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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).

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.

Communications.

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From the Office of the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds (see Section 2KKK of Chapter 29 of the General Laws) submitting the County Registers Technology Fund fifty-fifth planned expenditure [copies of the communication were forwarded to the committees on Ways and Means and Post Audit and Oversight, as required by said law];

Norfolk County,— technology fund.

From the Commissioner of Insurance (see Sections 4A and 4B of Chapter 175 of the General Laws) submitting the Annual Home Insurance Report of the Division on Insurance for calendar year 2024 [copies of the report were forwarded to the committee on Ways and Means, the committee on Financial Services, and the Attorney General of the Commonwealth, as required by said law];

Home insurance.

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 November 26, 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 29, 2025 to November 24, 2025;

Temporary respite centers.

From the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (see item 8100-1004 of Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting a report of the Massachusetts State Police Crime Lab for the second quarter of calendar year 2025; and

State Police Crime Lab.

From the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (see item 1599-6081 of Section 2 of Chapter 268 of the Acts of 2022) submitting the Clean Energy Fund Report for calendar year 2025;

Clean Energy Fund.

Severally were placed on file.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the following bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

Westfield,— Greg Heath.

The Senate Bill providing for the retirement of Greg Heath, a former firefighter of the city of Westfield (Senate, No. 1919) [Local Approval Received];

House bills

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Relative to the purchase or lease of certain property known as Fenn Farm in the town of Stockbridge (House, No. 4648); and

Amending the town charter of the town of Plainville (House, No. 4805) [Local Approval Received];

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.

By Mr. Livingstone of Boston, for the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, on a petition, a Bill to enhance standards of care for those with autism and intellectual and developmental disabilities (House, No. 242).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to increase the safety of individuals with disabilities relying on life-support equipment (House, No. 282).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 261 and 264, a Bill relative to supported decision-making agreements for certain adults (House, No. 4852).

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

By Mr. Livingstone of Boston, for the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, on a petition, a Bill establishing a livable home modification grant program (House, No. 219).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to assisting elders and people with disabilities in the Commonwealth (House, No. 278).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to studying best practices for ensuring the safety of blind persons (House, No. 287).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 208 and 256, a Bill requiring universal changing stations in public buildings (House, No. 4851).

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 petition, a Bill directing the city of Boston Police Department to waive the maximum age requirement for Pierre Charles Darius of Mattapan (House, No. 3925) [Local Approval Received].

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill directing the city of Boston Police Department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Keny Gateau (House, No. 3926) [Local Approval Received].

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill directing the city of Boston Police Department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Jean E. Roseney (House, No. 3927) [Local Approval Received].

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill directing the city of Boston Police Department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Adam Watt (House, No. 3928) [Local Approval Received].

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill directing the city of Boston Police Department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Chris Glaropoulos (House, No. 4092) [Local Approval Received].

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill directing the city of Boston police department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Jason DeLeon (House, No. 4142) [Local Approval Received].

Stockbridge,—
Fenn Farm.

Plainville,—
charter.

Persons with
disabilities,—
care standards.

Life-support
equipment,—
safety.

Decision-
making
agreements.

Home
modification
grant program.

Assistance
program.

Blind persons,—
safety.

Diaper changing
stations.

Boston,—
Pierre
Charles
Darius.

Boston,—
Keny
Gateau.

Boston,—
Jean
Roseney.

Boston,—
Adam Watt.

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By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Rochester to continue the employment of fire chief Scott Weigel (House, No. 4235) [Local Approval Received].

Rochester,—
Scott Weigel.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill directing the city of Boston Police Department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Gissell Melo (House, No. 4246) [Local Approval Received].

Boston,—
Gissell Melo.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill directing the city of Boston police department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Rodney Alcindor (House, No. 4254) [Local Approval Received].

Boston,—
Rodney
Alcindor.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill directing the city of Boston police department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Jonathan Telfort (House, No. 4255) [Local Approval Received].

Boston,—
Jonathan
Telfort.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill directing the city of Boston Police Department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Jose Ortiz (House, No. 4256) [Local Approval Received].

Boston,—
Jose Ortiz.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill directing the city of Boston Police Department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Luis Cabral (House, No. 4349) [Local Approval Received].

Boston,—
Luis Cabral.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill directing the city of Boston Police Department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Angela C. Depina (House, No. 4388) [Local Approval Received].

Boston,—
Angela
Depina.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill directing the city of Boston Police Department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Angel G. Rivera (House, No. 4389) [Local Approval Received].

Boston,—
Angel
Rivera.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing Nick Santos to take the civil service examination for the position of police officer in the city of Haverhill notwithstanding the maximum age requirement (House, No. 4390) [Local Approval Received].

Haverhill,—
Nick Santos.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill directing the city of Boston Police Department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Alex J. Rodriguez (House, No. 4391) [Local Approval Received].

Boston,—
Alex
Rodriguez.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing Anthony Morales to take the civil service examination for the position of police officer in the city of Haverhill notwithstanding the maximum age requirement (House, No. 4442) [Local Approval Received].

Haverhill,—
Anthony
Morales.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 4387, a Bill authorizing the town of Monterey to continue the employment of police officer Jennifer O. Brown (House, No. 4862) [Local Approval Received].

Monterey,—
Jennifer
Brown.

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

Engrossed Bill.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Marie Letendre, an employee of the Department of Transitional Assistance (see House, No. 4565) (which originated in the House), in respect to which the Senate had concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill
enacted.

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Orders of the Day.

House bills

Relative to the composition of the licensing board for the city of Salem (House, No. 4007); and

Relative to the Monson select board (House, No. 4602);

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.

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.

Representative Biele of Boston moved that when the House adjourns today, it do so in respect to the memory of Michael F. Flaherty, a member of the House from Boston from 1967 to 1990, inclusive; and the motion prevailed.

Accordingly, at five minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Pease of Westfield (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.