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Wednesday, May 20, 2026.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M. 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.

### *Silent Tributes.*

During the session (Ms. Hogan of Stow being in the Chair), at the request of the LGBTQ+ Caucus, the members, guests and employees stood in a moment of silent tribute for Barney Frank, who died late yesterday at age 86.

Barney  
Frank.

Congressman Barney Frank was one of the first out gay men to lead our country in the halls of Congress. For many of us, he was an inspiration. His trail-blazing career and his constant focus on helping marginalized communities had an out-sized impact on Massachusetts and our country.

Big change requires vision from those who see a just society, pragmatism from those who know how to bring it about, and respect for all the many stakeholders involved. Barney Frank was all three of these and he did so with great wit. He brought visibility to gay rights and crafted the most significant reforms to the financial system in our history a generation.

Barney Frank entered politics in 1968 as an aide to Boston Mayor Kevin White before winning a seat in the Massachusetts House in 1972. He served in this Chamber until he was elected to Congress in 1980.

Future generations of LGBTQ are grateful for his leadership and service.

We share our sincere condolences with Barney's husband Jim Ready, his sisters Ann Lewis and Doris Breay, and his brother David Frank, as well as all those who cared for him in his last months.

During the session (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), at the request of Representatives Cruz of Salem, Kassner of Hamilton and Kerans of Danvers, the members, guests and employees stood in a moment of silence in memory of State Police Trooper Kevin T. Trainor, who was killed by a wrong-way driver in the early morning of Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>. Trooper Trainor's courageous actions likely prevented the deaths of others.

Kevin  
Trainor.

Trooper Trainor began his career in public service as a Corrections Officer for the Essex County Sheriff's Office, and three years ago, he fulfilled his lifelong dream of becoming a Massachusetts State Trooper. He was first assigned as a field Trooper to the Danvers Barracks, and earlier this year, earned a position with the Troop A Community Action Team. He took immense pride in protecting and serving the people of the Commonwealth.

Trooper Trainor resided in Georgetown and was raised in Salem. He was the son of Barbara (Provencher) Trainor, and the late David Leo Trainor, Jr. Kevin is also

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survived by his fiancé, Jessica Ostrowski; his siblings, David L. Trainor III, Stephen Trainor and his wife Sophana, Melissa Trainor, and Matthew Trainor; his paternal grandmother, Ann (Gerrish) Trainor; many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins, friends; and thousands of men and women of the Massachusetts State Police.

He will forever be remembered for his heroism and sacrifice.

*Statement of Representative Reyes of Lawrence.*

A statement of Ms. Reyes of Lawrence was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

MR. SPEAKER: I would like to call to the attention of the House the fact that I am unable to be present in the House Chamber for today’s sitting due to a previously scheduled family commitment, attending my daughter’s commencement ceremony at the University of Maryland. Had I been present, I would have voted in the affirmative on Yea and Nay Nos. 192, 194, 195, 196, 197 and 198 and in the negative on Yea and Nay No. 193. My missing of roll calls today is due entirely to the reason stated.

Statement of  
Representative  
Reyes of  
Lawrence.

*Statement of Representative Scarsdale of Pepperell.*

A statement of Ms. Scarsdale of Pepperell was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

MR. SPEAKER: I would like to call to the attention of the House the fact that I was unable to be present in the House Chamber for today’s sitting due to a previously scheduled obligation outside the State House. Had I been present, I would have voted in the affirmative on Yea and Nay Nos. 192, 194, 195, 196, 197 and 198 and in the negative on Yea and Nay No. 193. My missing of roll calls was due entirely to the reason stated.

Statement of  
Representative  
Scarsdale of  
Pepperell.

*Guests of the House.*

During the session, the Chair (Ms. Hogan of Stow) declared a brief recess and introduced guests of Representatives Walsh of Peabody, Kerans of Danvers and Giannino of Revere, the internationally acclaimed vocal group The Platters® and their longtime steward, Fred Balboni, Jr.

The Platters®  
and Fred  
Balboni, Jr.

The Platters are a Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, Vocal Group Hall of Fame and Grammy Hall of Fame group founded and named by the late Herb Reed, who proudly called Massachusetts home for nearly half a century. Herb Reed Enterprises was also long based in Peabody, Massachusetts, giving the group longstanding ties to the Commonwealth.

The Platters are known around the world for timeless classics, but their impact extends far beyond music. The group played an important role in breaking racial and gender barriers during a difficult chapter in American history and became one of the first African American vocal groups to achieve international superstardom.

