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Thursday, June 18, 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.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Representative Biele of Boston) commending Bill Spain on his retirement from the Castle Island Association and his contributions to the historical preservation of Fort Independence, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Bill
Spain.

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 Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (see item 1599-0026 of Section 2 of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting its Massachusetts Municipal Public Safety Staffing Grant legislative report for fiscal year 2026;

Municipal
public safety
staffing grants.

From the Office of the Comptroller (see item 1599-3384 of Section 2 of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting the Settlements and Judgements accounts payable report for the third quarter of fiscal year 2026;

Settlements
and judgements.

From the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (see item 8000-0655 of Section 2 of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting the Office of Grants and Research Emerging Adult Reentry Initiative annual report for fiscal year 2026;

Emerging adult
reentry initiative.

From the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (see item 8000-1127 of Section 2 of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting the Office of Grants and Research Commonwealth Nonprofit Security Grant Program annual report for fiscal year 2026; and

Nonprofit
security grants.

From the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (see Section 2 of Chapter 170 of the Acts of 2004) submitting the Massachusetts Electronic Control Weapons annual report for calendar year 2023;

Electronic
control weapons.

Severally were placed on file.

Annual Report.

UNCORRECTED PROOF.

The annual report of the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (under Section 37O of Chapter 71 of the General Laws) relative to school bullying data (school years 2021-2022 through 2022-2023) [copies of said report were forwarded to the committee on Ways and Means and the committees on Education and the Judiciary, as required by said law], was placed on file.

School
bullying
data.

Paper from the Senate.

A petition (accompanied by bill) of Sal N. DiDomenico for legislation to provide for improved public access and climate resiliency on the Mystic River and increasing the utilization of the designated port area, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Boston,—
port area
land.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 3137) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

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 following petitions:

Joint petition (accompanied by bill) of Paul McMurtry and Michael F. Rush for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Edward Gillen, an employee of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation. To the committee on Public Service.

Edward Gillen,—
sick leave.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Todd M. Smola for legislation to create a Legion of Merit motor vehicle license plate. To the committee on Transportation.

Veteran
license plate.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the reports were considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended, in each instance. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the House Bill relative to the Dracut Water Supply District (House, No. 4101), be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Dracut
Water Supply
District.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

Recess.

At seven minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mrs. Kane of Shrewsbury (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House recessed subject to the call of the Chair; and at ten minutes before twelve o'clock noon the House was called to order with Mr. Donato in the Chair.

Recess.

Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed bills
Relative to violation of regulation regarding hot work processes (see Senate, No. 1646, amended) (which originated in the Senate); and
Relative to teacher preparation and student literacy (see House, No. 5511)

Bills
enacted.

(which originated in the House);

Severally having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, were passed to be enacted; and they were signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

The House Bill relative to waiving the maximum age requirement for Boston police officers for Matthew Cummings (House, No. 5034) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading), reported by the said committee to be correctly drawn, was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Third
reading
bill.

The House Bill allowing fair compensation of Massachusetts credit union directors (House, No. 1338), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Third
reading
bill.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Walsh of Peabody moved to amend it by striking out section 2; and inserting before the enacting clause the following emergency preamble:

“Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to allow fair compensation of Massachusetts credit union directors, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.”

The amendments were adopted; and the bill (House, No. 1338, amended) 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 on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next
sitting.

At eight minutes before twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mrs. Kane of Shrewsbury (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.