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Monday, January 5, 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.

Communications.

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From the Department of Energy Resources (see Section 19 of Chapter 25A of the General Laws) submitting its report entitled 'Massachusetts Offers Rebates for Electric Vehicles (MOR-EV) Program' for calendar year 2024;

Electric vehicle rebates.

From the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (see Section 131Q of Chapter 140 of the General Laws) submitting the Crime Gun annual report of the Department of the Massachusetts State Police for calendar year 2023; and

Crime guns.

From the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (see Section 5 of Chapter 276B of the General Laws) submitting its fiscal year 2024 annual report for the Restorative Justice Advisory Committee;

Restorative justice.

Severally were placed on file.

Monthly Reports.

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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 November, 2025; and

Net state tax revenue.

Of the Executive Office of the Trial Court (under Section 15(c) of Chapter 239 of the General Laws, as amended by Section 64 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting its report on filings, actions, and dispositions of summary process cases relative to permanent rental protections;

Permanent rental protections.

Severally were placed on file.

Petition.

Representative Peisch of Wellesley presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Alice Hanlon Peisch relative to the Massachusetts Uniform Commercial Code; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Uniform Commercial Code.

Papers from the Senate.

The House Bill authorizing the commissioner of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to convey a certain parcel of land in the town of Wellesley (House, No.

Wellesley,—land.

4363), came from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document 2724. The amendment was referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

A Bill authorizing the appointment of retired police officers as special police officers in the town of Plainville (Senate, No. 1898) (on a petition) [Local Approval Received], passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Plainville,—
police
officers.

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 following petitions:

Joint petition (accompanied by bill) of John Barrett, III and Lindsay N. Sabadosa relative to the sale of nitrous oxide. To the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Nitrous oxide,—
sale.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Jim Durkin for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for William Blalock, an employee of the Suffolk County Sheriff's Office. To the committee on Public Service.

William
Blalock,—
sick leave.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Moakley of Falmouth, the reports were considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended, in each instance. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, asking to be discharged from further consideration:

Of the Bill establishing a special commission on retirement credit purchases (House, No. 27);

Retirement
credits.

Of the Bill to establish a Massachusetts children's cabinet (House, No. 3302);

Children's cabinet.

Of the Bill relative to the Massachusetts Poland Trade Commission (House, No. 3376); and

Commission,—
Poland trade.

Of the Resolve establishing a commission on infrastructure resilience (House, No. 3437);

Commission,—
infrastructure.

And recommending that the same severally be referred to the House committee on Rules.

Under Rule 42, the reports severally were considered forthwith; and they were accepted.

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:

Protecting an employee's right to rebuttal of personnel records (House, No. 2112);

Personnel
records.

Directing the city of Boston Police Department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Chris Glaropoulos (House, No. 4092) [Local Approval Received];

Boston,—
Chris
Glaropoulos.

Directing the city of Boston police department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Jason DeLeon (House, No. 4142) [Local Approval Received]; and

Boston,—
Jason
DeLeon.

Establishing Lobular Breast Cancer Awareness Day (House, No. 4625);

Breast cancer.

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

By Ms. Decker of Cambridge, for the committee on Public Health, on House, No. 2410, a Bill to improve oral health for all Massachusetts residents (House, No. 4869).

Oral health.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 2450, a Bill to protect Massachusetts public health from PFAS (House, No. 4870).

PFAS.

Severally referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

By Ms. Decker of Cambridge, for the committee on Public Health, on a petition, a Bill establishing an advisory committee on the accessibility of fresh food retail in communities throughout the Commonwealth (House, No. 2516). Read; and referred under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Fresh food retail.

By Ms. Decker of Cambridge, for the committee on Public Health, on a petition, a Bill concerning disposable menstrual products in schools (House, No. 684).

Menstrual products.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the promotion of food donation (House, No. 2455).

Food donation.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to newborn screenings for congenital cytomegalovirus (House, No. 4367).

Cytomegalovirus.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House Nos. 2362 and 2401, a Bill relative to chaperones for medical exams (House, No. 4868) [Representative Thurber of Somerset dissenting].

Medical exams,—
chaperone.

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

By Mr. Lewis of Framingham, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a petition, a Bill relative to the charter of the town of Westborough (House, No. 4751) [Local Approval Received].

Westborough,—
charter.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill permitting the city of Revere to establish penalties and liens for rooming house & certificates of fitness ordinance violations (House, No. 4752) [Local Approval Received].

Revere,—
charter.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to the charter of the town of Westwood (House, No. 4753) [Local Approval Received].

Westwood,—
charter.

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

Engrossed Bills.

The engrossed Bill authorizing the town of Scituate to issue 4 additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (see House, No. 4657, amended) (which originated in the House), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be enacted (more than two-thirds of the members having agreed to pass the same); and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill enacted.

The engrossed Bill amending the charter of the town of Acushnet (see House, No. 2341) (which originated in the House), 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.

Id.

Orders of the Day.

The House Bill authorizing the select board of the town of Hull to establish a schedule of fines for parking violations (House, No. 4247), 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.

The House Bill relative to the charter of the city known as the town of Randolph (House, No. 4400), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Randolph,—charter.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Walsh of Peabody moved to amend it by substitution of a Bill amending the charter of the city known as the town of Randolph regarding compensation of town council and school committee members and meetings of multiple-member bodies (House, No. 4891), which was read.

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

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.

[Under the provisions of Article X of the Amendments to the Constitution, the 2025 session of the General Court was dissolved on the day next preceding the first Wednesday of January, without any proclamation or other act of Her Excellency the Governor.]

ATTEST:

TIMOTHY CARROLL,
Clerk.

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LIST OF PERSONS ELECTED TO SERVE AS
MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
DURING THE YEARS 2025 — 2026.

D — Democrat. R — Republican. U — Unenrolled.

BARNSTABLE COUNTY.

**District 1 — Christopher Richard Flanagan (D) of Dennis —Brewster; Dennis; Yarmouth:
Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8.**

**District 2 — Kip A. Diggs (D) of Barnstable — Barnstable: Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9,
13; Yarmouth: Precincts 5, 6, 8A.**

**District 3 — David T. Vieira (R) of Falmouth — Bourne: Precincts 4, 5, 6; Falmouth:
Precincts 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9; Mashpee.**

**District 4 — Hadley Luddy (D) of Orleans— Chatham; Eastham; Harwich; Orleans;
Provincetown; Truro; Wellfleet.**

**District 5 — Steven George Xiarhos (R) of Barnstable — Barnstable: Precincts 10, 11, 12;
Bourne: Precincts 1, 2, 3, 5A, 7; Sandwich.**

BARNSTABLE, DUKES AND NANTUCKET COUNTIES.

**Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket — Thomas W. Moakley (D) of Falmouth — Falmouth:
*Precincts 1, 2, 6 (Barnstable Co.); Aquinnah (Dukes Co.); Chilmark (Dukes Co.); Edgartown
(Dukes Co.); Gosnold (Dukes Co.); Oak Bluffs (Dukes Co.); Tisbury (Dukes Co.); West Tisbury
(Dukes Co.); Nantucket (Nantucket Co.).***

BERKSHIRE COUNTY.

**District 1 — John Barrett, III (D) of North Adams — Adams; Cheshire; Clarksburg; Florida;
Hancock; Hinsdale; Lanesborough; New Ashford; North Adams; Peru; Savoy; Williamstown;
Windsor.**

District 2 — Tricia Farley-Bouvier (D) of Pittsfield — Pittsfield.

**District 3 — Leigh Davis (D) of Great Barrington — Alford; Becket; Dalton; Egremont; Great
Barrington; Lee; Lenox; Monterey; Mount Washington; New Marlborough; Otis; Richmond;
Sandisfield; Sheffield; Stockbridge; Tyringham; Washington; West Stockbridge.**

BRISTOL COUNTY.

**District 1 — Michael S. Chaisson (R) of Foxborough— Mansfield: *Precincts 2, 3, 6, 7; Norton:
Precincts 3, 4, 5; Foxborough (Norfolk Co.).***

**District 2 — James K. Hawkins (D) of Attleboro — Attleboro: *Wards 1, 2, Ward 3: Precinct A,
Wards 4, 5, 6.***

**District 3 — Carol A. Doherty (D) of Taunton ¹ —
Lisa M. Field (D) of Taunton ² — Easton: *Precinct 4A, 5, 6; Taunton: Ward 1:
Precincts A, B, Wards 2, 5, 7, 8.***

¹ Died February 15, 2025.

² Elected June 10, 2025; qualified July 16, 2025.

District 4 — Steven S. Howitt (R) of Seekonk — Norton: *Precincts 1, 2*; Rehoboth; Seekonk; Swansea: *Precincts 4, 5*.

District 5 — Justin Thurber (R) of Somerset — Dighton; Somerset; Swansea: *Precincts 1, 2, 3*; Taunton: *Ward 1: Precinct A1, Ward 4: Precinct B1, Ward 6*.

District 6 — Carole A. Fiola (D) of Fall River — Fall River: *Ward 5: Precincts B, C, Ward 6: Precinct C, Wards 7, 8, 9*; Freetown: *Precinct 1*.

District 7 — Alan Silvia (D) of Fall River — Fall River: *Ward 1: Precincts B, C, Wards 2, 3, 4, Ward 5: Precinct A*.

District 8 — Steven J. Ouellette (D) of Westport — Achushnet: *Precincts 2, 3*; Fall River: *Ward 1: Precinct A, Ward 6: Precincts A, B*; Freetown: *Precincts 2, 3*; New Bedford: *Ward 1: Precincts B1, C*; Westport.

District 9 — Christopher M. Markey (D) of Dartmouth — Dartmouth; New Bedford: *Ward 1: Precincts D, E, F*.

District 10 — Mark D. Sylvia (D) of Fairhaven — Achushnet: *Precincts 1, 2A*; Fairhaven; New Bedford: *Ward 1: Precincts A, B, C1*; Marion (*Plymouth Co.*); Mattapoissett (*Plymouth Co.*); Rochester (*Plymouth Co.*).

District 11 — Christopher Hendricks (D) of New Bedford — New Bedford: *Ward 1: Precinct A1, Ward 2, Ward 3: Precincts A, B, C, D, F1, Ward 4: Precincts A1, B, C, D, F*.

District 12 — Norman J. Orrall (R) of Lakeville — Berkley; Taunton: *Wards 3, 4*; Lakeville (*Plymouth Co.*); Middleborough: *Precincts 2, 4, 5, 7 (Plymouth Co.)*.

District 13 — Antonio F. D. Cabral (D) of New Bedford — New Bedford: *Ward 3: Precincts E, F, Ward 4: Precincts A, E, Wards 5, 6*.

District 14 — Adam J. Scanlon (D) of North Attleborough — Attleboro: *Ward 3: Precinct B*; Mansfield: *Precincts 1, 2A, 5*; North Attleborough.

ESSEX COUNTY.

District 1 — Dawne Shand (D) of Newburyport — Amesbury: *Precincts 2, 3, 4, 5*; Merrimac; Newburyport; Salisbury.

District 2 — Kristin E. Kassner (D) of Hamilton — Georgetown; Hamilton; Ipswich; Newbury; Rowley; Topsfield: *Precinct 1*.

District 3 — Andres X. Vargas (D) of Haverhill — Haverhill: *Ward 1, Ward 2: Precinct 3, Ward 3, Ward 4, Ward 5: Precinct 3A, Ward 6, Ward 7: Precinct 3*.

District 4 — Estela A. Reyes (D) of Lawrence — Lawrence: *Ward A: Precincts 1, 2, Ward B*; Methuen: *Precincts 1, 2, 4, 6A, 13, 14, 15*.

District 5 — Ann-Margaret Ferrante (D) of Gloucester ³ — Essex; Gloucester; Manchester-by-the-Sea; Rockport.

District 6 — Jerald A. Parisella (D) of Beverly ⁴
Hannah L. Bowen (D) of Beverly — Beverly; Wenham: *Precinct 1*.⁵

District 7 — Manny Cruz (D) of Salem — Salem.

³ Died November 27, 2025.

⁴ Declined to accept office.

⁵ Elected May 13, 2025; qualified May 21, 2025.

District 8 — Jennifer Balinsky Armini (D) of Marblehead — Lynn: *Ward 3: Precinct 4, Ward 4: Precincts 3A, 4*; Marblehead; Swampscott.

District 9 — Donald H. Wong (R) of Saugus — Lynn: *Ward 1: Precincts 1, 2*; Saugus: *Precincts 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9*; Wakefield: *Precincts 1, 2, 3, 7 (Middlesex Co.)*.

District 10 — Daniel Cahill (D) of Lynn — Lynn: *Ward 1: Precincts 2A, 3, 4, Ward 2, Ward 3: Precincts 1, 2, 3, Ward 4: Precincts 1, 2, Ward 5: Precinct 3*.

District 11 — Sean Reid (D) of Lynn — Lynn: *Ward 4: Precinct 3, Ward 5: Precincts 1, 2, 4, Wards 6, 7*; Nahant.

District 12 — Thomas P. Walsh (D) of Peabody — Peabody: *Wards 1, 2, 3, 4, 5*.

District 13 — Sally P. Kerans (D) of Danvers — Danvers; Middleton: *Precinct 2*; Peabody: *Ward 6*; Topsfield: *Precinct 2*; Wenham: *Precinct 1A*.

District 14 — Adrienne Pusateri Ramos (D) of North Andover — Amesbury: *Precincts 1, 6*; Boxford: *Precincts 2, 3*; Groveland; North Andover: *Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6*; West Newbury.

District 15 — Ryan M. Hamilton (D) of Methuen — Haverhill: *Ward 2: Precincts 1, 2, Ward 5: Precincts 1, 1A, 2, 3, Ward 7: Precincts 1, 2, 2A, 3A*; Methuen: *Precincts 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12*.

District 16 — Francisco E. Paulino (D) of Methuen — Lawrence: *Ward A: Precincts 2A, 3, 4, Ward E: Precincts 1A, 2, 3, 4, Ward F*; Methuen: *Precincts 3, 7, 13A*.

District 17 — Frank A. Moran (D) of Lawrence — Andover: *Precincts 2, 3, 4*; Lawrence: *Ward C, Ward D, Ward E: Precinct 1*.

District 18 — Tram T. Nguyen (D) of Andover — Andover: *Precincts 1, 4A, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10*; Boxford: *Precinct 1*; North Andover: *Precincts 7, 8*; Tewksbury: *Precincts 3, 5A, 7 (Middlesex County)*.

FRANKLIN COUNTY.

District 1 — Natalie M. Blais (D) of Deerfield — Ashfield; Bernardston; Buckland; Charlemont; Colrain; Conway; Deerfield; Greenfield: *Precincts 5, 6, 7, 8*; Hawley; Heath; Leverett; Leyden; Monroe; Montague; Rowe; Shelburne; Sunderland; Whately.

District 2 — Susannah M. Whipps (U) of Athol — Erving; Gill; Greenfield: *Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 9*; Northfield; Orange; Warwick; Athol (*Worcester Co.*); Phillipston (*Worcester Co.*); Royalston (*Worcester Co.*); Winchendon: *Precinct 1 (Worcester Co.)*.

HAMPDEN COUNTY.

District 1 — Todd M. Smola (R) of Warren — Brimfield; Holland; Palmer; Wales; Ware: *Precincts B, C (Hampshire Co.)*; Sturbridge (*Worcester Co.*); Warren (*Worcester Co.*).

District 2 — Brian M. Ashe (D) of Longmeadow — East Longmeadow: *Precincts 2, 3, 4, 5*; Hampden; Longmeadow; Monson: *Precincts B, C*; Springfield: *Ward 6: Precincts C, D*.

District 3 — Nicholas A. Boldyga (R) of Southwick — Agawam: *Precincts 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8*; Blanford; Chester; Granville; Montgomery; Russell; Southwick; Tolland; Huntington (*Hampshire Co.*); Middlefield (*Hampshire Co.*).

District 4 — Kelly W. Pease (R) of Westfield — Westfield: *Ward 1, Ward 2: Precincts A, B, Wards 3, 4, 5, Ward 6: Precincts A, B1*; Southampton (*Hampshire Co.*).

District 5 — Patricia A. Duffy (D) of Holyoke — Chicopee: *Ward 3: Precinct A1, B*; Holyoke.

District 6 — Michael J. Finn (D) of West Springfield — Agawam: *Precinct 1*; Chicopee: *Ward 2: Precinct A, Ward 3: Precinct A, Ward 4: Precinct A*; West Springfield; Westfield: *Ward 2: Precinct A1, Ward 6: Precinct B*.

District 7 — Aaron L. Saunders (D) of Belchertown — Ludlow; New Salem (*Franklin Co.*); Shutesbury (*Franklin Co.*); Wendall (*Franklin Co.*); Belchertown (*Hampshire Co.*); Pelham (*Hampshire Co.*); Petersham (*Worcester Co.*).

District 8 — Shirley B. Arriaga (D) of Chicopee — Chicopee: *Ward 1, Ward 2: Precinct B, Ward 4: Precinct B, Wards 5, 6, 7, 8, 9*.

District 9 — Orlando Ramos (D) of Springfield — Springfield: *Ward 1: Precincts C1, D, Ward 2, Ward 5: Precinct C, Ward 8: Precincts A, B, C, D, E, F, G1, H*.

District 10 — Carlos González (D) of Springfield — Springfield: *Ward 1: Precincts A, B, C, D1, E, F, G, H, Ward 3: Precincts B, C, D, E, F, G, H, Ward 6: Precincts A, B, E, F, Ward 7: Precinct A1*.

District 11 — Bud L. Williams (D) of Springfield — Springfield: *Ward 3: Precinct A, Ward 4, Ward 5: Precincts A, B, C1, E, F, H, Ward 6: Precincts D1, G, H, Ward 7: Precincts A, B1, H*.

District 12 — Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr. (D) of Springfield — East Longmeadow: *Precincts 1, 2A, 3A, 4A*; Monson: *Precinct A*; Springfield: *Ward 5: Precincts D, G, Ward 7: Precincts B, C, D, E, F, G, H1, Ward 8: Precincts B1, G*; Wilbraham.

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY.

District 1 — Lindsay N. Sabadosa (D) of Northampton — Chesterfield; Cummington; Goshen; Hatfield; Northampton; Plainfield; Westhampton; Williamsburg; Worthington.

District 2 — Homar Gómez (D) of Easthampton — Easthampton; Granby: *Precinct 2*; Hadley; South Hadley.

District 3 — Mindy Domb (D) of Amherst — Amherst; Granby: *Precincts 1, 2A*.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY.

District 1 — Margaret R. Scarsdale (D) of Pepperell — Ashby; Dunstable; Groton: *Precincts 2, 3*; Pepperell; Townsend; Lunenburg: *Precincts A, B1, C, D (Worcester Co.)*.

District 2 — James Arciero (D) of Westford — Chelmsford: *Precincts 3B, 4, 5A*; Littleton; Westford.

District 3 — Kate Hogan (D) of Stow — Hudson; Maynard; Stow; Bolton (*Worcester Co.*).

District 4 — Danielle W. Gregoire (D) of Marlborough — Framingham: *Precincts 21B, 22, 23*; Marlborough: *Ward 1: Precinct 1A, Ward 2: Precincts 1, 2, Wards 3, 4, 5, 6, Ward 7: Precincts 1, 2*.

District 5 — David Paul Linsky (D) of Natick — Natick; Wayland: *Precincts 2, 3*.

District 6 — Priscila S. Sousa (D) of Framingham — Framingham: *Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9B, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16*.

District 7 — Jack Patrick Lewis (D) of Framingham — Ashland; Framingham: *Precincts 9A, 11A, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21C, 24, 25, 26, 27*.

District 8 — James C. Arena-DeRosa (D) of Holliston — Holliston; Hopkinton; Millis: *Precincts 2, 3*; Sherborn.

District 9 — Thomas M. Stanley (D) of Waltham — Waltham: Ward 1: Precincts 1, 2, Ward 2, Ward 3: Precincts 1, 2, Ward 4: Precinct 1, Ward 5: Precinct 2, Ward 6: Precincts 1, 2A, Ward 7, Ward 8: Precincts 1, 2A.

District 10 — John J. Lawn, Jr. (D) of Watertown — Newton: Ward 1: Precincts 1, 2A, 4, Ward 3: Precincts 1A, 4; Waltham: Ward 1: Precinct 2A, Ward 3: Precinct 2A, Ward 4: Precincts 1A, 2, Ward 5: Precincts 1, 2A, Ward 6: Precinct 2, Ward 8: Precinct 2, Ward 9; Watertown: Precincts 9, 10, 11, 12.

District 11 — Amy Mah Sangiolo (D) of Newton — Newton: Ward 1: Precincts 2, 3, Ward 2, Ward 3: Precincts 1, 2, 3, Ward 4, Ward 7: Precinct 2, 3, 4.

District 12 — Greg Schwartz (D) of Newton — Brookline: Precincts 5, 13A, 14, 15, Newton: Wards 5, 6, Ward 7: Precinct 1, Ward 8.

District 13 — Carmine Lawrence Gentile (D) of Sudbury — Concord: Precincts 3, 4; Lincoln: Precinct 1; Marlborough: Ward 1: Precincts 1, 2, Ward 2: Precinct 2A, Ward 7: Precinct 2A; Sudbury; Wayland: Precincts 1, 4.

District 14 — Simon Cataldo (D) of Concord — Acton: Precincts 1, 2, 6, 7; Carlisle; Chelmsford: Precincts 7, 8, 9, 10, 11; Concord: Precincts 1, 2, 5.

District 15 — Michelle L. Ciccolo (D) of Lexington — Lexington: Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9; Winchester: Precinct 6; Woburn: Ward 1: Precincts 1, 2, Ward 7: Precincts 1, 2.

District 16 — Rodney M. Elliott (D) of Lowell — Chelmsford: Precincts 1, 2, 3A, 5B, 6; Lowell: Ward 1: Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, Ward 2, Ward 4: Precinct 4.

District 17 — Vanna Howard (D) of Lowell — Lowell: Ward 3, Ward 4: Precincts 1, 2, 3A, Ward 5: Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, Ward 6: Precincts 3, 4A, Ward 8: Precinct 4A; Tewksbury: Precinct 1.

District 18 — Tara Hong (D) of Lowell — Lowell: Ward 1: Precinct 1A, Ward 4: Precincts 3, 4A, Ward 5: Precinct 1A, Ward 6: Precincts 1, 2, 3A, 4, Ward 7, Ward 8: Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4.

District 19 — David Allen Robertson (D) of Tewksbury — Tewksbury: Precincts 2, 4, 5, 6, 8; Wilmington.

District 20 — Bradley H. Jones, Jr. (R) of North Reading — North Reading; Reading: Precincts 1, 7, 8; Lynnfield (Essex Co.); Middleton: Precincts 1, 3 (Essex Co.).

District 21 — Kenneth I. Gordon (D) of Bedford — Bedford; Burlington; Lexington: Precinct 6.

District 22 — Marc T. Lombardo (R) of Billerica — Billerica.

District 23 — Sean Garballey (D) of Arlington — Arlington: Precincts 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21; Medford: Ward 3: Precinct 2, Ward 6: Precincts 1, 2.

District 24 — David M. Rogers (D) of Cambridge — Arlington: Precincts 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12; Belmont; Cambridge: Ward 11: Precincts 1, 3.

District 25 — Marjorie C. Decker (D) of Cambridge — Cambridge: Ward 3: Precinct 3A, Ward 4: Precincts 2, 2A, 3, Ward 6: Precincts 2, 3, Wards 7, 8, Ward 10: Precincts 1A, 2.

District 26 — Mike Connolly (D) of Cambridge — Cambridge: Ward 1: Precinct 3, Ward 2: Precincts 1, 2, 3A, Ward 3: Precincts 1, 2, 3, Ward 4: Precinct 1, Ward 5: Precincts 1, 3, Ward 6: Precincts 1, 1A; Somerville: Ward 1: Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, Ward 2: Precinct 1A.

District 27 — Erika Uyterhoeven (D) of Somerville — Somerville: Ward 1: Precinct 4A, Ward 2: Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, Ward 3, Ward 4: Precinct 2A, Ward 5, Ward 6: Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4.

District 28 — Joseph W. McGonagle, Jr. (D) of Everett — Everett: *Ward 1: Precincts 1, 2, 3A, Ward 2: Precincts 2, 3, Wards 3, 4, 5, 6.*

District 29 — Steven Owens (D) of Watertown — Cambridge: *Ward 9, Ward 10: Precinct 1, 3, Ward 11: Precincts 1A, 2, 3A; Watertown: Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8.*

District 30 — Richard M. Haggerty (D) of Woburn — Reading: *Precincts 2, 3, 4, 5, 6; Woburn: Ward 1: Precinct 2A, Wards 2, 3, 4, 5, 6.*

District 31 — Michael S. Day (D) of Stoneham — Stoneham; Winchester; *Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8.*

District 32 — Kate Lipper-Garabedian (D) of Melrose — Malden: *Ward 5: Precincts 2, 3A; Melrose; Wakefield: Precincts 4, 5, 6.*

District 33 — Steven Ultrino (D) of Malden — Malden: *Ward 2, Ward 3: Precincts 1, 2, Ward 4, Ward 5: Precincts 1, 3, Ward 6, Ward 7: Precincts 2, 3, Ward 8.*

District 34 — Christine P. Barber (D) of Somerville — Medford: *Wards 4, 5, Ward 7: Precincts 1, 2A, Ward 8: Precinct 2; Somerville: Ward 4: Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, Ward 6: Precinct 3A, Ward 7.*

District 35 — Paul J. Donato (D) of Medford — Malden: *Ward 1, Ward 3: Precincts 1A, 3, Ward 7: Precincts 1, 3A; Medford: Wards 1, 2, Ward 3: Precinct 1, Ward 6: Precinct 2A, Ward 7: Precinct 2, Ward 8: Precinct 1.*

District 36 — Colleen M. Garry (D) of Dracut — Dracut; Tyngsborough.

District 37 — Danilo A. Sena (D) Acton — Acton: *Precincts 3, 4, 5, 6A; Ayer; Boxborough; Groton: Precinct 1; Shirley; Harvard (Worcester Co.).*

NORFOLK COUNTY.

District 1 — Bruce J. Ayers (D) of Quincy — Quincy: *Ward 3: Precincts 3, 4, 5, Ward 4: Precincts 1, 3, Ward 6; Randolph: Precincts 7, 8, 11, 12.*

District 2 — Tackey Chan (D) of Quincy — Quincy: *Ward 1, Ward 3: Precincts 1, 2, Ward 4: Precincts 2, 4, Ward 5: Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.*

District 3 — Ronald Mariano (D) of Quincy — Holbrook: *Precincts 3, 4; Quincy: Ward 2, Ward 4: Precinct 5, Ward 5: Precinct 1A; Weymouth: Precincts 5, 6, 9, 12, 16.*

District 4 — James M. Murphy (D) of Weymouth — Weymouth: *Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9A, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18.*

District 5 — Mark J. Cusack (D) of Braintree — Braintree; Holbrook: *Precincts 1, 2.*

District 6 — William C. Galvin (D) of Canton — Avon; Canton; Stoughton: *Precincts 1, 2A, 4A, 5, 7, 8.*

District 7 — Richard G. Wells, Jr. (D) of Milton — Milton: *Precincts 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10; Randolph: Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10.*

District 8 — Edward R. Philips (D) of Sharon — Sharon; Stoughton: *Precincts 2, 3, 4, 5A, 6, 7A, 8A; Walpole: Precincts 2A, 3, 4, 5A; Mansfield: Precincts 4, 6A (Bristol Co.).*

District 9 — Marcus S. Vaughn (R) of Wrentham — Medfield: *Precincts 3, 4; Millis: Precinct 1; Norfolk; Plainville; Walpole: Precinct 5; Wrentham.*

District 10 — Jeffrey N. Roy (D) of Franklin — Franklin; Medway: *Precincts 1A, 2, 3, 4.*

District 11 — Paul McMurtry (D) of Dedham — Dedham; Walpole: *Precinct 8*; Westwood.

District 12 — John H. Rogers (D) of Norwood — Norwood; Walpole: *Precincts 1, 2, 6, 7*.

District 13 — Joshua Tarskey (D) of Needham — Dover; Medfield: *Precincts 1, 2*; Needham.

District 14 — Alice Hanlon Peisch (D) of Wellesley — Wellesley; Lincoln: *Precinct 2 (Middlesex Co.)*; Weston (*Middlesex Co.*).

District 15 — Tommy Vitolo (D) of Brookline — Brookline: *Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5A, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 17*.

PLYMOUTH COUNTY.

District 1 — Michelle L. Badger (D) of Plymouth — Plymouth: *Precincts 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18*.

District 2 — John R. Gaskey (R) of Carver — Carver; Middleborough: *Precincts 3, 6, 7A*; Wareham.

District 3 — Joan Meschino (D) of Hull — Hingham; Hull; Cohasset (*Norfolk Co.*).

District 4 — Patrick Joseph Kearney (D) of Scituate — Marshfield: *Precincts 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7*; Norwell: *Precinct 3*; Scituate.

District 5 — David F. DeCoste (R) of Norwell — Hanover; Hanson: *Precinct 1*; Norwell: *Precincts 1, 2*; Rockland.

District 6 — Kenneth P. Swezey (R) of Duxbury — Duxbury; Halifax: *Precinct 2*; Hanson: *Precincts 2, 3*; Marshfield: *Precincts 2A, 4*; Pembroke: *Precincts 1, 2, 3A, 4, 5*.

District 7 — Alyson M. Sullivan-Almeida (R) of Abington — Abington; East Bridgewater: *Precincts 1, 2, 3*; Whitman.

District 8 — Dennis C. Gallagher (D) of Bridgewater — Bridgewater; Raynham (*Bristol Co.*).

District 9 — Bridget Plouffe (D) of Brockton — Brockton: *Ward 1: Precincts B, C, D, Ward 3: Precincts C, D*; East Bridgewater: *Precinct 4*; West Bridgewater; Easton: *Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4B, 7 (Bristol Co.)*.

District 10 — Michelle M. DuBois (D) of Brockton — Brockton: *Wards 4, 5, 6*.

District 11 — Rita A. Mendes (D) of Brockton — Brockton: *Ward 1: Precinct A, Ward 2, Ward 3: Precincts A, B, Ward 7*.

District 12 — Kathleen R. LaNatra (D) of Kingston — Halifax: *Precincts 1, 2A*; Kingston; Middleborough: *Precincts 1, 5A*; Pembroke: *Precinct 3*; Plymouth: *Precincts 1, 2, 3, 5, 13*; Plympton.

SUFFOLK COUNTY.

District 1 — Adrian C. Madaro (D) of Boston — Boston: *Ward 1: Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14*.

District 2 — Daniel J. Ryan (D) of Boston — Boston: *Ward 2, Ward 5: Precincts 10, 12, Ward 21: Precinct 1*; Cambridge: *Ward 1: Precincts 1, 2 (Middlesex Co.)*; Everett: *Ward 1: Precinct 3 (Middlesex Co.)*.

District 3 — Aaron Michlewitz (D) of Boston — Boston: *Ward 3: Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, Ward 4: Precinct 1, Ward 5: Precincts 1, 13, 14*.

District 4 — David Biele (D) of Boston — Boston: Ward 1: Precinct 15, Ward 6, Ward 7: Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9.

District 5 — Christopher J. Worrell (D) of Boston — Boston: Ward 7: Precinct 10, Ward 8: Precinct 5, Ward 12: Precincts 6, 7, 9, Ward 13: Precincts 1, 2, 4, 5, Ward 14: Precincts 1, 3, 4, Ward 15: Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9.

District 6 — Russell E. Holmes (D) of Boston — Boston: Ward 14: Precincts 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, Ward 17: Precincts 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, Ward 18: Precincts 7, 8, Ward 19: Precinct 12.

District 7 — Chynah Tyler (D) of Boston — Boston: Ward 4: Precincts 9, 10, Ward 9: Precincts 4, 5, 7, Ward 10: Precincts 1, 2, 3, Ward 11: Precincts 1, 2, 3, Ward 12: Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8.

District 8 — Jay D. Livingstone (D) of Boston — Boston: Ward 3: Precincts 5, 9, 17, Ward 4: Precincts 6, 7, 8, 11, 12, Ward 5: Precincts 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 15.

District 9 — John Francis Moran (D) of Boston — Boston: Ward 3: Precincts 7, 16, Ward 4: Precincts 2, 3, 4, 5, Ward 7: Precincts 8, 9, Ward 8: Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 6; Ward 9: Precincts 1, 2, 3, 6.

District 10 — William F. MacGregor (D) of Boston — Boston: Ward 19: Precincts 2, 3, 8, Ward 20: Precincts 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20; Brookline: Precinct 16 (Norfolk Co.).

District 11 — Judith A. Garcia (D) of Chelsea — Chelsea; Everett: Ward 2: Precincts 1, 2A (Middlesex Co.).

District 12 — Brandy Fluker-Reid (D) of Boston — Boston: Ward 16: Precinct 11, Ward 17: Precincts 4, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, Ward 18: Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 21; Milton: Precincts 1, 2, 4A (Norfolk Co.).

District 13 — Daniel J. Hunt (D) of Boston — Boston: Ward 13: Precincts 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, Ward 15: Precincts 6, 8, Ward 16: Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12.

District 14 — Rob Consalvo (D) of Boston — Boston: Ward 18: Precincts 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 22, 23, Ward 19: Precincts 10, 11, 13, Ward 20: Precincts 3, 21.

District 15 — Samantha Montañó (D) of Boston — Boston: Ward 10: Precincts 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, Ward 11: Precincts 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, Ward 19: Precincts 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9.

District 16 — Jessica Ann Giannino (D) of Revere —Revere: Ward 1: Precinct 3, Ward 2: Precinct 3, Wards 3, 4, 6; Saugus: Precincts 3, 10 (Essex Co.).

District 17 — Kevin G. Honan (D) of Boston — Boston: Ward 21: Precincts 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 15, Ward 22: Precincts 2, 3, 6, 9, 10; Brookline: Precincts 13, 14A (Norfolk Co.).

District 18 — Michael J. Moran (D) of Boston — Boston: Ward 21: Precincts 2, 4, 13, 14, 16, Ward 22: Precincts 1, 4, 5, 7, 8, 11, 12, 13; Cambridge: Ward 1: Precinct 2A, Ward 5: Precinct 2 (Middlesex Co).

District 19 — Jeffrey Rosario Turco (D) of Winthrop — Revere: Ward 1: Precincts 1, 2, Ward 2: Precincts 1, 2, 3A, Ward 5; Winthrop.

WORCESTER COUNTY.

District 1 — Kimberly N. Ferguson (R) of Holden — Holden; Paxton, Princeton; Rutland; Westminster.

District 2 — Jonathan D. Zlotnik (D) of Gardner — Ashburnham; Gardner; Templeton; Winchendon: Precincts 2, 3.

District 3 — Michael P. Kushmerek (D) of Fitchburg — Fitchburg; Lunenburg: *Precincts B, C1.*

District 4 — Natalie M. Higgins (D) of Leominster — Leominster.

