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Thursday, June 25, 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.

### *Guests of the House.*

At the beginning of the session, the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford) declared a brief recess and introduced, seated in the House Chamber, students from the Marshfield Coastal Academy, part of the Atlantic Resiliency Innovation Institute. At the invitation of the Chair, the students participated in the pledge of allegiance to the flag. They were accompanied by Jeff Granatino, founder of the program, along with program staff and chaperones. They were the guests of Representatives Sweezey of Duxbury, Meschino of Hull and Kearney of Scituate.

Marshfield  
Coastal  
Academy.

### *Resolutions.*

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Speaker Mariano of Quincy) congratulating the office of the Inspector General on the occasion of its forty-fifth anniversary, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Inspector  
General.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee, reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Meschino of Hull, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

### *Petitions.*

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Kerans of Danvers and Senator Lovely, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5539) of Sally P. Kerans (by vote of the town) relative to recall elections in the town of Danvers. To the committee on Election Laws.

Danvers,—  
recall  
elections.

By Representative Cruz of Salem, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5537) of Manny Cruz (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Salem be authorized to increase the limit of a local excise tax for the purpose of funding school and municipal facilities; and

Salem,—  
local excise  
tax.

By the same member, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5538) of Manny Cruz (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Salem be authorized to increase the short-term rental community impact fee in said city for the purpose of school and municipal facilities.

Salem,—  
short term  
rental fees.

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Severally to the committee on Revenue.  
Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

*Paper from the Senate.*

A message from Her Excellency the Governor (pursuant to the provisions of Article II, Section 8, Paragraph 1, Clause (2) of the Amendments to the Constitution, as appearing in Article LXXXIX of said Amendments) recommending legislation validating the 2026 annual election in the town of Oakham (Senate, No. 3148), was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Election Laws.

Oakham,—  
annual  
election.

*Reports of Committees.*

The following reports were received, the time within which the said committees were required to report having expired:

By Mr. Ryan of Boston, for the committee on Public Service, on House, No. 5246, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Public Service to make an investigation and study of a certain House document relative to creditable service for Jason Patrissi (House, No. 5535).

Creditable  
service,—  
study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 5297, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Public Service to make an investigation and study of a certain House document relative to retirement benefits Suzanne Garcia (House, No. 5536).

Retirement  
benefits,—  
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.

*Engrossed Bill.*

The engrossed Bill authorizing the town of Wayland to establish a millennium fund of the Wayland Free Public Library (see House, No. 4137, amended) (which originated in the House), 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.

*Orders of the Day.*

The Senate Bill authorizing the town of Berkley to increase the membership of the board of selectmen (Senate, No. 2897), 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, in concurrence.

Third  
reading  
bill.

The House Bill authorizing Bradford G. Merkel to take the state police examination notwithstanding the maximum age requirement (House, No. 5189), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was

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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 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.