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Wednesday, December 31, 2025.

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.

Order.

The 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 current House documents, was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Education,—
extension
of time for
reporting.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4889) 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 Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities (see Section 22 of Chapter 40B of the General Laws, as amended by Section 15 of Chapter 150 of the Acts of 2024) submitting its Housing Appeals Committee report for the period of November 1, 2024 through November 1, 2025;

Housing
Appeals
Committee.

From the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities (see Section 4 of Chapter 40V of the General Laws) submitting its Housing Development Incentive annual report for fiscal year 2025;

Housing
development
incentive.

From the Division of Banks (see Section 6A of Chapter 171 of the General Laws) submitting amendments to 209 CMR: Parity with Federal Credit Unions; and

Federal
credit unions.

From the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (see item 7061-9813 of Section 2 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting its report on Rural School Aid for fiscal year 2024;

Rural
school aid.

Severally were placed on file.

Report.

A report of the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (under Section 5A(b)(3) of Chapter 3 of the General Laws) submitting its 2025 report on the status of funds authorized in lieu of replacement land pursuant to open space preservation in the Commonwealth, was placed on file.

Open space
preservation.

Petitions.

Representative Chan of Quincy presented a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4890) of Tackey Chan and Bruce J. Ayers (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to the maintenance of pre-employment physical examination records for public safety personnel in the city of Quincy; and the same was referred to the committee on Public Service. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Quincy,—
physical
exam
records.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Barrett of North Adams and Senator Mark, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of John Barrett, III and Lindsay N. Sabadosa relative to the sale of nitrous oxide.

Nitrous
oxide,—
sale.

By Representative Gentile of Sudbury, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Carmine Lawrence Gentile relative to reducing limited liability company filing and annual report fees.

LLC fees.

By Representative Gómez of Easthampton, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Homar Gómez and others for legislation to designate asparagus as the official vegetable of the Commonwealth.

State
vegetable.

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

Paper from the Senate.

A Bill directing the police department of the city of Boston to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Antonio Pires (Senate, No. 27) (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.

Boston,—
Antonio
Pires.

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:

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]; and

Boston,—
Rodney
Alcindor.

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.

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. Livingstone of Boston, for the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, on House, Nos. 198, 200, 203, 204, 205, 206, 211, 212, 213, 218, 228, 229, 230, 238, 239, 248, 251, 257, 263, 271, 284, 286, 288, 292, 296 and 4180, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to children, families and persons with disabilities matters (House, No. 4883).

Children,
families and
persons with
disabilities
matters,—
study.

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

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committees, reported, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the order; and recommending that the same be referred to the House committee on Rules.

Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted.

Subsequently, Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee, on the foregoing Order relative to authorizing the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to children, families and persons with disabilities matters (House, No. 4883) reported, asking to be discharged from further consideration:

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 213) of Marjorie C. Decker relative to ensuring access to behavioral health services for children involved with state agencies; and

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 296) of Paul McMurtry relative to financial exploitation of certain adults with disabilities;

And recommending that the same severally be recommitted to the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

Under Rule 42, the reports severally were considered forthwith; and they were accepted.

By Ms. Blais of Deerfield, for the committee on Agriculture and Fisheries, on House, No. 109, a Bill protecting our soil, farms and food from PFAS contamination (House, No. 4853).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 112 and 4430, a Bill fostering agricultural resilience in Massachusetts (House, No. 4854) [Fiscal Note: \$3,000,000.00].

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 121, a Bill relative to urban farmland (House, No. 4855).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1058, a Bill relative to a cranberry water use transfer program (House, No. 4856).

By Mr. Day of Stoneham, for the committee on the Judiciary, on House, No. 1601, a Bill regarding conditions of release in Superior Court (House, No. 4857).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1685, a Bill relating to threats of suicide while in court custody (House, No. 4859).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 1667, 1691, 1758 and 1845, a Bill relative to safety and justice (House, No. 4860).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1897, a Bill relative to community corrections (House, No. 4861).

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

By Mr. Day of Stoneham, for the committee on the Judiciary, on House, No. 1645, a Bill to update expungement (House, No. 4858). Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities,—study.

Behavioral health,—children.

Disabled adults,—finances.

PFAS contamination.

Agricultural resilience.

Urban farmland.

Cranberry water use.

Superior Court,—release conditions.

Court custody,—suicide threats.

Safety and justice.

Community corrections.

Records,—expungement.

Engrossed Bills.

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Establishing a select board-town administrator form of government in the town of Rochester (see House, No. 4030); and

Bills
enacted.

Further regulating the term of the town moderator in the town of Norwood (see House, No. 4381);

(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 authorizing the town of Scituate to issue 4 additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 4657), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was adopted, in concurrence.

Scituate,—
liquor
licenses.

The House Bill changing the board of selectmen in the town of Boylston to select board (House, No. 4621), 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.

At seven 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 Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.