District 5 — Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr. (R) of Spencer — Barre; Brookfield; East Brookfield; Hardwick; Hubbardston; Leicester: *Precinct 1*; New Braintree; North Brookfield; Oakham; Spencer: *Precincts 2, 3, 4*; West Brookfield; Ware: *Precinct A (Hampshire Co.)*.

District 6 — John J. Marsi (R) of Charlton — Charlton: *Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4A*; Dudley; Southbridge; Spencer: *Precinct 1*.

District 7 — Paul K. Frost (R) of Auburn — Auburn; Charlton: *Precinct 4*; Leicester: *Precinct 3*; Millbury; Oxford: *Precincts 2, 3, 4A*.

District 8 — Michael J. Soter (R) of Bellingham — Blackstone; Millville; Uxbridge: *Precincts 1A, 2, 3, 4*; Bellingham; Medway: *Precinct 1 (Norfolk Co.)*.

District 9 — David K. Muradian, Jr. (R) of Grafton — Grafton; Northbridge; Upton.

District 10 — Brian W. Murray (D) of Milford — Hopedale; Mendon; Milford.

District 11 — Hannah Kane (R) of Shrewsbury — Shrewsbury; Westborough: *Precinct 4*.

District 12 — Meghan Kilcoyne (D) of Clinton — Berlin; Boylston; Clinton; Lancaster; Northborough: *Precinct 4*; Sterling.

District 13 — John J. Mahoney (D) of Worcester — Worcester: *Ward 1: Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, Ward 3: Precinct 2, Ward 9, Ward 10: Precinct 1*.

District 14 — James J. O'Day (D) of West Boylston — West Boylston; Worcester: *Ward 1: Precinct 5, Ward 2, Ward 3: Precincts 3, 5, 6*.

District 15 — Mary S. Keefe (D) of Worcester — Worcester: *Ward 3: Precincts 1, 4, Ward 4, Ward 6: Precinct 1, Ward 10: Precincts 2, 3, 4, 5*.

District 16 — Daniel M. Donahue (D) of Worcester — Worcester: *Ward 5, Ward 6: Precincts 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, Ward 8: Precincts 1, 5*.

District 17 — David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf (D) of Worcester — Leicester: *Precincts 2, 4*; Worcester: *Ward 7, Ward 8: Precincts 2, 3, 4, 6, Ward 10: Precinct 6*.

District 18 — Joseph D. McKenna (R) of Sutton — Douglas; Oxford: *Precincts 1, 4*; Sutton; Uxbridge: *Precinct 1*; Webster.

District 19 — Kate Donaghue (D) of Westborough — Northborough: *Precincts 1, 2, 3*; Southborough; Westborough: *Precincts 1, 2, 3, 5, 6*; Framingham: *Precinct 21A (Middlesex Co.)*.

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Wednesday, January 7, 2026.

The second annual session of the one hundred and ninety-fourth General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts convened at the State House in Boston on the first Wednesday of January, being the seventh day of the year two thousand twenty-six and of the year of the independence of the United States of America the two hundred and fiftieth.

General Court convened.

And the members of the House of Representatives, having assembled in the Representatives' Chamber, were called to order at eleven o'clock A.M. by Representative Paul J. Donato of Medford (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

House called to order.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of allegiance.

Notices of the Convening of the General Court.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Ordered, That a special committee be appointed to notify the Senate that the House has been called to order and is ready to proceed to business.

Senate notified of convening of the House.

Representatives Giannino of Revere, Owens of Watertown, Wong of Saugus and Philips of Sharon were appointed the committee.

Subsequently Ms. Giannino, for the committee, reported that they had attended to the duty assigned to them.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Ordered, That the Clerk begin the keeping of, and making available daily in a format determined by the Speaker in consultation with the Clerk, the Journal, as authorized by Rule 10, and that the daily reading thereof be dispensed with, that, under authority of Section 22A of Chapter 3 of the General Laws, copies of the Journal for the entire session be printed and bound with the customary appendices and an index; and that an attested bound copy be deposited with the Secretary of the Commonwealth as the official Journal of the House.

Journal of the House.

A message was received from the Senate, by a special committee thereof, announcing that said branch had convened and was ready to proceed to business.

Convening of Senate.

Papers from the Senate.

An order, having been adopted by the Senate, was considered forthwith; under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington, and it was adopted, in concurrence, as follows:

Ordered. That a committee of members of the Senate and House of Representatives be appointed to wait upon Her Excellency the Governor, Maura T. Healey, Lieutenant-Governor Kim Driscoll and the Honorable Council and inform them that the two branches of the General Court are now assembled and ready to proceed to business.

Governor notified of convening of the House.

Representatives Garballey of Arlington, Lipper-Garabedian of Melrose, McGonagle of Everett, Wong of Saugus and Chan of Quincy were appointed the committee on the part of the House.

Subsequently Mr. Garballey of Arlington, for the committee, reported that they had attended to the duty assigned to them.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2896) of Bruce E. Tarr (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the town of Manchester-by-the-Sea to adopt a bylaw restricting the use of Second Generation Anticoagulant Rodenticides (SGARs), was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Manchester-by-the-Sea,—
rodenticides.

Guests of the House.

At the beginning of the session, the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford), declared a brief recess and introduced, seated in the Chamber, the Fairhaven High School Blue Devils football team, who were the 2025 MIAA Division 6 Super Bowl champions. The team was accompanied by their head coach Derek Almeida, who is also the New England Patriot's Coach of the Year, the coaching and school athletic staff, high school principal Andy Kulack and Superintendent of Public Schools Tara Kohler. This 2025 season marked the third year in a row that the Blue Devils played in the Division 6 Super Bowl Championship, and the second championship in that same three-year period. They were the guests of Representative Sylvia of Fairhaven.

Fairhaven High School football team.

Resolutions.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Representative Hogan of Stow) congratulating Joseph Rink on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout of Scouting America, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Joseph Rink.

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.

Order.

The Order (filed by Representatives Vargas of Haverhill and Hong of Lowell) relative to extending until Monday, March 2, 2026 the time within which the committee on Community Development and Small Businesses is authorized to report on current House documents, was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Community Development and Small Businesses,—
extension of time for reporting.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4904) ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion

of Mr. Ouellette of Westport, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted.

Petitions.

Representative Cruz of Salem and Senator Lovely presented a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4909) of Manny Cruz (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to the reserve time of public safety personnel in the city of Salem; and the same was referred to the committee on Public Service. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Salem,—
public safety
personnel.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Badger of Plymouth, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Michelle L. Badger and Joan B. Lovely relative to student access to food and nutritional information.

Students,—
food and
nutrition.

By the same member, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Michelle L. Badger and Joan B. Lovely for legislation to establish a celiac disease screening pilot program for certain children.

Celiac disease
pilot program.

By Representative Scanlon of North Attleborough, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Adam J. Scanlon for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to the distribution of lottery revenues to municipalities.

Special
commission,—
lottery revenues.

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

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 Alice Hanlon Peisch relative to the Massachusetts Uniform Commercial Code. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Badger of Plymouth, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Financial Services. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Uniform
commercial
code.

By Mr. Rogers of Cambridge, for the committee on Higher Education, on a petition, a Bill creating documentation requirement standards to demonstrate a disability for a public institution of higher education in the commonwealth (House, No. 1433).

Public
universities,—
documentation.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the endowment match program (House, No. 1447).

Endowment match
programs.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to modernize the endowment match program for community colleges (House, No. 1454).

Community
colleges,—
endowments.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to community colleges and the career technical initiative (House, No. 1456).

Career technical
initiatives.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill expanding the community college training incentive program (House, No. 1457).

Id.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to support access to vocational schools (House, No. 1461).

Vocational
schools.

<p>By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1367, a Bill regarding Title XIX reimbursements for state colleges and universities (House, No. 4880).</p>	<p>Title XIX reimbursements.</p>
<p>By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 1429, 1434 and 3948, a Bill relative to adjunct faculty in public higher education (House, No. 4881).</p>	<p>Adjunct faculty.</p>
<p>By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1462, a Bill to support college students in recovery (House, No. 4882).</p>	<p>Students,— recovery.</p>
<p>By Mr. Arciero of Westford, for the committee on Transportation, on a petition, a Bill to assure safety, efficiency and accountability in transportation projects through public inspections (House, No. 3656).</p>	<p>Transportation projects,— inspections.</p>
<p>By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to promote transportation demand management (House, No. 3757).</p>	<p>Community master plans.</p>
<p>By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to third party delivery fees (House, No. 3774).</p>	<p>Transportation,— delivery fees.</p>
<p>By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to an interstate compact for western MA rail service (House, No. 3777).</p>	<p>Rail service.</p>
<p>By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to establish a monthly payment plan and protect motorists from excessive EZ-Pass fees and fines (House, No. 3795).</p>	<p>Electronic tolls.</p>
<p>By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to electronic toll payments (House, No. 3805).</p>	<p>Id.</p>
<p>Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.</p>	
<p>By Mr. Arciero of Westford, for the committee on Transportation, on a petition, a Bill relative to regional transit authority advisory boards (House, No. 3724). Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.</p>	<p>Regional transit,— boards.</p>

Orders of the Day.

<p>The Senate amendment of the House Bill amending the charter of the city of Malden (House, No. 4233) reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was adopted in concurrence.</p>	<p>Malden,— charter.</p>
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<p>The Senate Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Jeffrey Yacinthe, an employee of the department of elementary and secondary education (Senate, No. 2799), 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, in concurrence.</p>	<p>Third reading bill.</p>
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Order.

<p>On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,— <i>Ordered</i>, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet tomorrow at eleven o'clock A.M.</p>	<p>Next sitting.</p>
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At seventeen 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 day at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, January 8, 2026.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Garballey of Arlington 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. Garballey), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of
allegiance.

Silent Tribute.

At the request of Mr. Biele of Boston, the members, guests and employees stood in a moment of silent tribute to the memory of Ret. Associate Justice of the Boston Municipal Court Department and former State Representative Michael F. Flaherty, Sr. who passed away peacefully on December 22, 2025.

Michael F.
Flaherty, Sr.

Born and raised in South Boston, Michael graduated from South Boston High School and proudly served in the United States Navy. A graduate of Boston College and Portia Law School (New England Law), Michael served in the Massachusetts House of Representatives for 24 years. In 2001, Michael was appointed to Boston Municipal Court as an associate justice, serving until his retirement in 2006.

Son of the late Mary and John J. Flaherty, Sr., loving brother to nine siblings, beloved husband to the late Margaret J. "Peggy" (McGlone) and devoted father of the Honorable Margaret F. "Peggy" Albertson, First Justice of the Boston Municipal Court, former Boston City Councilor Michael F. Flaherty, Jr., and John J. Flaherty, he is survived by his nine grandchildren, one great grandchild, and many nieces and nephews.

Resolutions.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Representative Smola of Warren) congratulating the Warren Public Library on the occasion of the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of its establishment, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Warren
Public
Library.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee, reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Roy of Franklin, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Order.

The Order (filed by Representatives McMurtry of Dedham and Vitolo of Brookline) relative to extending until Wednesday, March 18, 2026 the time within which the committee on Labor and Workforce Development is authorized to report on a current House document, was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Labor and
Workforce
Development,—
extension of time
for reporting.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4913) ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Donato of Medford, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted.

Communications.

Communications

From the Office of Consumer Affairs and Business Regulations (see Section 57 of Chapter 98 of the General Laws) submitting the Division of Standards annual report for calendar year 2024;

Division of Standards.

From the Department of Unemployment Assistance (see Section 14F of Chapter 151A of the General Laws) relative to the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund for November, 2025;

Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund.

From the Executive Office for Administration and Finance and the Executive Office for Housing and Livable Communities (see Section 10 of Chapter 1 of the Acts of 2025 and Section 19 of Chapter 88 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the December 11, 2025 biweekly report on the emergency housing assistance program;

Emergency housing assistance.

From the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (see item 8910-7110 contained in Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting its Inventory of Programs, Services, Interventions and Reinvestments (PSI) Comprehensive Matrix for calendar year 2025;

Sheriffs',—
PSI matrix.

From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see Section 80(e) of Chapter 343 of the Acts of 2024) submitting a Massachusetts Health Policy Commission Primary Care Task Force report; and

Primary care task force.

From the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (see item 8900-0001 of Section 2 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting the Department of Correction per capita cost report for fiscal year 2024;

Department of Correction,—
per capita cost.

Severally were placed on file.

Annual Report.

An annual report of the Capital Debt Affordability Committee of the Executive Office for Administration and Finance (under Section 60B(f) of Chapter 29 of the General Laws) submitting the committee's annual report estimate of the total amount of new Commonwealth debt that may be prudently authorized for the next fiscal year, was placed on file.

Debt estimate.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Gordon of Bedford, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4916) of Kenneth I. Gordon (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize ranked choice voting in the town of Bedford. To the committee on Election Laws.

Bedford,—
ranked choice voting.

By the same member, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4917) of Kenneth I. Gordon (by vote of the town) relative to banning the use of second-generation anticoagulant rodenticides in the town of Bedford. To the committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Bedford,—
rodenticide ban.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Representatives Badger of Plymouth and LaNatra of Kingston, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Michelle L. Badger relative to early intervention services for children with prenatal exposure to opioids; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Opioids,—
prenatal
exposure.

Paper from the Senate.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2897) of Kelly A. Dooner and Norman J. Orrall (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the town of Berkley to increase the membership of the board of selectmen [Local Approval Received], was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Berkley,—
selectmen.

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 James J. O'Day relative to access to applied behavior analysis services in schools. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Gallagher of Bridgewater, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Education. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Applied
behavioral
analysis.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, asking to be discharged from further consideration:

Of the Bill establishing a special legislative commission to study load growth due to AI and data centers (House, No. 83);

Artificial
intelligence.

Of the Bill creating a commission establishing a Massachusetts Caribbean American Cultural Center (House, No. 3602); and

Caribbean
Americans.

Of the Bill to study the development of an underground railroad, civil rights and black heritage museum and cultural center in Springfield (House, No. 4840);

Springfield,—
museum and
cultural center.

And recommending that the same severally be referred to the House committee on Rules.

Under Rule 42, the reports severally were considered forthwith; and they were accepted.

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 professional employer organizations (House, No. 2113);

Organizations.

Directing the city of Boston Police Department to waive the maximum age requirement for Pierre Charles Darius of Mattapan (House, No. 3925) [Local Approval Received];

Boston,—
Pierre Charles
Darius.

Directing the city of Boston Police Department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Keny Gateau (House, No. 3926) [Local Approval Received];

Boston,—
Keny
Gateau.

Directing the city of Boston Police Department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Jean E. Roseney (House, No. 3927) [Local Approval Received];

Boston,—
Jean
Roseney.

Directing the city of Boston Police Department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Adam Watt (House, No. 3928) [Local Approval Received]; and	Boston,— Adam Watt.
Authorizing the town of Rochester to continue the employment of fire chief Scott Weigel (House, No. 4235) [Local Approval Received];	Rochester,— Scott Weigel.
Under suspension of Rule 7A, in each instance, on motion of Ms. Badger of Plymouth, the bills severally were read a second time forthwith; and they were ordered to a third reading.	
By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Financial Services, on House, No. 1128, a Bill preserving access to treatment for patients with serious mental illnesses (House, No. 4892).	Mental illness,— treatment.
By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1228, a Bill to support behavioral health prevention for children (House, No. 4893).	Children,— behavioral health.
By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1229, a Bill to further define medical necessity determinations (House, No. 4894).	Medical necessity determinations.
By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1131, a Bill expanding access to mental health services (House, No. 4895).	Mental health,— access.
By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1135, a Bill for supportive care for serious mental illness (House, No. 4896).	Mental illness,— care.
By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1276, a Bill improving access to community behavioral health centers (House, No. 4897).	Community behavioral health.
By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1277, a Bill relative to dual diagnosis treatment coverage (House, No. 4898).	Dual diagnosis,— coverage.
By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1314, a Bill enhancing post-pregnancy mental health care (House, No. 4899).	Post-pregnancy mental health.
By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1319, a Bill related to comprehensive clinical and extended support services (House, No. 4900).	Clinical support services.
Severally referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.	
By Mr. Ultrino of Malden, for the committee on Emergency Preparedness and Management, on a petition, a Bill relative to an emergency preparedness instructional awareness program (House, No. 883).	Emergencies,— awareness.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to strengthen the Commonwealth's strategic preparedness stockpiles (House, No. 884).	Emergencies,— stockpiles.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Resolve providing for a special commission on the field of emergency management (House, No. 885, changed in section 2, in line 26, by striking out the following: "Covid 19 and").	Commission,— emergency management.
By Mr. Ryan of Boston, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the State Board of Retirement to grant creditable service to Paul Lemelin (House, No. 2759).	Paul Lemelin,— retirement.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the Massachusetts Teachers' Retirement System to grant credible service to Kellie Martin (House, No. 2762).	Kellie Martin,— retirement.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill clarifying call firefighter rights (House, No. 2883).	Firefighters,— retirement.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to veteran inclusion (House, No. 2884).	Veteran inclusion.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to credible service for school nurses (House, No. 2887).	School nurses.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to credible service for VISTA volunteers (House, No. 2923).

VISTA
volunteers.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to [sic] JBCC FD retirement buy-back (House, No. 4317).

National Guard,—
creditable service.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 2946, a Bill enabling employees on unpaid leave to purchase creditable service (House, No. 4901).

Unpaid
leave.

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

By Mr. Ryan of Boston, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill relative to retirement benefits (House, No. 2921).

Mary McCabe,—
retirement.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 4215, a Bill regarding the disability pension of Christopher Taylor (House, No. 4902) [Local Approval Received].

Christopher
Taylor,—
pension.

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

Emergency Measure.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Jeffrey Yacinthe, an employee of the department of elementary and secondary education (see Senate, No. 2799), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was considered, the question being on adopting the emergency preamble.

Jeffrey
Yacinthe,—
sick leave.

A separate vote was taken, as required by the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXVII) of the Amendments to the Constitution; and the preamble was adopted, by a vote of 5 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Subsequently, the Senate having concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, the bill (which originated in the Senate) was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill
enacted.

Engrossed Bill.

The engrossed Bill amending the charter of the city of Malden (see House, No. 4233, amended) (which originated in the House), 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.

Orders of the Day.

The Senate amendment of the House Bill increasing the age limit for retired police officers serving as special police officers in the town of Weston (House, No. 4031), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was adopted, in concurrence.

Weston,—
police
officers.

The Senate amendment of the House Bill dissolving a certain special fund in the town of Athol (House, No. 4401), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was adopted, in concurrence.

Athol,—
fund.

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 twenty-four minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.



MONDAY, JANUARY 12, 2026.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Monday, January 12, 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.

Silent Prayer.

At the request of Representatives Elliott of Lowell, Howard of Lowell and Hong of Lowell, the members, guests, and employees stood in a moment of silent tribute to the memory of Philip L. Shea of Lowell, a longtime public servant to the city of Lowell and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, who passed away on December 30, 2025, at the age of 84.

Philip L.
Shea.

Philip Shea lived a life defined by dedication to public service. Over the course of more than five decades, Phil served the people of Lowell with distinction. He was elected to the Lowell City Council, served in the Massachusetts House of Representatives, and later in the State Senate, becoming the only individual since the adoption of Plan E in 1944 to represent the city at all three levels of municipal and state government. His legislative work helped shape Lowell and the Commonwealth through significant achievements that continue to benefit residents today.

The members of the House of Representatives extend our sincere condolences to his wife, Anne Farley, his family, and his many friends, colleagues, and loved ones.

Appointment of the Speaker.

The Speaker announced that (under the provisions of Section 112 of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) he had appointed Representative Galvin of Canton to the special legislative commission to conduct a comprehensive investigation and study into the future of the Pappas Rehabilitation Hospital for Children, as designated in chapter 87 of the acts of 2016, formerly known as the Massachusetts hospital school.

Pappas
Rehabilitation
Hospital for
Children.

Resolutions.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Representative Sabadosa of Northampton) recognizing Russell "Russ" Carrier's forty-four years of service to the Forbes Library, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Russell
Carrier.

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.

Orders.

The following orders were referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules:

Order (filed by Representatives Chan of Quincy and Keefe of Worcester) 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 House documents (House, No. 4922).

Extensions of time for committees to make reports.

Order (filed by Representatives Domb of Amherst and DuBois of Brockton) relative to extending until Wednesday, March 18, 2026 the time within which the committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery is authorized to report on current House documents (House, No. 4921).

Order (filed by Representatives Cahill of Lynn and Worrell of Boston) relative to extending until Wednesday, March 18, 2026 the time within which the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security is authorized to report on current a House document (House, No. 4920).

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. Wong of Saugus, the orders were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Communications.

Communications

From the District Attorney of Middlesex County (see Section 32(e) of Chapter 12 of the General Laws) submitting its Juvenile Justice Unit annual report for calendar year 2024;

Middlesex County,—juvenile justice.

From the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (see Section 34 of Chapter 22C of the General Laws) submitting its Hate Crimes in Massachusetts report for fiscal year 2024; and

Hate crimes.

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

Pappas Rehabilitation Hospital.

Severally were placed on file.

Annual and Special Reports.

Annual Reports

Of the Massachusetts Gaming Commission (under Section 71 of Chapter 23K and Section 23 of Chapter 23N of the General Laws) submitting its summary of key findings and recommendations from the fiscal year 2025 research agenda; and

Gaming Commission.

Of the Executive Office of Veterans Services (under Section 4 of Chapter 15 of the Acts of 2021) on the financing of the reconstruction of the Massachusetts Veterans Home at Holyoke for calendar year 2025; and

Holyoke,—veterans home.

The special report of the Massachusetts Quality of Life Commission (see Section 152 of Chapter 178 of the Acts of 2024, revived and continued, see Section 92 of chapter 14 of the Acts of 2025) submitting its calendar year 2025 report;

Quality of life.

Severally were placed on file.

Petition.

Representative Worrell of Boston presented a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4924) of Christopher J. Worrell (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Boston be authorized to establish the Boston inspector general oversight commission; and the same was referred to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Boston,—
inspector
general.

Papers from the Senate.

The House Bill further regulating vacancies among town meeting members in the town of Milford (House, No. 4171) (its title having been changed by the Senate committee on Bills in the Third Reading), came from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document 2904. The amendment was referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

Milford,—
vacancies.

A Bill providing for the filling of vacancies in the office of mayor in the city of New Bedford (Senate, No. 2509) (on a petition) [Local Approval Received], passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

New Bedford,—
vacancies.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2908) of Rebecca L. Rausch for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Shannon Manning, an employee of the trial court. To the committee on the Judiciary.

Shannon
Manning,—
sick leave.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2907) of Pavel M. Payano for legislation to establish credible service for eligible police officers and firefighters. To the committee on Public Service.

Creditable
service.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2905) of Julian Cyr for legislation to provide for mobile driver's licenses in the commonwealth. To the committee on Transportation.

Mobile driver's
licenses.

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 Dennis C. Gallagher for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Sally Desrosiers, an employee of the Department of Correction. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Public Service. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Sally
Desrosiers,—
sick leave.

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 anti-retaliation protections for public employees (House, No. 2116);
Establishing Getting to Zero Week (House, No. 3381);

Anti-retaliation.
HIV and AIDS.

Related to local and regional cultural council membership (House, No. 3596); and

Cultural councils.

Directing the city of Boston Police Department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Gissell Melo (House, No. 4246) [Local Approval Received];

Boston,—
Gissell Melo.

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. Livingstone of Boston, for the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, on House, No. 250, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities to make an investigation and study of a certain House document relative to foster care recruitment (House, No. 4905). Referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Foster care recruitment,—
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. Hunt of Boston, for the committee on Election Laws, on House, No. 4202, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Election Laws to make an investigation and study of a certain House document relative to the recall of any holder of elective office in the city of Chicopee (House, No. 4906). Referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Chicopee,—
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.

Subsequently, Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee on Rules, reported on the foregoing order, a Bill relative to the recall of any holder of elective office in the city of Chicopee (House, No. 4202) [Local Approval Received]. Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

By Mr. Ryan of Boston, for the committee on Public Service, on House, No. 2800, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Public Service to make an investigation and study of a certain House document relative to Stoneham police maximum age requirement (House, No. 4915). Referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Stoneham,—
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.

Subsequently, Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee on Rules, reported on the foregoing order, a Bill enhancing public safety in the town of Stoneham (House, No. 2800) [Local Approval Received]. Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, that the following bills ought to pass:

Establishing a special commission on retirement credit purchases (House, No. 27);	Retirement credits.
Establishing a special commission on paid family and medical leave for public employees (House, No. 2070); and	Paid leave.
Relative to increased transportation options for Arlington and Lexington (House, No. 3666);	Arlington and Lexington.
Severally referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.	
By Mr. Livingstone of Boston, for the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, on House, No. 224, a Bill improving accessibility in the creative economy (House, No. 4912).	Creative economy.
By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Financial Services, on a petition, a Resolve creating a special commission on affordable housing insurance (House, No. 1279).	Housing,— insurance.
By Mr. Haggerty of Woburn, for the committee on Housing, on a petition, a Bill relative to a commission to study access to emotional support animals in residential housing (House, No. 1534).	Housing,— support animals.
Severally read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.	
By Mr. Livingstone of Boston, for the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, on a petition, a Bill maximizing participation in federal nutrition programs and improving customer service (House, No. 196).	Nutrition programs,— participation.
By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 195 and 209, a Bill relative to funeral assistance (House, No. 209).	Funerals,— assistance.
By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 207, 214, 254 and 281, a Bill to lift kids out of deep poverty (House, No. 214).	Children,— poverty.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to an agricultural healthy incentives program (House, No. 222).	Agricultural incentives.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to a livable wage for human services workers (House, No. 223).	Human services,— wages.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to education or training activities for purposes of meeting the Department of Transitional Assistance work requirement (House, No. 241).	Transitional assistance,— work requirements.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to protect safety net access for Massachusetts residents (House, No. 252).	Safety net access.
By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 201, a Bill to bring child support home (House, No. 4910).	Child support.
By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 220, 221 and 295, a Bill relative to a diaper allowance to meet early childhood needs (House, No. 4911).	Diapers,— allowance.
By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Education, on a petition, a Bill establishing the Massachusetts farm to school program (House, No. 565).	Farm to school program.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the Lowell Mason Act to mandate a percentage of Chapter 70 funds for Arts Education Programs (House, No. 4297).	Arts education programs.
By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 601, a Bill relative to creating a commercial driver's license pilot program at Madison Park Technical Vocational High School (House, No. 4903).	Boston,— drivers pilot program.
By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Financial Services, on a petition, a Bill relative to insurers' usage of aerial images (House, No. 1242).	Insurance,— aerial images.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to real estate disclosure forms (House, No. 1283).	Real estate,— disclosure forms.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to incentivize the adoption of local climate resilience policies (House, No. 1310).	Climate resilience.
By Mr. Haggerty of Woburn, for the committee on Housing, on a petition, a Bill relative to provide [sic] tenant ownership in government assisted housing (House, No. 1510) [Representative DeCoste of Norwell dissenting].	Tenants,— ownership.
By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 1544 and 1577, a Bill to guarantee a tenant's first right of refusal (House, No. 1544) [Representative DeCoste of Norwell dissenting].	Tenants,— right of refusal.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to make home repair affordable and stabilize communities (House, No. 1571) [Representative DeCoste of Norwell dissenting].	Home repairs.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing a first-time home buyers bill of rights (House, No. 1574) [Representative DeCoste of Norwell dissenting].	First-time home buyers,— rights.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to designating seasonal communities (House, No. 3989) [Representative DeCoste of Norwell dissenting].	Seasonal communities.
Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.	
By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Education, on a joint petition, a Bill exempting Hancock schools (House, No. 515) [Local Approval Received].	Hancock,— school choice.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill exempting Warwick Schools (House, No. 751) [Local Approval Received].	Warwick,— school choice.
By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Financial Services, on a petition, a Bill relative to home owners insurance and funding repairs (House, No. 1271).	Home insurance,— repairs.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to preventing home insurers from forcing tree removal (House, No. 1316).	Insurance,— trees.
By Mr. Haggerty of Woburn, for the committee on Housing, on a petition, a Bill to maintain stable housing for families with pets (House, No. 1559) [Representative DeCoste of Norwell dissenting].	Housing,— pets.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill requiring notice to landlords relating to gas or electric shutoffs (House, No. 1561).	Gas and electric shutoffs.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to locksmiths and notice to property owners (House, No. 1562).	Locksmiths,— notification.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the city of Somerville to enact right to purchase legislation (House, No. 3910) [Local Approval Received] [Representative DeCoste of Norwell dissenting].	Somerville,— right to purchase.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill facilitating the appropriation and expenditure of community preservation funds for community housing purposes in the town of Chatham (House, No. 4289) [Local Approval Received].	Chatham,— housing.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill further regulating the Year-round Market Rate Rental Housing Trust Fund in the town of Provincetown (House, No. 4311) [Local Approval Received].	Provincetown,— housing.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to affordable housing trust fund of the town of West Tisbury (House, No. 4378) [Local Approval Received].	West Tisbury,— housing.

By Mr. Ryan of Boston, for the committee on Public Service, on a joint petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Marnie Jean Goldstein, an employee of the Department of Children and Families (House, No. 4888).

Marnie Jean Goldstein,—
sick leave.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for William Blalock, an employee of the Suffolk county sheriff's office (House, No. 4908).

William Blalock,—
sick leave.

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

Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed bills

Increasing the age limit for retired police officers serving as special police officer in the town of Weston (see House, No. 4031, amended); and

Bills
enacted.

Dissolving a certain special fund in the town of Athol (see House, No. 4401 amended);

(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.

Orders of the Day.

House bills

Relative to the purchase or lease of certain property known as Fenn Farm in the town of Stockbridge (House, No. 4648);

Third
reading
bills.

Authorizing the city known as the town of Bridgewater to amend its charter for gender neutral language (House, No. 4781) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading); and

Authorizing the select board of the town of Arlington to place upon a town ballot a question to increase the number of licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages on to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 4815);

Severally reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

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

Next
sitting.

Representatives Howard of Lowell, Elliott of Lowell and Hong of Lowell move that when the House adjourns today, it do so in respect to the memory of Philip L. Shea, a member of the House from Lowell from 1973 to 1979, inclusive

and a member of the Senate from 1979 to 1984, inclusive; and the motion prevailed.

Accordingly, at twelve minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Howitt of Seekonk (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Thursday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.



THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 2026.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, January 15, 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.

Resignation of Representative Blais of Deerfield.

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

January 9, 2026.

Timothy Carroll
Clerk of the House of Representatives
State House – Room 145
Boston, MA 02133

Mr. Clerk:

I am writing today to inform you that I have made the difficult decision to resign as State Representative on January 19, 2026.

Serving the 29 communities of the 1st Franklin District over the past seven years has been a great honor and a privilege. When I first ran for this seat, I promised that I would work to elevate the strengths of the most rural district in the Commonwealth while addressing the challenges we have faced after decades of disinvestment.

I am proud of our successful efforts to fight for regional equity, support farms and the local food system, protect our environment and natural resources, increase Rural School Aid, strengthen our public transit system, secure additional funding for public infrastructure, prevent sexual and domestic violence, and so much more.

I will never be able to thank my family enough for their patience, love and support. I am deeply grateful to the Speaker of the House, my colleagues in the Legislature and my dedicated staff for their shared commitment to public service. Finally, I want to thank the constituents of the 1st Franklin District who entrusted me to serve them in the Legislature.

It has been the honor of a lifetime to serve as a member of the Massachusetts House of Representatives.

Resignation of
Representative
Natalie M.
Blais of
Deerfield.

Sincerely,
NATALIE M. BLAIS.
State Representative
1st Franklin District

Guests of the House.

At the beginning of the session, the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford), declared a brief recess and introduced, seated in the Chamber, the Wellesley High School girls swim team, who won their sixth Division 2 state swim and diving championship last fall. They were accompanied by their assistant coach Kira McCormick. They were the guests of Ms. Peisch of Wellesley.

Wellesley High School girls swim team.

Orders.

The following orders were referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules:

Order (filed by Representatives Gordon of Bedford and Ayers of Quincy) relative to extending until Wednesday, March 18, 2026 the time within which the committee on Education is authorized to report on current House documents (House, No. 4930).

Extensions of time for committees to make reports.

Order (filed by Representatives Ryan of Boston and Higgins of Leominster) relative to extending until Wednesday, March 18, 2026 the time within which the committee on Public Service is authorized to report on current House documents (House, No. 4926).

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. Arciero of Westford, the orders were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Communications.

Communications

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 first quarter of fiscal year 2025;

MassHealth delivery platform.

From the Office of the Comptroller (see item 1595-1068 of Section 2E of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025, as amended by Sections 84 and 85 of Chapter 14 of the Acts of 2025) submitting the revised Medical Assistance Trust Fund transfer schedule for fiscal year 2025;

Medical Assistance Trust Fund.

From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see item 4000-0601 of Section 2 of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting the transfer certification to the Medicare Savings program from the prescription advantage program and the Health Safety Net Trust Fund for fiscal year 2024;

Medicare savings program.

From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see item 4000-0300 contained in Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the MassHealth report on caseload and utilization methodology for fiscal year 2025;

MassHealth,— methodology.

From the Department of Public Health (see item 4512-2022 of Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024 and item 1599-2025 of Section 2A of Chapter 102 of the Acts of 2021) submitting the Health Excellence Grant and American Rescue Plan Funding Distribution report for fiscal year 2024; and

Public health,— grants and funding.

Severally were placed on file.

Annual Report.

The annual report of the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities (under Section 101 of Chapter 358 of the Acts of 2020) submitting its Housing Choice Initiative annual report for calendar year 2024, was placed on file.

Housing
Choice
Initiative.

Petitions.

Representative Gómez of Easthampton presented a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4964) of Homar Gómez (by vote of the town) that the town of South Hadley be authorized to grant additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages in said town; and the same was referred to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

South Hadley,—
liquor
licenses.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Gallagher of Bridgewater, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Dennis C. Gallagher for legislation to establish tax exemptions for certain veteran's clubs and organizations.

Veterans
clubs,—
taxes.

By Representative Rogers of Norwood and Senator Rush, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of John H. Rogers and others that the commissioner of the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance be authorized to take by eminent domain a certain parcel of land in the town of Norwood.

Norwood,—
land.

By Representative Vitolo of Brookline, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Tommy Vitolo relative to the electoral count and presidential electors.

Elections.

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

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:

Directing the city of Boston Police Department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Luis Cabral (House, No. 4349) [Local Approval Received];

Boston,—
Luis Cabral.

Establishing a sick leave bank for Marnie Jean Goldstein, an employee of the Department of Children and Families (House, No. 4888); and

Marnie Jean
Goldstein.

Establishing a sick leave bank for William Blalock, an employee of the Suffolk county sheriff's office (House, No. 4908);

William Blalock,—
sick leave.

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

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, on House, No. 4905, reported, in part, a Bill relative to foster care recruitment (House, No. 250). Read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Foster care,—
recruitment.

