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Wednesday, October 28, 2026.

Met according to adjournment at a quarter before twelve o'clock noon, 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.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

Resolutions (filed by Representative Bowen of Beverly) congratulating Carina Gangi on her elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout of Scouting America; and

Carina
Gangi.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Bowen of Beverly) congratulating Sonia Gangi on her elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout of Scouting America;

Sonia
Gangi.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported, in each instance, that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Ms. Badger of Plymouth, 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 Massachusetts Gaming Commission (see Section 69 of Chapter 23K of the General Laws) submitting its gaming revenue reports and associated sports wagering revenue report through September, 2026;

Gaming and
sports wagering
revenue.

From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see item 5042-5000 of Section 2 of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting the Department of Mental Health's Program for Assertive Community Treatment for Youth (PACT-Y) annual report for fiscal year 2026;

Assertive
community
treatment.

From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see item 5042-5000 of Section 2 of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting the Department of Mental Health's Program for Assertive Community Treatment for Youth (PACT-Y) annual report for fiscal year 2025; and

Id.

From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see item 5046-0000 of Section 2 of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting the Department of Mental Health's police-based Jail and Arrest Diversion Initiatives for fiscal year 2025;

Jail and arrest
diversion
initiatives.

Severally were placed on file.

Annual Report.

A report of the Department of Unemployment Assistance (under Section 14F of Chapter 151A of the General Laws) submitting the October Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund Annual Outlook Report containing updated projections for estimated contributions, benefit payments, and Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund balances for the five-year Outlook Period beginning January 1, 2027 and ending December 31, 2031, was placed on file.

Unemployment
Insurance
Trust Fund.

Petition.

Representative Donaghue of Westborough and Senator Eldridge presented a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5711) of Kate Donaghue and James B. Eldridge (by vote of the select board) that the town of Southborough be authorized to appoint a town clerk; and the same was referred to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Southborough,—
town clerk.

Engrossed Bills.

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Authorizing the town of Westford to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (see House, No. 5345); and Amending the town charter for the town of Plymouth (see House, No. 5497); (Which severally originated in the House); Severally having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, were passed to be enacted; and they were signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bills
enacted.

*Joint Session of the Two Houses to Consider
Specific Legislative Amendments to the Constitution.*

At sixteen minutes past twelve o'clock noon, the two branches met in

JOINT SESSION

and were called to order by the Honorable Nick Collins.

The Chair (Mr. Collins), members, guests and staff then recited the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Without further action on the matters duly and constitutionally assigned for consideration, at seventeen minutes past twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Ms. Lovely of Essex, the convention of the two branches was dissolved; and the Senate withdrew from the Joint Session, under the escort of the Sergeant-at-Arms.

Joint Session.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet tomorrow at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next
sitting.

At twenty minutes after twelve o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Jones of North Reading (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following day at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.