It was an honor to welcome The Platters® and Fred Balboni, Jr. to the House Chamber. The House thanked them for their lasting cultural contributions and for continuing to represent Massachusetts on the world stage.

The group then performed “All of Me” and “Only You” from the rostrum.

*Remote Participation.*

Under the provisions of House Rule 49, Representatives Ferguson of Holden, Galvin of Canton, Kane of Shrewsbury and Reid of Lynn participated remotely for today’s formal sitting.

Remote participation.

*Petitions.*

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Gómez of Easthampton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5445) of Homar Gómez (with the approval of the city council) that the city of Easthampton be authorized the issue 8 additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages. To the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Easthampton,—  
liquor licenses.

By Representatives Kassner of Hamilton and Kerans of Danvers, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5446) of Kristin E. Kassner and Sally P. Kerans (by vote of the town) that the town of Topsfield be authorized to prohibit or restrict the application of second generation anticoagulant rodenticides in said town. To the committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Topsfield,—  
rodenticides.

By Representative Moakley of Falmouth and Senator Cyr, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5447) of Thomas W. Moakley (by vote of the town) relative to the affordable housing trust fund of the town of West Tisbury. To the committee on Housing.

West Tisbury,—  
affordable housing.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Howitt of Seekonk, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Steven S. Howitt relative to hidden fees and price transparency.

Transparency,—  
fees and prices.

By Representatives LaNatra of Kingston and Badger of Plymouth, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Kathleen R. LaNatra that the commissioner of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance be authorized to enter into lease with the town of Plymouth for Pilgrim Memorial Park in said town.

Plymouth,—  
Pilgrim park.

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

*Papers from the Senate.*

The Senate Bill to promote student learning and mental health (Senate, No. 2581, amended), came from the Senate with the endorsement that said branch had non-concurred with the House in its amendment (striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting the text contained in House document numbered 5366).

Schools,—  
personal electronics.

The bill bore the further endorsement that the Senate had asked for a committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches; and that Senators Crighton, Rodrigues and Durant had been appointed the committee on the part of the Senate.

Committee of conference.

On motion of Ms. Peisch of Wellesley, the House insisted on its amendment; and concurred with the Senate in the appointment of a committee of conference. The Chair appointed Representatives Peisch, Moran of Lawrence and Vieira of Falmouth as the committee on the part of the House. Sent to the Senate to be noted.

Id.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 3093) of Barry R. Finegold (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the town of Andover to prohibit the use of

Andover,—  
rodenticides.

anticoagulant rodenticides by commercial pesticide applicator, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

A petition of Sal N. DiDomenico and Joan B. Lovely for legislation to significantly alleviate poverty, came from the Senate with the endorsement that it had been referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on the Judiciary.

Poverty,—  
alleviation.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and, on motion of Ms. Peisch of Wellesley, the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 3095) was referred, in non-concurrence, to the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities. Sent to the Senate its action.

*Reports of Committees.*

By Mr. Rogers of Cambridge, for the committee on Higher Education, on a petition, a Bill relative to students accessing food and nutritional information (House, No. 5012). Read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Students,—  
food access.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, on the Order relative to authorizing the committee on Public Service to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to public service matters (House, No. 5312), reported, in part, a Bill relative to creditable service for Eileen Mullen, a member of the Massachusetts Teachers' retirement system (House, No. 2976). Read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Eileen Mullen,—  
creditable  
service.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, on the Order relative to authorizing the committee on Public Service to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to public service matters (House, No. 5312), reported, in part, a Bill relative to transparency in municipal health insurance (House, No. 2890).

Municipal  
health  
insurance.

By the same member, for the same committee, on the Order relative to authorizing the committee on Public Service to make an investigation and study of a certain House document relative to the maximum age requirement for original appointment to the position of firefighter or police officer in the city of Haverhill (House, No. 5398), reported, a Bill relative to the maximum age requirement for original appointment to the position of firefighter or police officer (House, No. 4443) [Local Approval Received].

Haverhill,—  
age  
requirement.

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

*Matters Discharged from the Orders of the Day.*

The following House bills, severally reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to correctly drawn, having been discharged from their position in the Orders of the Day, were read a third time forthwith, under suspension of Rule 47, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington:

Providing for violent act injury retirement benefits for retirement police officer Leo MacAskill (House, No. 3915); and

Revere,—  
Leo MacAskill.

Establishing a sick leave bank for Carla Johnson, an employee of the department of unemployment assistance (House, No. 5399);

Carla  
Johnson,—  
sick leave.

