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Thursday, August 7, 2025.

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

Silent Tribute.

During the session (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), at the request of Speaker Mariano of Quincy, Representatives Murphy of Weymouth and Rogers of Norwood, the members, guests, and staff stood in a moment of silent tribute for Jacqueline “Jackie” Haley, beloved wife of former Representative Paul Haley of Weymouth.

Jacqueline
“Jackie”
Haley.

Jackie was a dedicated public servant, serving as both an attorney and a former teacher at Weymouth High School. She was admired for her intelligence, compassion, and lifelong commitment to education.

Jackie’s impact on her students, clients, and community was profound. She leaves behind a legacy of service, kindness, and devotion to others.

Orders.

The following orders were referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules: Order (filed by Mr. Chan of Quincy) relative to extending until Wednesday, March 18, 2026 the time within which the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure is authorized to report on current a House document (House, No. 4393).

Extensions of
time for
committees to
make reports.

Order (filed by Mr. Day of Stoneham) relative to extending until Wednesday, December 3, 2025 the time within which the committee on the Judiciary is authorized to report on current House documents (House, No. 4376).

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

Communications.

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From the Department of Public Utilities (see Section 1G of Chapter 164 of the General Laws) submitting its self-generation report for calendar year 2024;

Self-
generation.

From the Executive Office for Administration and Finance and the Executive Office for Housing and Livable Communities (see item 1599-0514 of Section 2 of Chapter 77 of the Acts of 2023 and Section 19 of Chapter 88 of the Acts of 2024)

Emergency
housing
assistance.

submitting the July 24, 2025 biweekly report on the emergency housing assistance program;

From the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities (see item 7004-9316 of Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting its Residential Assistance for Families in Transition (RAFT) fourth quarterly report for fiscal year 2024;

Residential assistance,—families in transition.

From the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (see item 1595-6232 of Section 2E of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center (MassCEC) Investment Fund fiscal year 2025 report;

Clean Energy Center.

From the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (see Section 77 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting the Office of Food and Nutrition Programs School Meal Nutrition Standards Commission report;

School meal nutrition.

From the Insurance Fraud Bureau (see Section 1(k) of Chapter 338 of the Acts of 1990, as most recently amended by Section 5 of Chapter 279 of the Acts of 2002) submitting its IFB January 2025 semi-annual e-focus Fraud report [copies of said report were forwarded to the committees on Financial Services and Labor and Workforce Development]; and

Insurance Fraud Bureau.

From the Insurance Fraud Bureau (see Section 1(k) of Chapter 338 of the Acts of 1990, as most recently amended by Section 5 of Chapter 279 of the Acts of 2002) submitting its 2024 IFB annual report [copies of said report were forwarded to the committees on Financial Services and Labor and Workforce Development];

Id.

Severally were placed on file.

Annual and Other Reports.

Annual reports

Of the Disabled Persons Protection Commission (under Section 15(f) of Chapter 19C of the General Laws) submitting its annual report for fiscal year 2025; and

Disabled persons.

Of the Executive Office of Economic Development (under Section 14A(d) of Chapter 94G of the General Laws) submitting the Cannabis Social Equity Trust Fund annual report for fiscal year 2025; and

Cannabis Social Equity Trust Fund.

A report of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (under Section 25 of Chapter 197 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the Massachusetts Transitions from Acute Care to Post-Acute Care (TACPAC) Task Force report;

Care transitions.

Severally were placed on file.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Giannino of Revere, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4377) of Jessica Ann Giannino (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Revere be authorized to forego the preliminary election in 2025. To the committee on Election Laws.

Revere,—preliminary election.

By Representative Moakley of Falmouth and Senator Cyr, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4378) of Thomas W. Moakley (by vote of the town) relative to the affordable housing trust fund of the town of West Tisbury. To the committee on Housing.

West Tisbury,—housing trust fund.

By Representative Blais of Deerfield and Senator Comerford, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4379) of Natalie M. Blais and Joanne M.

Greenfield,—charter.

Comerford (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to authorize the city of Greenfield to amend its charter;

By Representative Finn of West Springfield and Senator Velis, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4380) of Michael J. Finn and Nicholas A. Boldyga (with the approval of the town council) that the city known as the town of Agawam be authorized to strike the reference to the board of appeals in the city charter;

Agawam,—
board of
appeals.