By Mr. Hunt of Boston, for the committee on Election Laws, on House, No. 4185, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Election Laws to make an investigation and study of a certain House document relative to the nomination process for candidates for town meeting in the town of Milford (House, No. 4925).

Milford,—
study.

Referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

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.

Subsequently, Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee on Rules, reported on the foregoing order a Bill relative to the nomination process for candidates for town meeting in Milford (House, No. 4185) [Local Approval Received]. Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Milford,—
nominations.

By Ms. Barber of Somerville, for the committee on Environment and Natural Resources, on House, Nos. 989, 1055, 1056, 3935 and 4512, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Environment and Natural Resources to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to animal testing, striped bass, horn trafficking and parks (House, No. 4928). Referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Animal testing,
striped bass,
horn trafficking
and parks,—
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.

Subsequently, Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee on Rules, reported, in part, on the foregoing order a Bill concerning the use of animals in product testing (House, No. 989).

Animals,—
product
testing.

The same member, for said committee on Rules, reported, in part, on the foregoing order, a Bill relative to the conservation of Atlantic striped bass (House, No. 1055).

Atlantic
striped
bass.

The same member, for said committee on Rules, reported, in part, on the foregoing order, a Bill relative to the conservation of striped bass (House, No. 1056).

Id.

The same member, for said committee on Rules, reported, in part, on the foregoing order, a Bill relative to ivory and rhinoceros horn trafficking (House, No. 3935).

Horn
trafficking.

The same member, for said committee on Rules, reported, in part, on the foregoing order, a Bill modernizing the governance of Port Authority parks in East Boston (House, No. 4512).

East Boston,—
port authority
parks.

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

By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Financial Services, on House, No. 48 and a part of 35, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Financial Services to make an investigation and study of a certain House document relative to establishing a Massachusetts Baby Bonds program (House, No. 4929).

Baby bonds
program,—
study.

Referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

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.

Subsequently, Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee on Rules, reported on the foregoing order a Bill establishing a Massachusetts Baby Bonds program (House, No. 48). Read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means..

Baby bonds
program.

By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Financial Services, on House, Nos. 1093, 1094, 1095, 1102, 1103, 1104, 1113, 1121, 1143, 1158, 1180, 1186, 1207, 1209, 1211, 1226, 1232, 1244, 1259, 1281, 1284, 1327, 1336, 1338, 1345, 3933, 3947, 4061, 4112, 4260 and 4352, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Financial Services to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to insurance and banking issues (House, No. 4931). Referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Insurance and banking,— 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.

Subsequently, Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee on Rules, reported on the foregoing order a Bill relative to the use of virtual credit cards by dental insurance providers (House, No. 4260). Referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on the Health Care Financing.

Virtual credit cards,— dental insurance.

The same member, for said committee on Rules, reported, in part, on the foregoing order, a Bill creating a commission to study unemployment insurance reform (House, No. 1209). Read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Unemployment insurance,— study.

The same member, for said committee on Rules, reported, in part, on the foregoing order, a Bill studying property insurance premiums on non-profit organizations (House, No. 1121).

Property insurance premiums.

The same member, for said committee on Rules, reported, in part, on the foregoing order, a Bill to encourage retirement planning (House, No. 1143).

Retirement planning.

The same member, for said committee on Rules, reported, in part, on the foregoing order, a Bill ensuring life insurance coverage while taking Paid Family and Medical Leave (House, No. 1180).

Life insurance coverage.

The same member, for said committee on Rules, reported, in part, on the foregoing order, a Bill relative to pet insurance in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (House, No. 1186).

Pet insurance.

The same member, for said committee on Rules, reported, in part, on the foregoing order, a Bill to protect users of electronic branches (House, No. 1211).

Panic alarms.

The same member, for said committee on Rules, reported, in part, on the foregoing order, a Bill relative to secure choice retirement savings plan (House, No. 1226).

Retirement savings plans.

The same member, for said committee on Rules, reported, in part, on the foregoing order, a Bill enhancing homebuyer awareness by providing notice to persons purchasing property in a flood zone (House, No. 1345).

Property,— flood zone.

The same member, for said committee on Rules, reported, in part, on the foregoing order, a Bill relative to the Massachusetts Credit Union Share Insurance Corporation (House, No. 3933).

Credit Union Share Insurance Corporation.

The same member, for said committee on Rules, reported, in part, on the foregoing order, a Bill relative to the examination of insurance company mergers (House, No. 3947).

Insurance,— mergers.

The same member, for said committee on Rules, reported, in part, on the foregoing order, a Bill relative to protecting against workers compensation premium fraud (House, No. 4061).

Insurance,— database.

<p>The same member, for said committee on Rules, reported, in part, on the foregoing order, a Bill relative to firefighting water supplies and a state cistern program (House, No. 4112).</p>	<p>Homeowners insurance.</p>
<p>The same member, for said committee on Rules, reported, in part, on the foregoing order, a Bill relative to travel insurance (House, No. 4352).</p>	<p>Travel insurance.</p>
<p>Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.</p>	
<p>The same member, for said committee on Rules, reported, in part, on the foregoing order, a Bill relative to notifying broker prior to termination of coverage (House, No. 1094).</p>	<p>Insurance coverage.</p>
<p>The same member, for said committee on Rules, reported, in part, on the foregoing order, a Bill protecting the use of bank names, trade names and trademarks in electronic communications (House, No. 1102).</p>	<p>Electronic communications.</p>
<p>The same member, for said committee on Rules, reported, in part, on the foregoing order, a Bill regarding public insurance adjusters (House, No. 1113).</p>	<p>Public insurance adjusters.</p>
<p>The same member, for said committee on Rules, reported, in part, on the foregoing order, a Bill making changes to certain references in the banking laws of the Commonwealth (House, No. 1232).</p>	<p>Banking laws,— certain references.</p>
<p>The same member, for said committee on Rules, reported, in part, on the foregoing order, a Bill relative to access to Paid Family and Medical Leave and unemployment insurance for graduate student workers (House, No. 1336).</p>	<p>Unemployment insurance.</p>
<p>The same member, for said committee on Rules, reported, in part, on the foregoing order, a Bill allowing fair compensation of Massachusetts credit union directors (House, No. 1338).</p>	<p>Credit union compensation.</p>
<p>Severally read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.</p>	
<p>By Mr. Madaro of Boston, the committee on Revenue, on a petition, a Bill relative to the electronic filing of certain forms used in property valuation (House, No. 3093).</p>	<p>Property valuation,— filing.</p>
<p>By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill providing volunteer firefighters and emergency medical technicians with a local option real estate tax exemption (House, No. 3132).</p>	<p>Tax exemptions,— first responders.</p>
<p>By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the electronic filing of certain forms used in property valuation (House, No. 3176).</p>	<p>Property valuations.</p>
<p>By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the delivery of property tax bills (House, No. 3219).</p>	<p>Property taxes.</p>
<p>By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill regarding late payments and interest rates for real estate bills and personal property taxes (House, No. 3238).</p>	<p>Real estate,— payments.</p>
<p>By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the establishment of a Milton means-tested property tax exemption (House, No. 4094) [Local Approval Received].</p>	<p>Milton,— property tax exemptions.</p>
<p>By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to real property tax deferrals in the town of Wellesley (House, No. 4143) [Local Approval Received].</p>	<p>Wellesley,— property tax deferrals.</p>
<p>By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Marblehead to establish a means-tested senior citizen property tax exemption (House, No. 4225) [Local Approval Received].</p>	<p>Marblehead,— property tax exemptions.</p>
<p>By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Wrentham to exempt from taxation certain real estate owned and occupied</p>	<p>Wrentham,— George</p>

by the surviving spouse of Wrentham Deputy Chief George C. Labonte (House, No. 4269) [Local Approval Received].

Labonte.

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

Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed bills

Amending the charter of the town of Provincetown (see House, No. 4175); and Amending the charter of the city of Greenfield (see House, No. 4379);

Bills enacted.

(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.

Orders of the Day.

The Senate amendment of the House Bill authorizing the commissioner of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to convey a certain parcel of land in the town of Wellesley (House, No. 4363), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was adopted, in concurrence.

Wellesley,—
land.

House bills

Relative to the board of water commissioners of the Dalton fire district (House, No. 4721); and

Third reading bills.

Authorizing the town of Milton to grant additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 4813);

Severally reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

The House Bill relative to the annual town meeting for the town of Orange (House, No. 4717), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Orange,—
town meeting.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Walsh of Peabody moved to amend it by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the following:

“SECTION 1. Chapter 56 of the acts of 2008 is hereby repealed.

SECTION 2. The annual town meeting for the town of Orange shall be held on the second Monday in May.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.”

The amendment was adopted; and the bill (House, No. 4717, amended) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

The House Bill to protect consumers by further defining subprime loans (House, No. 1110), was read a third time.

from further consideration of the bill; and the

The committee on Bills in the Third Reading reported asking to be discharged

report was accepted.

Subprime
loans.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, it was referred, on motion of Mr. Walsh of Peabody, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

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

Next
sitting.

Representative Murray of Milford moves that when the House adjourns today, it do so in respect to the memory of Salvatore C. Cimino, a member of the House from Milford in 1979 and 1980, inclusive; and the motion prevailed.

Accordingly, at fifteen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Howitt of Seekonk (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Tuesday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.



TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2026.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Tuesday, January 20, 2026.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Garballey of Arlington 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. Garballey), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of
allegiance.

Resolutions.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Representative Gordon of Bedford and other members of the House) recognizing the eighty-first anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration and extermination camp and International Holocaust Remembrance Day, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

International
Holocaust
Remembrance
Day.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee, reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Stanley of Waltham, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Orders.

The Order (filed by Representatives Hunt of Boston and Mendes of Brockton) relative to extending until Wednesday, March 18, 2026 the time within which the committee on Election Laws is authorized to report on a current House document, was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Election Laws,—
extension
of time for
reporting.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4967) ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Howard of Lowell, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted.

The Order (filed by Representatives Barber of Somerville and Cataldo of Concord) relative to extending until Wednesday, March 18, 2026 the time within which the committee on Environment and Natural Resources is authorized to report on current House documents, was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Environment
and Natural
Resources,—
extension of time
for reporting.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4966) ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted.

The Order (filed by Representatives Madaro of Boston and Philips of Sharon) relative to extending until Friday, February 27, 2026 the time within which the committee on Revenue is authorized to report on current House documents, was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Revenue,—
extension
of time for
reporting.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4968) ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Hong of Lowell, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted.

Petitions.

Representatives Cataldo of Concord and Elliott of Lowell presented a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4972) of Simon Cataldo and Rodney M. Elliott (by vote of the town) that the town of Chelmsford be authorized to ban second generation anticoagulant rodenticides within said town; and the same was referred to the committee on Environment and Natural Resources. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Chelmsford,—
rodenticides.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Cruz of Salem and Senator Lovely, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Manny Cruz for legislation to establish a local option sales tax.

Local option
sales tax.

By Representative Jones of North Reading and Senator Tarr, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., Bruce E. Tarr and others relative to energy costs, transparency, and sustainability.

Energy.

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

Papers from the Senate.

The following order was adopted, in concurrence, as follows:

Ordered, That, a convention of the two branches be held at six o'clock P.M., on Thursday, January 22, 2026, for the purpose of receiving such communication as the Governor, Maura T. Healey, may be pleased to make to them relating to the concerns of the Commonwealth.

State of
the State
Address.

Bills

Amending the veteran property tax work-off amounts (Senate, No. 1948) (on a petition); and

Property taxes,—
veterans.

Designating a certain bridge in the city of New Bedford as the Corporal Francis J. McHugh Memorial Bridge (Senate, No. 2425) (on a petition);

New Bedford,—
McHugh bridge.

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were read; and they were referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2921) of Pavel M. Payano for legislation relative to travel insurance. To the committee on Financial Services.

Travel
insurance.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2922) of Sal N. DiDomenico for legislation to authorize the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to grant easements to NSTAR electric company d/b/a Eversource Energy in return for NSTAR releasing or modifying easements for the benefit of the Commonwealth. To the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

DCAMM,—
easements.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2913) of Bruce E. Tarr and Tram T. Nguyen (by vote of the town) for legislation to extend the time for the town of Boxford to grant 2 additional licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages to be drunk

Boxford,—
liquor
licenses.

on the premises, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

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 following petitions:

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Michelle L. Badger relative to early intervention services for children with prenatal exposure to opioids. To the committee on Public Health.

Early intervention services.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Michelle L. Badger relative to a transfer of retirement benefits for Valeria D’Orazio an associate professor at the Massachusetts Maritime Academy. To the committee on Public Service.

Valeria D’Orazio,—retirement.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Adam J. Scanlon for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to the distribution of lottery revenues to municipalities. To the committee on Revenue.

Special commission,—lottery revenues.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Homar Gómez and others for legislation to designate asparagus as the official vegetable of the Commonwealth. To the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

State vegetable.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Michelle L. Badger for legislation to establish the temporary emergency veterans’ assistance program. To the committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs.

Veterans’ assistance program.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Vieira of Falmouth, the reports were considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended, in each instance. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

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 electronic scanning of identification (House, No. 3716);

Electronic scanning.

Directing the city of Boston Police Department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Jose Ortiz (House, No. 4256) [Local Approval Received];

Boston,—Jose Ortiz.

Directing the city of Boston Police Department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Angela C. Depina (House, No. 4388) [Local Approval Received];

Boston,—Angela Depina.

Authorizing Nick Santos to take the civil service examination for the position of police officer in the city of Haverhill notwithstanding the maximum age requirement (House, No. 4390) [Local Approval Received]; and

Haverhill,—Nick Santos.

Relative to the contracting of digital replicas (House, No. 4832);

Digital replicas.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Silvia of Fall River, 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 House, Nos. 3004, 3099, 3102, 3105, 3234 and 3236, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Revenue to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to seniors and disability (House, No. 4965). Referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Seniors and disability,—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.

Subsequently, Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee on Rules, reported, in part, on the foregoing order a Bill authorizing the establishment of a means tested senior citizen property tax exemption (House, No. 3099).

Tax exemption,—
seniors.

The same member, for said committee on Rules, reported, in part, on the foregoing order, a Bill relative to the establishment of a means tested senior citizen property tax exemption (House, No. 3105).

Id.

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

The same member, for said committee on Rules, reported, in part, on the foregoing order, a Bill authorizing cities and towns to provide a residential exemption to senior citizens (House, No. 3004).

Tax exemption,—
seniors.

The same member, for said committee on Rules, reported, in part, on the foregoing order, a Bill expanding the senior property tax exemption (House, No. 3102).

Id.

The same member, for said committee on Rules, reported, in part, on the foregoing order, a Bill creating a local option property tax cap for low-income seniors (House, No. 3234).

Low-income
seniors,—
tax cap.

The same member, for said committee on Rules, reported, on the residue, on the foregoing order, a Bill expanding the senior property tax exemption (House, No. 3236).

Tax exemption,—
seniors.

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

By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Financial Services, on a petition, a Bill relative to external reviews and patient protection (House, No. 1132). Referred, under Joint Rule 1E to the committee on Health Care Financing.

Patient
protection.

By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Financial Services, on a petition, a Bill relative to preventing fraud and establishing regulations on certain virtual currencies (House, No. 1247). Read; and referred under Joint Rule 29 to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Virtual
currencies.

By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Financial Services, on a petition, a Bill establishing uniform enforcement and confidentiality provisions relative to certain licensees under the jurisdiction of the Division of Banks (House, No. 1273).

Division of
Banks,—
licensees.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to capping the price of epinephrine (House, No. 1359).

Epinephrine,—
price capping.

By Mr. McMurtry of Dedham, for the committee on Labor and Workforce Development, on House, Nos. 2085, 2121, 2126 and 3375, a Bill preparing apprentices through training, hiring, and skills in Massachusetts (House, No. 4974).

Apprentices,—
preparation.

By Mr. Ryan of Boston, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill relative to the timely and consistent payment of law enforcement personnel (House, No. 2764).

Law
enforcement,—
payment.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority Employees' Retirement System (House, No. 2893).

Retirement system
classifications.

By Mr. Arciero of Westford, for the committee on Transportation, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to the operation of golf carts in rural communities (House, No. 4566).

Golf cart operation.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing an Orange Star license plate for veterans exposed to Agent Orange (House, No. 4691).

Orange Star license plates.

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

By Mr. Lewis of Framingham, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a petition, a Bill providing for a town administrator in the town of Hopedale (House, No. 4784) [Local Approval Received].

Hopedale,—
town
administrator.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill amending the charter for the town of Groton (House, No. 4795) [Local Approval Received].

Groton,—
charter.

By Mr. Ryan of Boston, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill relative to impairment of health caused by infectious disease (House, No. 2826).

Infectious disease.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill further defining a quorum of the Worcester Regional Retirement System Board Advisory Council (House, No. 2926).

Worcester Regional Retirement System.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the disability pension for Patricia M. Lampron administered by the Boston retirement board (House, No. 4508) [Local Approval Received].

Patricia Lampron,—
disability pension.

By Mr. Arciero of Westford, for the committee on Transportation, on a petition, a Bill designating a certain bridge in the town of Chelmsford as the Ferreira Brothers Bridge (House, No. 4723).

Chelmsford,—
Ferreira Brothers bridge.

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

Emergency Measure.

The engrossed Bill authorizing the commissioner of capital asset management and maintenance to convey a certain parcel of land in the town of Wellesley (see House, No. 4363, amended), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was considered, the question being on adopting the emergency preamble.

Wellesley,—
land.

A separate vote was taken, as required by the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXVII) of the Amendments to the Constitution; and the preamble was adopted, by a vote of 9 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Subsequently, the Senate having concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, the bill (which originated in the House) was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill enacted.

Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed bills

Establishing the fourth Thursday in March as Tuskegee Airmen Commemoration Day (see House, No. 3306);

Bills enacted.

Regulating the appointment of the police chief in the city of Fall River (see House, No. 4214);

Amending the charter of the town of Seekonk (see House, No. 4459); and

Authorizing the town of Billerica to establish an age limit for original appointments to the position of police officer (see House, No. 4632, amended);
(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.

Orders of the Day.

House bills

Relative to Department of Conservation and Recreation Title IX compliance (House, No. 1068);

Directing the city of Boston Police Department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Jean E. Roseney (House, No. 3927); and

Directing the city of Boston Police Department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Adam Watt (House, No. 3928);

Severally reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Third reading bills.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

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

Next sitting.

Representatives Mariano of Quincy, Ayers of Quincy and Chan of Quincy move that when the House adjourns today, it do so in respect to the memory of Arthur H. Tobin, a member of the House from Quincy from 1967 to 1971, a member of the Senate from 1971 to 1978, mayor of the city of Quincy from 1978 to 1982, and clerk-magistrate of the Quincy District Court from 1982 to 2026; and the motion prevailed.

Accordingly, at half past eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Orrall of Lakeville (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House adjourned to meet the following Thursday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 22, 2026.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, January 22, 2026.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Garballey of Arlington 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. Garballey), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of
allegiance.

Silent Tribute.

At the request of Representative Haggerty of Woburn, the members, guests and employees stood in a moment of silent tribute to the memory of Joseph "Joe" Crowley, Jr., a lifelong resident of Woburn, who passed away on December 9, 2025, at the age of 86.

Joseph
Crowley, Jr.

Joseph Crowley, Jr. was a man of faith, integrity, and kindness. Joe dedicated his life to serving his beloved community of Woburn and supporting its youth.

Joe was an educator, longtime civic leader, and served 38 years on the Woburn School Committee. He helped found Woburn Youth Hockey and remained actively involved in civic life for decades, leaving a lasting impact on generations of families. Above all, Joe was a devoted family man.

Joe's legacy of service, compassion, and quiet leadership will long be remembered.

The members of the House of Representatives extend our sincere condolences to his wife Audrey Crowley, to his daughters Megan and Ellen Crowley, to his grandchildren Joseph, Erin, Brooke, Gabby, Calvin, and to his many valued friends and loved ones.

Message from the Governor.

A message from Her Excellency the Governor recommending legislation to manage federal tax changes in Massachusetts (House, No. 4975), was filed in the office of the Clerk on Thursday, January 15.

Taxes,—
federal
changes.

The message was read; and it was referred, under Rule 30, with the accompanying draft of a bill, to the committee on Revenue. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Resolutions.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Representative MacGregor of Boston) congratulating Anna Carrazza on her one hundredth birthday, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Anna
Carrazza.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee, reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Owens of Watertown,

the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Communications.

Communications

From the Department of Conservation and Recreation (see Section 35XX of Chapter 10 of the General Laws) submitting the annual report on the Horseneck Beach Reservation Trust Fund for fiscal year 2025; and

Horseneck Beach.

From the Office of the Comptroller (see item 1595-1071 of Section 2E of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting the Community Behavioral Health Promotion and Prevention Trust Fund fiscal year 2026 transfer schedule;

Community behavioral health.

Severally were placed on file.

Annual Reports.

Annual Reports

Of the Department of Conservation and Recreation (under Section 35BBB of Chapter 10 of the General Laws) submitting the annual report on the Douglas State Forest Maintenance Trust Fund for fiscal year 2025;

Douglas State Forest.

Of the Department of Conservation and Recreation (under Section 35FFF of Chapter 10 of the General Laws) submitting the annual report on the Nickerson State Forest Maintenance Trust Fund for fiscal year 2025;

Nickerson State Forest.

Of the Department of Conservation and Recreation (under Section 35PPP of Chapter 10 of the General Laws) submitting the annual report on the Wellfleet Hollow State Campground Trust Fund for fiscal year 2025; and

Wellfleet Hollow State Campground.

Of the Massachusetts Development Finance Agency (MassDevelopment) and the Massachusetts Cultural Council (under Section 42 of Chapter 23G of the General Laws) submitting its fiscal year 2025 report of the Cultural Facilities Fund;

Cultural facilities fund.

Severally were placed on file.

Papers from the Senate.

Bills

Honoring Blue Star Families (Senate, No. 2903) (on a part of Senate bill No. 1719 and also based on Senate bill No. 2449); and

Blue Star Families.

Improving campaign finance reporting for statewide ballot questions (Senate, No. 2916) (on Senate bill No. 2898);

Ballot questions,—reporting.

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were read; and they were referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2927) of Joan B. Lovely and Michelle L. Badger for legislation relative to students accessing food and nutritional information. To the committee on Higher Education.

Students,—nutritional information.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2928) of Joan B. Lovely and Michelle L. Badger for legislation to establish a celiac disease screening pilot program. To the committee on Public Health.

Celiac disease,—screening.

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 following petitions:

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Michelle L. Badger and Joan B. Lovely relative to student access to food and nutritional information. To the committee on Higher Education.

Students,—
nutritional
information.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Michelle L. Badger and Joan B. Lovely for legislation to establish a celiac disease screening pilot program for certain children. To the committee on Public Health.

Celiac
disease,—
screening.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Antonio F. D. Cabral for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Sonia Felix, an employee of the Department of Transitional Assistance. To the committee on Public Service.

Sonia Felix,—
sick leave.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. McMurtry of Dedham, the reports were considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended, in each instance. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

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

Senate bills

Directing the police department of the city of Boston to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Antonio Pires (Senate, No. 27) [Local Approval Received]; and

Boston,—
Antonio
Pires.

Designating a certain bridge in the city of New Bedford as the Corporal Francis J. McHugh Memorial Bridge (Senate, No. 2425); and

New Bedford,—
McHugh bridge.

House bills

Relative to real property tax deferrals in the town of Wellesley (House, No. 4143) [Local Approval Received]; and

Wellesley,—
property tax.

Relative to the charter of the town of Westwood (House, No. 4753) [Local Approval Received];

Westwood,—
charter.

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

A report of the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, under the last sentence of Rule 7A, that the Bill directing the city of Boston Police Department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officer Cherell Mellace (Senate, No. 1907) [Local Approval Received], be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Boston,—
Cherell
Mellace.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Owens of Watertown, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

By Mr. Madaro of Boston, for the committee on Revenue, on House, Nos. 3009, 3016, 3020, 3131, 3175, 3221, 3222, 3243, 3245 and 3255, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Revenue to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to certain Revenue petitions relating to veterans and service members (House, No. 4971) [Representative Lombardo of Billerica dissenting]. Referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Revenue,—
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. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the Bill establishing an advisory committee on the accessibility of fresh food retail in communities throughout the Commonwealth (House, No. 2516),— 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.

Food,—
retail.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, that the Resolve establishing a commission on infrastructure resilience (House, No. 3437) ought to pass. Referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Infrastructure
resilience.

By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Financial Services, on House, No. 1076, a Bill relative to colon cancer screening (House, No. 4933).

Colon cancer,—
screenings.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1134, a Bill to improve access and care coordination for people with pain (House, No. 4934).

Care and access,—
pain.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1137, a Bill to strengthen the control of contagious and infectious diseases in the Commonwealth (House, No. 4935).

Disease
control.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1164, a Bill to improve child and adolescent mental health services (House, No. 4936).

Mental health,—
children.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1165, a Bill providing for certain health insurance coverage (House, No. 4937).

Health insurance
coverage.

Severally referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on House, No. 4071, a Bill relative to authorizing the conveyance of certain parcels of land in the city of Fall River (House, No. 4973).

Fall River—
land.

By Mr. McGonagle of Everett, for the committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs, on a petition, a Bill supporting Massachusetts Guard and Reserve and their families (House, No. 3831) [Representative Thurber of Somerset dissenting].

Massachusetts
Guard and
Reserve.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill defining “Gold Star families” (House, No. 3832) [Representative Gaskey of Carver dissenting].

Gold Star
families.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to establish the Massachusetts National Guard Museum in Salem (House, No. 3833).

National Guard
museum.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill honoring as veterans certain persons who served in the National Guard and Reserves (House, No. 3835) [Representative Gaskey of Carver dissenting].

National Guard
and Reserve.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to correcting the definition of active duty in the interstate compact on educational opportunity for military children (House, No. 3848) [Representative Gaskey of Carver dissenting].

Military
children,—
education.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to establish the Guard enlistment enhancement program (House, No. 3860) [Representative Thurber of Somerset dissenting].

National Guard,—
enlistment.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing amending, updating, and aligning the Commonwealth's definition of veteran (House, No. 3871).

Veteran,—
definition.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to amend the general officer designation in the state staff of the militia (House, No. 3873) [Representatives Thurber of Somerset and Gaskey of Carver dissenting].

Militia,—
state staff.

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

By Mr. Lewis of Framingham, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a petition, a Bill amending the charter of the city of Pittsfield (House, No. 4716) [Local Approval Received].

Pittsfield,—
charter.

By Mr. Ryan of Boston, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Sally Desrosiers, an employee of the Department of Correction (House, No. 4962).

Sally
Desrosiers,—
sick leave.

By Mr. McGonagle of Everett, for the committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs, on a petition, a Bill relative to recognition of the "Honor and Remember" flag in the Commonwealth (House, No. 3839) [Representatives Thurber of Somerset and Gaskey of Carver dissenting].

Honor and
Remember
flag.

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

By Mr. McGonagle of Everett, for the committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs, on a petition, Resolutions memorializing the Congress of the United States to declare the city of Quincy as the most patriotic city in America (House, No. 3828) [Representative Thurber of Somerset dissenting]. Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Quincy,—
patriotic city.

Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed bills

Amending the charter of the town of Provincetown (see House, No. 4176);
Establishing the position of appointed town clerk in the town of Avon (see House, No. 4556); and

Bills
enacted.

Authorizing the town of Westwood to reissue licenses for the sale of wine and malt beverages not to be drunk on the premises and grant licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (see House, No. 4814);

(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.

Orders of the Day.

House bills

Directing the city of Boston Police Department to waive the maximum age requirement for Pierre Charles Darius of Mattapan (House, No. 3925);

Third
reading
bills.

Directing the city of Boston Police Department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Keny Gateau (House, No. 3926); and

Amending the town charter of the town of Plainville (House, No. 4805);

Severally reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

The Senate Bill amending the charter of the town of Sandwich (Senate, No. 2859), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Sandwich,—
charter.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, in concurrence, Mr. Walsh of Peabody moved to amend it by inserting after section 60 (as changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading) the following section:

“SECTION 61. The third sentence of said subsection (a) of said section 4.7 of said charter, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out the word “selectmen” and inserting in place thereof the following words: select board.”;

By inserting after section 63 the following section:

“SECTION 63A. The second sentence of said subsection (b) of said section 4.7 of said charter, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out the word “selectmen” and inserting in place thereof the following words: select board.”; and

By inserting after section 71 the following section:

“SECTION 71A. The second sentence of clause (m) of said section 5.1.4 of said charter, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out the word “special”.”

The amendments were adopted; and the bill (Senate, No. 2859, amended) was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence. Sent to the Senate for concurrence in the amendments.

Recess.

At eighteen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Orrall of Lakeville (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House recessed until five minutes before six o'clock P.M.; and at four minutes after six o'clock, the House was called to order with Ms. Hogan of Stow in the Chair.

Recess.

Pursuant to assignment, at five minutes past six o'clock P.M., the two branches met in

JOINT SESSION.

At nine minutes past six o'clock P.M., the two branches met in

Joint Session.

CONVENTION

In the Chamber of the House of Representatives, for the purpose of receiving such communication as Her Excellency Maura T. Healy, Governor of the Commonwealth, may be pleased to make relative to the concerns of the Commonwealth; and were called to order by the Honorable Karen E. Spilka, President of the Senate.

Order.

On a motion of Ms. Friedman,—

Ordered, That a committee be appointed to consist of members of the Senate and House of Representatives to wait upon Her Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, the Constitutional officers, members of the Executive Council and other distinguished guests of the Governor and inform them that the two branches are now in Convention and request the honor of their presence.

Notification of
Constitutional
officers, et al.

Senators Cyr, Kennedy, Rausch, Oliveira and Fattman were appointed on the part of the Senate; and Representatives LaNatra of Kingston, Scanlon of North Attleboro, Kilcoyne of Clinton, John Francis Moran of Boston, Souza of Framingham, Kane of Shrewsbury and Muradian of Grafton were appointed on the part of the House.

Subsequently, Mr. Cyr, for the committee, reported that the Lieutenant-Governor, Constitutional officers, the Executive Council and distinguished guests would immediately attend upon the convention.

Shortly thereafter, Her Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, Kim Driscoll, the Constitutional officers, members of the Executive Council and other distinguished guests of the Governor entered the Chamber under the escort of the Sergeant-at-Arms.

Invocation.

The President in the Chair, then introduced Most Reverend Richard G. Henning, Archbishop of Boston, who delivered the following Invocation:

Invocation.

Blessed are you Lord Our God, King of the Universe, for through Your goodness, we receive the beauty of creation and find sustenance in the bounty of land, sea and sky. We praise You this night for the blessings of liberty and for the gift of a government “of the people, by the people, and for the people”.

We give You praise for calling forth leaders from among us, and we ask Your blessing upon Governor Maura Healy, Lieutenant Governor Driscoll, Senate President Spilka, and House Speaker Mariano. We ask Your blessing upon our congressional delegation, our state legislators, Chief Judge Budd and all justices and officers of the courts, and all of the elected officials of the state and in the counties, cities, towns, and villages across Massachusetts. We pray for first responders and all those who give themselves to public service. Give wisdom to our Governor and to all of our leaders that they may see beyond appearances and apply their gifts to maintain the peace and foster the common good. Give them listening hearts and an abiding commitment to preserve liberty, promote justice, and practice mercy.

We ask Your blessing upon the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. As a people “e pluribus unam,” out of many one, we give You thanks for the gift of the many and varied communities of this state, and we ask the grace of unity in diversity. Help us to see and hear one another with humility and understanding. Inspire us to build up rather than tear down. May our hands be open in friendship and our hearts full with compassion.

May our communities and citizens be ever committed to the education and formation of the young and to the loving care of those who are sick, elderly, or infirm. Open our eyes to every kind of poverty and strengthen us to accompany and assist each other in any and all struggle and despair. Bring forth in us “the better angels of our nature” (Abraham Lincoln, *First Inaugural Address*) and make of us a society

where the “widow, the orphan, and the stranger” (Deut. 10: 18) find a home. Teach us to turn away from selfishness and to ask what we might do for our nation and our Commonwealth (Cf. John F. Kennedy, *Inaugural Address*).

Bless our industry and labor, and if it is accord with Your holy will, grant us prosperity so that we may praise your bounty and employ such gifts to exercise charity, craft beauty, and offer opportunity.

Author of Life, Yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory. Your everlasting love is our greatest hope and our most fundamental calling. Reveal to us the sacred dignity of every person and help us to protect and cherish the gift of life. Make of us “a more perfect union” (Preamble to the Constitution of the United States) and a Commonwealth where faith, hope, and love abound.

We ask this and all things with confidence in Divine Providence through your Holy Name, You Who live and reign forever and ever. Amen.

Order.

The President in the Chair, on a motion presented by Ms. Creem,—

Ordered, That a committee be appointed to consist of members of the Senate and the House of Representatives to wait upon Her Excellency the Governor and inform her that the two branches are now in Convention for the purpose of receiving such communication as she may be pleased to make to them, relating to the concerns of the Commonwealth.

Notification
of the Governor.

Senators Brownsberger, Lovely, Crighton, Comerford and Dooner were appointed to the committee on the part of the Senate; Representatives Garballey of Arlington, Duffy of Holyoke, Hamilton of Methuen, Arriaga of Chicopee, Worrell of Boston, Smola of Warren and Wong of Saugus were appointed to the committee on the part of the House.

Subsequently, Mr. Brownsberger, for the committee, reported that Her Excellency the Governor, Maura T. Healy, would immediately attend upon the convention.

Presentation of Colors.

The President introduced members of the Lynn English High School, Marine Corp Junior ROTC as the Honor Guard, who posted the colors.

Presentation
of colors.

Pledge of Allegiance.

The President then introduced members of Gold Star families and Representative Xiarhos of Barnstable who led the Convention in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of
allegiance.

National Anthem.

The President then introduced Vanessa Ford, who sang the National Anthem.

National Anthem.

Shortly thereafter, Her Excellency the Governor, Maura T. Healy entered the Chamber under the escort of the Sergeant-at-Arms.

The President then introduced Her Excellency the Governor, Maura T. Healy, who thereupon addressed the Convention relative to the concerns of the Commonwealth (Senate, No. 2).

State of the
Commonwealth
address.

Benediction.

The benediction was given by Rabbi Elaine Zecher of Temple Israel Boston, as follows:

Benediction.

A Blessing for the Search of True Kindness
Holy One of Blessing, your presence fills all creation
We stand before You,
we who are divinely inspired yet human powered
In pursuit of a compassion filled world.

We have a long way to go.

We surely know of pain
caused by the mistreatment of the stranger,
the vulnerable, those without safety and security.
So much that is heart breaking
and heart wrenching challenges our stability.
When much has been lost,
what remains is kindness,
sacred and humane, everlasting and eternal,
and always available as a balm for despair.

Help us, O God, to stand strong,
to turn toward that which reaches
further than ourselves.
Help us to discover a path forward
illuminated by the grace of goodness
toward one another.
Small gestures of kindness
offered without the expectation
of recognition make a profound difference.
Kindness given unconditionally
has the power to transform unconditionally.
That's what makes it true.

We are mere human beings
touched by the sacred.
How can it be that though we are created in Your image
we are not all the same?
We are a varied kaleidoscope of humanity
dignified by our difference
woven together by a sacred thread.

Teach us, O God
to activate our capacity
to respond with kindness,

even with those whom we disagree.
Your mercy and loving-kindness inspire us
to consider how we care for one another,
how we disturb our complacency
to see that each person carries Your divinity
even when it is difficult,
even when we would rather look away.
Let us not stand idly by.

Move us, Holy One of Blessing,
in the presence of one another in this chamber,
those who have devoted their lives
to service of others as a civic responsibility
to be the bridge between heaven and earth.
Together, we demonstrate the potential
of each person's capacity
to bring goodness to one another.

We have learned,
leadership can mean tending
to one's flock like a shepherd.
The Psalmists called You a shepherd.
It may not be possible to stand before a flock
and expect everyone to obey or to agree,
yet, leading from within
as a shepherd must do
can move everyone forward.
And it is watching out for the those on the outside, exposed to danger
that ensures their safety.

May our governor feel Your presence
lifting her in difficult moments
and celebratory ones, too.
May kindness surround her,
hold her and strengthen her.
May Governor Healy's compassion inspire others,
and may it flow from the hands and hearts
of those who reside in
our glorious commonwealth
to be active partners in our shared work
to bring God's mercy to life,
and in doing so, to bring life to each other.

So may it be. Amen.

The President in the Chair, Her Excellency the Governor, Maura T. Healy, the Lieutenant-Governor, the Constitutional officers, the members of the Executive Council, members of the Supreme Judicial Court and the Adjutant General then withdrew from the Chamber under the escort of the Sergeant-at-Arms.

Withdrawal
from Chamber.

On motion of Mr. Collins at three minutes past eight o'clock P.M., the Convention of the Two Branches was dissolved; and the Senate withdrew from the Joint Session, under the escort of the Sergeant-at-Arms.

There being no objection,— at three minutes after eight o'clock P.M., the Chair (Ms. Hogan of Stow) declared the House adjourned until tomorrow at 11:00 A.M., in an Informal Session.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Friday, January 23, 2026.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Garballey of Arlington 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. Garballey), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of allegiance.

Appointment of the Speaker.

The Speaker announced that (under the provisions of Section 74 of Chapter 3 of the General Laws) he had appointed Representative Howard of Lowell to the permanent Commission on the Status of Persons with Disabilities.

Status of persons with disabilities.

Petition.

Representative Elliott of Lowell presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Rodney M. Elliott for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Carla Johnson, an employee of the Department of Unemployment Assistance; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Carla Johnson,—
sick leave.

Papers from the Senate.

A Bill authorizing the preparation of bilingual ballots in English and Haitian Creole in the city known as the town of Randolph (Senate, No. 509) (on a petition) [Local Approval Received], passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Randolph,—
bilingual
ballots.

A Bill validating and confirming certain acts and proceedings taken or conducted by certain elected and appointed officials in the town of Plymouth (Senate, No. 2925) (on Senate bill No. 2679) [Local Approval Received], passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Plymouth,—
town
meetings.

A communication from the Public Employee Retirement Administration Commission (under the provisions of Section 50 of Chapter 7 of the General Laws) submitting proposed amendments to the rules and regulations governing retirement of public employees in Massachusetts (840 CMR 28.00) (Senate, No. 2923), was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Public Service.

PERAC,—
regulations.

Reports of Committees.

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

The Senate Bill further regulating the amendment of a conservation restriction in the town of Hanson (Senate, No. 2895) [Local Approval Received]; and

The House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Sally Desrosiers, an employee of the Department of Correction (House, No. 4962).

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.

By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Financial Services, on House, No. 1171, a Bill concerning the safety of autistic and alzheimer individuals (House, No. 4938).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1173, a Bill to facilitate timely access to quality health care by expanding access to patient navigation (House, No. 4939).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1181, a Bill to redirect excessive health insurer reserves to support health care safety net programs (House, No. 4940).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1185, a Bill relative to health savings accounts (House, No. 4941).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1187, a Bill relative to increasing consumer access to licensed rehabilitation counselors (House, No. 4942).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1206, a Bill relative to epinephrine injectors (House, No. 4943).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1224, a Bill providing insurance coverage for biennial echocardiograms for persons under the age of 18 (House, No. 4945).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1230, a Bill mandating access to cancer screenings for firefighters through health care benefits plans or programs provided by the public employer (House, No. 4946).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1235, a Bill updating the mandated benefit review process (House, No. 4947).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1237, a Bill to further enhance rate review examinations conducted by the health care access bureau within the division of insurance (House, No. 4948).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1238, a Bill establishing a division of health insurance (House, No. 4949).

Severally referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Financial Services, on House, No. 1212, a Bill relative to emergency insulin access (House, No. 4944). Read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Engrossed Bill.

The engrossed Bill authorizing the town of Milford select board to appoint a highway surveyor (see House, No. 4663) (which originated in the House), having

Hanson,—
conservation.

Sally Desrosiers,—
sick leave.

Autism and
alzheimer's.

Care and
access,—
screenings.

Health
safety net.

Health savings
accounts.

Mental health
professionals,—
definition.

Epinephrine.

Health
screenings,—
youth.

Firefighters,—
cancer
screenings.

Benefit review
process.

Health
insurance,—
oversight.

Division of
health insurance.

Insulin.

Bill
enacted.

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.

Orders of the Day.

House bills

Directing the city of Boston Police Department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Chris Glaropoulos (House, No. 4092);

Directing the city of Boston police department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Jason DeLeon (House, No. 4142); and

Directing the city of Boston Police Department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Gissell Melo (House, No. 4246);

Severally reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Third
reading
bills.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

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

Next
sitting.

Representatives Mariano of Quincy, Ayers of Quincy and Chan of Quincy move that when the House adjourns today, it do so in respect to the memory of James A. Sheets, a member of the House from Quincy from 1975 to 1978, inclusive, and mayor of the city of Quincy from 1990 to 2001, inclusive; and the motion prevailed.

Accordingly, at six minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Tuesday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.



TUESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2026.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Tuesday, January 27, 2026.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Garballey of Arlington 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. Garballey), 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 recommending legislation relative to financing long-term improvements to municipal road and bridges (House, No. 4987), was filed in the office of the Clerk on Friday, January 23.

Municipal roads and bridges.

The message was read; and it was referred, under Rule 30, with the accompanying draft of a bill, to the committee on Transportation. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Orders.

The following orders were referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules:

Order (filed by Representatives McMurtry of Dedham and Vitolo of Brookline) relative to extending until Wednesday, March 18, 2026 the time within which the committee on Labor and Workforce Development is authorized to report on current House documents (House, No. 4990).

Extensions of time for committees to make reports.

Order (filed by Representatives Madaro of Boston and Philips of Sharon) relative to extending until Friday, March 6, 2026 the time within which the committee on Revenue is authorized to report on current House documents (House, No. 4991).

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. Owens of Watertown, the orders were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Communications.

Communications

From the Office of the Veteran Advocate (see Section 2 of Chapter 115B of the General Laws) submitting the Understanding Massachusetts' Municipal Veterans Service Officer report for fiscal year 2025;

Municipal veterans service officers.

From the Office of the Veteran Advocate (see Section 2 of Chapter 115B of the General Laws) submitting its' budget request for fiscal year 2026; and

Veteran Advocate.

From the Office of the Veteran Advocate (see Section 2 of Chapter 115B of the General Laws) submitting its' budget request for fiscal year 2025;

Id.

Severally were placed on file.

Annual and Special Reports.

The annual report of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (under Section 6 of Chapter 25 of the Acts of 2009) submitting its Performance Management report for fiscal year 2025; and

Transportation,—
performance
management.

Special Reports

Of the Auto Body Labor Rate Advisory Board (under Section 292 of Chapter 238 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the ABLRAB’s final report; and

Auto body labor
rate board.

Of the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (under Section 109 of Chapter 239 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the report from the Massachusetts Special Commission to Study the Impacts on the Fossil Fuel Workforce;

Fossil fuel
workforce.

Severally were placed on file.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Chan of Quincy and Senator Feeney, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Tackey Chan, Kate Donaghue and others relative to consumer protections for low valued legal tender scarcity.

Legal tender,—
scarcity.

By Representative Gentile of Sudbury, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Carmine Lawrence Gentile relative to designating the Sky Bar as the official chocolate bar of the Commonwealth.

Sky bar.

By Representative Lewis of Framingham, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Jack Patrick Lewis relative to retirement benefits for Suzanne Garcia a member of the state employee’s retirement system and the Framingham retirement system.

Suzanne
Garcia,—
retirement.

By Representatives Lipper-Garabedian of Melrose and Cabral of New Bedford, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Kate Lipper-Garabedian for legislation to establish a grant program to reduce poverty and create an ENOUGH fund advisory committee.

Poverty,—
reduction.

By Representatives Luddy of Orleans and Tarsky of Needham, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Hadley Luddy for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) to study access to unemployment insurance

Unemployment
insurance,—
commission.

By Representative Peisch of Wellesley, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Alice Hanlon Peisch for legislation to regulate the operation of medical spas.

Medical spas,—
regulation.

By Representative Rogers of Cambridge and Senator Brownsberger, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of David M. Rogers, William N. Brownsberger and others relative to consumer connected devices.

Consumer
connected
devices.

By Representative Tarsky of Needham, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Joshua Tarsky for legislation to establish a process to train, certify and retain high-quality educators for public schools.

Educators,—
training.

By Representatives Worrell of Boston and Holmes of Boston, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Christopher J. Worrell for legislation to designate the Dorchester division of the Boston Municipal Court as the Judge Leslie E. Harris courthouse.

Boston,—
Harris
courthouse.

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

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 Mindy Domb relative to the disclosure of consumer information related to tariffs. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Owens of Watertown, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Tariffs,—
disclosure.

By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill authorizing the [sic] Barnstable County and the town of Bourne to convey land and certain interests in land in the town of Bourne (House, No. 2351), ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a bill with the same title (House, No. 4992) [Local Approval Received].

Bourne,—
land.

By the same member, for the same committee, that the Bill requiring automated external defibrillators at sporting events (House, No. 2391), ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a bill with the same title (House, No. 4993).

External
defibrillators.

By the same member, for the same committee, that the Bill Preparing Apprentices through Training, Hiring, and Skills in Massachusetts (House, No. 4974), ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a Bill relative to preparing apprentices in the commonwealth (House, No. 4994).

Apprentices,—
preparation.

Severally referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling. Mr. Honan of Boston, for said committee, then reported that the matters be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Severally placed in the Orders of the Day for the next sitting for a second reading, with the amendments pending.

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:

Directing the city of Boston Police Department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Angel G. Rivera (House, No. 4389) [Local Approval Received];

Boston,—
Angel
Rivera.

Directing the city of Boston Police Department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Alex J. Rodriguez (House, No. 4391) [Local Approval Received];

Boston,—
Alex
Rodriguez.

Authorizing Anthony Morales to take the civil service examination for the position of police officer in the city of Haverhill notwithstanding the maximum age requirement (House, No. 4442) [Local Approval Received];

Haverhill,—
Anthony
Morales.

To update expungement (House, No. 4858); and

Expungement.

Authorizing the town of Monterey to continue the employment of police officer Jennifer O. Brown (House, No. 4862) [Local Approval Received].

Monterey,—
Jennifer
Brown.

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

By Mr. Arciero of Westford, for the committee on Transportation, on a petition, a Bill providing for a study to be conducted on the cost feasibility of implementing a ferry service to Long Island in Boston Harbor (House, No. 3615).

Ferry
service,—
study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing a special commission to identify, preserve and commemorate historic roadways in Massachusetts (House, No. 3785).

Historic
roadways,—
study.

Severally read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

By Mr. Cahill of Lynn, for the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, on a petition, a Bill relative to emergency hazard health duty (House, No. 2564) [Representatives Vaughn of Wrentham and Sweezey of Duxbury dissenting].

COVID-19,—
first responders.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to improve public safety and security (House, No. 2584) [Representatives Vaughn of Wrentham, Xiarhos of Barnstable and Sweezey of Duxbury dissenting].

State immigration
processing and
waiver office.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to build restorative family and community connection (House, No. 2591) [Representative Vaughn of Wrentham, Xiarhos of Barnstable and Sweezey of Duxbury dissenting].

Incarcerated,—
visitation.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to human rights and improved outcomes for incarcerated people (House, No. 2608) [Representatives Vaughn of Wrentham, Xiarhos of Barnstable and Sweezey of Duxbury dissenting].

Incarcerated,—
out-of-cell
time.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to critical incident intervention by emergency service providers (House, No. 2629) [Representative Vaughn of Wrentham dissenting].

Incident
intervention.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to critical incident intervention by emergency service providers (House, No. 2662) [Representative Vaughn of Wrentham dissenting].

Id.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to firearm industry accountability and gun violence victims' access to justice (House, No. 2672) [Representatives Vaughn of Wrentham, Xiarhos of Barnstable and Sweezey of Duxbury dissenting].

Firearms
industry,—
accountability.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to elder and medical parole (House, No. 2693) [Representatives Vaughn of Wrentham, Xiarhos of Barnstable and Sweezey of Duxbury dissenting].

Parole,—
elder and
medical.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill providing for an audit of gun violence prevention and intervention funding (House, No. 2733) [Representatives Vaughn of Wrentham, Xiarhos of Barnstable and Sweezey of Duxbury dissenting].

Gun
violence,—
funding audit.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to repeal pay-to-stay fees (House, No. 2734) [Representatives Vaughn of Wrentham, Xiarhos of Barnstable and Sweezey of Duxbury dissenting].

Incarcerated,—
fees.

By Mr. Arciero of Westford, for the committee on Transportation, on House, No. 43 and on a part of House, No. 35, a Bill relative to the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority Employees' Retirement System (House, No. 43).

Turnpike,—
retirement
system.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to unpaved roads (House, No. 3628).

Unpaved
roads.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 3679, 3686, 3687 and 3699, a Bill relative to license plate year of manufacture registration (House, No. 3679).

License
plates.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 3689, 3691 and 3693, a Bill relating to road building equipment classifications (House, No. 3689).

Road building
equipment.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill providing for mobile driver's licenses in the commonwealth (House, No. 3725).

Licenses,—
electronic.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing an emergency responder yellow dot program (House, No. 3741).

Medical
information.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to provide identification to youth and adults experiencing homelessness (House, No. 3750).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to The Ride service of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (House, No. 3762).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill allowing blood types to be printed on licenses to operate motor vehicles (House, No. 3764).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 3766 and 3767, a Bill relative to the odometer reading of a vehicle that is 25 years or older (House, No. 3766).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to an ADA paratransit program riders' bill of rights (House, No. 3776).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to wrong-way driving (House, No. 3780).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to a motorcycle safety fund (House, No. 3784).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill ensuring access to state IDs for low-income people (House, No. 3794).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to ensure financial viability in the transportation of farm goods (House, No. 4326).

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

By Mr. Cahill of Lynn, for the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, on a petition, a Bill making firearm owners civilly liable for damage caused by lost or stolen firearms (House, No. 2590) [Representatives Vaughn of Wrentham, Xiarios of Barnstable and Swezey of Duxbury dissenting].

By Mr. Arciero of Westford, for the committee on Transportation, on a petition, a Bill designating a certain bridge in the town of Hopkinton as the Major General Frank D. Merrill memorial bridge (House, No. 3608).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to increasing the fine for handicap parking violations for city/town implementation and compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (House, No. 3614).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill designating a portion of state highway Route 7A in the town of Lenox as the Ross B. Dindio memorial highway (House, No. 3645).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to increase safety on public ways (House, No. 3650).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to proper notification of deceased animals on state highways (House, No. 3678).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to container safety on roadways (House, No. 3684).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill designating historic routes (House, No. 3685).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to excavation restoration on public ways (House, No. 3702).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill designating Marshfield the home of Senator Daniel Webster and Governor Edward Winslow (House, No. 3711).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill naming "The Bill Russell and Bob Cousy Highway" (House, No. 3727).

Homelessness,—
identification.

MBTA,—
The Ride.

Licenses,—
blood type.

Older vehicles,—
odometer
reading.

Paratransit
program.

Wrong-way
driving.

Motorcycle
safety fund.

State
identification.

Farm goods,—
transportation.

Lost or stolen
firearms,—
liability.

Hopkinton,—
Major General
Frank D. Merrill.

Handicap parking
violations,—
fines.

Lenox,—
Dindio memorial
highway.

Towing,—
public ways.

State highways,—
notification.

Containers,—
roadways.

Historic
routes.

Excavation
restoration.

Marshfield,—
historical
home.

Turnpike,—
naming.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill protecting motorists and emergency personnel (House, No. 3729).

Breakdown lanes.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill prohibiting the practice of coal rolling (House, No. 3746).

Diesel exhaust,— modifications.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the safe operation of motor vehicles (House, No. 3748).

Distracted driving.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill designating a certain intersection in the town of Pembroke as the Lavina A. Hatch corner (House, No. 3790).

Pembroke,— Hatch corner.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill regarding right of way violations (CeCelia's Law) (House, No. 3817).

Red lights,— turns.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill designating a certain overpass in the town of Sandwich as the U.S. Marine Staff Sergeant Raymond G. Tourville Veterans Memorial Overpass (House, No. 4374).

Sandwich,— overpass.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 3695, a Bill relative to littering (House, No. 4976).

Littering.

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

Reports of the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, under the last sentence of Rule 7A, that the following bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

The Senate Bill providing for the filling of vacancies in the office of district councilor in the city of Boston (Senate, No. 2511, changed) [Local Approval Received]; and

Boston,— vacancies.

House bills

Prohibiting employment discrimination based on the legal use of cannabis (House, No. 2179);

Cannabis,— discrimination.

To ban internet tobacco sales (House, No. 2482);

Tobacco sales.

Directing the superintendent of state office buildings to install a permanent memorial in the Massachusetts State House in honor of Mercy Otis Warren (House, No. 3315);

State House,— Mercy Otis Warren.

Establishing the official ice cream flavor of the Commonwealth (House, No. 3409); and

Ice cream.

To protect Native American heritage (House, No. 3597);

Native heritage.

Severally placed in the Orders of the Day for the next sitting for a second reading.

A report of the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, under the last sentence of Rule 7A, that the House Resolutions urging Congress to pass legislation establishing a national infrastructure bank (House, No. 3416), was placed in the Orders of the Day for the next sitting, the question being on adoption.

National infrastructure bank.

Orders of the Day.

The House Bill directing the city of Boston police department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Rodney Alcindor (House, No. 4254), 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.

The House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Marnie Jean Goldstein, an employee of the Department of Children and Families (House, No. 4888), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Marnie Jean Goldstein,—
sick leave.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Walsh of Peabody moved to amend it by inserting before the enacting clause the following emergency preamble:

“Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to establish forthwith a sick leave bank for a certain employee of the department of children and families, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.”.

The amendment was adopted; and the bill (House, No. 4888, amended) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

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.

Representative Scarsdale of Pepperell moved that when the House adjourns today, it do so in respect to the memory of Robert S. Hargraves, a member of the House from Groton from 1995 to 2010, inclusive; and the motion prevailed.

Accordingly, at nine minutes after eleven o’clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following day at eleven o’clock A.M.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.



WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2026.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Wednesday, January 28, 2026.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M. 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.

Guests of the House.

During the Session, the Chair (Ms. Hogan of Stow), declared a brief recess and introduced Lisette Arbelli and Tom Ricci, of Hudson. Lisette Arbelli is the vice president, market manager of Avidia Bank and has been part of the Downtown Hudson Community Bank for more than 40 years. Tom Ricci recently retired after 45 years of owning and operating Body & Paint Autobody in Hudson. Tom has served as president of Mass Autobody Association in recent years. They were the guests of the Chair.

Lisette Arbelli
and Tom Ricci.

During the Session, the Chair (Mr. Puppolo of Springfield), declared a brief recess and introduced 7-year-old Mariane Cullen, who was joined by her mother Kat Demeterion and her godfather Juan Latorre III.

Mariane
Cullen.

Born prematurely at 34 weeks, Marianne spent the first 15 days of her life in the neonatal intensive care unit. From this experience, she wants to dedicate her life to caring for infants while advancing medical research.

Marianne's passion for science has already turned into action. She created a fundraiser and developed a presentation to raise \$1,408. She also raised another \$500 in bracelet sales to support further research.

Behind Marianne's achievements are her proud and supportive parents, Kat Demetron and Robert Cullen. Their encouragement has helped Marianne turn her dreams into action.

But Marianne's story isn't just about science and academics. At just seven years old, Marianne excels in writing, math, and science at Frederick Harris elementary School, and she is a drama club member and also enjoys ballet, jazz, soccer, writing stories, and spending time with her family.

They were the guests of Representatives Puppolo of Springfield and Ramos of Springfield.

Statement of Representative Plouffe of Brockton.

A statement of Ms. Plouffe of Brockton 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 not present in the House Chamber for today's sitting due to my attendance at a

Statement of
Representative
Plouffe of

memorial service. If I had been present, I would have voted in the affirmative on of roll call numbers 117, 118, 119 and 121 and in the negative on roll call No. 120. My missing of said roll call was due entirely to the reason stated.

Brockton.

Remote Participation.

Notice had been received from House Counsel that, under the provisions of House Rule 49, Representatives Armini of Marblehead, Ferguson of Holden, Lombardo of Billerica, Luddy of Orleans and Whipps of Athol had been approved to participate remotely for today's formal sitting.

Remote participation.

Resolutions.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Representatives Sullivan-Almeida of Abington and Plouffe of Brockton) congratulating Yolanda Kruger on her one hundredth birthday, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Yolanda Kruger.

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.

Orders.

The following orders were referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules:

Order (filed by Representatives Decker of Cambridge and Kerans of Danvers) relative to extending until Monday, March 16, 2026 the time within which the committee on Public Health is authorized to report on a current House document (House, No. 4984).

Extensions of time for committees to make reports.

Order (filed by Representatives Decker of Cambridge and Kerans of Danvers) relative to extending until Monday, March 16, 2026 the time within which the committee on Public Health is authorized to report on a current House document (House, No. 4988).

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. Hamilton of Methuen, the orders were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, asking to be discharged from further consideration:

Of the Bill creating a commission to study unemployment insurance reform (House, No. 1209);

Unemployment insurance.

Of the Resolve creating a special commission on affordable housing insurance (House, No. 1279);

Housing,— insurance.

Of the Bill relative to a commission to study access to emotional support animals in residential housing (House, No. 1534); and

Housing,— support animals.

Of the Bill improving accessibility in the creative economy (House, No. 4912);

Creative economy.

And recommending that the same severally be referred to the House committee on Rules.

Under Rule 42, the reports severally were considered forthwith; and they were accepted.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, that the Bill establishing a commission to study the financial abuse of elders (House, No. 4749) ought to pass. Referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Elders,—
financial
abuse.

By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Financial Services, on House, No. 1240, a Bill relative to insulin access (House, No. 4950).

Insulin,—
access.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1245, a Bill to address barriers to HIV prevention medication (House, No. 4951).

HIV medication,—
barriers.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1254, a Bill relative to the diagnosis and treatment of autism spectrum disorder (House, No. 4952).

Autism,—
treatment and
diagnosis.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1295, a Bill promoting consumer choice in health care (House, No. 4953).

Health care,—
consumer choice.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1298, a Bill to increase enrollment in affordable health plan networks (House, No. 4954).

Affordable plans,—
enrollment.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1299, a Bill to increase enrollment in affordable health plan networks (House, No. 4955).

Id.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1313, a Bill relating to patient choice in dispensing of clinician-administered drugs (House, No. 4956).

Drug dispensing,—
patient choice.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1315, a Bill relative to IUD pain management coverage (House, No. 4957).

IUD pain
management.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1337, a Bill relative to opioid use disorder treatment and rehabilitation coverage (House, No. 4958).

Opioid use
disorder.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 3946, a Bill relative to health insurance coverage for hearing aids (House, No. 4959).

Hearing aids,—
coverage.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 4012, a Bill relative to ensuring access to neurological disorder screenings for firefighters (House, No. 4960).

Firefighters,—
neurological
screenings.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 4162, a Bill to increase access to healthcare for ostomy patients (House, No. 4961).

Ostomy
patients.

By Ms. Decker of Cambridge, for the committee on Public Health, on a petition, a Bill relative to nursing career pathways in long term care (House, No. 2544).

Nursing.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 2506 and 2532, a Bill relative to therapeutic psilocybin treatment centers (House, No. 4986).

Psilocybin
treatment.

Severally referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

By Mr. Chan of Quincy, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, on House, No. 323, a Bill to promote domestic violence and sexual assault awareness education and training in the field of cosmetology and barbering (House, No. 4978).

Cosmetology,—
training.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 379, a Bill modernizing protections for consumers in automobile transactions (House, No. 4979).

Automobiles,—
transactions.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 342, 365, 406 and 424, a Bill modernizing the business practices between motor vehicle dealers, manufacturers, and distributors to increase consumer protections (House, No. 4980).

Id.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 354 and 441, a Bill relative to notifying automobile lien holders of certain towing and storage costs (House, No. 4981).

Towing costs,—
notifications.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 433, a Bill relative to portable wireless device repair (House, No. 4982).

Wireless devices,—
repair.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 4452, a Bill providing for earlier alcohol sales to be drunk on premises on Sundays (House, No. 4983).

Alcohol sales,—
Sundays.

By Ms. Decker of Cambridge, for the committee on Public Health, on a petition, a Bill relative to burial assistance (House, No. 2374).

Burial
assistance.

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

Orders of the Day.

Bills

Authorizing the town of Hudson to grant 1 additional license for the sale of wine and malt beverages not to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 4272);

Third
reading
bills.

Amending the town charter of the town of Plymouth (House, No. 4501); and

Authorizing the town of Cohasset to grant five additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 4561);

Severally having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

At seventeen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House recessed subject to the call of the Chair; and at twenty-two minutes before two o'clock P.M., the House was called to order with Mr. Donato in the Chair.

Recess.

Ms. Hogan of Stow being in the Chair,—

The House Bill designating Domestic Workers' Rights Day (House, No. 3417), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Domestic
workers'
rights day.

After remarks on the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, the sense of the House was taken by the yeas and nays, at the request of Ms. Sousa of Framingham; and on the roll call 156 members voted in the affirmative and 0 in the negative.

Bill passed to
be engrossed,—
yea and nay
No. 117.

[See [Yea and Nay No. 117](#) in Supplement.]

Therefore the bill was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Prior to the noon recess (Mr. Donato being in the Chair),—

The House Bill Preparing Apprentices through Training, Hiring, and Skills in Massachusetts (House, No. 4974), was read a second time.

Apprentices,—
preparation.

The amendment previously recommended by the committee on Ways and Means,— that the bill be amended by substitution of a Bill relative to preparing apprentices in the Commonwealth (House, No. 4994),— was adopted; and the substituted bill was ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently, the noon recess having terminated (Ms. Hogan of Stow being in the Chair), under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Jones of North Reading, the bill (having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) was read a third time.

After debate on the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Moran of Lawrence moved to amend it in section 1, in line 3, and in section 10, in line 87, by striking out the following: “the third paragraph of section 26” and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following: “paragraph (H) of subdivision (2) of section 44A”;

By striking out sections 4, 5 and 6;

By inserting after section 9 the following 3 sections:

“SECTION 9A. Subdivision (2) of section 44A of said chapter 149, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by adding the following paragraph:

(H) For any public works project with an estimated construction cost in excess of \$10,000,000, not less than 5 per cent of the total hours worked for each trade by employees receiving an hourly wage who are directly employed at the project site by the awarding authority, contractor or subcontractor and who are subject to the prevailing wage law, shall be performed by apprentices. Such apprentices shall be: (i) registered in apprentice programs approved by the division of apprentice standards within the executive office of labor and workforce development pursuant to sections 11H and 11I of chapter 23; and (ii) employed in compliance with applicable apprentice-to-journeyperson ratios established by a trades licensing board or by the division of apprentice standards.

SECTION 9B. Said subdivision (2) of section 44A of said chapter 149, as amended by section 9A, is hereby further amended by striking out the words ‘5 per cent’ and inserting in place thereof the following words: 10 per cent.

SECTION 9C. Said subdivision (2) of said section 44A of said chapter 149, as amended by section 9B, is hereby further amended by striking out the words ‘10 per cent’ and inserting in place thereof the following words: 15 per cent.”;

In section 12, in line 155, by striking out the following: “section 26” and inserting in place thereof the following: “paragraph (H) of subdivision (2) of section 44A”;

In section 13, in line 162, by striking out the figure: “4” and inserting in place thereof the following: “9A”;

In section 14, in line 163, by striking out the figure: “5” and inserting in place thereof the following: “9B”;

In section 15, in line 164, by striking out the figure: “6” and inserting in place thereof the following: “9C”.

The amendments were adopted.

On the question on passing the bill, as amended, to be engrossed, the sense of the House was taken by the yeas and nays, at the request of Mr. McMurtry of Dedham; and on the roll call 154 members voted in the affirmative and 1 in the negative.

[See [Yea and Nay No. 118](#) in Supplement.]

Therefore the bill (House, No. 5032, published as amended) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Engrossed Bill – Land Taking.

The engrossed Bill allowing the town of Hingham to use municipal property as the location for a center for active living (see House, No. 4314) (which originated in

Bill passed to
be engrossed,—
yea and nay
No. 118.

Hingham,—
land.

the House), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was put upon its final passage.

On the question on passing the bill to be enacted, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays (this being a bill providing for the taking of land or other easements used for conservation purposes, etc., as defined by Article XCVII of the Amendments to the Constitution); and on the roll call 154 members voted in the affirmative and 0 in the negative.

Bill enacted
(land taking),—
yea and nay
No. 119.

[See [Yea and Nay No. 119 in Supplement.](#)]

Therefore the bill was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

Prior to the noon recess (Mr. Donato being in the Chair),—

The House Bill requiring automated external defibrillators at sporting events (House, No. 2391), was read a second time.

Sports,—
defibrillators.

The amendment previously recommended by the committee on Ways and Means,— that the bill be amended by substitution of a bill with the same title (House, No. 4993),— was adopted; and the substituted bill was ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently, the noon recess having terminated under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Decker of Cambridge, the bill (having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) was read a third time.

Ms. Hogan of Stow being in the Chair,—

After remarks on passing the bill to be engrossed, Representatives Frost of Auburn and Thurber of Somerset moved to amend it by adding the following section:

“SECTION 2. Subject to appropriation, a Massachusetts AED Communities Fund shall be established to help cities and towns pay for automated external defibrillator devices, as well as any necessary equipment and infrastructure to properly hold and charge such devices, pursuant to the requirements of this act and the regulations promulgated by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. The fund shall be overseen and operated by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health and may receive funds from appropriations of the state legislature, public, private and non-profit grants, internal transfers from within the Department of Public Health’s budget, federal funds, grants and appropriations, and private donations from individuals and businesses. The AED Communities Fund shall award funding to communities in the Commonwealth to help them meet the requirements to place such devices at all required facilities and fields.”.

After debate on the question on adoption of the amendment, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays at the request of Mr. Frost of Auburn; and on the roll call 26 members voted in the affirmative and 130 in the negative.

Amendment
rejected,—
yea and nay
No. 120.

[See [Yea and Nay No. 120 in Supplement.](#)]

Therefore the amendment was rejected.

Representatives Frost of Auburn and Thurber of Somerset then moved to amend the bill by adding the following section:

“SECTION 2. The Massachusetts Department of Public Health shall provide exemptions for communities and sports activities in which fields and facilities are remote and do not have access to permanent power supply, or if the AED is broken or uncharged at the time of the event. A facility must post a sign and make a public announcement informing participants, coaches, officials and spectators that an AED device is not available for use.”.

The amendment was rejected.

On the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, the sense of the House was taken by the yeas and nays, at the request of Ms. Decker of Cambridge; and on the roll call (Mr. Donato of Medford having taken the Chair) 154 members voted in the affirmative and 1 in the negative.

Bill passed to be engrossed,—
yea and nay
No. 121.

[See [Yea and Nay No. 121 in Supplement.](#)]

Therefore the bill was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Prior to the noon recess, the House Bill authorizing the Barnstable County and the town of Bourne to convey land and certain interests in land in the town of Bourne (House, No. 2351), was read a second time.

Apprentices,—
preparation.

The amendment previously recommended by the committee on Ways and Means,— that the bill be amended by substitution of a bill with the same title (House, No. 4992),— was adopted; and the substituted bill was ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently, the noon recess having terminated, under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Diggs of Barnstable, the bill (having been 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.

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 four 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.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.



THURSDAY, JANUARY 29, 2026.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, January 29, 2026.

Met at twenty-eight minutes after 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.

Messages from the Governor.

A message from Her Excellency the Governor submitting the annual budget of the Commonwealth for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 (House, No. 2), was filed in the office of the Clerk on Wednesday, January 28.

General
Appropriations
Bill.

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

A message from Her Excellency the Governor submitting requests for making appropriations for the fiscal year 2026 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (House, No. 5033), was filed in the office of the Clerk on Wednesday, January 28.

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.

Guests of the House.

At the beginning of the session, the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford), declared a brief recess and introduced, seated in the Chamber, members of the Franklin High School girls' varsity volleyball team and their coaches. The team won the MIAA Division 1 State Championship; and they were the guests of Representative Roy of Franklin.

Franklin
High School
girls volleyball
team.

At the beginning of the session, the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford), declared a brief recess and introduced, seated in the Chamber, members of the 2025 Masconomet cheerleading squad, captains Ava Whitman, Anna Gustavson, Olivia Borghesi, Caroline Clemens and their coaches. The team won the Fall 2025 Massachusetts School Administrators' Association (MSAA) Small Co-ed Division Championship and were named the MSAA Grand Champions. They were the guests of Representatives Kerans of Danvers, Kassner of Hamilton, Jones of North Reading, Nguyen of Andover, Shand of Newburyport and Ramos of North Andover.

Masconomet
High School
cheerleading
squad.

Resolutions.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Representative LaNatra of Kingston) congratulating the town of Kingston on the three hundredth anniversary of its incorporation, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Kingston.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee, reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Kerans of Danvers, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Communications.

Communications

From the Office of the Child Advocate (see Section 14 of Chapter 18C of the General Laws) submitting its annual report from the Childhood Trauma Taskforce for calendar year 2025 entitled: Building a Trauma-Informed and Responsive Workforce;

Childhood Trauma Taskforce.

From the Division of Banks (see Section 14C of Chapter 167 of the General Laws) submitting the annual report of the Small Business Loan Review Boards for fiscal year 2025;

Small Business Loan Review Boards.

From the Executive Office for Administration and Finance and the Executive Office for Housing and Livable Communities (see Section 10 of Chapter 1 and Section 88 of Chapter 73 of the Acts of 2025 and Section 19 of Chapter 88 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the December 23, 2025 biweekly report on the emergency housing assistance program; and

Emergency housing assistance.

From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see Section 31 of Chapter 197 of the Acts of 2024) submitting an update on the Long-Term Care Workforce and Capital Fund;

Long-term care.

Severally were placed on file.

Annual Reports.

Annual Reports

Of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (under Section 35QQ of Chapter 10 of the General Laws) for the Economic Empowerment Trust Fund for fiscal year 2025; and

Economic Empowerment Trust Fund.

Of the Executive Office of Economic Development (under Section 17 of Chapter 23D of the General Laws) submitting the Center for Employee Ownership report for calendar year 2025;

Center for Employee Ownership.

Severally were placed on file.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Hunt of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5034) of Daniel J. Hunt (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to authorize the appointment of Matthew Cummings as a police officer in the city of Boston, notwithstanding the maximum age requirement. To the committee on Public Service.

Boston,—
Matthew Cummings.

By Representative Muradian of Grafton and Senator Moore, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5035) of David K. Muradian, Jr., (by vote of the town) relative to the senior property tax exemption in the town of Grafton. To the committee on Revenue.

Grafton,—
senior tax
exemption.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Madaro of Boston, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Adrian C. Madaro relative to access to the court system and judicial proceedings and processes.

Courts,—
access.

By Representatives Vargas of Haverhill and Garcia of Chelsea, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Andres X. Vargas, Judith A. Garcia and others for legislation to further regulate state and local participation in federal civil immigration enforcement.

Civil
immigration
enforcement.

By Representative Zlotnik of Gardner, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Jonathan D. Zlotnik relative to chemical recycling.

Chemical
recycling.

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

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 joint petition of John H. Rogers and others that the commissioner of the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance be authorized to take by eminent domain a certain parcel of land in the town of Norwood. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Roy of Franklin, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Norwood,—
land.

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

The Senate Bill authorizing the appointment of retired police officers as special police officers in the town of Plainville (Senate, No. 1898) [Local Approval Received]; and

Plainville,—
police
officers.

House bills

Relative to the nomination process for candidates for town meeting in Milford (House, No. 4185) [Local Approval Received];

Milford,—
town meeting.

Relative to the charter of the town of Westborough (House, No. 4751) [Local Approval Received];

Westborough,—
charter.

Permitting the city of Revere to establish penalties and liens for rooming house & certificates of fitness ordinance violations (House, No. 4752) [Local Approval Received]; and

Revere,—
penalties.

Providing for a town administrator in the town of Hopedale (House, No. 4784) [Local Approval Received];

Hopedale,—
administrator.

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

By Mr. Lewis of Framingham, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on House, Nos. 2254, 2261, 2272, 2274, 2281, 2282, 2283, 2286, 2301, 2309, 2312, 2317, 2326, 2329, 2353, 2354 and 4047, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to municipal powers, permitting and zoning (House, No. 4970). Referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Municipalities and Regional Government,—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. McMurtry of Dedham, for the committee on Labor and Workforce Development, on a petition, a Bill to prohibit mandatory overtime (House, No. 2073).

Healthcare,—overtime.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill clarifying mandatory overtime protections (House, No. 2092).

Id.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to meeting human service demand by modernizing incentives for the direct care workforce (House, No. 2104).

Human services providers,—wages.

By Ms. Domb of Amherst, for the committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery, on a petition, a Bill to ensure efficient and effective implementation of the Roadmap for Behavioral Health Reform (House, No. 2193).

Behavioral health.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to supporting parents in recovery from substance use disorder and enhancing child welfare (House, No. 3950).

Parents in recovery.

Severally referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

By Ms. Barber of Somerville, for the committee on Environment and Natural Resources, on a petition, a Bill preserving public trust rights in land affected by ocean erosion (House, No. 946).

Ocean erosion,—public trust.

By Mr. Day of Stoneham, for the committee on the Judiciary, on House, No. 1638, a Bill relative to retirement reporting (House, No. 4995).

Retirement reporting.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1644, a Bill relative to the punishment of organized retail crimes (House, No. 4996).

Organized retail crimes.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 1760 and 1928, a Bill relative to accomplice and joint venture criminal liability (House, No. 4997).

Joint venture criminal liability.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1936, a Bill relative to offenses while driving on a non-administrative license suspension (House, No. 4998).

Driving,—offenses.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 2041, a Bill to protect victims of stalking in violation of harassment prevention orders (House, No. 4999).

Harassment prevention.

By Mr. McMurtry of Dedham, for the committee on Labor and Workforce Development, on a petition, a Bill establishing fairness for agricultural laborers in Massachusetts (House, No. 2108).

Agricultural laborers.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the notification of large job layoffs (House, No. 2127).

Layoffs.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to ensure adequate coverage of funeral expenses in cases of work-related death (House, No. 2138).

Funeral Expenses.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to non-fault unemployment insurance overpayments (House, No. 2149).

Unemployment insurance.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to updating overtime salary thresholds and codify definitions to protect the middle class (House, No. 2166).

Overtime salary thresholds.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to provide economic security for fishing industry participants (House, No. 2177).

Fishing,— economic security.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill requiring an annual report on the labor market needs of the Commonwealth (House, No. 2184).

Report,— labor market needs.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to promoting fair hiring practices by limiting the use of credit reports in employment decisions (House, No. 3993).

Hiring practices.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to expanding and modernizing apprenticeships (House, No. 4067).

Apprenticeships.

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

By Mr. McMurtry of Dedham, for the committee on Labor and Workforce Development, on a petition, a Bill amending the unemployment insurance law for workers with fluctuating work schedules (House, No. 2111).

Unemployment insurance.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill updating the Medical Society mission statement (House, No. 2157).

Medical Society.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to a youth training wage (House, No. 2175).

Training wage.

By Mr. Ryan of Boston, for the committee on Public Service, on a joint petition, a Bill exempting the positions of police lieutenant and police sergeant in the city of Leominster from the civil service law (House, No. 4702) [Local Approval Received].

Leominster,— civil service exemption.

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

Orders of the Day.

The Senate amendment of the House Bill further regulating vacancies among town meeting members in the town of Milford (House, No. 4171), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was adopted, in concurrence.

Milford,— town meeting.

Engrossed Bill.

The engrossed Bill further regulating vacancies among town meeting members in the town of Milford (see House, No. 4171, amended) (which originated in the House), 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 eight minutes before twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mr. Muradian of Grafton (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.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.



MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2026.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Monday, February 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.

Message from the Governor.

A message from Her Excellency the Governor submitting requests for making appropriations for the fiscal year 2026 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for responding to recent federal actions (House, No. 5050), was filed in the office of the Clerk on Thursday, January 29.

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.

Appointments of the Speaker.

The Speaker announced that (under the provisions of Section 68 of Chapter 3 of the General Laws) he had reappointed Amy Goh of Boston, Christopher Huang of Quincy and Jennifer Rubin of Newton to the permanent Commission on the status of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders.

Asian Americans
and Pacific
Islanders.

Guests of the House.

During the session, the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford) declared a brief recess and introduced the Westborough High School law club. They were visiting to learn more about the legislative process and how to be informed and engaged citizens. They were the guests of Representatives Kane of Shrewsbury, Donaghue of Westborough and Senator Moore.

Westborough
High School
law club.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Representatives McGonagle of Everett, Garcia of Chelsea and Ryan of Boston) congratulating the Webster School on its recognition as a 2025 National Elementary and Secondary Education Act Distinguished School; and

Webster
School.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Sabadosa of Northampton) commending David Alvord for his fifty years of service to the Plainfield Volunteer Firefighter and EMS Association;

David
Alvord.

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 Mr. Wong of Saugus, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Orders.

The Order (filed by Representatives Livingstone of Boston and Garcia of Chelsea) relative to extending until Wednesday, March 18, 2026 the time within which the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities is authorized to report on current House documents, was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities,—
extension of time for reporting.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4989) ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted.

The Order (filed by Representatives Domb of Amherst and DuBois of Brockton) relative to extending until Wednesday, March 18, 2026 the time within which the committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery is authorized to report on current House documents, was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery,—
extension of time for reporting.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4985) ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Donaghue of Westborough, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Rogers of Cambridge and Senator Brownsberger, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5051) of David M. Rogers and William N. Brownsberger (by vote of the town) relative to removing the seating capacity requirements for licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises in the town of Belmont. To the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Belmont,—
seating requirements.

By Representative Gordon of Bedford, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5052) of Kenneth I. Gordon (by vote of the town) relative to town meeting form of government in the town of Burlington; and

Burlington,—
town meeting.

By Representative Whipps of Athol and Senator Comerford, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5053) of Susannah M. Whipps and Joanne M. Comerford (by vote of the town) that the town of Orange be authorized to establish a town charter for said town.

Orange,—
town charter.

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

By Representative Walsh of Peabody and Senator Lovely, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5054) of Thomas P. Walsh (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to the maintenance of pre-employment physical examination records for public safety personnel in the city of Peabody. To the committee on Public Service.

Peabody,—
personnel records.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

The House amendment of the Senate Bill amending the charter of the town of Rockland (Senate, No. 2716, amended), came from the Senate with the endorsement that the Senate had concurred with the House in its amendment with a further amendment striking out all after the enacting clause (inserted by amendment by the House) and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 2932. The further amendment was referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

Rockland,—
charter.

Bills

Providing for tribal government representation on the Martha's Vineyard commission (Senate, No. 1431) (on a petition);

Martha's Vineyard
commission.

Regulating certain insurance benefits for certain officials in the town of Blackstone (Senate, No. 1445) (on a petition) [Local Approval Received]; and

Blackstone,—
insurance benefits.

Designating January 30 as Fred Korematsu Day of Civil Liberties and the Constitution (Senate, No. 2132) (on a petition);

Fred Korematsu
day.

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were read; and they were referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

A petition (accompanied by bill) of John J. Cronin and Margaret R. Scarsdale for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Greg Pinkerton, an employee of the department of corrections, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Public Service.

Greg
Pinkerton,—
sick leave.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2942) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Public Service.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2933) of Cindy F. Friedman and Marc T. Lombardo (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the town of Billerica to ban second generation anticoagulant rodenticides within the town, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Billerica,—
rodenticides.

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 following petitions:

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Andres X. Vargas, Judith A. Garcia and others for legislation to further regulate state and local participation in federal civil immigration enforcement. To the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security.

Civil
immigration
enforcement.

Joint petition (accompanied by bill) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., Bruce E. Tarr and others relative to energy costs, transparency, and sustainability. To the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

Energy.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the reports were considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended, in each instance. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

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:

Exempting Hancock schools (House, No. 515) [Local Approval Received];
Exempting Warwick Schools (House, No. 751) [Local Approval Received];
Relative to home owners insurance and funding repairs (House, No. 1271);
Requiring notice to landlords relating to gas or electric shutoffs (House, No. 1561);
Relative to locksmiths and notice to property owners (House, No. 1562);
Relative to retirement benefits (House, No. 2921);
Relative to regional transit authority advisory boards (House, No. 3724); and
Designating a certain overpass in the town of Sandwich as the U.S. Marine Staff Sergeant Raymond G. Tourville Veterans Memorial Overpass (House, No. 4374);

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

By Mr. Chan of Quincy, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, on House, Nos. 345, 350, 381, 430, 439 and 467, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to consumer protection and professional licensure matters (House, No. 4969). Referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

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. Livingstone of Boston, for the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, on House, No. 197, a Resolve for a foster care and child care liability insurance special commission (House, No. 5024). Read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

By Mr. Livingstone of Boston, for the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, on House, No. 4258, a Bill relative to allowing spouses to serve as paid caregivers (House, No. 5025). Referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Financial Services, on a petition, a Bill relative to insurance point surcharges (House, No. 1197).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill reducing the costs for small business (House, No. 1256).

By the same member, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill establishing the fair calculation of labor rates paid by insurance companies to auto repairers in the Commonwealth (House, No. 1260).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the calculation of labor rates paid by insurance companies to auto repairers in the Commonwealth (House, No. 1285).

Hancock.
Warwick.
Home insurance.
Utilities,—
shutoffs.
Locksmiths.
Mary McCabe.
Regional transit.
Sandwich,—
overpass.

Consumer
Protection and
Professional
Licensure,—
study.

Child care,—
insurance.

Paid caregivers,—
spouses.

Insurance
surcharges.

Small business,—
costs.

Auto repairers,—
labor rates.

Id.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing protections and accountability for DNC workers, consumers, and communities (House, No. 1339).	Transportation and delivery networks.
By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1088, a Bill relative to personal injury protection, benefits due and payable (House, No. 5029).	Personal injuries.
By Mr. Rogers of Cambridge, for the committee on Higher Education, on House, No. 1449, a Bill ensuring students' access to academic transcripts (House, No. 5026).	Academic transcripts.
By Mr. Haggerty of Woburn, for the committee on Housing, on House, No. 1568, a Bill relative to Cimex Lectularius (House, No. 5027) [Representative Markey of Dartmouth dissenting].	Tenants and owners,— responsibilities.
By Mr. Day of Stoneham, for the committee on the Judiciary, on House, Nos. 1898 and 1939, a Bill to further clear titles to real property affected by technical irregularities in recorded instruments (House, No. 5030).	Real property,— irregularities.
By Mr. Ryan of Boston, for the committee on Public Service, on a joint petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Nantucket to issue pension obligation bonds or notes (House, No. 4509) [Local Approval Received].	Nantucket,— bonds.
Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.	
By Mr. Day of Stoneham, for the committee on the Judiciary, on House, No. 1941, a Bill relative to housing court jurisdiction (House, No. 5031).	Housing court,— jurisdiction.
By Mr. Ryan of Boston, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill authorizing Kenneth Navarro to take the civil service examination for the position of fire fighter in the city of Haverhill notwithstanding the maximum age requirement (House, No. 4476) [Local Approval Received].	Haverhill,— Kenneth Navarro.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing William (Rob) Cargill to take the civil service examination for the position of firefighter in the city of Haverhill notwithstanding the maximum age requirement (House, No. 4477) [Local Approval Received].	Haverhill,— William Cargill.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Conway to continue the employment of fire department member Howard Boyden (House, No. 4506) [Local Approval Received].	Conway,— Howard Boyden.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill authorizing William Pilleri to take the civil service examination for the position of firefighter in the town of Arlington notwithstanding the maximum age requirement (House, No. 4507) [Local Approval Received].	Arlington,— William Pilleri.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Conway to continue the employment of police department member Michael Habel (House, No. 4525) [Local Approval Received].	Conway,— Michael Habel.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill directing the city of Boston Police Department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Doumy Pamera (House, No. 4572) [Local Approval Received].	Boston,— Doumy Pamera.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing Sean Duffy to take the civil service examination for the position of firefighter in the city of Haverhill notwithstanding the maximum age requirement (House, No. 4573) [Local Approval Received].	Haverhill,— Sean Duffy.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill directing the City of Boston Fire Department to waive the maximum age requirement for firefighters for Stylianos Katikakis (House, No. 4582) [Local Approval Received].	Boston,— Stylianos Katikakis.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill regarding the appointment of Special Police Officers in the City of Malden (House, No. 4584) [Local Approval Received].

Malden,—
special
police.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill directing the city of Boston police department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Luisa Fernandes (House, No. 4604) [Local Approval Received].

Boston,—
Luisa
Fernandes.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the maximum age requirement for police officers in the city of Newton (House, No. 4718) [Local Approval Received].

Newton,—
police officers.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Sonia Felix, an employee of the Department of Transitional Assistance of the Commonwealth (House, No. 5014).

Sonia Felix,—
sick leave.

By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on House, No. 4688, a Bill making August 10th Agent Orange Awareness Day in Massachusetts (House, No. 5028).

Agent Orange
day.

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

Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed bills

Further regulating the Great Barrington fire district (see House, No. 924); and Authorizing the town of Ludlow to pay a certain unpaid bill (see House, No. 4589);

Bills
enacted.

(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.

Orders of the Day.

House bills

Authorizing the town of Rochester to continue the employment of fire chief Scott Weigel (House, No. 4235);

Third
reading
bills.

Directing the city of Boston Police Department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Luis Cabral (House, No. 4349);

Authorizing the town of Orange to increase the membership of the Board of Selectmen (House, No. 4701); and

Establishing a sick leave bank for William Blalock, an employee of the Suffolk county sheriff's office (House, No. 4908);

Severally reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

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

Next
sitting.

At thirteen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mrs. Kane of Shrewsbury (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Thursday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.



THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2026.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, February 5, 2026.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Garballey of Arlington 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. Garballey), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of
allegiance.

Silent Prayer.

At the request of Mr. Murray of Milford, the members, guests, and employees stood in a moment of silent tribute for the Honorable Francis J. Larkin of Hopedale, who passed away on January 16, 2026, at the age of 92.

Honorable
Francis J.
Larkin.

Judge Larkin devoted his life to public service, education, and the pursuit of justice. He earned his JD and LLM from Georgetown University Law Center and served in the United States Army Judge Advocate General's Corps, retiring as a Colonel. He later joined Boston College Law School, serving as a professor, Associate Dean, and Acting Dean.

Appointed Special Justice of the Newton District Court in 1970, Judge Larkin went on to serve as Presiding Justice of the Milford District Court from 1972 to 1992 and on the Appellate Division of the Massachusetts District Court.

Following his retirement from the bench, Judge Larkin served as Dean, Chancellor, and Professor at Southern New England School of Law, guiding the institution through ABA accreditation and its transition to UMass School of Law.

The members of the House extend their sincere condolences to his family, colleagues, students, and the community he served so faithfully.

Guests of the House.

At the beginning of the session, the Chair (Mr. Garballey of Arlington), declared a brief recess and introduced, seated in the Chamber, 7th and 8th grade students from Four Rivers Charter Public School. The school, located in Greenfield, prides itself on its dedication to educating young people for lives of learning and service. They were the guests of Representatives Whipps of Athol and Saunders of Belchertown.

Four Rivers
Charter Public
School.

At the beginning of the session, the Chair (Mr. Garballey of Arlington), declared a brief recess and introduced, seated in the Chamber, the Medfield High School girls soccer team, who won their third state championship last fall. They were the guests of Mr. Vaughn of Wrentham.

Medfield
High School
girls soccer
team.

Resolutions.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Representatives McKenna of Sutton and Frost of Auburn) congratulating Oxford Fire Chief Laurent R. McDonald after forty-five years of dedicated public service, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Laurent
McDonald.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee, reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Donato of Medford, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Order.

There being no objection,— Mr. Mariano of Quincy offered an Order relative to the establishment of a special joint committee for the purpose of considering the initiative petitions transmitted to the Clerk of the House of Representatives by the Secretary of the Commonwealth in accordance with the requirements of Article XLVIII of the Amendments to the Constitution (House, No. 5011).

Initiative
petitions,—
special joint
committee.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Donato of Medford, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Communications.

Communications

From the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (see Section 39M ½(L) of Chapter 30 of the General Laws) submitting its Highway Owners Representative annual report for fiscal year 2025;

Highway
owners.

From the Executive Office for Administration and Finance and the Executive Office for Housing and Livable Communities (see Section 10 of Chapter 1 and Section 88 of Chapter 73 of the Acts of 2025 and Section 19 of Chapter 88 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the January 8, 2026 biweekly report on the emergency housing assistance program;

Emergency
housing
assistance.

From the Committee for Public Counsel Services (see item 0321-1500 of Section 2 of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting its expected surplus or deficiency of items for fiscal year 2026;

Public
counsel
services.

From the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (see item 8000-0600 of Section 2 of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting the FIFA World Cup Boston 2026 Public Safety and Transportation Preparation and Budgeting Readiness report;

FIFA World
Cup Boston
2026.

From the Office of the Comptroller (see item 1595-1069 of Section 2E of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting the Health Information Technology Trust Fund transfer schedule for fiscal year 2026; and

Health
information
technology trust.

From the Chief Justice of the Trial Court (see Section 5 of Chapter 205 of the Acts of 2008) submitting the prosecution and deposition of certain cases which involved child protection offenses for fiscal year 2025;

Trial Court,—
child protection.

Severally were placed on file.

Annual and Special Reports.

The annual report of the Executive Office for Administration and Finance (under Section 2HHHHHH(d) of Chapter 29 of the General Laws) submitting the inaugural report on the activities of the Disaster Relief and Resiliency Fund for calendar year 2025; and

Disaster Relief
and Resiliency
fund.

A report of the Executive Office of Aging and Independence (under Section 32 of Chapter 197 of the Acts of 2024, as amended by Section 70 of Chapter 14 of the Acts of 2025) submitting the Massachusetts Assisted Living Residence (ALR) Commission report;

Assisted living residences.

Severally were placed on file.

Initiative Petitions.

Initiative petition of Andrew B. Mikula, and others for the passage of An Act to allow single-family homes on small lots in areas with adequate infrastructure (House, No. 5000) (received on January 7, 2026, from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, having been transmitted by him to the Clerk of the House of Representatives as required by Article XLVIII of the Amendments to the Constitution), was referred, under said Article and Rule 24, to the Special Joint Committee on Initiative Petitions. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Homes,—small lots.

Initiative petition of Norma B. Shulman, and others for the passage of An Act relative to election day registration (House, No. 5001) (received on January 7, 2026, from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, having been transmitted by him to the Clerk of the House of Representatives as required by Article XLVIII of the Amendments to the Constitution), was referred, under said Article and Rule 24, to the Special Joint Committee on Initiative Petitions. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Election day,—registration.

Initiative petition of Angie An-Chi Tso, and others for the passage of An Act to restore a sensible marijuana policy (House, No. 5002) (received on January 7, 2026, from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, having been transmitted by him to the Clerk of the House of Representatives as required by Article XLVIII of the Amendments to the Constitution), was referred, under said Article and Rule 24, to the Special Joint Committee on Initiative Petitions. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Marijuana policy.

Initiative petition of Danielle Susan Allen, and others for the passage of An Act to implement all-party state primaries (House, No. 5003) (received on January 7, 2026, from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, having been transmitted by him to the Clerk of the House of Representatives as required by Article XLVIII of the Amendments to the Constitution), was referred, under said Article and Rule 24, to the Special Joint Committee on Initiative Petitions. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

State primaries.

Initiative petition of Danielle Susan Allen, and others for the passage of An Act to improve access to public records (House, No. 5004) (received on January 7, 2026, from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, having been transmitted by him to the Clerk of the House of Representatives as required by Article XLVIII of the Amendments to the Constitution), was referred, under said Article and Rule 24, to the Special Joint Committee on Initiative Petitions. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Public records,—access.

Initiative petition of David John O’Neill, and others for the passage of An Act to protect water and nature (House, No. 5005) (received on January 7, 2026, from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, having been transmitted by him to the Clerk of the House of Representatives as required by Article XLVIII of the Amendments to the Constitution), was referred, under said Article and Rule 24, to the Special Joint Committee on Initiative Petitions. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Water and nature,—protection.

Initiative petition of Christopher Robert Anderson, and others for the passage of An Act relative to limiting state tax collection growth and returning surpluses to taxpayers (House, No. 5006) (received on January 7, 2026, from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, having been transmitted by him to the Clerk of the House of Representatives as required by Article XLVIII of the Amendments to the Constitution), was referred, under said Article and Rule 24, to the Special Joint Committee on Initiative Petitions. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Limiting state tax collection growth.

Initiative petition of James John Stergios, and others for the passage of An Act relative to reducing the state personal income tax rate from 5% to 4% (House, No. 5007) (received on January 7, 2026, from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, having been transmitted by him to the Clerk of the House of Representatives as required by Article XLVIII of the Amendments to the Constitution), was referred, under said Article and Rule 24, to the Special Joint Committee on Initiative Petitions. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

State personal income tax,—rate reduction.

Initiative petition of Adam Gomez, and others for the passage of An Act to protect tenants by limiting rent increases (House, No. 5008) (received on January 7, 2026, from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, having been transmitted by him to the Clerk of the House of Representatives as required by Article XLVIII of the Amendments to the Constitution), was referred, under said Article and Rule 24, to the Special Joint Committee on Initiative Petitions. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Limiting rent increases.

Initiative petition of Vicki Jean McAuley, and others for the passage of An Act relative to labor relations policies for committee for public counsel services employees (House, No. 5009) (received on January 7, 2026, from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, having been transmitted by him to the Clerk of the House of Representatives as required by Article XLVIII of the Amendments to the Constitution), was referred, under said Article and Rule 24, to the Special Joint Committee on Initiative Petitions. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Public counsel services employees.

Initiative petition of John A. Lippitt, and others for the passage of An Act to reform and regulate legislative stipends (House, No. 5010) (received on January 7, 2026, from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, having been transmitted by him to the Clerk of the House of Representatives as required by Article XLVIII of the Amendments to the Constitution), was referred, under said Article and Rule 24, to the Special Joint Committee on Initiative Petitions. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Legislative stipends.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Arciero of Westford, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5075) of James Arciero (by vote of the town) that the town of Westford be authorized to grant one additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk off the premises in said town. To the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Westford,—liquor license.

By Representative Luddy of Orleans and Senator Cyr, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5076) of Hadley Luddy (by vote of the town)

Eastham,—pesticides.

relative to reducing the use of toxic pesticides in the town of Eastham. To the committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representatives Frost of Auburn and Marsi of Charlton, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Paul K. Frost, John J. Marsi and others that the Massachusetts Department of Transportation designate a segment of State Route 20 in the town of Oxford as the Brodeur curve in honor of Michael and Kyle Brodeur of Charlton.

Charlton,—
Brodeur
curve.

By Representative Montañó of Boston, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Samantha Montañó relative to long-term coverage of gender affirming care medications.

Gender
affirming care.

By Representative Scanlon of North Attleborough, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Adam J. Scanlon for legislation to prevent repricing for individuals based on consumer engagement.

Repricing.

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

Papers from the Senate.

Bills

Designating the last week in April as Building Trades Recovery Week (Senate, No. 2110) (on a petition);

Building trades.

Authorizing the city of Taunton to establish a separate billing rate for water supplied to manufactured housing communities (Senate, No. 2652) (on a petition) [Local Approval Received]; and

Taunton,—
water billing
rate.

Providing accidental death benefits for the surviving spouse of a former firefighter of the city of Boston (Senate, No. 2574) (on a petition);

Boston,—
Matthew Troy.

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were read; and they were referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2939) of Kelly A. Dooner and Justin Thurber (by vote of the town) for legislation relative to the appointment of retired police officers as special police officers in the town of Dighton, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Public Service.

Dighton,—
police officers.

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 following petitions:

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Marjorie C. Decker relative to family support and poverty alleviation. To the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

Poverty,—
alleviation.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Tommy Vitolo relative to the electoral count and presidential electors. To the committee on Election Laws.

Presidential
electors.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Alice Hanlon Peisch for legislation to regulate the operation of medical spas. To the committee on Public Health.

Medical
spas.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the reports were considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended, in each instance. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

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 preventing home insurers from forcing tree removal (House, No. 1316);

To maintain stable housing for families with pets (House, No. 1559);

Enhancing public safety in the town of Stoneham (House, No. 2800) [Local Approval Received];

Facilitating the appropriation and expenditure of community preservation funds for community housing purposes in the town of Chatham (House, No. 4289) [Local Approval Received];

Further regulating the Year-round Market Rate Rental Housing Trust Fund in the town of Provincetown (House, No. 4311) [Local Approval Received];

Regarding the disability pension of Christopher Taylor (House, No. 4902) [Local Approval Received]; and

Establishing a sick leave bank for Sonia Felix, an employee of the Department of Transitional Assistance of the Commonwealth (House, No. 5014);

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

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, that the Bill establishing a special commission on micro-transit (House, No. 4649), ought to pass. Referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Financial Services, on House, Nos. 1170, 1189 and 1307, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Financial Services to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to health insurance mandated benefit bills (House, No. 5048).

By Mr. Arciero of Westford, for the committee on Transportation, on House, Nos. 3618, 3625, 3663, 3671, 3797 and 3800, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Transportation to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to aviation and miscellaneous matters (House, No. 5049).

Severally referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

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

Under Rule 42, the reports severally were considered forthwith; and they were accepted.

By Ms. Barber of Somerville, for the committee on Environment and Natural Resources, on a petition, a Bill relative to the use of chlorpyrifos in the Commonwealth (House, No. 962).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to protect pollinator habitat (House, No. 981).

Severally read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Financial Services, on a petition, a Bill directing the division of insurance to regularly report on the

Insurance,—
trees.

Pets.

Stoneham,—
police.

Chatham,—
housing.

Provincetown,—
housing.

Christopher
Taylor.

Sonia Felix,—
sick leave.

Micro-
transit.

Mandated
benefits,—
study.

Aviation, etc,—
study.

Chlorpyrifos.

Pollinator
habitat.

Health
insurance

performance of the merged non-group and small-group health insurance markets (House, No. 1236).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1096, a Bill relative to rate equity for community health centers (House, No. 5015).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1117, a Bill promoting and enhancing the sustainability of birth centers and the midwifery workforce (House, No. 5016).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1130, a Bill relative to telehealth and digital equity for patients (House, No. 5017).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1141, a Bill increasing access to acute hospital at home services (House, No. 5018).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1218, a Bill relative to access to health care (House, No. 5019).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1267, a Bill relative to unilateral contract changes (House, No. 5020).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1333, a Bill to expand the doula workforce (House, No. 5021).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1343, a Bill relative to direct primary care (House, No. 5022).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1147, a Bill relative to the sustainability of public health dental hygienists through adequate reimbursements (House, No. 5037).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1198, a Bill to improve patient access to non-emergency medical transportation (House, No. 5038).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1215, a Bill to assess the current status of the merged market (House, No. 5039).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1249, a Bill relative to PANDAS/PANS screening in medical/clinical settings (House, No. 5040).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1257, a Bill relative to ensuring treatment for genetic craniofacial conditions (House, No. 5041).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1261, a Bill protecting patients from surprise bills related to emergency ambulance service (House, No. 5042).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1291, a Bill further clarifying the delivery of health care (House, No. 5043).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1292, a Bill relative to financial services contracts for dental benefits corporations (House, No. 5044).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1306, a Bill ensuring transparency in the practice of dental leased networks (House, No. 5045).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 4622, a Bill to protect the lives of student athletes; Freddy's law (House, No. 5046).

Severally referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

By Mr. Livingstone of Boston, for the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, on a petition, a Bill to amend the safe haven law to extend the timeframe for voluntary placement of newborns (House, No. 199).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to children's advocacy centers and the Massachusetts children's alliance (House, No. 233).

market.

Community health centers.

Birth centers and midwives.

Telehealth.

At home health services.

Stuttering,— treatment.

Health insurance,— contracts.

Doula workforce.

Payments,— denials.

Dental hygienists.

Medical transportation.

Health market.

PANDAS/PANS screening.

Craniofacial conditions.

Ambulances,— billing.

Dentistry.

Id.

Id.

Student athletes,— electrocardiograms.

Safe Haven law.

Children's advocacy centers.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to provide notice to counsel of changes in a child's placement and other events (House, No. 267).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to protect maternal health (House, No. 272).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill allowing certain minors to consent to supportive services (House, No. 290).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to promote equitable hair care for children in state custody (House, No. 4216).

By Ms. Barber of Somerville, for the committee on Environment and Natural Resources, on a petition, a Bill relative to improving pesticide protections for Massachusetts schoolchildren (House, No. 124).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the pesticide board (House, No. 932).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill governing the use of pesticides containing the herbicide substance Glyphosate in the Commonwealth (House, No. 950).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill empowering vulnerable municipalities to protect residents and the environment from harmful pesticides (House, No. 954).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing an ecologically-based mosquito management program in the Commonwealth to protect public health (House, No. 985).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill responding to the threat of invasive species (House, No. 1033).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 108 and 1041, a Bill to protect pollinators and public health (House, No. 1041).

By Mr. Rogers of Cambridge, for the committee on Higher Education, on a petition, a Bill establishing the John F. Kennedy service scholarship program for student debt relief for peace corps, americorps, and commonwealth corps alumni (House, No. 1421).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the Honorable George V. Kenneally, Jr. (House, No. 1440).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill designating the Senator Bill Owens Center at the University of Massachusetts Boston (House, No. 1468).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to Hispanic-serving institutions (House, No. 4544).

By Mr. McMurtry of Dedham, for the committee on Labor and Workforce Development, on House, No. 2190, a Bill relative to sexual harassment workplace training (House, No. 5023).

By Mr. Madaro of Boston, for the committee on Revenue, on a petition, a Bill to promote jobs and economic growth in tourism, visitation and hospitality (House, No. 3031).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the bundled cell phone taxation (House, No. 3045).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to regional ballot initiatives (House, No. 3050).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to promote employee ownership (House, No. 3079).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to embarkation fees (House, No. 3080).

Youth placement,—
notice.

Maternal health,—
financial assistance.

Unaccompanied
youth.

Children,—
hair care.

Children,—
pesticide
exposure.

Pesticide
board.

Pesticides,—
Glyphosate.

Cities and
towns,—
pesticide use.

Mosquito
management.

Invasive
species.

Pollinators,—
protections.

Students,—
scholarship
programs.

George
Kenneally.

Bill Owens
center.

Higher education,—
Hispanic-serving.

Sexual
harassment,—
training.

Economic
growth,—
promotion.

Cellular
telephones.

Ballot
initiatives.

Employee
ownership.

Embarkation
fees.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing the micro business fund (House, No. 3111).

Micro
business fund.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill allowing peer-to-peer cardrooms (House, No. 3177).

Peer-to-peer
cardrooms.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to bundled cellular telephone transactions (House, No. 3227).

Cellular
telephones.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill advancing renewable heating solutions for the Commonwealth (House, No. 3230).

Renewable
heating.

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

Engrossed Bill.

The engrossed Bill providing for the recall of elected officers of the town of Sharon (see House, No. 862) (which originated in the House), 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.

Orders of the Day.

Senate bills

Directing the police department of the city of Boston to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Antonio Pires (Senate, No. 27); and

Third
reading
bills.

Directing the city of Boston Police Department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officer Cherell Mellace (Senate, No. 1907);

Severally reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

House bills

Directing the city of Boston police department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Jonathan Telfort (House, No. 4255); and

Id.

Directing the city of Boston Police Department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Jose Ortiz (House, No. 4256);

Severally reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

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 a quarter after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mrs. Kane of Shrewsbury (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

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Monday, February 9, 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.

Guests of the House.

At the beginning of the session, the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford), declared a brief recess and introduced, seated in the Chamber, students from Oliver Ames High School in Easton. They were celebrating their state championship wins; the volleyball team who won the MIAA Division 2 state volleyball championship and the boys' cross-country team who won the MIAA Division 1C state cross-country championship. They were the guests of Representatives Field of Taunton and Plouffe of Brockton.

Oliver Ames
High School.

At the beginning of the session, the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford), declared a brief recess and introduced, seated in the Chamber, members of the student council from the Knox Trail Middle School in Spencer. The students were accompanied by their teacher Melissa Porter. They were the guests of Representative Berthiaume of Spencer.

Knox Trail
Middle
School.

Orders.

