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Thursday, March 26, 2026.

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.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

Resolutions (filed by Representative Arena-DeRosa of Holliston and other members of the House) congratulating the United States Peace Corps on the sixty-fifth anniversary of its founding;

Peace
Corps.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Bowen of Beverly) congratulating Noah Boudreau on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout of Scouting America;

Noah
Boudreau.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Bowen of Beverly) congratulating Joseph McManus on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout of Scouting America; and

Joseph
McManus.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Bowen of Beverly) congratulating Benjamin Walsh on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout of Scouting America;

Benjamin
Walsh.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported, in each instance, that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Arena-DeRosa of Holliston, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Communications.

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From the Department of Environmental Protection (see Section 18 of Chapter 21A of the General Laws) submitting its Timely Action, Fees, and Program Improvements report for fiscal year 2025;

Department of
Environmental
Protection.

From the Department of Unemployment Assistance (see Section 14F of Chapter 151A of the General Laws) relative to the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund report for January, 2026;

Unemployment
Insurance
Trust Fund.

From the Executive Office for Administration and Finance and the Executive Office for Housing and Livable Communities (see Section 10 of Chapter 1 and Section 88 of Chapter 73 of the Acts of 2025 and Section 19 of Chapter 88 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the February 5, 2026 biweekly report on the emergency housing assistance program; and

Emergency
housing
assistance.

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From the Office of MassDevelopment (see item 7002-0400 of Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting its Small Business Technical Assistance Grant Program report for fiscal year 2025;
Severally were placed on file.

Small business grant program.

Annual and Monthly Reports

A report of the Massachusetts District Attorneys Association (under Section 29D of Chapter 272 of the General Laws) on the age, gender identity and race of persons diverted or arraigned with the assistance of Massachusetts District Attorneys for calendar year 2025; and

District Attorneys Association,— personal information.

A monthly report of the Executive Office of the Trial Court (under Section 15(c) of Chapter 239 of the General Laws, as amended by Section 64 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting its report on filings, actions, and dispositions of summary process cases relative to permanent rental protections;

Permanent rental protections.

Severally were placed on file.

Petition.

Representative Honan of Boston presented a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5317) of Kevin G. Honan (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Boston be authorized to grant of easements in or takings of certain parcels of land near Joslin Park in said city; and the same was referred to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Boston,— easement.

Papers from the Senate.

A Bill relative to violation of regulation regarding hot work processes (Senate, No. 1646, amended in line 1 by striking out the word “us” and inserting in place thereof the word “is”) (on a petition), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Hot work processes.

A petition (accompanied by bill Senate, No. 3033) of Michael F. Rush (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to authorize the grant of easements in or taking of certain parcels of land to the city of Boston, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Boston,— easements.

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:

Authorizing the Provincetown year-round market rate rental housing trust to acquire year-round housing occupancy restrictions (House, No. 3909) [Local Approval Received];

Provincetown,— market rate rental.

Relative to affordable housing trust fund of the town of Edgartown (House, No. 4186) [Local Approval Received];

Edgartown,— housing.

Relative to the inclusion of commercial fishermen as a designated vocation for affordable and attainable housing preference in the town of Chatham under Section

Chatham,— commercial fishermen.

32, Seasonal Communities, Subsection (d), of the Affordable Homes Act (House, No. 4288) [Local Approval Received];

Providing for the appointment and removal authority of the town administrator of the town of Wilbraham for employees other than those sworn officers of the Wilbraham police department and Wilbraham fire department appointed by the select board, and department heads appointed by the select board, and department heads appointed by boards and commissions so authorized by general law or by-law (House, No. 4844) [Local Approval Received];

Wilbraham,—
appointments.

Authorizing the town of Plymouth to establish a special revenue account for land acquisition (House, No. 4887) [Local Approval Received]; and

Plymouth,—
land.

Relative to the charter and the town clerk in the town of Falmouth (House, No. 5107) [Local Approval Received];

Falmouth,—
charter.