By Representative Rogers of Norwood, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4381) of John H. Rogers (by vote of the town) for legislation to further regulate the term of the town moderator in the town of Norwood;

Norwood,—
town
moderator.

By Representative Vaughn of Wrentham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4382) of Marcus S. Vaughn (by vote of the town) that the town of Plainville be authorized to appoint a finance committee;

Plainville,—
finance
committee.

By the same member, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4383) of Marcus S. Vaughn (by vote of the town) that the town of Plainville be authorized to temporarily appoint alternate or associate members to certain town boards;

Plainville,—
board
members.

By the same member, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4384) of Marcus S. Vaughn (by vote of the town) that the town of Plainville be authorized to change the town administrator title to town manager;

Plainville,—
town
manager.

By the same member, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4385) of Marcus S. Vaughn (by vote of the town) relative to the select board of the town of Plainville; and

Plainville,—
select
board.

By the same member, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4386) of Marcus S. Vaughn (by vote of the town) relative to the budget process of the town of Plainville.

Plainville,—
budget.

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

By Representative Davis of Great Barrington and Senator Mark, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4387) of Leigh Davis (by vote of the town) that the town of Monterey be authorized to continue the employment of police officer Jennifer O. Brown, notwithstanding the maximum age requirement;

Monterey,—
Jennifer
Brown.

By Representative Holmes of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4388) of Russell E. Holmes (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to authorize Angela C. Depina to take the civil service examination for the position of police officer in the city of Boston notwithstanding the maximum age requirement;

Boston,—
Angela
Depina.

By Representative John Francis Moran of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4389) of John Francis Moran (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to authorize Angel G. Rivera to take the civil service examination for the position of police officer in the city of Boston notwithstanding the maximum age requirement;

Boston,—
Angel
Rivera.

By Representative Vargas of Haverhill, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4390) of Andres X. Vargas (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to authorize Nick Santos to take the civil service examination for the position of police officer in the city of Haverhill notwithstanding the maximum age requirement; and

Haverhill,—
Nick Santos.

By Representative Worrell of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4391) of Christopher J. Worrell (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to authorize Alex J. Rodriguez to take the civil service examination for the position of police officer in the city of Boston notwithstanding the maximum age requirement.

Boston,—
Alex
Rodriguez.

Severally to the committee on Public Service.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Berthiaume of Spencer and Senator Durant, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr., for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Kathleen Rodrigue, an employees of the Chief Medical Examiner's office.

Kathleen Rodrigue,—
sick leave.

By Representative Berthiaume of Spencer, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr., relative to the cap on work hours for retirees, and retirees with disabilities.

Retiree work
hours cap.

By Representative Davis of Great Barrington and Senator Mark, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Leigh Davis relative to the purchase or lease of a certain property known as Fenn Farm.

Fenn Farm.

By Representative Howard of Lowell, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Vanna Howard relative to breast cancer equity and early detection healthcare coverage.

Breast cancer
equity.

By Representative Kilcoyne of Clinton, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Meghan K. Kilcoyne relative to the condominium owners' rights.

Condominium
owner rights.

By Representative Kushmerek of Fitchburg and Senator Cronin, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Michael P. Kushmerek relative to Hispanic-serving institutions in higher education.

Hispanic-
serving
institutions.

By Representative Sena of Acton, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Danillo A. Sena for legislation to further regulate jurisdictional authority of out of state National Guard units.

National Guard
authority.

By Representative Stanley of Waltham, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Thomas M. Stanley relative to Medicare coverage of end-stage renal disease.

Renal disease.

Severally, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Papers from the Senate.

Petitions severally were referred, in concurrence, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, as follows:

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2583) of Nick Collins and Russell E. Holmes for legislation to direct the department of state police to waive the maximum age requirement for Jonathan Lewis; and

Jonathan
Lewis,—
State Police.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2584) of Patrick M. O'Connor for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Irene O'Rourke, employee of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services;

Irene
O'Rourke,—
sick leave.

Severally to the committee on Public Service.

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 petition of Mark J. Cusack for legislation to authorize automated curb enforcement and improving parking violation procedures. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended; and petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Transportation. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Parking
enforcement.