The Order (filed by Representatives Madaro of Boston and Philips of Sharon) relative to extending until Friday, March 13, 2026 the time within which the committee on Revenue is authorized to report on current House documents, was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Revenue,—
extension
of time for
reporting.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 5078) ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Field of Taunton, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted.

The following orders were referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules:

Order (filed by Representatives Gordon of Bedford and Ayers of Quincy) relative to extending until Wednesday, March 18, 2026 the time within which the committee on Education is authorized to report on current House documents (House, No. 5082).

Extensions
of time for
committees
to make
reports.

Order (filed by Representatives Domb of Amherst and DuBois of Brockton) relative to extending until Friday, February 27, 2026 the time within which the committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery is authorized to report on a current House document (House, No. 5074).

Order (filed by Representatives Domb of Amherst and DeBois of Brockton) relative to extending until Wednesday, March 18, 2026 the time within which the committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery is authorized to report on current House documents (House, No. 5077).

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. Berthiaume of Spencer, the orders were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Communications.

Communications

From MassDevelopment (see Section 34 of Chapter 23G of the General Laws) submitting its fiscal year 2025 annual report;

MassDevelopment.

From the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center (see Section 5 of Chapter 23J of the General Laws) submitting the Massachusetts Clean Energy Climatech Industry Report for calendar year 2025;

Climatech industry.

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 November, 2025;

Gaming revenue and sports wagering.

From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see Section 111 of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting the Personal Care Attendant (PCA) Working Group implementation plan; and

Personal care attendants.

From Massachusetts Development Finance Agency (MassDevelopment) (see Section 27 of Chapter 498 of the Acts of 1993) submitting the Devens annual report for fiscal year 2025;

Devens.

Severally were placed on file.

Annual Reports.

Annual reports

Of the Massachusetts Clean Water Trust (under Section 17 of Chapter 29C of the General Laws) for fiscal year 2025 [copies of the report forwarded to the Speaker, the Senate President, the Senate committee on Ways and Means and the House committee on Ways and Means, as required by said law]; and

Clean Water Trust.

Of the Department of Agricultural Resources (under Section 5A of Chapter 132B of the General Laws) submitting its report on pesticide use for federal fiscal years 2024 and 2025;

Pesticide use.

Severally were placed on file.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Pease of Westfield, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5083) of Kelly W. Pease (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Westfield be authorized to convert one seasonal off-premises all alcoholic beverages license to an annual license in said city; and

Westfield,—
liquor license.

By Representative Vieira of Falmouth, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5084) of David T. Vieira, Steven George Xiarhos and Dylan A. Fernandes (by vote of the town) that the town of Bourne be authorized to grant a non-transferable license for the sale of alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premise in said town.

Bourne,—
liquor license.

Severally to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.
Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Representative Howard of Lowell presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Vanna Howard for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Adrian Mitchell, an employee of the Department of Correction; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Adrian Mitchell,—
sick leave.

Papers from the Senate.

The Senate Bill relative to individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities (Senate, No. 2563, amended), came from the Senate with the endorsement that said branch had concurred with the House in its amendment (striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in House document numbered 4704) with further amendments striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 2954; and by inserting before the enacting clause the following emergency preamble:

Individuals with disabilities.

“Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to make corrective changes in certain general laws relative to persons with disabilities, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.”

The further amendments were referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

The House Bill amending the charter of the town of Natick (House, No. 3898) (its title having been changed by the Senate committee on Bills in the Third Reading), came from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 2953. The amendment was referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

Natick,—
charter.

A report of the committee on Financial Services, that the communication from the Division of Banks (pursuant to Section 6A of Chapter 171 of the General Laws) submitting the final amended regulation 209 CMR 50.00 et seq.: Parity with Federal Credit Unions (printed in Senate, No. 2871) and that the regulations and conditions are consistent with the statutory provisions under which they were promulgated, recommending that the same be placed on file was accepted, in concurrence.

Federal credit unions,—
regulations.

A communication from the Massachusetts Gaming Commission (pursuant to Section 9B of Chapter 128A of the General Laws and Section 222 of Chapter 6 of the General Laws) proposed amendments to regulations for 205 CMR 149.00: Race Horse Development Fund (Senate, No. 2951), was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Race Horse Development Fund,—
regulations.

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 following petitions:

<p>Joint petition (accompanied by bill) of David M. Rogers, William N. Brownsberger and others relative to consumer connected devices. To the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.</p>	<p>Consumer connected devices.</p>
<p>Joint petition (accompanied by bill) of Margaret R. Scarsdale that the Department of Conservation and Recreation be authorized to designate a certain trail in the J. Harry Rich State Forest in the town of Groton as the Marion Stoddart riverwalk;</p>	<p>Groton,— Stoddart riverwalk.</p>
<p>Petition (accompanied by bill) of Kenneth P. Sweezey for legislation to establish a review process of guidelines for managing recreational use of beaches to protect piping plovers, terns and their habitats;</p>	<p>Beaches,— use.</p>
<p>Petition (accompanied by bill) of Kenneth P. Sweezey relative to the Massachusetts Habitat Conservation Plan; and</p>	<p>Habitat conservation.</p>
<p>Petition (accompanied by bill) of Kenneth P. Sweezey relative to over-sand vehicle access and other recreational activities on beaches;</p>	<p>Beaches,— access.</p>
<p>Severally to the committee on Environment and Natural Resources.</p>	
<p>Petition (accompanied by bill) of David M. Rogers relative to prohibiting genetic discrimination in insurance. To the committee on Financial Services.</p>	<p>Insurance,— discrimination.</p>
<p>Petition (accompanied by bill) of David M. Rogers and Andrea Campbell (Attorney General) relative to prohibiting anticompetitive conduct and agreements and strengthening the Massachusetts Antitrust Act. To the committee on the Judiciary.</p>	<p>Massachusetts Antitrust Act.</p>
<p>Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Plouffe of Brockton, the reports were considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended, in each instance. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.</p>	
<p>By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the following bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:</p>	
<p>The Senate Bill authorizing the city of Taunton to establish a separate billing rate for water supplied to manufactured housing communities (Senate, No. 2652) [Local Approval Received]; and</p>	<p>Taunton,— water billing rate.</p>
<p>House bills</p>	
<p>Regarding public insurance adjusters (House, No. 1113);</p>	<p>Insurance adjusters.</p>
<p>Relative to the electronic filing of certain forms used in property valuation (House, No. 3093);</p>	<p>Property valuation.</p>
<p>Regarding late payments and interest rates for real estate bills and personal property taxes (House, No. 3238);</p>	<p>Real estate,— payments.</p>
<p>Relative to the establishment of a Milton means-tested property tax exemption (House, No. 4094) [Local Approval Received];</p>	<p>Milton,— property taxes.</p>
<p>Authorizing the town of Marblehead to establish a means-tested senior citizen property tax exemption (House, No. 4225) [Local Approval Received];</p>	<p>Marblehead,— property taxes.</p>
<p>Authorizing the town of Wrentham to exempt from taxation certain real estate owned and occupied by the surviving spouse of Wrentham Deputy Chief George C. Labonte (House, No. 4269) [Local Approval Received]; and</p>	<p>Wrentham,— George Labonte.</p>
<p>Relative to affordable housing trust fund of the town of West Tisbury (House, No. 4378) [Local Approval Received];</p>	<p>West Tisbury,— housing.</p>
<p>Under suspension of Rule 7A, in each instance, on motion of Ms. Field of Taunton, the bills severally were read a second time forthwith; and they were ordered to a third reading.</p>	
<p>By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the House Bill making firearm owners civilly liable for damage caused by lost or</p>	<p>Lost or stolen firearms,—</p>

stolen firearms (House, No. 2590), be scheduled for consideration by the House. Placed in the Orders of the Day for the next sitting for a second reading.

liability.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that the Bill relative to preventing fraud and establishing regulations on certain virtual currencies (House, No. 1247) ought to pass. Referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Virtual currencies.

By Mr. Vargas of Haverhill, for the committee on Community Development and Small Businesses, on House, Nos. 302, 303, 308, 314 and 316, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Community Development and Small Businesses to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to housing, development and business competitiveness (House, No. 4790).

relative to school transportation personnel (House, No. 592).

By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Financial Services, on House, Nos. 1155, 1325 and 4043, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Financial Services to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to pharmacy matters (House, No. 4789).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 1118, 1120, 1156, 1196, 1210, 1255, 1320 and 1375, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Financial Services to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to health insurance contracting matters (House, No. 5066).

By Mr. Arciero of Westford, for the committee on Transportation, on House, No. 3783, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Transportation to make an investigation and study of a certain House document relative to motorcycle driver education (House, No. 4786).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 3803 and 3807, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Transportation to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to civil fines and license application (House, No. 4787).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 3809, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Transportation to make an investigation and study of a certain House document relative to driver education on Halloween (House, No. 4788).

Severally referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

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

Under Rule 42, the reports severally were considered forthwith; and they were accepted.

By Ms. Domb of Amherst, for the committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery, on a petition, a Bill creating parity for mental and behavioral health services (House, No. 2202).

By Ms. Decker of Cambridge, for the committee on Public Health, on a petition, a Bill relative to office-based surgical centers (House, No. 2382).

Severally referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Education, on a petition, a Bill

Housing, development and business competitiveness,—study.

Pharmacy matters,—study.

Health insurance contracting,—study.

Motorcycle driver education,—study.

Civil fines and license application,—study.

Driver education,—study.

Mental and behavioral health.

Surgical centers.

School transportation.

By Mr. Day of Stoneham, for the committee on the Judiciary, on House, No. 1603, a Bill providing for equity within the Judicial Branch (House, No. 5055).	Judiciary,— salaries.
By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 1646, 1765 and 1857, a Bill to modify the rules for taking depositions outside the Commonwealth and to adopt the uniform interstate depositions and discovery act (House, No. 5056).	Uniform interstate depositions.
By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1651, a Bill requiring the relocation of the Cambridge District Court (House, No. 5057).	Cambridge District Court.
By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1761, a Bill designating the Charlestown division of Boston Municipal Court as the George Lewis Ruffin Courthouse (House, No. 5058).	Boston,— Ruffin courthouse.
By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1766, a Bill relative to judicial security (House, No. 5059).	Judicial security.
By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1890, a Bill relative to equitable court staffing (House, No. 5060).	Edgartown and Nantucket.
By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1966, a Bill concerning equitable allocation of recovery proceeds for subrogation claims (House, No. 5062).	Equitable allocation.
By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 2016, a Bill to designate the courthouse in the Roxbury section of the city of Boston as the Edward O. Gourdin Courthouse (House, No. 5063).	Boston,— Gourdin courthouse.
Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.	
By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Education, on a petition, a Bill relative to recess for elementary and middle school students (House, No. 543).	Schools,— recess.
By Mr. Hunt of Boston, for the committee on Election Laws, on a message from Her Excellency the Governor, a Bill validating the results of the annual election held in the town of Bourne on May 20, 2025 (printed in House, No. 4763).	Bourne,— election results.
By Mr. Day of Stoneham, for the committee on the Judiciary, on a petition, a Bill requiring the reporting of satisfaction of judgments awarding money damages (House, No. 1767).	Money damages.
By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1958, a Bill relative to advertising for justices of the peace (House, No. 5061).	Justices of the peace.
By Mr. Ryan of Boston, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill directing the city of Boston Police Department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Constantinos Papadopoulos (House, No. 4267) [Local Approval Received].	Boston,— Constantinos Papadopoulos.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill directing the city of Boston police department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Ryan Cazeau (House, No. 4740) [Local Approval Received].	Boston,— Ryan Cazeau.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill directing the city of Boston police department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Edny Joseph (House, No. 4741) [Local Approval Received].	Boston,— Edny Joseph.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill directing the city of Boston Police Department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Jose Reyes (House, No. 4799) [Local Approval Received].	Boston,— Jose Reyes.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing Jonathan Gagne to take the civil service examination for the position of police officer in the city of Haverhill notwithstanding the maximum age requirement (House, No. 4879) [Local Approval Received].	Haverhill,— Jonathan Gagne.

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

Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed bills

Directing the city of Boston police department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Antonio Pires (see Senate, No. 27); and

Bills enacted.

Directing the city of Boston police department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Cherell Mellace (see Senate, No. 1907);

(Which severally originated in the Senate);

Establishing an annual stipend for the town council of the city known as the town of Bridgewater (see House, No. 2268, amended);

Providing for the filling of any temporary absence of the town manager in the city known as the town of Bridgewater (see House, No. 4569);

Further regulating the town manager's powers of appointment in the city known as the town of Bridgewater (see House, No. 4579); and

Establishing the city of Cambridge Employment and Job Training Trust (see House, No. 4774);

(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.

Orders of the Day.

The Senate further amendment to the House amendment of the Senate Bill amending the charter of the town of Rockland (Senate, No. 2716, amended), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was adopted, in concurrence.

Rockland,—
charter.

House bills

Relative to real property tax deferrals in the town of Wellesley (House, No. 4143); and

Third reading bills.

Authorizing Nick Santos to take the civil service examination for the position of police officer in the city of Haverhill notwithstanding the maximum age requirement (House, No. 4390);

Severally reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

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

Next sitting.

At fourteen 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 Wednesday at eleven o'clock A.M..

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.



WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2026.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Wednesday, February 11, 2026.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M. 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.

Silent Prayer.

The Speaker having taken the Chair, at the request of Representatives Mariano of Quincy, Chan of Quincy and Ayers of Quincy, the members, guests, and employees stood in a moment of silent tribute for the Honorable Arthur Tobin, who passed away on January 16, 2026.

Arthur Tobin.

Arthur Tobin was a life-long public servant. He was a veteran of the Korean War, a State Representative, a State Senator, President of the Quincy City Council, Mayor of Quincy, Chair of the Quincy School Committee, and Clerk-Magistrate of Quincy District Court – a role that he served in for 44 years. In each of those roles, Mr. Tobin worked tirelessly to better the lives of the people that he served, setting a shining example for each of us who sought elected office after him.

Mr. Tobin was married to Shirley Tobin, who passed away one day before her husband. Together, Arthur and Shirley Tobin raised 7 children and were grandparents to 20 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren. It's truly impossible to overstate the impact that Mr. Tobin had on Quincy, and on the people who knew him, other than to say that we are all better because of that privilege.

Appointments to a Joint Special Committee.

The Speaker announced that (under the provisions of House order No. 5011) he had appointed Representatives Peisch of Wellesley, Hogan of Stow, Moran of Lawrence, and Day of Stoneham to the special joint committee established for the purpose of considering the initiative petitions transmitted to the Clerk of the House of Representatives by the Secretary of the Commonwealth in accordance with the requirements of Article XLVIII of the Amendments to the Constitution.

Initiative petitions.

The House Minority Leader announced that (under the provisions of House order No. 5011) he had appointed Mr. Vieira of Falmouth to the special joint committee established for the purpose of considering the initiative petitions transmitted to the Clerk of the House of Representatives by the Secretary of the Commonwealth in accordance with the requirements of Article XLVIII of the Amendments to the Constitution.

Id.

Remote Participation.

Notice had been received from House Counsel that, under the provisions of House Rule 49, Representatives Armini of Marblehead, Ferguson of Holden, Lombardo of Billerica, Ultrino of Malden and Xiarhos of Barnstable had been approved to participate remotely for today's formal sitting.

Remote participation.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Jones of North Reading, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5102) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., Richard M. Haggerty and Jason M. Lewis (by vote of the town) relative to the charter of the town of Reading. To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Reading,—
charter.

By the same member, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5103) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., Richard M. Haggerty and Jason M. Lewis (by vote of the town) that the town of Reading be authorized to establish a means tested senior citizen property tax exemption in said town. To the committee on Revenue.

Reading,—
senior tax exemption.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Kassner of Hamilton, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Kristin E. Kassner and others relative to senior property tax credits.

Tax credits.

By Representatives Sabadosa of Northampton and Livingstone of Boston, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Lindsay N. Sabadosa and Jay D. Livingstone relative to the concealment of the death of child born out of wedlock.

Child death concealment.

By Representative Sabadosa of Northampton and Senator Comerford, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Lindsay N. Sabadosa and Joanne M. Comerford relative to taxation of certain foreign government pension benefits.

Foreign pensions,—
taxation.

By Representative Silvia of Fall River, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Alan Silvia, Thomas W. Moakley and Steven S. Howitt relative to the definition of electric mopeds.

Electric mopeds.

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

Papers from the Senate.

The House Bill relative to teacher preparation and student literacy (House, No. 4683, amended), came from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 2940.

Students,—
literacy.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Gordon of Bedford, the amendment was considered forthwith. The House then non-concurred with the Senate in its amendment; and on further motion of the same member, asked for a committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches. Representatives Gordon of Bedford, Cataldo of Concord and Marsi of Charlton were appointed the committee on the part of the House. Sent to the Senate to be joined.

Committee of conference.

A Bill enabling the maintenance of private roads in the city of Gloucester (Senate, No. 2596), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Gloucester,—
private roads.

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 Christopher J. Worrell for legislation to designate the Dorchester division of the Boston Municipal Court as Judge Leslie E. Harris courthouse. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Ouellette of Westport, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on the Judiciary. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Boston,—
Harris
courthouse.

By Mr. Chan of Quincy, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, on House, Nos. 322, 361, 363, 378, 389, 402, 403, 444, 452, 455, 458 and 469, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to telemarketing, billboards and other related matters (House, No. 5080). Referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Telemarketing,
billboards and
other related
matters,—
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. McGonagle of Everett, for the committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs, on House, No. 3834, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs to make an investigation and study of a certain House document relative to voluntary contribution check-off boxes on municipal tax bills for support of local veterans' agents (House, No. 5100) [Representatives Thurber of Somerset and Gaskey of Carver dissenting]. Referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Voluntary
contributions
for veterans,—
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.

Subsequently, Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee on Rules, reported, on the foregoing order, a Bill in support of veterans and dependents through municipal tax bills (House, No. 3834). Read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Voluntary
contributions
for veterans.

By Mr. McGonagle of Everett, for the committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs, on House, No. 3886, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs to make an investigation and study of a certain House document relative to support for military connected families (House, No. 5101). Referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Military
family
support,—
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.

Subsequently, Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee on Rules, reported, on the foregoing order, a Bill to enhance access, inclusion, support and equity for military connected families (House, No. 3886). Read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Military family support.

By Mr. Livingstone of Boston, for the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, on a petition, a Bill establishing a special commission to study women and homelessness (House, No. 289).

Women and homelessness,— study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing a special commission on two-generation approaches to childhood education (House, No. 291).

Childhood education,— study.

Severally read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

By Mr. Livingstone of Boston, for the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, on a petition, a Bill to end child homelessness (House, No. 226).

Children,— homelessness.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 215, a Bill supporting the development of children experiencing homelessness (House, No. 5090).

Id.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 285, a Bill relative to health care quality for children and youth (House, No. 5091).

Healthcare,— youth.

By Mr. McMurtry of Dedham, for the committee on Labor and Workforce Development, on a petition, a Bill clarifying the prevailing wage act to protect actions by the attorney general (House, No. 2115).

Prevailing wage law.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill clarifying the prevailing wage law (House, No. 2120).

Id.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to compliance with the prevailing wage laws of the Commonwealth (House, No. 2162).

Id.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill clarifying the process for paying the wages of dismissed employees (House, No. 2163).

Dismissed employees.

By Ms. Decker of Cambridge, for the committee on Public Health, on a petition, a Bill relative to Topical Steroid Withdrawal Syndrome (House, No. 4686).

Topical Steroid Withdrawal.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 586, a Bill relative to type 1 diabetes informational materials for the parents and guardians of students (House, No. 5092).

Type 1 diabetes.

By Mr. Madaro of Boston, for the committee on Revenue, on a petition, a Bill repealing the property tax exemption for Massport lessees (House, No. 3112).

MassPort,— property tax.

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

By Mr. Madaro of Boston, for the committee on Revenue, on a petition, a Bill relative to the valuation of long term residences (House, No. 3006).

Long-term residences.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to ensuring fairness and equity in the assessment of the value of property (House, No. 3212).

Property assessments.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to municipal tax collectors (House, No. 3266).

Municipal tax collectors.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to preserving information content of historic resources with community preservation funds (House, No. 3271).

Historic resources.

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

Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed bills

Amending the charter of the town of Rockland (see Senate, No. 2716, amended) (Which originated in the Senate);

Bills enacted.

Authorizing the town of Williamstown to expand financial eligibility for senior property tax exemption (see House, No. 3026); and

Authorizing the town of Rochester to continue the employment of fire chief Scott Weigel (see House, No. 4235);

(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.

Recess.

At six minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Frost of Auburn (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House recessed until one o'clock P.M.; and two minutes before three o'clock, the House was called to order with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair.

Recess.

Reports of Committees.

Prior to the noon recess, By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill enhancing disclosure requirements for synthetic media in political advertising (House, No. 846), ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a bill with the same title (House, No. 5094). Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Political advertising.

Mr. Honan of Boston, for said committee, then reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, the bill was read a second time forthwith. The amendment recommended by the committee on Ways and Means then was adopted; and the substituted bill was ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently, the noon recess having terminated (Ms. Hogan of Stow being in the Chair), under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Jones of North Reading, the bill (having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) was read a third time.

After debate on the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair) Mr. Jones of North Reading moved to amend it by adding the following:

“(c) This section shall not apply to a radio or television broadcasting station, including a cable or satellite television operator, programmer, producer or mobile application or streaming service when it is paid to broadcast materially deceptive audio or visual media or materially deceptive election-related communication.”.

The amendment was adopted.

On the question on passing the bill, as amended, to be engrossed, the sense of the House was taken by the yeas and nays, at the request of Mr. Hunt of Boston; and on the roll call 157 members voted in the affirmative and 0 in the negative.

[See [Yea and Nay No. 122 in Supplement.](#)]

Therefore the bill (House, No. 5094, amended) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Bill passed to be engrossed,—
yea and nay
No. 122.

Prior to the noon recess (Mr. Donato being in the Chair), By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill to protect against election misinformation (House, No. 76), ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a bill with the same title (House, No. 5093). Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Elections,—
misinformation.

Mr. Honan of Boston, for said committee, then reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, the bill was read a second time forthwith. The amendment recommended by the committee on Ways and Means then was adopted; and the substituted bill was ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently, the noon recess having terminated (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Hunt of Boston, the bill (having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) was read a third time.

After debate on the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Swezey of Duxbury moved to amend the bill by adding the following section:

“SECTION 6. Section 28 of chapter 53 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 1, the word ‘seventh’ and inserting in place thereof the following word: ‘eleventh’.”

After debate on the question on adoption of the amendment, the sense of the House was taken by the yeas and nays, at the request of the same member; and on the roll call 25 members voted in the affirmative and 132 in the negative.

Amendment rejected,—
yea and nay
No. 123.

[See [Yea and Nay No. 123 in Supplement.](#)]

Therefore the amendment was rejected.

Mr. Gaskey of Carver then moved to amend the bill as follows:—

Section 1 (definitions)

In the definition of “Materially deceptive audio or visual media”, strike the words “concerning the safety or regular operations of an election or candidate’s appearance, speech or conduct that has been fabricated or intentionally manipulated” and insert in place thereof the following:

“purporting to depict a candidate for elective office or an election official engaged in speech or conduct that did not, in fact, occur, and that has been fabricated or materially altered using synthetic media so as to cause a reasonable person to believe the fabricated or altered speech or conduct actually occurred”.

In the definition of “Materially deceptive election-related communication”, insert after the words “verifiably false information regarding” the words:

“, with the specific intent to prevent or deter an otherwise eligible voter from casting a ballot,”.

Amendment to Section 5 (new § 70 in chapter 56)

In subsection (a)(1), by striking out the words “within 90 days of an election at which a candidate for elective office will appear on the ballot,” and inserting in place thereof the following words:

“within 30 days immediately preceding an election at which a candidate for elective office will appear on the ballot.”

In subsection (a)(1), after the words “materially deceptive audio or visual media” insert the words:

“that is synthetic media and purports to be an authentic recording of the candidate or election official”.

In subsection (a)(2), after the words “materially deceptive election-related communication” insert the words:

“that is likely to cause substantial voter confusion or disenfranchisement”.

Add the following new subsection after subsection (a):

(a½) Nothing in this section shall apply to any communication that, at the time of distribution, is based on and substantially consistent with: (i) publicly available information published by a federal, state or local election official; or (ii) information later determined to be inaccurate, if the distributor, upon learning of such inaccuracy, takes reasonable steps to correct or withdraw the communication.

In subsection (b)(1), after “the attorney general may seek injunctive or other equitable relief” insert:

“; provided, however, that no prior restraint shall issue unless a court finds, after an evidentiary hearing, that the plaintiff has demonstrated by clear and convincing evidence that the communication is materially deceptive under this section and that there is no less restrictive means, including disclaimer or corrective notice, sufficient to remedy the harm”.

Add the following new subsection:

(b½) In any action under this section, it shall be an affirmative defense that the defendant: (i) clearly and conspicuously disclosed, in close proximity to the communication, that the relevant content was created or altered using synthetic media and does not depict an actual recording of the candidate or election official; or (ii) reasonably believed, based on specific facts, that the communication was accurate at the time of distribution.

Rewrite subsection (c)(2) as follows:

(2) This section shall not apply to a radio or television broadcasting station, including a cable or satellite television operator, programmer, producer or mobile application or streaming service, or to an internet website or regularly published newspaper, magazine or other periodical of general circulation, that carries materially deceptive audio or visual media or materially deceptive election-related communication prohibited by this section as part of bona fide news reporting or commentary, if the content is accompanied by a clear disclosure that questions the authenticity or accuracy of such media or communication.

Add a new subsection (d):

(d) This section shall be enforced in a viewpoint-neutral manner. No action shall be brought or maintained under this section based on disagreement with the political, ideological or policy views expressed in a communication.

After debate on the question on adoption of the amendments, the sense of the House was taken by the yeas and nays, at the request of the same member; and on the roll call 12 members voted in the affirmative and 145 in the negative.

[See [Yea and Nay No. 124](#) in Supplement.]

Therefore the amendments were rejected.

Amendments
rejected,—
yea and nay
No. 124.

The Speaker being in the Chair,—
On the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, the sense of the House was taken by the yeas and nays, at the request of Mr. Hunt of Boston; and on the roll call 154 members voted in the affirmative and 3 in the negative.

[See [Yea and Nay No. 125](#) in Supplement.]

Therefore the bill (House, No. 5093) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Bill passed
to be engrossed,—
yea and nay
No. 125.

Order.

Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair,—

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.

Mr. Frost of Auburn then moved that the House adjourn; and the motion prevailed. Accordingly, without proceeding to consideration of the matters in the Orders of the Day, at sixteen minutes after four o'clock P.M. (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.

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2026.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, February 12, 2026.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Garballey of Arlington 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. Garballey), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of
allegiance.

Statement of Representative Decker of Cambridge.

A statement of Ms. Decker of Cambridge 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 am unable to be present in the House Chamber for yesterday's sitting due to a family emergency. Had I been present, I would have voted in the affirmative on Yea and Nay Nos. 122 and 125 and in the negative on Yea and Nay Nos. 123 and 124. My missing of roll calls was due entirely to the reason stated.

Statement of
Representative
Decker of
Cambridge.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Barrett of North Adams) recognizing the 100th anniversary of Ayrhill Farms in the town of Adams; and

Ayrhill
Farms.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Linsky of Natick) congratulating Fiona White on receiving the Gold Award of the Girl Scouts of the United States of America;

Fiona
White.

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 Mr. Wong of Saugus, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Communications.

Communications

From the Executive Office of Economic Development (see Section 13T of Chapter 23A of the General Laws) submitting the Office of Travel and Tourism and Massachusetts Marketing Partnership annual report on state expenditures for fiscal year 2025;

Travel and
tourism
expenditures.

From the Executive Office of Economic Development (see Section 13T of Chapter 23A of the General Laws) submitting the Office of Travel and Tourism's Regional Tourism Council annual report on state expenditures for fiscal year 2025;

Regional
tourism
expenditures.

From the Public Employee Retirement Administration Commission (see Section 21(3)(f) of Chapter 32 of the General Laws) submitting the Cost-of-Living Adjustments for members of the State Employees' and Teachers' Retirement Systems;

PERAC,—
cost-of-living
adjustments.

From the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities (see Section 106 of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting a report relative to the feasibility and efficacy of a housing construction sales tax exemption program; and

Sales tax,—
housing
construction.

From the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities (see Section 107 of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting a report relative to the feasibility and efficacy of using licensed third-party inspectors to conduct inspections;

Third-party
inspections.

Severally were placed on file.

Annual Report.

A report of the District Attorney of Norfolk County (under Section 99(R) of Chapter 272 of the General Laws) submitting a report relative to wiretaps for calendar year 2025, was placed on file.

Norfolk
County,—
wiretaps.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Vieira of Falmouth, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5107) of David T. Vieira (by vote of the town) relative to the charter and the town clerk in the town of Falmouth;

Falmouth,—
charter.

By the same member, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5108) of David T. Vieira (by vote of the town) relative to the acquisition and disposition of certain land in the town of Falmouth; and

Falmouth,—
land.

By the same member, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5109) of David T. Vieira (by vote of the town) the town of Falmouth be authorized to expend funds to offset certain costs associated with the installation of low pressure pumps on private property in future sewer service areas in said town.

Falmouth,—
low pressure
pumps.

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

By Representative Saunders of Belchertown and Senator Comerford, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5110) of Aaron L. Saunders (by vote of the town) that the town of Petersham be authorized to continue the employment of police department members Richard D. Cooley, Jr., and David A. Shoemaker, notwithstanding the maximum age requirement. To the committee on Public Service.

Petersham,—
Richard Cooley
and David
Shoemaker.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

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 joint petition of James K. Hawkins (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to the establishment of a board to oversee use and occupancy payments for manufactured housing community accommodations in the city of Attleboro. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Consalvo of Boston, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the joint petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Attleboro,—
manufactured
housing.

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:

Protecting the use of bank names, trade names and trademarks in electronic communications (House, No. 1102);

Making changes to certain references in the banking laws of the Commonwealth (House, No. 1232);

Allowing fair compensation of Massachusetts credit union directors (House, No. 1338);

Providing volunteer firefighters and emergency medical technicians with a local option real estate tax exemption (House, No. 3132);

Relative to the electronic filing of certain forms used in property valuation (House, No. 3176);

Relative to the delivery of property tax bills (House, No. 3219);

Relative to proper notification of deceased animals on state highways (House, No. 3678);

Directing the City of Boston Fire Department to waive the maximum age requirement for firefighters for Stylianos Katikakis (House, No. 4582) [Local Approval Received];

Validating the results of the annual election held in the town of Bourne on May 20, 2025 (printed in House, No. 4763);

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

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, asking to be discharged from further consideration:

Of the Bill providing for a study to be conducted on the cost feasibility of implementing a ferry service to Long Island in Boston Harbor (House, No. 3615); and

Of the Bill establishing a special commission to identify, preserve and commemorate historic roadways in Massachusetts (House, No. 3785);

And recommending that the same be referred to the House committee on Rules.

Under Rule 42, the reports severally were considered forthwith; and they were accepted.

By Ms. Farley-Bouvier of Pittsfield, for the committee on Advanced Information Technology, the Internet and Cybersecurity, on House, No. 4229, an Order authorizing the committee on Advanced Information Technology, the Internet and Cybersecurity to make an investigation and study of a certain House document relative to social media feeds (House, No. 5071) [Representative Gaskey of Carver dissenting].

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 79, 87, 88, 89, 95, 102, 105 and 107, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Advanced Information Technology, the Internet and Cybersecurity to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to broadband, blockchain technology and other related matters (House, No. 5072).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 81 and 90, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Advanced Information Technology, the Internet and Cybersecurity to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to artificial intelligence (House, No. 5073) [Representative Gaskey of Carver dissenting].

Electronic communications.

Banking laws,— certain references

Credit union compensation.

Exemptions,— first responders.

Property valuations.

Property taxes.

Highways,— animals.

Boston,— Katikakis.

Bourne,— election.

Long Island ferry service.

Historic roadways.

Social media feeds,— study.

Broadband, blockchain technology and other related matters,— study.

Artificial intelligence,— study.

By Mr. Vargas of Haverhill, for the committee on Community Development and Small Businesses, on House, Nos. 297 and 306, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Community Development and Small Businesses to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to neighborhood stabilization (House, No. 5064).

Neighborhood stabilization,— study.

By Mr. Lewis of Framingham, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on House, Nos. 1512, 1514, 1535, 2266, 2267, 2285, 2288, 2289, 2290, 2291, 2292, 2294, 2295, 2296, 2297, 2305, 2308, 2327, 2338, 2339, 2340, 2343, 2344, 2345, 2355, 3997, 4020, 4021 and 4074, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to the MBTA Communities Act and other municipal matters (House, No. 5065).

MBTA Communities Act and other municipal matters,— study.

By Mr. Madaro of Boston, for the committee on Revenue, on House, Nos. 3047, 3161, 3220, 3223, 3240, 3969 and 4105, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Revenue to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to agriculture, land use and environment (House, No. 5068).

Agriculture, land use and environment,— study.

Severally referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

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

Under Rule 42, the reports were considered forthwith; and they were accepted.

By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Education, on a petition, a Bill to establish a community schools special legislative commission (House, No. 726).

Community schools.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill strengthening transitional planning and increasing accountability for persons with disabilities and their families (House, No. 752).

Special education.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to ensure fair due process in special education disputes (House, No. 4217).

Id.

Severally read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

By Mr. Livingstone of Boston, for the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, on a petition, a Bill to promote equity in school attendance requirements (House, No. 210).

School attendance.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 202 and 280, a Bill to close the achievement gap by addressing disparities in children's vision (House, No. 5089).

Children's vision.

By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Education, on a petition, a Bill to improve augmentative and alternative communication opportunities for children with disabilities (House, No. 514).

Disabilities,— communication.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the training, assessment, and assignment of qualified school interpreters in educational settings (House, No. 520).

Schools,— interpreters.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to ensure equitable access to education, including special education services, for all students in Massachusetts (House, No. 546).

Education,— access.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to special education finance (House, No. 670).

Special education.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing the school supplies for teachers program (House, No. 675).

School supplies.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to establish de-escalation training in student transportation (House, No. 736).

School transportation.

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. 336, a Bill relative to consumer rights of renters (House, No. 5095).

Tenants' rights.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 4588, a Bill relative to extending the timeframe within which the town of Southbridge may grant additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 5096) [Local Approval Received].

Southbridge,—
liquor licenses.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 4661, a Bill authorizing the city of Salem to convert seasonal licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises to annual licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 5097) [Local Approval Received].

Salem,—
liquor licenses.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 4662, a Bill authorizing the city of Salem to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises upon the return of the license authorized in chapter 67 of the acts of 2008 (House, No. 5098) [Local Approval Received].

Salem,—
liquor license.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 4877, a Bill authorizing the town of Raynham to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 5099) [Local Approval Received].

Raynham,—
liquor license.

By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Education, on a petition, a Bill relative to the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (House, No. 729).

