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Thursday, July 2, 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.

Statement of Representative Barrett of North Adams.

A statement of Mr. Barrett of North Adams 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 the session of Wednesday, July 1, 2026. Had I been present, I would have voted in the affirmative on Yea and Nay Nos. 221, 222, 223 and 224, inclusive.

Statement of
Representative
Barrett of North
Adams.

Resolutions.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Representatives Sousa of Framingham, McKenna of Sutton, Lewis of Framingham, Gregoire of Marlborough and Donaghue of Westborough) honoring Diane Gould for her many years of service to the community through Advocates, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Diane
Gould.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee, reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington, 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 Health and Human Services (see Section 2SSSS of Chapter 29 of the General Laws) submitting the MassHealth Delivery System Reform Incentive Program (DSRIP) legislative report for the third quarter of fiscal year 2025;

MassHealth,—
delivery
platform.

From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see Section 2WWWW of Chapter 29 of the General Laws) submitting the MassHealth Non-Acute Care Hospital Reimbursement Trust Fund report for fiscal year 2025;

MassHealth,—
hospital
reimbursement.

From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see Section 2WWWWW of Chapter 29 of the General Laws) submitting the revenue and expenditure activity of the Behavioral Health Access and Crisis Intervention Trust Fund for fiscal year 2024;

Behavioral
health trust
fund.

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From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see Section 10F of Chapter 118E of the General Laws) submitting a quarterly report for the third quarter of fiscal year 2025 legislative report for the Children’s Medical Security Plan; and

Children’s
medical
security.

From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see item 1599-2026 of Section 2A of Chapter 102 of the Acts of 2021) submitting the Massachusetts Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Fellowship Program Legislative Report for fiscal year 2025;

Psychiatric
mental health
nurse practitioners.

Severally were placed on file.

Report.

A report of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (under Section 12A of Chapter 118E of the General Laws) submitting the Office of Medicaid’s MassHealth Direct Negotiations Legislative report for fiscal year 2025, was placed on file.

MassHealth,—
direct
negotiations.

Paper from the Senate.

The House Bill enhancing child welfare protections (House, No. 4646), came from the Senate with the endorsement that said branch had insisted on its amendment (striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 3121) (in which the House had non-concurred).

Child welfare
protections.

The bill bore the further endorsement that said branch had concurred with the House in the appointment of a committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches; and that Senators Comerford, Kennedy and O’Connor had been joined as the committee on the part of the Senate.

Committee of
conference.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the following House bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

Relative to the transportation of vessels in the villages of Marston Mills and Osterville in the town of Barnstable (House, No. 5421);

Barnstable,—
transportation.

Designating the Hyannis Transportation Center in the town of Hyannis as the Thomas S. Cahir Cape Cod Transportation Center (House, No. 5430); and

Thomas Cahir
center.

Relative to a conservation restriction in the town of Middleton (House, No. 5463) [Local Approval Received];

Middleton,—
conservation.

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

By Mr. Madaro of Boston, for the committee on Revenue, on a petition, a Bill to improve long-term care staffing and dignity for caregivers (printed as Senate, No. 2085). Read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Caregivers,—
long-term care
staffing and
dignity.

By Mr. Finn of West Springfield, for the committee on Bonding, Capital Expenditures and State Assets, that the Bill relative to Massachusetts winning global

Economic
infrastructure,—
bond bill.

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investment, talent, and innovation (House, No. 5527), ought to pass [Bond Issue: \$305,000,000.00]. Referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. Finn of West Springfield, for the committee on Bonding, Capital Expenditures and State Assets, on a message from Her Excellency the Governor, a Bill providing for the terms of certain bonds to be issued by the Commonwealth (printed in House, No. 5519).

Bonding terms.

By Mr. Madaro of Boston, for the committee on Revenue, on a petition, a Bill advancing renewable heating solutions for the Commonwealth (printed as Senate, No. 1998).

Renewable heating solutions.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing the Massachusetts downsizing tax credit (printed as Senate, No. 2001).

Downsizing tax credit.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill encouraging home ownership by establishing a first time home buyers savings account (printed as Senate, No. 2002).

Home ownership savings account.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill encouraging employer student loan repayment (printed as Senate, No. 2024).

Employer student loan repayment.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing the Massachusetts student relief and retention tax credit (printed as Senate, No. 2025).

Student,— tax credit.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to increase the commuter tax deduction to reflect rising costs (printed as Senate, No. 2038).

Commuter,— tax deduction.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing a college tuition tax deduction (printed as Senate, No. 2045).

College tuition tax deduction.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the accessibility and affordability of trade school education (printed as Senate, No. 2051).

Trade school education.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing a tax credit for teachers purchasing supplies (printed as Senate, No. 2054).

Teachers,— tax credit.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing a living organ donor tax credit (printed as Senate, No. 2064).

Organ donor,— tax credit.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to increasing 529 deductions (printed as Senate, No. 2066).

Deductions.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill increasing the conservation land tax credit (printed as Senate, No. 2083).

Conservation land tax credit.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to establish a vendors' collection allowance (printed as Senate, No. 2095).

Vendors' collection allowance.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Orders of the Day.

The Senate amendment of the House Bill relative to parking enforcement in the city of Cambridge (House, No. 4231), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was adopted in concurrence.

Cambridge,— parking enforcement.

The House Bill designating April 5 as Okur-Chung Neurodevelopmental Syndrome Awareness Day (House, No. 3366), 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.

Third reading bill.

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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 five 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.