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Thursday, July 9, 2026.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Donato of Medford 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.

Resignation of Representative Elliott of Lowell.

The following communication was read; and spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

The Honorable Timothy Carroll, House Clerk
24 Beacon Street
Room 145
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Mr. Clerk,

Please accept this letter as my formal resignation from my position as a Member of the House of Representatives, effective August 1, 2026.

Thank you for your service and assistance during my time in the House.

Resignation of
Representative
Rodney M.
Elliott of
Lowell.

Respectfully,
Rodney Elliott
State Representative
16th Middlesex District

Appointment of the Speaker.

The Speaker announced that (under the provisions of Section 35000 of Chapter 10 of the General Laws) he had appointed Representative Domb of Amherst to the Opioid Recovery and Remediation Fund advisory council regarding the expenditures from the fund.

Opioid
Recovery and
Remediation
Fund.

Orders.

The following orders were referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules: Order (filed by Representatives Lawn of Watertown and Kilcoyne of Clinton) relative to extending until Friday, July 31, 2026 the time within which the committee

Health Care
Financing,—
extension

on Health Care Financing is authorized to report on current House documents (House, No. 5572).

of time for reporting.

Order (filed by Representatives Lawn of Watertown and Kilcoyne of Clinton) relative to extending until Thursday, December 31, 2026 the time within which the committee on Health Care Financing is authorized to report on current House documents (House, No. 5573).

Id.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported that the orders ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington, the orders were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Communications.

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From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see Section 2YYYY of Chapter 29 of the General Laws) submitting a quarterly report on expenditures transferred, credited, or deposited into the Substance Use Disorder Federal Reinvestment Trust Fund (SUD Trust Fund);

Substance use disorder trust fund.

From the State Retiree Benefits Trust (“HST”) Board (see Section 24(f) of Chapter 32A of the General Laws) submitting the approved budget for said board for fiscal year 2027; and

State Retiree Benefits Trust.

From the Department of Public Health (see item 4590-0915 of Section 2 of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting a monthly report through April, 2026 on the status of the Pappas Rehabilitation Hospital for Children;

Pappas Rehabilitation Hospital.

Severally were placed on file.

Monthly Report.

A monthly report of the Department of Revenue (under Section 5(e) of Chapter 62F of the General Laws) on year-to-date net state tax revenue for May, 2026, was placed on file.

Net state tax revenue report.

Reports of a Committee.

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:

Authorizing the town of Wakefield to establish a means tested senior citizen property tax exemption (House, No. 5418) [Local Approval Received];

Wakefield,— property taxes.

Modernizing financial departments in the city of Holyoke (House, No. 5448) [Local Approval Received];

Holyoke,— departments.

Relative to amending the Traffic Commission in the city of Westfield (House, No. 5449) [Local Approval Received];

Westfield,— commission.

Authorizing the transfer of certain parcels of land in the town of Weston from the Weston conservation commission to the select board (House, No. 5467) [Local Approval Received];

Weston,— land.

Authorizing the town of Southborough to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 5546) [Local Approval Received];

Southborough,— liquor license.

Authorizing the town of Weston to grant an additional license for sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 5548) [Local Approval Received];

Weston,— liquor license.

UNCORRECTED PROOF.

Establishing a sick leave bank for Edward Gillen (House, No. 5528); and
Establishing a sick leave bank for Andrew Bartlett, an employee of the
department of public health (House, No. 5543).

Edward Gillen.
Andrew Bartlett,—
sick leave.

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

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 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.