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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, Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair, at the request of Mr. Williams of Springfield and the Western Massachusetts Delegation, the members, guests and employees stood in a moment of silent tribute in memory of former State Representative Benjamin Swan, who passed away on May 25, 2026, at age 92.

Benjamin
Swan.

Representative Swan served the 11th Hampden District in the Massachusetts House from 1995 to 2016. A Korean War veteran, civil rights activist, and former president of the Springfield NAACP, he dedicated his life to service, justice, and community leadership. His many affiliations included the American Legion, Arise for Social Justice, Black Men of Greater Springfield, the historic Richard Allen Lodge #30, and numerous civic organizations.

Whether marching alongside Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., advocating for families in Springfield, or serving constituents at the State House, he led with dignity, humility, and conviction. His legacy lives on through the laws he helped shape, the communities he strengthened, the Benjamin Swan Elementary School named in his honor, and the countless individuals he inspired to pursue justice, equality, and public service.

During the session, Ms. Hogan of Stow being in the Chair, at the request of Mr. MacGregor of Boston and the Boston Delegation, the members, guests and employees stood in a moment of silent tribute to the memory of Robert "Bobby" Kilduff, Jr., who gave his life in the line of duty on May 23, 2026 while responding to a house fire in Boston.

Robert
"Bobby"
Kilduff, Jr.

"BK" as his friends and family called him, was a 24-year veteran of the Boston Fire Department, a third-generation firefighter, and a U.S. Marine Corps veteran. His final selfless act of heroism mirrored how BK lived his life. He was a dedicated public servant, a football coach, and volunteer with the Gary Sinise Foundation to support Gold Star Families and families who lost a first responder in the line of duty.

Thanks to him and his fellow firefighters, every resident of the building made it out alive. BK was the loving father of Hanna Jane Kilduff and Mason Patrick Kilduff, and the adored life partner of Jess Spruell and her daughters Seren and Brynn.

Statement of Representative Chan of Quincy.

A statement of Mr. Chan of Quincy 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 family emergency that required my immediate attention. Had I been present, I would have voted in the affirmative on Yea and Nay Nos. 199, 200 and 201. My missing of roll calls today is due entirely to the reason stated.

Statement of Representative Chan of Quincy.

Remote Participation.

Notice had been received from House Counsel that, under the provisions of House Rule 49, Representatives Boldyga of Southwick, Ferguson of Holden and Kane of Shrewsbury had been approved to participate remotely for today's formal sitting.

Remote participation.

Resolutions.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Representative Hogan of Stow) congratulating Dr. Pat Luoto for being recognized as a 2026 Commonwealth Heroine by the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Pat Luoto.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee, reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, 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 Office of the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds (see Section 2KKK of Chapter 29 of the General Laws) submitting the County Registers Technology Fund fifty-seventh planned expenditure [copies of the communication were forwarded to the committees on Ways and Means and Post Audit and Oversight, as required by said law];

Norfolk County,— technology fund.

From the Department of Public Health (see Section 2UUUU of Chapter 29 of the General Laws) submitting the Long-Term Care Facility Quality Improvement Fund annual report for fiscal year 2022;

Long-term care facility quality improvement fund.

From the Department of Public Health (see Section 2UUUU of Chapter 29 of the General Laws) submitting the Long-Term Care Facility Quality Improvement Fund annual report for fiscal year 2021;

Id.

From the Office of the Comptroller (see Section 1A and 1B of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting the actual revenue tax and non-tax collections for the third quarter of fiscal year 2026;

Revenue tax and non-tax collections.

From the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (see item 7061-9813 of Section 2 of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting report #2 on Rural School Aid for fiscal year 2026; and

Rural school aid.

UNCORRECTED PROOF.

From the Department of Environmental Protection (see item 2200-0107 of Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the single-use plastics program report;
Severally were placed on file.

Single-use plastics.

Papers from the Senate.

The House Bill relative to parking enforcement in the city of Cambridge (House, No. 4231), came from the Senate, passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 3105. The amendment was referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

Cambridge,— parking enforcement.

A Bill further regulating parking fines in the town of Scituate (Senate, No. 2577) (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.

Scituate,— parking fines.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 3108) of Barry R. Finegold (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the town of Andover to exempt all Andover police officers from civil service, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Public Service.

Andover,— police officers.

A joint petition (accompanied by bill) of John J. Cronin and Margaret R. Scarsdale for legislation to designate the Marion Stoddart riverwalk in the town of Groton, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Groton,— riverwalk.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 3110) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Reports of Committees.

By Ms. Fiola of Fall River, for the committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies, on House, No. 5465, a Bill authorizing municipalities to opt-in to a temporary pilot to extend the hours of liquor licenses and to allow for public consumption in designated districts in summer 2026 (House, No. 5471). Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Liquor licenses and public consumption,— pilot program.

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

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Fiola of Fall River, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

Engrossed Bill.

The engrossed Bill authorizing the town of Berkley to recall elected officials (see Senate, No. 3018) (which originated in the Senate), having been certified 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.

Bill enacted.

UNCORRECTED PROOF.

Motion to Discharge a Certain Matter in the Orders of the Day.

The Senate Bill extending the deadline for the town of Milton to appropriate money for the construction of a new school on certain land acquired for conservation purposes (Senate, No. 2963), 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. Wong of Saugus; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Milton,—
land.

Recess.

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

Recess.

Reports of Committees.

Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches, with reference to the Senate amendment of the House Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2026 for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (House, No. 5280), reported, in part, a bill with the same title (House, No. 5470) [Total Appropriation: \$1,410,707,166.00]. Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Supplemental
appropriations.

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. Jones of North Reading, the report was considered forthwith.

After debate on the question on acceptance of the report, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, at the request of Mr. Michlewitz of Boston; and on the roll call 153 members voted in the affirmative and 0 in the negative.

[See [Yea and Nay No. 199](#) in Supplement.]

Therefore the report of the committee of conference was accepted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Conference
committee report
accepted,—
yea and nay
No. 199.

Engrossed Bill – State Loan.

The engrossed Bill financing long-term improvements to municipal roads and bridges (see House, No. 5375) (which originated in the House), in respect to which the Senate had concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, was put upon its final passage.

Municipal
roads and
bridges.

On the question on passing the bill to be enacted, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays (this being a “loan” bill as defined by Section 3 of Article LXII of the Amendments to the Constitution); and on the roll call 152 members voted in the affirmative and 0 in the negative.

Bill enacted
(state loan),—
yea and nay
No. 200.

[See [Yea and Nay No. 200](#) in Supplement.]

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

Reports of Committees.

Prior to the noon recess (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair)—, Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, on House, No. 5050, reported, in part, a Bill promoting transparency and public access in state government (House, No. 5469) [Total Appropriation: \$1,000,000.00]. Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Legislative
audit and
public records.

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

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently, the noon recess having terminated (Ms. Hogan of Stow being in the Chair), under further 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 Speaker having taken the Chair), the sense of the House was taken by the yeas and nays, at the request of Ms. Peisch of Wellesley; and on the roll call (Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair) 125 members voted in the affirmative and 28 in the negative.

Bill passed to
be engrossed,—
yea and nay
No. 201.

[See [Yea and Nay No. 201](#) in Supplement.]

Therefore the bill was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Recess.

At ten minutes before five o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Jones of North Reading (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House recessed until the following day at eleven o'clock A.M.; and at the time the House was called to order with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair.