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Thursday, July 16, 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.

Message from the Governor.

A message from Her Excellency the Governor submitting requests for making appropriations for the fiscal year 2027 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (House, No. 5586), was filed in the office of the Clerk on Wednesday, July 15.

Supplemental
appropriations.

The message was read; and it was referred, under Rule 30, with the accompanying draft of a bill, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative McKenna of Sutton and Senator Fattman, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5583) of Joseph D. McKenna and Ryan C. Fattman (by vote of the town) that the town of Webster be authorized to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises in said town. To the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Webster,—
liquor
license.

Representative Cruz of Salem and Senator Lovely, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5584) of Manny Cruz (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Salem be authorized to use ranked choice voting for local elections in said city. To the committee on Election Laws.

Salem,—
ranked
choice
voting.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Paper from the Senate.

The House Bill relative to energy affordability, clean power and economic competitiveness (House, No. 5175, amended), came from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with amendments striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 3166; and striking out the title and inserting in place thereof the following title: "An Act to save people money, repair the climate and grow the economy.".

Energy.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Cusack of Braintree, the amendments were considered forthwith. The House then non-concurred with the Senate in its amendments; and, on motion of the same member, asked for a committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches. Representatives Cusack

Committee of
conference.

of Braintree, Michlewitz of Boston and Jones of North Reading were appointed the committee on the part of the House. Sent to the Senate to be joined.

Subsequently notice was received from the Senate that said branch had insisted on its amendments, concurred with the House in the appointment of a committee of conference; and that Senators Barrett, Creem and Tarr had been joined as the committee on the part of the Senate.

Id.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Financial Services, on House, No. 5477, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Financial Services to make an investigation and study of a certain House document relative to expanding the treatment of cleft palate and cleft lip (House, No. 5580). Referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Cleft palate and lip treatment,—study.

Subsequently, Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committees, reported asking to be discharged from further consideration of the order; and recommending that the same be referred to the House committee on Rules.

Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted.

By Mr. Chan of Quincy, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, on House, No. 5130, a Bill authorizing the town of East Bridgewater to grant up to four additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 5582) [Local Approval Received]. Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

East Bridgewater,—liquor licenses.

By Mr. Madaro of Boston, for the committee on the Revenue, ought NOT to pass, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2026) of Jason M. Lewis for legislation relative to excessive executive compensation.

Executive compensation.

By the same member, for the same committee, ought NOT to pass, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2033) of Jason M. Lewis, Liz Miranda, Paul W. Mark, Carmine Lawrence Gentile and other members of the General Court for legislation to close corporate tax loopholes and create progressive revenue.

Corporate tax loopholes.

By the same member, for the same committee, ought NOT to pass, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2076) of Bruce E. Tarr for legislation relative to tax credits for employee recruitment and retention.

Employee recruitment,—tax credits.

By the same member, for the same committee, ought NOT to pass, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2079) of Bruce E. Tarr for legislation to establish a commuter tax credit.

Commuters,—tax credit.

By the same member, for the same committee, ought NOT to pass, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2089) of Bruce E. Tarr for legislation relative to first-time home buyers savings accounts.

First-time home buyers.

Severally referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Orders of the Day.

The House Bill designating the Hyannis Transportation Center in the town of Hyannis as the Thomas S. Cahir Cape Cod Transportation Center (House, No. 5430),

Third reading bill.

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.

The House Bill to amend the operations of the city of Boston Finance Commission to establish the Boston Inspector General Oversight Commission (House, No. 4924), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Boston,—
inspector
general.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Walsh of Peabody moved to amend it by substitution of a bill with the same title (House, No. 5585), which was read.

The amendment was adopted; and the substituted bill was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Recess.

At five 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 eleven minutes before twelve o'clock noon, the House was called to order with Mr. Donato in the Chair.

Recess.

Engrossed Bill.

The engrossed Bill relative to toxic-free medical devices (see Senate, No. 3106, amended) (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.

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 ten 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.