elliott relative to the cost of electricity at large and qualified data centers.

Data centers,—  
electricity.

By Representative Haggerty of Woburn, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Richard M. Haggerty relative to restrictions on highway breakdown lane travel.

Breakdown lane restrictions.

By the same member, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Richard M. Haggerty relative to health and sanitation in schools.

Schools,—health.

By the same member, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Richard M. Haggerty relative to a student safety education course in schools.

Schools,—safety.

By Representative Jones of North Reading and Senator Crighton, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Marnie Jean Goldstein, an employee of the Department of Children and Families.

Marnie Goldstein,—sick leave.

By Representative Silvia of Fall River, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Alan Silvia for legislation to establish a violent and dangerous persons mental health information system within the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security.

Mental health information system.

Severally, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

### *Papers from the Senate.*

The House Bill amending the charter of the city of Malden (House, No. 4233), came from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 2808. The amendment was referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

Malden,—charter.

The House Bill dissolving a certain special fund in the town of Athol (House, No. 4401) (its title having been changed by the Senate committee on Bills in the Third Reading), came from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 2812. The amendment was referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

Athol,—fund.

A petition of Paul W. Mark for legislation to create a special commission to examine school bus safety, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security.

School bus safety,—study.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2861) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security.

### *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 Brian M. Ashe for legislation to further regulate dogs and kennels. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Walsh of Peabody, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Dogs and kennels.

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 Resolve providing for a special commission to examine anti-slavery education in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (House, No. 605); and

Anti-slavery education.

Of the Bill relative to increased transportation options for Arlington and Lexington (House, No. 3666);

Arlington and Lexington.

And recommending that the same 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 matters be scheduled for consideration by the House:

Senate bills

Validating the proceedings at the town of Millbury annual town meeting (printed in Senate, No. 2678); and

Millbury,—town meeting.

Establishing a sick leave bank for Jeffrey Yacinthe, an employee of the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (Senate, No. 2799); and

Jeffrey Yacinthe.

The House Bill establishing a pilot program allowing for in-person payment of daily parking fees at certain commuter rail stations operated by the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (House, No. 3664); and

Commuter rail,—parking fees.

The House Resolve directing the Massachusetts Department of Transportation to study the feasibility of extending the orange line (House, No. 3733);

Orange line,—extension.

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

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, that the Bill relative to gambling addiction (House, No. 2416), ought to pass. Referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Commission,—gambling addiction.

By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Education, on a petition, a Bill requiring food allergen certification in vocational schools (House, No. 528).

Schools,—food allergens.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill [sic] to charter school renewals (House, No. 634).

Charter school renewals.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to a green energy track in vocational schools (House, No. 685).

Vocational schools.

By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on a petition, a Bill relative to the enhanced disposition of surplus motor vehicles owned by the commonwealth or authorities established by the state (House, No. 3289).

State vehicles,—surplus.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to bidding for public construction contracts (House, No. 3300).

Construction contracts.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill providing for gender-neutral bathrooms (House, No. 3317).

Gender-neutral bathrooms.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the 401(k) CORE program (House, No. 3332).

Deferred compensation.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the definition of fraud in public construction bid laws (House, No. 3333).

Construction,—fraud.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to timely public payments for work not included in original construction contracts (House, No. 3334).

Construction,—payments.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to minority participation goals in exclusive contracts (House, No. 3340).

Contracts,—minorities.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the fair participation of minority and women-owned businesses on public construction projects (House, No. 3347).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the state property zoning exemption (House, No. 3359).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to timely decisions by awarding authorities (House, No. 3361).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill further defining fraud in public construction contracts (House, No. 3385).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to educational collaboratives (House, No. 3386).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill to waive chargebacks on state grants, federal grant awards, federal subgrants and subsidies for the Regional Emergency Communication Center on Martha's Vineyard (House, No. 3389).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill enhancing the effectiveness of nonprofits' core mission work through full cost funding (House, No. 3428).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing a Massachusetts Baby Bonds program (House, No. 3429).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill authorizing the release or exclusion of certain land from conservation restrictions in the town of Deerfield (House, No. 4483) [Local Approval Received].

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 3408, a Bill authorizing the commissioner of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to convey a certain parcel of land in the town of Tewksbury (House, No. 4823).

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

By Mr. Ryan of Boston, for the committee on Public Service, on a joint petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Billerica to establish an age limit for original appointment to the position of police officer (House, No. 4632) [Local Approval Received].

By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on a petition, a Bill modernizing microphotographic recording of documents (House, No. 3321).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to the purchase or lease of certain property known as Fenn Farm in the town of Stockbridge (House, No. 4648).

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on a petition, Resolutions urging Congress to pass legislation establishing a national infrastructure bank (House, No. 3416). Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Construction,—  
participation.

Zoning,—  
property.

Contracts,—  
decisions.

Contracts,—  
fraud.

Educational  
collaboratives.

Martha's  
Vineyard,—  
grants.

Nonprofits,—  
funding.

Baby bonds.

Deerfield,—  
land.

Tewksbury,—  
land.

Billerica,—  
police age  
limit.

Documents,—  
recording.

Stockbridge,—  
Fenn Farm.

National  
infrastructure  
bank.

*Engrossed Bill.*

The engrossed Bill authorizing the city of Westfield to establish an age limit for original appointment to the position of police officer (see House, No. 3916) (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 permitting the city of Revere to establish penalties and liens for noise ordinance violations (House, No. 4603), 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.

*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 ten minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Smola of Warren (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.