Education,—
state board.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to fresh fruits and vegetables in schools (House, No. 4059).

Schools,—
produce.

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

Orders of the Day.

House bills

Relative to the nomination process for candidates for town meeting in Milford (House, No. 4185);

Third reading bills.

Designating a certain overpass in the town of Sandwich as the U.S. Marine Staff Sergeant Raymond G. Tourville Veterans Memorial Overpass (House, No. 4374);

Directing the city of Boston Police Department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Alex J. Rodriguez (House, No. 4391); and

Relative to the charter of the town of Westwood (House, No. 4753);

Severally reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

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

Next
sitting.

At ten minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Tuesday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.



TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2026.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Tuesday, February 17, 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 (under the provisions of Section 8 of Article LXXXIX of the Amendments to the Constitution) recommending legislation relative to validating certain proceedings of the town of Stow (House, No. 5129), was filed in the office of the Clerk on Friday, February 13.

Stow,—
town
meeting.

The message was read; and it was referred, under Rule 30, with the accompanying draft of a bill, to the committee on Election Laws. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Lunar New Year.

During the session, Ms. Howard of Lowell took the Chair, declared a brief recess and, on behalf of Representatives Chan of Quincy, Wong of Saugus, Nguyen of Andover, Howard of Lowell, Uytterhoeven of Somerville, Sangiolo of Newton and Hong of Lowell, paid tribute to the members of the Asian community of the Commonwealth on the occasion of Lunar New Year, as follows:

Lunar
New Year.

On Tuesday, February 17th, the new year of the lunar calendar began. The lunar calendar is the second oldest continuously used calendar in the world, with this year marking the 4,724th year. Many Asian cultures, including Chinese, Vietnamese, and Korean, celebrate the Lunar New Year as a time to spend with family sharing happiness and good fortune.

The lunar calendar is set in 12-year cycles using 12 different zodiac animals to symbolize each year. This year is the year of the Horse, the 7th animal of the 12-year cycle. Persons born this year are responsible, confident and enjoy both physical and mental challenges. This year brings fast changes, innovations and opportunities for transformation in people's interpersonal and economic life.

The House Asian Caucus warmly wishes everyone a happy Lunar New Year!

Resolutions.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Representatives Chan of Quincy and other members of the House) recognizing the Asian American community's celebration of the Lunar New Year, the Year of the Horse, on February 17, 2026, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Lunar
New Year.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee, reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Howard of Lowell, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Orders.

The following orders were referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules:

Order (filed by Representatives Livingstone of Boston and Garcia of Chelsea) relative to extending until Wednesday, March 18, 2026 the time within which the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities is authorized to report on a current House document (House, No. 5069).

Extensions
of time for
committees
to make
reports.

Order (filed by Representatives Gordon of Bedford and Ayers of Quincy) relative to extending until Wednesday, March 18, 2026 the time within which the committee on Education is authorized to report on current House documents (House, No. 5123).

Order (filed by Representatives Haggerty of Woburn and Ramos of North Andover) relative to extending until Wednesday, March 18, 2026 the time within which the committee on Housing is authorized to report on current House documents (House, No. 4923).

Order (filed by Representatives Haggerty of Woburn and Ramos of North Andover) relative to extending until Wednesday, March 18, 2026 the time within which the committee on Housing is authorized to report on current House documents (House, No. 4932).

Order (filed by Representatives McMurtry of Dedham and Vitolo of Brookline) relative to extending until Wednesday, March 18, 2026 the time within which the committee on Labor and Workforce Development is authorized to report on current House documents (House, No. 5122).

Order (filed by Representatives Lewis of Framingham and Sabadosa of Northampton) relative to extending until Wednesday, March 18, 2026 the time within which the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government is authorized to report on a current House document (House, No. 5067).

Order (filed by Representatives Madaro of Boston and Philips of Sharon) relative to extending until Friday, March 13, 2026 the time within which the committee on Revenue is authorized to report on a current House document (House, No. 5079).

Order (filed by Representatives Madaro of Boston and Philips of Sharon) relative to extending until Wednesday, March 18, 2026 the time within which the committee on Revenue is authorized to report on current House documents (House, No. 5124).

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. Wong of Saugus, the orders were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Communications.

Communications

From the Executive Office for Administration and Finance (see Section 2E(e) of Chapter 29 of the General Laws) submitting a report on the activities of and expenditures from the Commonwealth Federal Match and Debt Reduction Fund as of December, 2025;

Federal Match
and Debt
Reduction Fund.

From the Executive Office for Administration and Finance (see Section 22C of Chapter 32 of the General Laws) submitting the triennial funding schedule for the Commonwealth's employee retirement obligations;

Employee retirement obligations.

From the Executive Office for Administration and Finance (see item 1595-6153 of Section 2E of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting a report on funds appropriated through the Communications Access Trust Fund transfer; and

Communications Access Trust Fund transfer.

From the Department of Public Utilities (see Section 9 of Chapter 149 of Acts of 2014) submitting their annual report on the prevalence of natural gas leaks in the natural gas system for calendar year 2025;

Natural gas leaks.

Severally were placed on file.

Annual and Special Reports.

The annual report of the Middlesex District Attorney (under Section 99R of Chapter 272 of the General Laws) submitting a report relative to wiretaps for calendar year 2025; and

Middlesex,— wiretaps.

A report of the Massachusetts Office of Victim Assistance (MOVA) (under item 0840-0100 of Section 2 of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting the Victim and Witness Assistance Board report relative to the Massachusetts Victims of Violent Crimes Compensation program;

Victims of violent crimes compensation.

Severally were placed on file.

Petitions.

Representatives Plouffe of Brockton and Sullivan-Almeida of Abington presented a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5130) of Bridget Plouffe (by vote of the town) that the town of East Bridgewater be authorized to issue up to four additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises in said town; and the same was referred to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

East Bridgewater,— liquor licenses.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Sangiolo of Newton (by request), a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Peter F. Harrington relative to condominium conversion of co-owned two-unit buildings.

Condominiums,— conversions.

By Representative Scanlon of North Attleborough, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Adam J. Scanlon for legislation to establish a missing-middle starter home development and home ownership program.

Starter home development.

By Representative Stanley of Waltham, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Thomas M. Stanley, John J. Marsi and James C. Arena-DeRosa relative to medication administration in rest homes.

Medications,— rest homes.

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

Papers from the Senate.

Bills

Modernizing protections for consumers in automobile transactions (Senate, No. 2945) (on Sente bill No. 228);

Automobile transactions

Relative to modernizing the pathway to becoming a certified public accountant (Senate, No. 2946) (on Sente bill No. 209); and

Certified public accountants.

Regarding fair housing practices in the Commonwealth (Senate, No. 2959) (on Senate bill No. 2947);

Housing,—
discrimination.

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were read; and they were referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

A Bill establishing residency requirements for the offices of mayor, city councilor and school committee in the city of Brockton (Senate, No. 2957) (on Senate bill No. 2510) [Local Approval Received], passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Brockton,—
residency
requirements.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2956) of Liz Miranda (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to amend the operations of the city of Boston Finance Commission to establish the Boston Inspector General Oversight Commission, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Boston,—
commission.

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 following petitions:

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Shirley B. Arriaga relative to the sale of parrots; and

Parrots,—
sales.

Joint petition (accompanied by bill) of Tackey Chan, Kate Donaghue and others relative to consumer protections for low valued legal tender scarcity;

Legal tender,—
scarcity.

Severally to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mrs. Sangiolo of Newton, the reports were considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended, in each instance. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

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

The Senate Bill amending the veteran property tax work-off amounts (Senate, No. 1948); and

Property taxes.

House bills

Relative to impairment of health caused by infectious disease (House, No. 2826);

Infectious diseases.
Worcester Regional
Retirement System.

Further defining a quorum of the Worcester Regional Retirement System Board Advisory Council (House, No. 2926);

Authorizing cities and towns to provide a residential exemption to senior citizens (House, No. 3004);

Tax exemption,—
seniors.

Expanding the senior property tax exemption (House, No. 3102);

Id.

Creating a local option property tax cap for low-income seniors (House, No. 3234);

Id.

Expanding the senior property tax exemption (House, No. 3236);

Id.

Exempting the positions of police lieutenant and police sergeant in the city of Leominster from the civil service law (House, No. 4702) [Local Approval Received];

Leominster,—
civil service.

Designating a certain bridge in the town of Chelmsford as the Ferreira Brothers Bridge (House, No. 4723); and

Chelmsford,—
bridge.

Amending the charter for the town of Groton (House, No. 4795) [Local Approval Received];

Groton,—
charter.

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

By Mr. Livingstone of Boston, for the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, on House, Nos. 217, 237, 240, 245, 255, 274 and 294, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to parent supports, day care and other related matters (House, No. 4919).

Parent
supports, etc.,—
study.

By Mr. Chan of Quincy, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, on House, Nos. 339, 355, 368, 371, 372, 373, 376, 385, 392, 393, 394, 396, 397, 398, 415, 426, 446, 463, 470 and 472, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to funeral homes, motor vehicles and other related matters (House, No. 5081).

Funeral homes,
etc.,—
study.

By Mr. Rogers of Cambridge, for the committee on Higher Education, on House, Nos. 1436, 1437, 1446, 1460, 1464 and 4113, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Higher Education to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to debt-free education and other matters (House, No. 5104).

Debt-free
education, etc.,—
study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1448, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Higher Education to make an investigation and study of a certain House document relative to higher education opportunities (House, No. 5105).

Higher
education
opportunities,—
study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 1439 and 1445, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Higher Education to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to student representation and public private partnerships (House, No. 5106).

Student
representation,
etc.,—
study.

By Mr. McMurtry of Dedham, for the committee on Labor and Workforce Development, on House, Nos. 2077, 2132, 2135 and 2183, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Labor and Workforce Development to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to human resources, commission sales rates, minors and meetings (House, No. 5070).

Human resources,
etc.,—
study.

Severally referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

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

Under Rule 42, the reports severally were considered forthwith; and they were accepted.

By Mr. Hunt of Boston, for the committee on Election Laws, on a petition, a Bill amending chapter 445 of the acts of 1960 and establishing a board of election commissioners in the city of Salem (House, No. 3907) [Local Approval Received].

Salem,—
election
commissioners.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to preliminary elections in the town of Longmeadow (House, No. 4309) [Local Approval Received].

Longmeadow,—
preliminary
elections.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill providing for recall elections in the town of Charlemont (House, No. 4434) [Local Approval Received].

Charlemont,—
recall elections.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill regulating elections in the town of Conway (House, No. 4498) [Local Approval Received].

Conway,—
elections.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing remote participation at town meetings and special town meetings in the Town of Concord (House, No. 4522) [Local Approval Received].

Concord,—
town meetings.

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

Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed bills

Amending the charter of the city known as the town of Agawam to strike the reference to the board of appeals (see House, No. 4380, amended); and

Bills
enacted.

Authorizing the select board of the town of Arlington to place upon a town ballot a question to increase the number of licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (see House, No. 4815);

(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.

Orders of the Day.

House bills

Directing the city of Boston Police Department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Angel G. Rivera (House, No. 4389); and

Third
reading
bills.

Providing for a town administrator in the town of Hopedale (House, No. 4784);

Severally reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

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

Next
sitting.

At twenty-three minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Soter of Bellingham (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Thursday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.



THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2026.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, February 19, 2026.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Garballey of Arlington 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. Garballey), 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 Sabadosa of Northampton) congratulating All Out Adventures on the occasion of its twenty-fifth anniversary;

All Out
Adventures.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Sabadosa of Northampton) recognizing Alex Ghiselin for his many years of service to the city of Northampton;

Alex
Ghiselin.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Sabadosa of Northampton) recognizing Marianne Labarge for her many years of dedicated service to the city of Northampton;

Marianne
Labarge.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Stanley and other members of the House) commending the New England Chapter of the National Kidney Foundation, Inc. for its recognition of March 2026 as National Kidney Month and March 12, 2026, as World Kidney Day; and

National Kidney
Month and World
Kidney Day.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Sullivan-Almeida of Abington) congratulating Sergeant Christopher McDermott on the occasion of his retirement from the Brockton Police Department;

Christopher
McDermott.

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 Mr. Wong of Saugus, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Communications.

Communications

From the Department of Unemployment Assistance (see Section 14F of Chapter 151A of the General Laws) relative to the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund report for December, 2025;

Unemployment
Insurance
Trust Fund.

From the Cape and Islands District Attorney's Office (see Section 6 of Chapter 258B of the General Laws) submitting a report on the Victim Witness Assistance program; and

Cape and Islands,—
victim witness
assistance.

From the Norfolk District Attorney's Office (see Section 6 of Chapter 258B of the General Laws) submitting a report on the Victim Witness Assistance program; Severally were placed on file.

Norfolk,—
victim
assistance.

Annual Reports.

Annual Reports

Of the Executive Office for Housing and Livable Communities (under Section 27 1/2 of Chapter 23B of the General Laws) submitting its HousingWorks Infrastructure annual report for the fiscal years 2024 and 2025; and

HousingWorks
infrastructure.

Of the Massachusetts District Attorneys Association (under item 0340-2100 of Section 2 of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting its data from the District Attorneys relative to their criminal prosecutions and workloads for calendar year 2025;

District
attorneys,—
workloads.

Severally were placed on file.

Petitions.

Representative Schwartz of Newton and Senator Creem presented a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5136) of Greg Schwartz and Cynthia Stone Creem (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to increasing the maximum amount of penalties for violations of ordinances in the city of Newton; and the same was referred to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Newton,—
ordinance
violations.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Frost of Auburn (by request), a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Aspen Boss relative to penalties for non-consensual image sharing and providing supportive victim services.

Images,—
non-consensual
sharing.

By Representative Meschino of Hull and Senator O'Connor, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Joan Meschino and Patrick M. O'Connor for legislation to designate the American lobster as the official crustacean of the Commonwealth.

State
crustacean.

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

Papers from the Senate.

The House Bill relative to teacher preparation and student literacy (House, No. 4683), 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 2940) (in which the House had non-concurred).

Students,—
literacy.

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 DiDomenico, Lewis and O'Connor had been joined as the committee on the part of the Senate.

Committee of
conference.

A Bill authorizing the commissioner of capital asset management and maintenance to convey certain land in the town of Brookfield (Senate, No. 2958) (on Senate bill No. 2128), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and it was referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Brookfield,—
land.

A Bill clarifying call firefighter rights (Senate, No. 2960) (on Senate bill No. 1915), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Call
firefighters.

A joint petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2961) of Kelly A. Dooner and Justin Thurber (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the town of Dighton to use a portion of conservation land for public way purposes, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee Environment and Natural Resources.

Dighton,—
land.

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 following petitions:

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Brian M. Ashe for legislation to authorize the Massachusetts Teachers' Retirement System to grant credible service to Sara Scibelli. To the committee on Public Service.

Sara Scibelli,—
retirement.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Paul K. Frost, John J. Marsi and others that the Massachusetts Department of Transportation designate a segment of State Route 20 in the town of Oxford as the Brodeur curve in honor of Michael and Kyle Brodeur of Charlton. To the committee on Transportation.

Oxford,—
Brodeur
curve.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the reports were considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended, in each instance. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

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

The Senate Bill regulating certain insurance benefits for elected officials in the town of Blackstone (Senate, No. 1445) [Local Approval Received]; and House bills

Blackstone,—
insurance.

Designating a portion of state highway Route 7A in the town of Lenox as the Ross B. Dindio memorial highway (House, No. 3645);

Lenox,—
highway.

Relative to container safety on roadways (House, No. 3684);

Container safety.

Naming "The Bill Russell and Bob Cousy Highway" (House, No. 3727);

Turnpike.

Prohibiting the practice of coal rolling (House, No. 3746);

Coal rolling.

Regarding right of way violations (CeCelia's Law) (House, No. 3817);

Red lights.

Relative to recognition of the "Honor and Remember" flag in the Commonwealth (House, No. 3839);

Honor and
Remember flag.

Directing the city of Boston Police Department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Constantinos Papadopoulos (House, No. 4267) [Local Approval Received];

Boston,—
Papadopoulos.

Amending the charter of the city of Pittsfield (House, No. 4716) [Local Approval Received];

Pittsfield,—
charter.

Directing the city of Boston police department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Ryan Cazeau (House, No. 4740) [Local Approval Received];

Boston,—
Ryan Cazeau.

Directing the city of Boston police department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Edny Joseph (House, No. 4741) [Local Approval Received]; and

Boston,—
Edny Joseph.

Relative to littering (House, No. 4976);

Littering.

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.

By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Education, on House, No. 4720, a Bill authorizing the committee on Education to make an investigation and study of a certain House document relative to the Athol-Royalston Regional School District Financial Stability Fund (House, No. 5117).

Athol-Royalston,—
study.

By Mr. Lewis of Framingham, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on House, Nos. 2248, 2276 and 2330, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Education to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to certain municipal administrative matters (House, No. 5118).

Municipal matters,—
study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 2279, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government to make an investigation and study of a certain House document relative to travel mileage rate fees for sheriffs, deputy sheriffs and constables (House, No. 5119).

Travel mileage rates,—
study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 3923, 4152 and 4581, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to institutional master plans (House, No. 5120).

Master plans,—
study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 4739, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government to make an investigation and study of a certain House document relative to the operation of the municipal light plant in the town of Hull (House, No. 5121).

Hull,—
study.

Severally referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

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

Under Rule 42, the reports severally were considered forthwith; and they were accepted.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the Resolve for a foster care and child care liability insurance special commission (House, No. 5024) and recommending that the same be referred to the House committee on Rules.

Foster care liability insurance.

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

By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Financial Services, on a petition, a Bill creating a climate bank in Massachusetts (House, No. 3937).

Climate bank.

By Mr. Day of Stoneham, for the committee on the Judiciary, on House, No. 1913, a Bill relative to treatment, not incarceration (House, No. 5126).

Courts,—
addiction.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 2454 and 4261, a Bill relative to kratom (House, No. 5127).

Kratom.

By Mr. McMurtry of Dedham, for the committee on Labor and Workforce Development, on a petition, a Bill relative to minimum wage for municipal employees (House, No. 2072).

Municipal employees,—
minimum wage.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to increase unemployment insurance benefits for low wage workers (House, No. 2150).

Workers,—
Benefits.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to unemployment compensation and labor disputes (House, No. 2168).

Unemployment,—
labor disputes.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to establishing a prevailing wage for security officers (House, No. 2178).

Security officers,—
prevailing wage.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to establish an enhanced care worker minimum wage (House, No. 2191).

Care workers,—
minimum wage.

By Mr. Lewis of Framingham, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a part of House, No. 56 (as relates to sections 1 to 17, inclusive, 20 to 44, inclusive, 73 to 82, inclusive, and 87), a Bill empowering municipalities and local governments (House, No. 5131).

Local
governments.

By Mr. Madaro of Boston, for the committee on Revenue, on a petition, a Bill excluding the Segal Americorps Educational Award from taxable income (House, No. 3010).

Taxable income—
exemption.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill providing for settlements of tax liability (House, No. 3062).

Tax liability,—
settlements.

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

By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Financial Services, on a petition, a Bill temporarily protecting recently widowed spouses from foreclosure (House, No. 1329).

Foreclosures,—
widows.

By Mr. Day of Stoneham, for the committee on the Judiciary, on House, No. 1597, a Bill limiting the use of prison labor (House, No. 5125).

Prison labor.

By Mr. McMurtry of Dedham, for the committee on Labor and Workforce Development, on a petition, a Bill protecting wages of employees who receive wages through an electronic wage card (House, No. 2074).

Electronic
wage cards.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to noncompetition agreements in the Commonwealth (House, No. 2118).

Noncompetition
agreements.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to protect hospital workers from being deprived of their wages (House, No. 2124).

Hospitals,—
wages.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing a minimum wage for employees of airline catering companies (House, No. 2145).

Airlines,—
minimum wage.

By Mr. Madaro of Boston, for the committee on Revenue, on a petition, a Bill to encourage donations to local nonprofits (House, No. 3169).

Nonprofit
donations.

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

By Mr. McGonagle of Everett, for the committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs, on a petition, Resolutions urging the Congress of the United States to update the Drug Addiction Treatment Act of 2000 and remove excessive training requirements mandated for obtaining a waiver to prescribe buprenorphine (House, No. 3827) [Representative Gaskey of Carver dissenting].

Buprenorphine.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, Resolutions condemning political oppression and encouraging free and fair elections in Cambodia (House, No. 3851) [Representative Gaskey of Carver dissenting].

Cambodia,—
elections.

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

Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed bills

Authorizing alternate members for the conservation commission of the town of Becket (see House, No. 3977); and

Bills
enacted.

Authorizing the town of Swampscott to establish a fall annual town meeting (see House, No. 4438);

(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.

Orders of the Day.

House bills

Directing the city of Boston Police Department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Angela C. Depina (House, No. 4388);

Third
reading
bills.

Authorizing Anthony Morales to take the civil service examination for the position of police officer in the city of Haverhill notwithstanding the maximum age requirement (House, No. 4442);

Relative to the charter of the town of Westborough (House, No. 4751); and

Permitting the city of Revere to establish penalties and liens for rooming house & certificates of fitness ordinance violations (House, No. 4752) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

Severally reported by said committee to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

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 thirteen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Soter of Bellingham (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.



WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2026.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Wednesday, February 25, 2026.

Met at one o'clock P.M., in an Informal Session (the previously scheduled time for meeting having been postponed due to a snow emergency), 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.

Communication from the Speaker.

The following communication from the Speaker of the House was spread upon the records of the House, to wit: —

The Honorable Timothy Carroll, Clerk
Massachusetts House of Representatives
State House Room 145
Boston, Massachusetts 02133

Dear Mr. Clerk:

Please note in the Journal of the House that, notwithstanding the Order adopted on Thursday, February 19, 2026, requiring the House to meet at 11:00 AM on Monday, February 23, 2026, I cancelled said session under the authority granted me by House Rule 44. I did so by reason of the State House being closed on February 23, 2026, due to accumulated snow.

House Rule 44,—
snow emergency.

As such, I informed all Members of the House that the Informal Session scheduled for Monday, February 23, 2026, would be convened instead on Wednesday, February 25, 2026, at 1:00 PM.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,
RONALD MARIANO
Speaker of the House.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Representative Peisch of Wellesley and other members of the House) honoring the longstanding partnership between the Province of Québec and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; and

Québec.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Fluker-Reid of Boston and other members of the House) congratulating The Links, Incorporated on its seventy-fifth anniversary;

The Links,
Incorporated.

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. Peisch of Wellesley, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Orders.

The following orders were referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules:

Order (filed by Representatives Day of Stoneham and Fluker-Reid of Boston) relative to extending until Friday, July 31, 2026 the time within which the committee on the Judiciary is authorized to report on current House documents (House, No. 5152).

Extensions
of time for
committees
to make
reports.

Order (filed by Representatives Madaro of Boston and Philips of Sharon) relative to extending until Wednesday, March 18, 2026 the time within which the committee on Revenue is authorized to report on current House documents (House, No. 5150).

Order (filed by Representatives Madaro of Boston and Philips of Sharon) relative to extending until Friday, June 26, 2026 the time within which the committee on Revenue is authorized to report on current House documents (House, No. 5153).

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. Wong of Saugus, the orders were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Paper from the Senate.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2963) of William J. Driscoll, Jr. (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the town of Milton to use certain land acquired for conservation purposes for school purposes, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee Municipalities and Regional Government.

Milton,—
land.

Reports of Committees.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported (under the provisions of House Rules 7B and 7C) an Order relative to special procedures for consideration of the House Bill relative to energy affordability, clean power and economic competitiveness (House, No. 5151) ought to be adopted (for order, see House, No. 5155). The order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted.

Energy
affordability,—
special
procedures.

By Ms. Barber of Somerville, for the committee on Environment and Natural Resources, on House, Nos. 999 and 1054, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Environment and Natural Resources to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to deer population control and park fee exemptions for veterans (House, No. 5145) [Representative Gaskey of Carver dissenting].

Deer control
and park fees,—
study.

By Mr. Day of Stoneham, for the committee on the Judiciary, on House, No. 516, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on the Judiciary to make an investigation and study of a certain House document relative to school employee screenings (House, No. 5146).

School employee screenings,— study.

By Mr. Ryan of Boston, for the committee on Public Service, on House, No. 4236, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Public Service to make an investigation and study of a certain House document relative to the employment of Floyd Dunnell, III (House, No. 5147).

Floyd Dunnell, III,— study.

By Mr. Arciero of Westford, for the committee on Transportation, on House, Nos. 3623, 3631, 3632, 3637, 3638, 3667, 3723, 3726, 3813 and 4054, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Transportation to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to rail and transit (House, No. 5132).

Rail and transit,— study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 3633, 3651, 3668 and 3717, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Transportation to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to transportation financing mechanisms (House, No. 5142).

Transportation financing mechanisms,— study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 3610, 3612, 3613, 3616, 3619, 3620, 3621, 3622, 3670, 3740, 3768, 3769, 4086, 4129, 4130 and 4131, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Transportation to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to miscellaneous transportation matters (House, No. 5143).

Transportation matters,— study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 3644 and 3709, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Transportation to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to Keolis contract and tolls (House, No. 5144) [Representative DeCoste of Norwell dissenting].

Keolis contract and tolls,— study.

Severally referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

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

Under Rule 42, the reports severally were considered forthwith; and they were accepted.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, asking to be discharged from further consideration:

Of the Bill relative to the use of chlorpyrifos in the Commonwealth (House, No. 962); and

Chlorpyrifos.

Of the Bill to protect pollinator habitat (House, No. 981);

Pollinator habitats.

And recommending that the same severally be referred to the House committee on Rules.

Under Rule 42, the reports severally were considered forthwith; and they were accepted.

By Mr. Cusack of Braintree, for the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy, that the communication from the Department of Energy Resources of the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (under the provisions of Section 12 of Chapter 25A of the General Laws) submitting proposed amendments to regulations 225 CMR 29.00 – governing Small Clean Energy Infrastructure Facility Siting and Permitting (House, No. 4827), be placed on file. Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Division of Energy Resources,— regulations.

By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill relative to energy affordability, clean power and economic competitiveness (House, No. 4744), ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a bill with the same title (House, No. 5151). Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, with the amendment pending.

Energy
affordability.

Reports of the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, under the last sentence of Rule 7A, that the following bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

Senate bills

Providing for the filling of vacancies in the office of mayor in the city of New Bedford (Senate, No. 2509) [Local Approval Received]; and

New Bedford,—
Mayor.

Validating and confirming certain acts and proceedings taken or conducted by certain elected and appointed officials in the town of Plymouth (Senate, No. 2925); and

Plymouth,—
elected officials.

House bills

Relative to notifying broker prior to termination of coverage (House, No. 1094);

Insurance coverage.

Relative to access to Paid Family and Medical Leave and unemployment insurance for graduate student workers (House, No. 1336);

Unemployment
insurance.

Authorizing the city of Somerville to enact right to purchase legislation (House, No. 3910) [Local Approval Received];

Somerville,—
right to purchase.

Relative to the recall of any holder of elective office in the city of Chicopee (House, No. 4202) [Local Approval Received]; and

Chicopee,—
recall.

Relative to the disability pension for Patricia M. Lampron administered by the Boston retirement board (House, No. 4508) [Local Approval Received];

Boston,—
Patricia Lampron.

Severally placed in the Orders of the Day for the next sitting for a second reading.

A report of the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, under the last sentence of Rule 7A, that the House Resolutions memorializing the Congress of the United States to declare the city of Quincy as the most patriotic city in America (House, No. 3828), be scheduled for consideration by the House; and, under said rule, the resolutions were placed in the Orders of the Day for the next sitting, the question being on adoption.

Quincy,—
patriotic city.

Engrossed Bills.

The engrossed Bill authorizing the town of Hudson to grant an additional license for the sale of wine and malt beverages not to be drunk on the premises (see House, No. 4272) (which originated in the House), 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.

Orders of the Day.

The Senate Bill authorizing the appointment of retired police officers as special police officers in the town of Plainville (Senate, No. 1898), 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, in concurrence.

Third
reading
bill.

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 seven minutes after one o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Berthiaume of Spencer (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following day at eleven o'clock A.M.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.



THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2026.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, February 26, 2026.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M. 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.

Silent Tributes.

At the request of Representatives Fiola of Fall River and Ouellette of Westport, the members, guests and employees stood in a moment of silent tribute for former Freetown Police Chief Carlton Abbott, who passed away on January 19, 2026.

Carlton
Abbott.

Chief Abbott's professional career in law enforcement spanned more than 40 years, including nearly 25 years as Chief of Police for the town of Freetown. His steady leadership and thoughtful decision-making earned him deep respect from colleagues and the community alike. Abbott served as President of the Southeastern Mass Police Training Association and on the Executive Board of the Mass Chiefs of Police Association.

Those who knew him will remember his dedication, wisdom, humor, and the unwavering love he had for his family and community.

He leaves his wife Arletta, daughters Rachel, Lindsey and Monique and their families and his beloved grandson.

At the request of Representative Sweezey of Duxbury, the members, guests, and employees stood in a moment of silent tribute in honor of United States Navy Petty Officer Third Class Jaden Booker of Hanson.

Jaden
Booker.

Jaden was born December 9, 2003, passed away on November 27, 2025, while stationed in Georgia with the United States Navy. He was a loving husband to his wife Jo'Niyah, and a doting father to their infant daughter Lay'lani.

Jaden graduated from Whitman-Hanson Regional High School in 2022, where he played varsity baseball. He also loved bowling, ping pong, and other recreational sports that connected him with the people he loved. Jaden also played piano with uncanny musical fluency.

As a military police officer with the United States Navy, Jaden is remembered as a hard worker committed to fulfilling his responsibilities while also supporting the growth and advancement of his junior colleagues.

Jaden's memory is cherished by his loving wife, daughter, mother Alena and her partner Jeffrey, father Kristopher, sister Alexa, niece Violet, grandparents Richard and Mary, and many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

At the request of Representatives Fiola of Fall River, Silvia of Fall River and Ouellette of Westport, the members, guests and employees stood in a moment of silent tribute for Thomas "Skip" Karam, who passed away on January 18, 2026.

Thomas
"Skip"
Karam.

Over his remarkable 36-year career as head coach of the B.M.C. Durfee High School boys basketball team, Skip amassed 659 wins and captured 5 state championship titles. He was the first coach in Massachusetts history to achieve 500 career wins.

He was inducted into the Massachusetts Basketball Hall of Fame, New England Basketball Coaches Hall of Fame, New England Basketball Legends Hall of Fame and the B.M.C Durfee Athletics Hall of Fame.

He leaves behind a lasting impact on Fall River, Durfee High School, and generations of students, athletes, and coaches who were fortunate enough to learn from him.

He leaves his wife Betty, daughters Jennifer and Liz and their spouses, 3 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild. He was pre-deceased by his son Skip.

At the request of Representatives Sylvia of Fairhaven, Cabral of New Bedford, Hendricks of New Bedford, Ouellette of Westport and Honan of Boston, the members, guests and employees stood in a moment of silence in memory of former Representative and Senator William Q. “Biff” MacLean, Jr., who passed away on Friday, February 20th, surrounded by his family.

William
“Biff”
MacLean, Jr.

MacLean was raised in Fairhaven and was a standout athlete at Fairhaven High School, earning 14 varsity letters before he graduated in 1954. He worked as a salesman at his father’s seafood business, was a reserve police officer and worked in real estate and as an insurance broker. MacLean earned a degree in political science from the University of Massachusetts.

His political career included serving on the Fairhaven School Committee in 1960 and in the General Court as a State Representative from 1961 to 1981, including as Majority Whip and Majority Leader and as a State Senator from 1981 to 1993.

MacLean leaves his wife Mary Jane (Moran O’Donnell) MacLean, son Doug, daughter Kim and daughter Lauren and her husband Chuck Fontaine, four grandchildren, and countless loved ones and friends who miss him dearly.

Remote Participation.

Notice had been received from House Counsel that, under the provisions of House Rule 49, Representatives Biele of Boston, Boldyga of Southwick, Domb of Amherst, Ferguson of Holden, Kane of Shrewsbury, Lombardo of Billerica, Scarsdale of Pepperell and Ultrino of Malden had been approved to participate remotely for today’s formal sitting.

Remote
participation.

Resolutions.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Representatives Kushmerek of Fitchburg and other members of the House) recognizing the work of Ukraine Forward, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Ukraine
Forward.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee, reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Ouellette of Westport, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Petitions.

Representative Duffy of Holyoke presented a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5171) of Patricia A. Duffy (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to remove the treasurer as acting mayor in the city of Holyoke; and the same was referred to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Holyoke,—
acting
mayor.

Representative Kushmerek of Fitchburg presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Michael P. Kushmerek for legislation to further regulate social media accounts for persons under 16 years of age; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Social media,—
minors.

Papers from the Senate.

Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair,—

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2975) of Lydia Edwards, Patricia D. Jehlen, Joanne M. Comerford, Rebecca L. Rausch and other members of the General Court for legislation to protect access to justice; and

Judicial
processes.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2976) of William N. Brownsberger, Cindy F. Friedman, Pavel M. Payano, Cynthia Stone Creem and other members of the Senate for legislation relative to violations of the United States Constitution under color of law.

Federal officers,—
liability.

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 following petitions:

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Kate Lipper-Garabedian for legislation to establish a grant program to reduce poverty and create an ENOUGH fund advisory committee. To the committee on Community Development and Small Businesses.

Poverty,—
reduction.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Hadley Luddy for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) to study access to unemployment insurance. To the committee on Labor and Workforce Development.

Unemployment
insurance,—
commission.

Joint petition (accompanied by bill) of Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr., that Bradford G. Merkel be authorized to take the state police examination notwithstanding the maximum age requirement. To the committee on Public Service.

Bradford
Merkel,—
civil service.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the reports were considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended, in each instance. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

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:

Amending the unemployment insurance law for workers with fluctuating work schedules (House, No. 2111);

Unemployment
insurance.

Updating the Medical Society mission statement (House, No. 2157);

Relative to a youth training wage (House, No. 2175);

Medical Society.
Training wage.

Designating a certain bridge in the town of Hopkinton as the Major General Frank D. Merrill memorial bridge (House, No. 3608);

Hopkinton,—
Merrill bridge.