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Severally were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

The House Bill relative to the maintenance of pre-employment physical examination records for public safety personnel in the city of Peabody (House, No. 5054), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was discharged from its position in the Orders of the Day and read a third time forthwith, under suspension of Rule 47, on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington.

Peabody,—  
public safety  
personnel.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Walsh of Peabody moved to amend it in section 1, in line 4, by inserting after the figures: “32” the following: “in the same manner in section 2”; and

By adding the following section:

“SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.”.

The amendments were adopted; and the bill (House, No. 5054, amended) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

The Senate amendment of the House Bill providing for the appointment of retired police officers as special police officers in the town of Fairhaven (House, No. 4234, amended), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was discharged from its position in the Orders of the Day and considered forthwith, under suspension of Rule 47, on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington; and it was adopted, in concurrence.

Fairhaven,—  
special  
police.

*Recess.*

At nineteen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House recessed until the hour of one o'clock P.M.; and at eight minutes after one o'clock, the House was called to order with Ms. Hogan of Stow in the Chair.

Recess.

*Reports of Committees.*

Prior to the noon recess (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill relative to increasing access to epinephrine (House, No. 4607), ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a bill with the same title (House, No. 5443). Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Epinephrine,—  
access.

Mr. Honan of Boston, for said committee, then reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, the bill was read a second time forthwith.

The amendment recommended by the committee on Ways and Means then was adopted; and the substituted bill was ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently, the noon recess having terminated (Ms. Hogan of Stow being in the Chair), under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Jones of North Reading, the bill (having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) was read a third time.

After debate on the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, the sense of the House was taken by yea and nays, at the request of Mr. Moakley of Falmouth (the

Bill passed to  
be engrossed,—  
yea and nay  
No. 192.

Speaker having taken the Chair); and on the roll call (Ms. Hogan of Stow being in the Chair) 154 members having voted in the affirmative and 0 in the negative.

**[See [Yea and Nay No. 192](#) in Supplement.]**

Therefore the bill (House, No. 5443) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Prior to the noon recess (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill relative to newborn screenings for congenital cytomegalovirus (House, No. 4367), ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a bill with the same title (House, No. 5441). Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Cytomegalovirus,—  
newborn  
screenings.

Mr. Honan of Boston, for said committee, then reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, the bill was read a second time forthwith.

The amendment recommended by the committee on Ways and Means then was adopted; and the substituted bill was ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently, the noon recess having terminated (Ms. Hogan of Stow being in the Chair), under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Jones of North Reading, the bill (having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) was read a third time.

After debate on the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Gaskey of Carver moved to amend it by adding the following:

“Subsection 2 of Section 110G of chapter 111 of the General Laws, by striking out subsection (e) and inserting in place thereof the following subsection: (e) The regulations pursuant to subsection (a) shall require a congenital cytomegalovirus screening to be performed not later than 21 days from the date of birth and before the newborn is discharged from the hospital or birthing facility to the care of the parent or guardian. No congenital cytomegalovirus screening shall be performed if a parent or guardian of the newborn objects to the screening. A parent or guardian may decline the screening for any reason, including personal, moral, philosophical, or religious beliefs, and shall not be required to state the specific grounds for their objection. The department shall develop a standard declination form to be signed by the objecting parent or guardian, which shall be maintained in the newborn’s medical record.”.

After debate on the question on adoption of the amendment, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, at the request of the same member; and on the roll call 1 member voted in the affirmative and 154 in the negative.

Amendment  
rejected,—  
yea and nay  
No. 193.

**[See [Yea and Nay No. 193](#) in Supplement.]**

Therefore the amendment was rejected.

On the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, at the request of Ms. Decker of Cambridge; and on the roll call 155 members voted in the affirmative and 1 in the negative.

Bill passed to  
be engrossed,—  
yea and nay  
No. 194.

**[See [Yea and Nay No. 194](#) in Supplement.]**

Therefore the bill (House, No. 5441) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Prior to the noon recess (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill relative to civil rights and technology (House, No. 4637), ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a bill with the same title (House, No. 5444). Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Robotic  
technologies.

Mr. Honan of Boston, for said committee, then reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, the bill was read a second time forthwith.

The amendment recommended by the committee on Ways and Means then was adopted; and the substituted bill was ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently, the noon recess having terminated (Ms. Hogan of Stow being in the Chair), under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Jones of North Reading, the bill (having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) was read a third time.