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 clarifying the self-storage law for consumers (House, No. 340);
 Relative to local option for associate members of planning boards (House, No. 2300);
 Relative to special education reserve funds (House, No. 2303);
 Relative to a regional school assessment reserve fund (House, No. 2304);
 Relative to the Regional Commissions on the Status of Women (House, No. 2313);
 Relative to municipal publication of zoning by-law procedures (House, No. 2315);
 Establishing a sick leave bank for Carlos Borges (House, No. 4322);
 Establishing a sick leave bank for Alexandra Schwartz, an employee of the Massachusetts Department of State Police (House, No. 4323);
 Establishing a sick leave bank for Stephanie Bramante Miller, an employee of the Massachusetts Appellate Tax Board (House, No. 4324);
 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.

Self-storage.
 Planning boards.
 Reserve funds.
 Id.
 Status of women.
 Zoning by-laws.
 Carlos Borges.
 Alexandra Schwartz.
 Stephanie Bramante Miller.

By Ms. Blais of Deerfield, for the committee on Agriculture and Fisheries, asking to be discharged from further consideration

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 108) of James C. Arena-DeRosa relative to the use and protection of pollinators by further regulating the spraying, release, deposit or application of a neonicotinoid on certain agricultural land; and

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 124) of Carmine Lawrence Gentile, Mary S. Keefe and others relative to pesticide products eligible for use on the outdoor grounds of schools, child care centers or school age child care programs;

And recommending that the same severally be referred to the committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

By Mr. Chan of Quincy, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, asking to be discharged from further consideration

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 359) of Marjorie C. Decker for legislation to assure coverage and reimbursement for covered health care services and to establish a community health worker workforce development task force (including members of the General Court) to provide health equity; and

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 462) of Lindsay N. Sabadosa relative to establishing senior psychologist licensure;

And recommending that the same severally be referred to the committee on Public Health.

By Ms. Decker of Cambridge, for the committee on Public Health, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2454) of Daniel J. Hunt, Jacob R. Oliveira and Colleen M. Garry relative to establishing a penalty for the sale, preparation, manufacturing, or distribution of kratom products that are contaminated with dangerous non-kratom substances,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3375) of Michael P. Kushmerek, Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr., and Aaron L. Saunders relative to apprenticeship programs for career

Pollinators.
 Pesticide products.
 Community health worker task force.
 Psychologist licensure.
 Kratom.
 Apprenticeship programs.

paths in construction,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Labor and Workforce Development.

Under Rule 42, the reports severally were considered forthwith; and they were accepted. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Chan of Quincy, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, on House, No. 324, a Bill relative to advancing the profession of commercial interior design (House, No. 4354).

Commercial interior design.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 344, a Bill relative to the responsible sale of alcoholic beverages (House, No. 4355).

Alcoholic beverage sales.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 352, a Bill relative to modernizing the pathway to becoming a certified public accountant (House, No. 4356).

CPA,— pathway.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 384, a Bill relative to toxic free kids (House, No. 4357).

Toxic free kids.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1278, a Bill relative to wheelchair repair requirements and consumer protection (House, No. 4358).

Wheelchair repairs.

By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Education, on a petition, a Bill concerning athletic activities of students with disabilities (House, No. 602).

Students,— athletics.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill expanding student access to the state seal of biliteracy (House, No. 629).

Biliteracy,— state seal.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to affirming and maintaining equal access to public education for all children (House, No. 650).

Public education,— access.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 533, a Bill to expand the use of career and academic plans (House, No. 4366).

Career and academic plans.

By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to grant easements in certain parcels of land to the city of Lowell (House, No. 4183).

Lowell,— land.

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

By Mr. Chan of Quincy, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, on House, No. 4169, a Bill authorizing the town of Milford to convert a license for the sale of wine and malt beverages into a license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be consumed on the premises (House, No. 4359) [Local Approval Received.].

Milford,— liquor license.

By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Education, on a petition, a Bill relative to supporting student participation in 4-H programs (House, No. 713).

4-H programs.

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

Orders of the Day.

The House Bill relative to the position of treasurer-collector in the town of Berkley (House, No. 2320), 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.

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 after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Orrall of Lakeville (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.