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 and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Messrs. Roy of Franklin and Murray of Milford, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3899) of Jeffrey N. Roy and Brian W. Murray (by vote of the town) that the town of Medway be authorized to amend the charter of said town; and

By Representative Sabadosa of Northampton and Senator Comerford, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3900) of Lindsay N. Sabadosa and Joanne M. Comerford (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Northampton be authorized to amend a certain conservation easement in said city; severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

By Mr. Murray of Milford, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3901) of Brian W. Murray (by vote of the town) that the town of Mendon be authorized to establish a means-tested senior citizen property tax exemption in said town. To the committee on Revenue. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Paper from the Senate.

There being no objection,— Resolutions designating August 14th and 15th as the sales tax holiday (Senate, No. 2478), came from the Senate with the endorsement that they had been adopted by said branch; and they were referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Mr. Honan of Boston, for said committee, reported that the resolutions be scheduled for consideration by the House. Under suspension of the rules, on motion
of Mr. Garballey of Arlington, the resolutions were considered forthwith; and they were adopted, in concurrence.

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 Susan Williams Gifford for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Racquel Cardoza, an employee of the Department of Transitional Assistance. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Public Service. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Cutler of Pembroke, for the committee on Labor and Workforce Development, asking to be discharged from further consideration:

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1220) of Eric P. Lesser, Patricia A. Duffy, Brian M. Ashe and Joanne M. Comerford for legislation relative to community college tuition; and

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1968) of Patricia A. Duffy and others for legislation to create a workforce opportunity scholarship for certain students at community colleges;

And recommending that the same severally be referred to the committee on Higher Education.

Under Rule 42, the reports severally were considered forthwith; and they were accepted. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Bruce Young, an employee of the Worcester County Sheriff’s Office (House, No. 3875). Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering Policy and Scheduling.

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.

At twenty-nine minutes after eleven o’clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (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.