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Tuesday, April 21, 2026.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Philips of Sharon 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. Philips), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of allegiance.

## *Message from the Governor.*

A message from Her Excellency the Governor recommending legislation relative to Massachusetts winning global investment, talent, and innovation (House, No. 5386), was filed in the office of the Clerk on Thursday, April 16.

Economic development.

The message was read; and it was referred, under Rule 30, with the accompanying draft of a bill, to the committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

## *Communications.*

### Communications

From the Community Economic Development Assistance Corporation (see Section 6 of Chapter 40H of the General Laws) submitting its fiscal year 2025 annual report;

Economic development.

From the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (see Section 4(b) of Chapter 258F of the General Laws) submitting the Certification for Victims of Violent Crime and Human Trafficking report for calendar year 2024;

Violent crime and human trafficking.

From the Executive Office of Technology Services and Security (see item 1790-0100 of Section 2 of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting a report on IT-related project expenditures for fiscal year 2026; and

IT project expenditures.

From the Department of Environmental Protection (see item 2200-0100 of Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting its Private Well Program report;

Private well program.

Severally were placed on file.

## *Report.*

A report of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (under Section 111 of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting an update on the Personal Care Attendant (PCA) Working Group implementation plan, was placed on file.

Personal care attendants.

## *Petition.*

**UNCORRECTED PROOF.**

Representatives Haggerty of Woburn and Gordon of Bedford presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Richard M. Haggerty, Kenneth I. Gordon and Michelle L. Ciccolo that the city of Boston be authorized to grant permanent easements over certain land in the city of Woburn and town of Burlington to the Commonwealth for highway purposes; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Woburn and  
Burlington,—  
land.

*Paper from the Senate.*

A petition (accompanied by bill) of Vanna Howard for legislation relative to a certain property in the city of Lowell, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

Lowell,—  
land.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 3061) was referred in concurrence, to the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

*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:

The Senate Bill designating October 15 as Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Day (Senate, No. 2145); and

Pregnancy and  
infant loss day.

House bills

Relative to surety bonds (House, No. 3566);

Surety bonds.

Relative to the maximum age requirement for original appointment as a police officer for the city of Worcester (House, No. 3929) [Local Approval Received];

Worcester,—  
police officers.

Authorizing the city of Somerville to establish a net zero emissions standard for new constructed buildings and major renovation projects (House, No. 4035) [Local Approval Received];

Somerville,—  
net-zero  
emission.

Relative to raising the age requirement for entrance to the Boston Police Academy (House, No. 4093) [Local Approval Received];

Boston,—  
police officers.

Relative to waiving the maximum age requirement for police officers for Matthew Cummings (House, No. 5034) [Local Approval Received];

Boston,—  
Cummings.

Relative to the maintenance of pre-employment physical examination records for public safety personnel in the city of Peabody (House, No. 5054) [Local Approval Received];

Peabody,—  
physical  
examinations.

Relative to smart meters (House, No. 5292); and

Smart meters.

Authorizing the town of Bridgewater to issue an additional license for the sale of all alcohol beverages not to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 5342) [Local Approval Received];

Bridgewater,—  
liquor  
license.

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

By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Financial Services, on House, Nos. 1087, 1097, 1150, 1160, 1175, 1176, 1184, 1217, 1225, 1250, 1252, 1293, 1303 and 1328, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Financial Services to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to home insurance, flood insurance, civil, and service contracts (House, No. 5336).

Insurance and  
contracts,—  
study.

**UNCORRECTED PROOF.**

By Mr. Madaro of Boston, for the committee on Revenue, on House, Nos. 3007, 3019, 3033, 3044, 3049, 3096, 3098, 3135, 3137, 3142, 3143, 3150, 3151, 3170, 3171, 3172, 3173, 3184, 3200, 3202, 3203, 3248, 3249, 3251, 3257, 3267, 3268, 3269 and 4325, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Revenue to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to taxation and tax exemption (House, No. 5313) [Representative Lombardo of Billerica dissenting].

Taxation and tax exemptions,— study.

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

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

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

By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Financial Services, on a petition, a Bill prohibiting genetic discrimination (House, No. 5112). Referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

Genetic discrimination.

By Mr. Lawn of Watertown, for the committee on Health Care Financing, on House, Nos. 1416 and 1417, a Bill to advance health equity (House, No. 1416) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00]. Read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Health equity.

By Mr. Lawn of Watertown, for the committee on Health Care Financing, on House, Nos. 4554 and 4555, a Bill to improve sickle cell care (House, No. 4554) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00]. Read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Sickle cell care.

By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Financial Services, on a petition, a Bill relative to the Massachusetts Uniform Commercial Code (House, No. 4914). Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Uniform Commercial Code.

*Emergency Measure.*

The engrossed Bill designating the Weider park tennis courts as the Kim O’Connell tennis courts (see House, No. 4259, amended), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was considered, the question being on adopting the emergency preamble.

Boston,— tennis courts.

A separate vote was taken, as required by the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXVII) of the Amendments to the Constitution; and the preamble was adopted, by a vote of 9 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Subsequently, the Senate having concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, the bill (which originated in the House) was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill enacted.

*Engrossed Bill.*

The engrossed Bill increasing the membership of the select board of the town of Monson (see House, No. 4602) (which originated in the House), having been certified

Bill enacted.

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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.

*Order.*

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

*Ordered,* That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next  
sitting.

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At twenty-one minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Orrall of Lakeville (Mr. Philips of Sharon being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Thursday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.