After debate on the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, at the request of Mr. Day of Stoneham; and on the roll call 155 members voted in the affirmative and 1 in the negative.

[See [Yea and Nay No. 195](#) in Supplement.]

Therefore the bill (House, No. 5444) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Bill passed to be engrossed,—  
yea and nay  
No. 195.

*Engrossed Bill — Land Taking.*

Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair,—

The engrossed Bill authorizing the city of Boston to grant easements in or takings of certain parcels of land to the city of Boston (see House, No. 5317) (which originated in the House), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was put upon its final passage.

On the question on passing the bill to be enacted, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays (this being a bill providing for the taking of land or other easements used for conservation purposes, etc., as defined by Article XCVII of the Amendments to the Constitution); and on the roll call 156 members voted in the affirmative and 0 in the negative.

[See [Yea and Nay No. 196](#) in Supplement.]

Therefore the bill was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Boston,—  
land.

Bill enacted (land taking),—  
yea and nay  
No. 196.

*Reports of Committees.*

Prior to the noon recess, By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Senate Bill facilitating better interactions between police officers and persons with autism spectrum disorder (Senate, No. 2565), ought to pass with an amendment by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in House document numbered 5438. Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Mr. Honan of Boston, for said committee, then reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, the bill was read a second time forthwith.

The amendment recommended by the committee on Ways and Means then was adopted; and the bill (Senate, No. 2565, amended) was ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently, the noon recess having terminated, under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Arciero of Westford, the bill (having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) was read a third time.

Autism  
spectrum  
disorder.

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After debate on the question on passing the bill, as amended, to be engrossed, in concurrence, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, at the request of the same member; and on the roll call 156 members voted in the affirmative and 0 in the negative.

Bill passed to  
be engrossed,—  
yea and nay  
No. 197.

**[See [Yea and Nay No. 197](#) in Supplement.]**

Therefore the bill (Senate, No. 2565, amended) was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence. Sent to the Senate for concurrence in the amendment adopted by the House (by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in House document numbered 5438).

Prior to the noon recess, By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Senate Bill honoring Blue Star Families (Senate, No. 2903), ought to pass with an amendment by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in House document numbered 5439. Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Blue Star  
Families.

Mr. Honan of Boston, for said committee, then reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, the bill was read a second time forthwith.

The amendment recommended by the committee on Ways and Means then was adopted; and the bill (Senate, No. 2903, amended) was ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently, the noon recess having terminated, under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Arciero of Westford, the bill (having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) was read a third time.

After debate on the question on passing the bill, as amended, to be engrossed, in concurrence, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, at the request of the same member; and on the roll call 156 members voted in the affirmative and 0 in the negative.

Bill passed to  
be engrossed,—  
yea and nay  
No. 198.

**[See [Yea and Nay No. 198](#) in Supplement.]**

Therefore the bill (Senate, No. 2903, amended) was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence. Sent to the Senate for concurrence in the amendment adopted by the House (by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in House document numbered 5439).

Prior to the noon recess, By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill authorizing the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to dispose of certain parcels of land in the town of Bolton (House, No. 3346), ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a Bill authorizing the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to convey certain parcels of land to the town of Bolton, the town of Lancaster or a municipal utility serving the town of Bolton or the town of Lancaster (House, No. 5440) [Local Approval Received]. Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Bolton and  
Lancaster,—  
land.

Mr. Honan of Boston, for said committee, then reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, the bill was read a second time forthwith.

The amendment recommended by the committee on Ways and Means then was adopted; and the substituted bill was ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently, the noon recess having terminated, under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington, the bill (having been reported by the

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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.

Prior to the noon recess, By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill relative to certain affordable housing and cultural space in the Brighton section of the city of Boston (House, No. 4415), ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a bill with the same title (House, No. 5442) [Local Approval Received]. Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Boston,—  
affordable  
housing.

Mr. Honan of Boston, for said committee, then reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, the bill was read a second time forthwith.

The amendment recommended by the committee on Ways and Means then was adopted; and the substituted bill was ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently, the noon recess having terminated, under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington, the bill (having been 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.

*Order.*

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

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

Next  
sitting.

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Representative Livingstone of Boston moved that when the House adjourns today, it do so in respect to the memory of Barney Frank, a member of the House from Boston from 1973 to 1980, inclusive, and a Representative in Congress from 1981 to 2013, inclusive; and the motion prevailed.

Accordingly, without proceeding to consideration of the matters in the Orders of the Day, at three minutes before four o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Frost of Auburn (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following day at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.