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

By Mr. Day of Stoneham, for the committee on the Judiciary, on House, Nos. 1581, 1582, 1583, 1584, 1585, 1586, 1587, 1589, 1591, 1592, 1593, 1594, 1595, 1598, 1599, 1602, 1604, 1605, 1606, 1607, 1609, 1610, 1611, 1612, 1613, 1614, 1615, 1616, 1617, 1618, 1619, 1622, 1623, 1624, 1626, 1627, 1628, 1629, 1632, 1633, 1647, 1648, 1650, 1652, 1654, 1656, 1657, 1658, 1659, 1660, 1661, 1662, 1663, 1664, 1665, 1666, 1670, 1671, 1672, 1674, 1676, 1677, 1678, 1679, 1680, 1681, 1683, 1684, 1687, 1689, 1693, 1694, 1696, 1697, 1698, 1699, 1700, 1701, 1702, 1703, 1704, 1705, 1706, 1707, 1708, 1709, 1710, 1711, 1712, 1713, 1714, 1715, 1716, 1717, 1718, 1719, 1720, 1721, 1723, 1724, 1725, 1726, 1727, 1728, 1729, 1730, 1731, 1735, 1736, 1737, 1739, 1741, 1742, 1743, 1744, 1745, 1746, 1747, 1748, 1749, 1751, 1752, 1753, 1754, 1755, 1756, 1757, 1759, 1762, 1763, 1764, 1769, 1770, 1772, 1773, 1774, 1775, 1776, 1777, 1778, 1779, 1780, 1781, 1782, 1783, 1784, 1785, 1786, 1787, 1788, 1789, 1790, 1791, 1792, 1793, 1794, 1795, 1796, 1797, 1798, 1799, 1800, 1801, 1802, 1803, 1804, 1805, 1806, 1807, 1808, 1809, 1810, 1811, 1812, 1813, 1814, 1815, 1816, 1817, 1818, 1819, 1820, 1821, 1822, 1824, 1825, 1826, 1827, 1828, 1829, 1831, 1834, 1835, 1836, 1837, 1838, 1839, 1840, 1841, 1842, 1843, 1844, 1846, 1847, 1848, 1850, 1852, 1853, 1854, 1858, 1859, 1860, 1861, 1862, 1863, 1864, 1865, 1866, 1867, 1868, 1869, 1870, 1871, 1872, 1874, 1875, 1876, 1878, 1879, 1880, 1881, 1882, 1883, 1884, 1885, 1886, 1887, 1888, 1889, 1891, 1892, 1893, 1894, 1895, 1896, 1899, 1901, 1902, 1903, 1904, 1905, 1906, 1907, 1908, 1909, 1910, 1911, 1912, 1914, 1915, 1916, 1917, 1918, 1919, 1920, 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925, 1926, 1929, 1930, 1931, 1933, 1935, 1937, 1938, 1940, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1945, 1947, 1948, 1949, 1950, 1951, 1952, 1955, 1956, 1957, 1959, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2027, 2028, 2029, 2031, 2032, 2033, 2034, 2035, 2036, 2037, 2038, 2039, 2040, 2042, 2043, 2044, 2046, 2047, 2048, 2049, 2050, 2051, 2052, 2053, 2054, 2055, 2056, 2057, 2058, 2059, 2061, 2062, 2063, 2645, 3991, 3992, 4016, 4017, 4018, 4045, 4046, 4064, 4065, 4066, 4164, 4199, 4218, 4412, 4684 and 4736, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on the Judiciary to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to fraud, exploitation, criminal offenses, firearms, drugs, juvenile matters and other judiciary related issues (House, No. 5281). Referred,

Fraud,
exploitation,
criminal
offenses,
firearms, drugs,
juvenile matters
and other
judiciary
related issues,—
study.

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

Subsequently, 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.

By Ms. Decker of Cambridge, for the committee on Public Health, on House, Nos. 2499 and 4838, a Bill expanding access to perimenopause and menopause care (House, No. 5303). Referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

Menopause care.

By Mr. Livingstone of Boston, for the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, on House, No. 279, a Bill to ensure parity in social work licensure (House, No. 5299).

Social workers,—
licensure parity.

By Mr. Haggerty of Woburn, for the committee on Housing, on House, No. 1553, a Bill to regulate junk fees in rental housing and advance housing production (House, No. 5301) [Representative DeCoste of Norwell dissenting].

Housing,—
junk fees.

By Mr. McMurtry of Dedham, for the committee on Labor and Workforce Development, on a petition, a Bill to prevent wage theft, promote employer accountability, and enhance public enforcement (House, No. 2094).

Employers,—
accountability.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 2064, 2106, 2188 and 2189, a Bill helping employees after a relative's tragedy (House, No. 5302).

Bereavement leave.

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

By Mr. Livingstone of Boston, for the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, on House, No. 296, a Bill protecting vulnerable adults from financial exploitation (House, No. 5300). Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Vulnerable adults,—
financial exploitation.

Orders of the Day.

House bills

Designating a certain intersection in the town of Pembroke as the Lavina A. Hatch corner (House, No. 3790);

Third reading bills.

Relative to the maximum age requirement for police officers in the city of Newton (House, No. 4718); and

Authorizing Jonathan Gagne to take the civil service examination for the position of police officer in the city of Haverhill notwithstanding the maximum age requirement (House, No. 4879);

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.

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 seven 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.