Relative to increasing the fine for handicap parking violations for city/town implementation and compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (House, No. 3614);

To increase safety on public ways (House, No. 3650);

Designating historic routes (House, No. 3685);

Relative to excavation restoration on public ways (House, No. 3702);

Designating Marshfield the home of Senator Daniel Webster and Governor Edward Winslow (House, No. 3711);

Protecting motorists and emergency personnel (House, No. 3729);

Relative to the safe operation of motor vehicles (House, No. 3748);

Designating a certain intersection in the town of Pembroke as the Lavina A. Hatch corner (House, No. 3790); and

Relative to the maximum age requirement for police officers in the city of Newton (House, No. 4718) [Local Approval Received];

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

By Ms. Barber of Somerville, for the committee on Environment and Natural Resources, on House, Nos. 888, 889, 891, 892, 894, 896, 905, 906, 907, 908, 910, 911, 912, 913, 914, 916, 917, 919, 921, 923, 925, 927, 928, 929, 930, 933, 934, 935, 936, 940, 941, 942, 947, 948, 949, 951, 955, 960, 963, 964, 969, 970, 973, 974, 978, 979, 980, 993, 994, 995, 998, 1001, 1010, 1011, 1014, 1015, 1016, 1017, 1019, 1025, 1026, 1027, 1028, 1029, 1030, 1032, 1034 and 1035, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Environment and Natural Resources to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to plastics, Boston Harbor islands and other related matters (House, No. 5149) [Representative Gaskey of Carver dissenting]. Referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

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 Ms. Barber of Somerville, for the committee on Environment and Natural Resources, on a petition, a Bill to establish a grant and loan program for low noise, low emissions landscape maintenance equipment (House, No. 909) [Representatives Swezey of Duxbury and Gaskey of Carver dissenting].

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to protect water supplies and the environment (House, No. 976) [Representative Gaskey of Carver dissenting].

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to data collection on below threshold wells (House, No. 977) [Representatives Swezey of Duxbury and Gaskey of Carver dissenting].

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill ensuring safe drinking water in schools (House, No. 991) [Representative Gaskey of Carver dissenting].

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 4040, a Bill preventing the discharge of radioactive materials (House, No. 5148) [Representative Gaskey of Carver dissenting].

Handicap parking,— fines.

Public ways.

Historic routes.

Excavation.

Marshfield,— historical home.

Breakdown lanes.

Distracted driving.

Pembroke,— Hatch corner.

Newton,— police officers.

Plastics, Boston Harbor islands and other related matters,— study.

Landscape equipment,— grants.

Water supply protections.

Wells,— data collection.

Schools,— drinking water.

Radioactive materials.

By Mr. Day of Stoneham, for the committee on the Judiciary, on House, No. 1927, a Bill exonerating certain individuals accused of witchcraft in colonial Massachusetts (House, No. 5154).

Witchcraft,—
exoneration.

By Mr. Madaro of Boston, for the committee on Revenue, on a petition, a Bill providing for a donation check-off box on state tax returns for the Massachusetts Youth & Government program (House, No. 3015).

Y.M.C.A.
fund,—
donation.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relating to guardians of surviving children of emergency first responders (House, No. 3027).

Survivors,—
property taxes.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to contractor rental equipment (House, No. 3065).

Contractor
equipment.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to DOR interest rate parity (House, No. 3144).

Interest
rate parity.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to fossil fuel free 529s (House, No. 3206).

Fossil fuel free
investments.

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

Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed bills

Authorizing the appointment of retired police officers as special police officers in the town of Plainville (see Senate, No. 1898) (which originated in the Senate); and

Bills
enacted.

Authorizing the town of Orange to increase the membership of the Board of Selectmen (see House, No. 4701) (which 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.

Recess.

At sixteen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Berthiaume of Spencer (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House recessed until one o'clock P.M.; and at half past two o'clock the House was called to order with Ms. Hogan of Stow in the Chair.

Reports of Committees.

Prior to the noon recess (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair)—, By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill relative to energy affordability, clean power and economic competitiveness (House, No. 4744), ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a bill with the same title (House, No. 5151). Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Energy
affordability.

Mr. Honan of Boston, for said committee, then reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Sylvia of Fairhaven, the bill was read a second time forthwith. The amendment recommended by the committee on Ways and Means then was adopted; and the substituted bill was ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently, the noon recess having terminated (Ms. Hogan of Stow being in the Chair), under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Jones of North Reading, the bill (having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) was read a third time.

After debate on the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Representative Marsi and other members of the House moved to amend it by adding the following section:

“SECTION 86. Section 94 of Chapter 93, as appearing in the 2024 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following:- Notwithstanding any special or general law to the contrary, if a propane vendor who is a party to a signed fuel supply agreement with a residential or commercial customer fails to perform timely delivery of propane as required under such agreement, and such failure results in the customer’s propane supply being depleted or critically low, the customer shall have the right to contract with any licensed propane vendor for the purpose of obtaining an emergency or replacement delivery of propane into any tank or equipment on the customer’s premises, regardless of whether such tank or equipment is owned or leased by the original vendor.

A propane vendor whose tank, equipment, or proprietary fittings are located on a customer’s premises may not commence or pursue legal action, impose any penalty, or otherwise obstruct or interfere with a customer's right to obtain propane from an alternate supplier under this section where the customer has been compelled to do so as a result of the vendor’s breach of a signed fuel supply agreement.

A vendor who violates this section shall be liable to the customer for any costs incurred in obtaining the alternate delivery. Nothing in this section shall relieve any party of liability for damage to a vendor-owned tank or equipment caused by negligent handling during an alternate delivery.”.

After debate on the question on adoption of the amendment, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays at the request of Mr. Marsi of Charlton; and on the roll call 26 members voted in the affirmative and 128 in the negative.

[See [Yea and Nay No. 126](#) in Supplement.]

Therefore the amendment was rejected.

Representative Sullivan-Almeida of Abington and other members of the House then moved to amend the bill by adding the following four sections:

“SECTION 86. Chapter 25 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after Section 23 the following new section:

Section 24 (a) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, any public benefit energy charge assessed on a ratepayer’s energy or gas consumption and authorized by statute or Department of Public Utilities order shall be applied only to energy or gas usage occurring during non-peak hours, as defined in subsection (c). Nothing in this section shall be construed to eliminate or invalidate any public benefit program authorized by law, but shall govern the temporal application of the charges used to fund such programs.

(b) This section shall apply to public benefit energy charges assessed on:

- (1) electric energy consumption measured in kilowatt-hours;
- (2) natural gas consumption measured in therms or equivalent units; and
- (3) any other energy consumption unit used for the recovery of public benefit program costs, including but not limited to delivered fuels where such charges are authorized by law or regulation.

(c) For the purposes of this section, ‘non-peak hours’ shall mean the period from 9:00 P.M. to 9:00 A.M., Monday through Sunday.

Amendment
rejected,—
yea and nay
No. 126.

(d) For the purposes of this section, ‘public benefit energy charge’ shall mean any charge listed on utility bills as ‘Public Benefits’ to fund programs, including but not limited to: Energy Efficiency Charge, Residential Assistance Charge, Renewable or Clean Energy Programs, Distributed Solar Charge, and Electric Vehicle Charge.

(e) The Department of Public Utilities shall: (1) Within 180 days of the effective date of this act, initiate proceedings to revise utility tariffs and billing practices to ensure compliance with section 24 of chapter 25; (2) Establish methods for allocating energy and gas usage between peak and non-peak hours, including the use of advanced metering data, load profiles, or reasonable proxies where hourly metering is not available

SECTION 87. Section 19 of Chapter 25 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by adding the following sentence at the end thereof:

Any charge assessed pursuant to this section shall be subject to section 24 of this chapter.

SECTION 88. Section 20 of Chapter 25 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by adding the following sentence at the end thereof:

Any charge assessed pursuant to this section shall be subject to section 24 of this chapter.

SECTION 89. Chapter 164 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after Section 1K the following section:

Any public benefit charge assessed by a gas distribution company on a per-therm or equivalent basis, including but not limited to charges for energy efficiency, residential assistance, renewable or clean energy programs, or other system benefit purposes, shall be subject to section 24 of chapter 25.”.

After debate on the question on adoption of the amendment, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays at the request of the same member; and on the roll call 26 members voted in the affirmative and 128 in the negative.

[See [Yea and Nay No. 127](#) in Supplement.]

Therefore the amendment was rejected.

Representative Swezey of Duxbury and other members of the House moved to amend the bill by adding the following section:

“SECTION 86. (a) For the purposes of this section, ‘public benefit energy charge’ shall mean any charge listed on utility bills as ‘Public Benefits’ to fund programs, including but not limited to: Energy Efficiency Charge, Residential Assistance Charge, Renewable or Clean Energy Programs, Distributed Solar Charge, and Electric Vehicle Charge.

(b) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for a period of twelve consecutive billing months, beginning on the first full billing cycle following the effective date of this act, no electric distribution company shall assess, collect, or recover any public benefit energy charge from retail electric customers.

(c) The DPU shall not defer, track or otherwise record forgone public benefit charge revenue resulting from this suspension for future recovery. The DPU shall not authorize or permit the recovery of any forgone revenues resulting from the suspension established in section 2 through any means, including but not limited to: subsequent rate increases, reconciliation mechanisms, surcharges, interest charges and adjustment factors.

Nothing in this section shall be construed to require modification of any program funded by public benefit charge during this suspended period. Program administrators shall adjust expenditures as necessary to comply with the suspended collection under this section.”.

Amendment
rejected,—
yea and nay
No. 127.

After debate on the question on adoption of the amendment, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays at the request of the same member; and on the roll call 25 members voted in the affirmative and 130 in the negative.

[See [Yea and Nay No. 128](#) in Supplement.]

Therefore the amendment was rejected.

At twenty-five minutes before four o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Jones of North Reading (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House recessed subject to the call of the Chair; and at twenty minutes after five o'clock the House was called to order with Ms. Hogan of Stow in the Chair.

On the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. McKenna of Sutton then moved to amend the bill in section 13, in line 436, by inserting after the word "priorities" the following: ", including an incentive-subtractor to be applied per acre of previously undisturbed forest that is cleared for such installation;".

After remarks the amendment was rejected.

Representative Uytterhoeven of Somerville and other members of the House then moved to amend the bill by adding the following section:

"SECTION 86. Section 94 of Chapter 164 of the General Laws, is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:

Any electric or gas distribution company filing for a general increase in base distribution rates shall include in its initial filing:

(a) operating expenses itemized by FERC Uniform System of Accounts sub-account and allocated by customer class;

(b) a breakdown of costs classified as customer-related, demand-related, and energy-related, with supporting documentation for each classification;

(c) the load research, engineering study, or other empirical basis for each demand allocator used in the allocated cost-of-service study;

(d) a comparison of the foregoing items to the corresponding items in the company's most recent prior base rate case filing;

(e) a detailed statement of the company's authorized and requested return on equity, overall rate of return, and total shareholder profits derived from distribution operations for the test year and the three most recent fiscal years, including any parent-company dividend distributions attributable to the distribution utility; and

(f) a detailed accounting of executive compensation for the test year and the three most recent fiscal years, including base salary, bonuses, incentive compensation, stock-based compensation, retirement contributions, and any other material form of remuneration for officers whose compensation is recovered, directly or indirectly, from ratepayers.

The department shall not docket a petition as complete absent compliance with this section."

After remarks the amendment was rejected.

Mr. Michlewitz of Boston and other members of the House then moved to amend the bill in section 6, in lines 72 to 80, inclusive, by striking out the paragraph contained in those lines;

In section 14, in lines 461 and 462, by striking out the words "This section shall not apply to, or otherwise affect, any government body that aggregates the load of" and inserting in place thereof the words "Such prohibition shall not apply to suppliers serving"; and

In section 41, in lines 1425 to 1428, inclusive, by striking out subsection (b) and inserting in place thereof the following subsection:

"(b)(1) Each gas company shall implement default budget billing for residential customers and residential customers shall be automatically enrolled in default budget

Amendment
rejected,—
yea and nay
No. 128.

Recess.

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amendments.

billing. Any residential customer with less than 12 months of historical usage at their current service address or who has a past due balance shall not be eligible for default budget billing.

(2) Each gas company shall notify budget billing customers whenever their gas consumption for a billing month is substantially greater, as determined by the department, than the billing month immediately prior. The notification shall include the customer's gas consumption in each of the prior 2 billing months, appropriate recommendations for gas conservation and any additional information as determined by the department."

After remarks on the question on adoption of the consolidated amendments, the sense of the House was taken by the yeas and nays, as required under the provisions of House Rule 33F; and on the roll call 128 members voted in the affirmative and 27 in the negative.

Consolidated amendments adopted,—yea and nay No. 129.

[See [Yea and Nay No. 129](#) in Supplement.]

Therefore the consolidated amendments were adopted.

Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair,—

Representative Lombardo of Billerica and other members of the House then moved to amend the bill by adding the following section:

"SECTION 86. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, in consultation with the Department of Public Utilities and the Energy Facilities Siting Board, shall conduct a competitive solicitation for proposals to increase firm interstate natural gas transmission capacity into the commonwealth for the purpose of enhancing winter energy reliability and mitigating price volatility affecting ratepayers.

(a) The solicitation shall:

1. Be open to any qualified interstate pipeline developer;
2. Evaluate proposals based on demonstrated reliability benefits, long-term price stabilization impacts, consistency with state and federal law, and total lifecycle cost to ratepayers;
3. Consider expansions of existing infrastructure or development of new transmission capacity;
4. Include consideration of previously proposed but unconstructed interstate transmission projects.

(b) The secretary shall assess:

1. The projected impact of additional firm capacity on wholesale electricity and natural gas prices;
2. Legal requirements under the federal Natural Gas Act and applicable federal certification processes;
3. Financing structures, including public-private partnerships or voluntary capacity subscription mechanisms;

(c) If the solicitation demonstrates that additional interstate natural gas transmission capacity would materially reduce winter reliability risks or price volatility affecting ratepayers, the secretary shall recommend specific legislative and regulatory actions necessary to facilitate the timely development of such capacity.

(d) The secretary shall file a report with the clerks of the House of Representatives and Senate not later than 6 months after the effective date of this act detailing findings and any recommended legislative actions."

After debate on the question on adoption of the amendment, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, at the request of the same member; and on the roll call (Ms. Hogan of Stow having taken the Chair) 25 members voted in the affirmative and 130 in the negative.

Amendment rejected,—yea and nay No. 130.

[See [Yea and Nay No. 130](#) in Supplement.]

Therefore the amendment was rejected.

Representative Pease of Westfield and other members of the House then moved to amend the bill by adding the following section:—

SECTION 86. Chapter 40A of the General Laws, as appearing in the most recent edition, is hereby amended by adding the following new section:

Local Approval Requirement for Battery Storage Facilities.

(a) Definitions- As used in this section, the following words shall have the following meanings:

“Battery storage facility”- a facility that uses batteries to store and distribute electrical energy.

“Municipal governing body”- the elected city council, selectboard, or other legislative authority of a municipality.

“State permitting authority”- any state agency responsible for granting permits related to energy infrastructure, including but not limited to the Department of Public Utilities and the Energy Facilities Siting Board.

(b) Local Approval Requirement- (1) No state permitting authority shall approve a battery storage facility unless the municipal governing body of the municipality in which the facility is proposed has voted to approve the project. (2) Municipalities shall have the authority to establish additional siting, safety, and environmental requirements for battery energy storage facilities, provided such requirements do not conflict with state law.

(c) Public Hearing Requirement- (1) Prior to any municipal vote on a proposed battery storage facility, the municipality shall hold at least one public hearing to solicit input from residents and stakeholders. (2) The project applicant shall be required to present detailed plans, including risk assessments, emergency response protocols, and environmental impact analyses, at the public hearing. (3) The municipal governing body shall consider public input in making its determination on the project.

(d) Coordination with State Agencies- (1) The state permitting authority shall provide technical assistance to municipalities in evaluating proposed projects but shall not override a municipality’s decision to deny a project. (2) Municipalities and state agencies shall coordinate to ensure compliance with all applicable safety, environmental, and zoning regulations.

(e) Enforcement and Penalties- (1) Any battery storage facility constructed or operated without municipal approval in violation of this section shall be subject to fines of up to \$100,000 per violation and shall be required to cease operations until compliance is achieved. (2) The Attorney General shall have the authority to enforce this section and seek injunctive relief where necessary.

After debate on the question on adoption of the amendment, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays at the request of Mr. Sweezey of Duxbury; and on the roll call 26 members voted in the affirmative and 128 in the negative.

[See [Yea and Nay No. 131](#) in Supplement.]

Therefore the amendment was rejected.

Representative Pease of Westfield and other members of the House moved to amend the bill by adding in the following 2 sections:—

SECTION 86. Chapter 21A of the General Laws, as appearing in the most recent edition, is hereby amended by adding the following new section:

Battery Storage Facility Buffer Zones.

(a) Definitions. As used in this section, the following words shall have the following meanings:

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rejected,—
yea and nay
No. 131.

“Battery storage facility”-a facility that uses batteries to store and distribute electrical energy.

“Buffer zone”- a designated distance from certain areas within which battery energy storage facilities shall not be constructed or operated.

“Ecologically protected area”- any land designated under state or federal law as a protected environmental zone, including wetlands, wildlife reserves, and conservation areas.

“Populated area”- any residentially zoned area, school, hospital, or other location with high human occupancy.

(b) Buffer Zone Requirements- (1) No battery storage facility shall be constructed or operated within 2000 feet of a populated area. (2) No battery storage facility shall be constructed or operated within 3,000 feet of an ecologically protected area. (3) The Department of Environmental Protection, in consultation with the Department of Fire Services, may adjust buffer distances based on facility size, battery chemistry, and risk assessment.

(c) Fire Mitigation and Emergency Preparedness- (1) All potential battery storage facilities shall submit a fire mitigation and emergency response plan to the Department of Fire Services and the local fire department before starting building. (2) Facilities utilizing lithium-ion or similarly volatile battery chemistries shall install fire suppression systems in accordance with regulations set forth by the Department of Fire Services.

(d) Environmental Protection Measures- (1) Facilities shall implement groundwater and soil contamination prevention measures, including secondary containment and spill response plans. (2) The Department of Environmental Protection shall establish guidelines for monitoring and mitigating environmental risks posed by battery storage facilities.

(e) Enforcement and Penalties- (1) The Department of Environmental Protection shall have the authority to enforce this section and may impose fines of up to \$50,000 per violation for noncompliance. (2) Any facility found to be in violation of this section shall be subject to suspension of operating permits until compliance is achieved.

SECTION 87. Chapter 148 of the General Laws, as appearing in the most recent edition, is hereby amended by adding the following new section:

Battery Storage Facility Fire Safety Standards.

The State Fire Marshal, in coordination with the Department of Environmental Protection, shall establish safety and fire prevention standards specific to battery energy storage facilities, including but not limited to: fire suppression and containment requirements, emergency response protocols, and mandatory inspections and risk assessments at regular intervals.

After remarks the amendment was rejected.

Representative McKenna of Sutton and other members of the House then moved to amend the bill in section 13, in lines 193 to 198, inclusive, by striking out the following: “; provided, however, that the resource solicitation plan shall include procurements for offshore wind energy generation that in total shall equal not less than 10 gigawatts of aggregate nameplate capacity not later than December 31, 2040; provided further, that the resource solicitation plan shall include procurements for solar energy generation that in total shall equal to approximately 10 gigawatts of aggregate nameplate capacity not later than December 31, 2040”.

After debate on the question on adoption of the amendment, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays at the request of the same member; and on the roll call 25 members voted in the affirmative and 130 in the negative.

Amendment
rejected,—
yea and nay

[See [Yea and Nay No. 132](#) in Supplement.]

No. 132.

Therefore the amendment was rejected.

Mr. Michlewitz of Boston and other members of the House then moved to amend the bill by inserting after section 10 the following 3 sections:

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“SECTION 10A. Section 14 of said chapter 25A, as appearing in the 2024 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word ‘subcontractors’, in lines 4 and 5, the following: , contractors certified by the division of capital asset management and maintenance.

SECTION 10B. Said section 14 of said chapter 25A, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by inserting after the word ‘project’, in line 21, the following: , applicable to a discrete building or property.

SECTION 10C. Said section 14 of said chapter 25A, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by inserting after the word ‘subcontractors’, in line 37, the following: , contractors certified by the division of capital asset management and maintenance.”;

By inserting after section 13 the following 2 sections:

“SECTION 13A. Section 4A of chapter 40 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2024 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 8 and 9, the words ‘and in a district by the prudential committee’ and inserting in place thereof the following words:- , in a district by the prudential committee and in a municipal light plant by the board or commission.

SECTION 13B. Said section 4A of said chapter 40, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by inserting after the word ‘county’, in line 28, the following words: , a municipal light plant established under chapter 164 or by special law.”;

In section 14, in line 455, by striking out the following: “Chapter 40 of the General Laws is hereby” and inserting in place thereof the following: “Said chapter 40 is hereby further”;

In section 16, in line 516, by inserting after the following: “27D” the words “; provided, however, that ‘construction’ shall include the excavation, construction, reconstruction, installation, demolition, maintenance, alteration or repair of a thermal energy network and any construction required to satisfy a thermal network operator’s or owner’s obligations to the owner of property under which the thermal network is built.”;

By inserting after section 28 the following section:

“SECTION 28A. Section 47B of said chapter 164, as so appearing, is hereby amended by adding the following 2 paragraphs:

Any municipality acting by and through its municipal light board may provide services and assistance to any municipal or state utility, tribal utility as defined in 25 CFR § 169.2, or any other publicly-owned or operated utility, whether located inside or outside of the commonwealth, and governmental units as defined in section 4A of chapter 40, to construct, install, alter, operate, maintain or repair utility poles and conduit, wires, cables, equipment, streetlights and traffic signals to the same extent such municipality acting by and through its municipal light board may provide such services within its service territory. Any such municipality acting by and through its municipal light board may sell, rent or lease merchandise, equipment, fixtures, utensils and chattels of any description related to the provision of such services. Any employee providing such services entered into between the municipality acting by and through its municipal light board and such other public entity shall be subject to sections 1 to 28, inclusive, of chapter 32, and shall have the same rights and privileges thereunder, as if performing the same duties within the scope of his employment including voluntary assignments.”;

By inserting after section 41 the following 2 sections:

“SECTION 41A. Section 133 of said chapter 164, as appearing in the 2024 Official Edition, is hereby amended in the definition of ‘Emergency mutual aid’ by inserting after the first sentence the following 2 sentences:- Any municipal lighting plant providing emergency mutual aid may sell, rent or lease equipment, fixtures and goods of any description related to the provision of emergency mutual aid. Any employee of a municipal lighting plant providing emergency mutual aid shall be covered by sections 1 to 28, inclusive, of chapter 32 and shall have the same rights and privileges thereunder, as if performing such duties within the scope of their employment, including voluntary assignments authorized by the employer.

SECTION 41B. Said section 133 of said chapter 164, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by inserting after the word ‘utility’, in line 27, the following words:- or its employees.”;

In section 54 by striking out lines 1942, 1943 and 1944 and inserting in place thereof the following: “(iv) not require an interconnection application or interconnection agreement for bidirectional electric vehicles and associated electric vehicle supply equipment that are not configured to operate in parallel with the grid; and”; and

By inserting after section 68 the following 4 sections:

“SECTION 68A. (a) Notwithstanding any special or general law to the contrary, any bid submitted under section 83C of chapter 169 of the acts of 2008 in connection with the August 30, 2023 request for proposals may be adjusted to account for changes in law occurring after the bid submission, or changes in costs for the project that are beyond the reasonable control of the bid awardee and occurring after the bid submission. The 83C bid evaluation team shall require the developer to provide documentation supporting any proposed price adjustments, including, but not limited to, documentation identifying how the assumptions pertaining to capital costs, financing costs, inflation rates, tax benefits, energy production profiles and similar information changed since the submission of the bid. The price adjustments shall be reviewed by the department of public utilities as part of the overall review pursuant to subsection (k) of said section 83C of said chapter 169.

(b)(1) Contracts entered into as a result of a bid submitted under section 83C of chapter 169 of the acts of 2008 in connection with the August 30, 2023 request for proposals shall include a mechanism to allow for the upward or downward adjustment to the contract price to account for changes in law occurring after the contract signing, or changes in costs for the project that are the beyond the control of the bid awardee occurring after the contract signing, and in each case occurring prior to the time the project achieves its commercial operation date. Any adjustment in price under this section that occurs after the department of public utilities’ initial approval of the contract shall be filed and approved for recovery in rates by the electric distribution companies.

(2) The contract shall also allow for the project developer to request a delay of milestones, such as the commercial operation date, or terminate the contract without penalty if there are interconnection, transmission, or permitting delays, or if changes in law or changes in costs, beyond the control of the project developer, cause the project not to be financeable or otherwise viable.

(c) The department of public utilities shall require the developer or the electric distribution companies to provide documentation supporting any proposed price adjustments, including, but not limited to, documentation identifying how the assumptions pertaining to capital costs, financing costs, inflation rates, tax benefits, energy production profiles and similar information have changed since the contract award. Upon receipt of a filing for an adjustment from the developer or the electric

distribution companies under this subsection, the department of public utilities shall allow for a notice and comment period of not more than 30 days from the date of the filing and shall issue a decision not later than 60 days from the filing.

SECTION 68B. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the department of public utilities shall conduct a study on the feasibility of establishing a municipal light plant in the city of Fitchburg and the town of Lunenburg. The study shall include, but shall not be limited to: (i) anticipated costs, benefits and operational effectiveness associated with the acquisition of electric distribution assets; (ii) projected financial performance and feasibility over a period of not less than 30 years; and (iii) examining the feasibility, costs and benefits of implementing municipal lighting plants in Fitchburg and Lunenburg and the possible benefits of doing so in concert with an existing or newly created municipal light plant or independent municipal light plant entities. Not later than January 1, 2027, the secretary of the department of public utilities shall report the findings of the study and any actions taken pursuant to this section to the joint committee on telecommunications, utilities and energy and the house and senate committees on ways and means.

SECTION 68C. (a) There shall be established a commission on solar rooftop energy on new buildings. The commission shall review policies and procedures related to solar energy systems, battery storage systems and building construction pursuant to the base energy code, stretch energy code and specialized stretch energy code established under section 6 of chapter 25A of the General Laws and sections 93 to 100, inclusive, of chapter 143 of the General Laws.

(b) The commission shall consist of the following 11 members: the commissioner of energy resources, or a designee, and the following members to be appointed by the secretary of energy and environmental affairs: a representative of the commercial real estate sector; a representative of the residential real estate sector; a representative of the organized labor industry; a representative of the solar energy industry; a representative of an environmental group concerned with energy; a representative of the construction industry; a representative of an electric utility or organization representing electric utilities; a representative of local government; a person with expertise in energy siting; and a person with expertise in solar energy and energy efficiency.

(c) The commission shall submit a report on the requirement of solar energy system installations systems on new buildings. The report shall include, but shall not be limited to: (i) the feasibility of allowing the installation of a rooftop solar energy system in new buildings; (ii) the feasibility of an energy storage system in conjunction with solar energy systems; (iii) how the department of public utilities may provide services to advance the commonwealth's goals under chapter 298 of the acts of 2008 and the statewide greenhouse gas emissions limits under chapter 21N of the General Laws; and (iv) recommendations, including, but not limited to, policy or legislative changes, related to solar energy system installations and battery storage systems on new buildings.

(d) Not later than January 1, 2028, the commission shall submit its report and recommendations, together with drafts of any legislation necessary to carry its recommendations into effect, by filing the report with the clerks of the house of representatives and the senate and the chairs of the joint committee on telecommunications, utilities and energy.

SECTION 68D. The department of energy resources, in consultation with the department of environmental protection, shall conduct a review and analysis of the renewable energy portfolio standard program in the commonwealth. The review shall consider the effectiveness of the program to date and identify ways to make

improvements to further facilitate the development of affordable renewable energy in the commonwealth. Not later than 12 months after the effective date of this act, the department of energy resources, in consultation with the department of environmental protection, shall submit a report summarizing these findings and recommendations to the joint committee on telecommunications, utilities and energy and the clerks of the house of representatives and the senate.”.

On the question on adoption of the consolidated amendments, the sense of the House was taken by the yeas and nays, as required under the provisions of House Rule 33F; and on the roll call 139 members voted in the affirmative and 16 in the negative.

[See [Yea and Nay No. 133](#) in Supplement.]

Therefore the consolidated amendments were adopted.

After debate on the question on passing the bill, as amended, to be engrossed, (the Speaker being in the Chair) Representative Uytterhoeven of Somerville and other members of the House moved to amend it by striking out section 69.

After debate on the question on adoption of the amendment, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays at the request of the same member; and on the roll call 17 members voted in the affirmative and 138 in the negative.

[See [Yea and Nay No. 134](#) in Supplement.]

Therefore the amendment was rejected.

Representative Lombardo of Billerica and other members of the House then moved to amend the bill by adding the following section:

“SECTION 86. Chapter 21N of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section 3B and inserting in place thereof the following section:

Section 3B. Not later than February 15 of every third year of each plan approved under section 21 of chapter 25, the secretary shall set a goal, expressed in tons of carbon dioxide equivalent, for the succeeding plan’s necessary contribution to meeting each statewide greenhouse gas emissions limit and sublimit adopted pursuant to this chapter; provided, however, that for the 2025 to 2027 plans and the 2028 to 2030 plans approved under section 21 of chapter 25, this goal shall be advisory, non-binding, and non-enforceable and shall not adversely impact (i) the affordability of energy, utility, or related costs for residential ratepayers, including low-income and fixed-income households, and (ii) the operating costs or economic competitiveness of Massachusetts businesses, including commercial, industrial, and small business customers.”.

After debate on the question on adoption of the amendment, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays at the request of the same member; and on the roll call 25 members voted in the affirmative and 130 in the negative.

[See [Yea and Nay No. 135](#) in Supplement.]

Therefore the amendment was rejected.

Representative Jones of North Reading and other members of the House then moved to amend the bill by adding the following section:

“SECTION 86. Notwithstanding section 142K of chapter 111 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2024 Official Edition, the department of environmental protection shall not adopt or enforce regulations pertaining to motor-vehicle emissions standards based on California’s duly promulgated motor-vehicle emissions standards for a period of five years from the effective date of this act.”.

After debate on the question on adoption of the amendment, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays at the request of Mr. Muradian of Grafton; and on the roll call 26 members voted in the affirmative and 129 in the negative.

Consolidated amendments adopted,— yea and nay No. 133.

Amendment rejected,— yea and nay No. 134.

Amendment rejected,— yea and nay No. 135.

Amendment rejected,— yea and nay No. 136.

[See [Yea and Nay No. 136](#) in Supplement.]

Therefore the amendment was rejected.

Representatives McKenna of Sutton and Frost of Auburn then moved to amend the bill by adding the following section:

“SECTION 86. Section 11F of said chapter 25A, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 18, the words ‘(5) an additional 3 per cent of sales each year thereafter until December 31, 2029; and (6)’.”

After debate on the question on adoption of the amendment, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays at the request of Mr. McKenna of Sutton; and on the roll call 25 members voted in the affirmative and 130 in the negative.

[See [Yea and Nay No. 137](#) in Supplement.]

Therefore the amendment was rejected.

Representative Swezey of Duxbury and other members of the House moved to amend the bill by adding the following section:

“SECTION 1A. Chapter 21N of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following section:

Section 13. (a) All state agencies, departments, and authorities with jurisdiction over energy, climate, emissions, utilities, or building standards shall be subject to this section.

(b) No regulation, administrative action, program implementation, or policy issued to comply with statewide greenhouse gas emission limits or to advance clean energy goals shall take effect unless the entity has determined that such action will not impose unreasonable adverse impacts on:

(i) the affordability of energy or related costs for residential ratepayers, including low-income and fixed-income households; or

(ii) the operating costs or economic competitiveness of Massachusetts businesses, including commercial and small business customers.

(c) Prior to any such action taking effect, the agency or department shall prepare an affordability and competitiveness assessment that, at a minimum:

(i) identifies expected cost impacts on all ratepayer classes;

(ii) evaluates whether impacts are reasonable in light of projected benefits and funding;

(iii) considers cumulative impacts with existing requirements; and

(iv) consults with ratepayer advocates and business organizations.

(d) If the assessment identifies potential unreasonable adverse impacts, the agency shall either modify the proposed action to mitigate those impacts or adopt alternative compliance timelines or cost-containment measures.

(e) The assessment shall be made publicly available at least 30 days before final adoption or implementation.

(f) Failure to comply with these requirements shall constitute grounds for judicial review under chapter 30A.”

After debate on the question on adoption of the amendment, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays at the request of the same member; and on the roll call 25 members voted in the affirmative and 130 in the negative.

[See [Yea and Nay No. 138](#) in Supplement.]

Therefore the amendment was rejected.

Mr. Frost of Auburn then moved to amend the bill by adding the following section:

Amendment
rejected,—
yea and nay
No. 137.

Amendment
rejected,—
yea and nay
No. 138.

“SECTION 86. Subsection (d) of section 11F of chapter 25A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2024 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking the first sentence and inserting in place thereof the following:

Every retail electric supplier providing service under contracts executed or extended on or after January 1, 2009, shall provide a minimum percentage of kilowatt-hour sales to end-use customers in the commonwealth from Class II renewable energy generating sources, provided however, that such requirement shall not apply if compliance would not be cost effective or would result in additional costs to end-use consumers or otherwise increase consumer rates.”.

After debate on the question on adoption of the amendment, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays at the request of the same member; and on the roll call 25 members voted in the affirmative and 130 in the negative.

[See [Yea and Nay No. 139](#) in Supplement.]

Therefore the amendment was rejected.

Mr. Michlewitz of Boston and other members of the House moved to amend the bill in section 54 by adding the following:

“Section 163. (a) As used in this section, ‘data center’ shall mean a facility that is designed to have a load of not less than 20 megawatts and whose primary purpose is the storage, management and processing of digital data via the interconnection and operation of information technology and network telecommunications equipment, including all related facilities and infrastructure for backup electricity generation, power distribution, environmental control, cooling and security.

(b) Any new or expanded data center seeking any permit from the department or the energy facilities siting board shall procure sufficient electricity supply to meet their operational needs using not less than 80 per cent renewable energy resources.

(c) Any new or expanded data center seeking any permit from the department of environmental protection for operation of fossil-fuel generation equipment as backup source of power shall first demonstrate infeasibility of battery energy storage facilities on their site.

(d) Each electric company shall file an application with the department to establish a tariff for the provision of electricity to data centers. The tariff shall be designed to: (i) ensure that non-data center ratepayers are protected from any increased costs that result from increased electricity demand caused by data centers; and (ii) incentivize data centers to develop and utilize methods to increase energy efficiency, including through the use of technologies that capture and utilize the heat produced by the data centers.

(e) The department shall review each application submitted pursuant to this section and shall approve the application if it determines that it complies with the requirements of this section and all other applicable laws, rules and regulations.

In section 66, in line 2090, by inserting after the word “rates” the following: “; 1 member appointed by the minority leader of the house who has a background in and understanding of electric rates; 1 member appointed by the minority leader of the senate who has a background in and understanding of electric rates”;

In section 66, in line 2102, by striking out word “and” and in line 2104 by inserting after the word “years” the following: “(iv) include the annual rate increase for each cost component for the previous 10 years and the projected annual rate increases or range of rate increases expected over the next 5 years; (v) include recommendations that provide both short-term and long-term rate relief for residential and commercial ratepayers; and (vi) include a comparison of ratepayer affordability in the commonwealth with neighboring and similarly situated states, including, but not limited to, policy, infrastructure and market cost drivers”;

Amendment
rejected,—
yea and nay
No. 139.

Consolidated
amendments.

In section 67, in lines 2148 to 2153, inclusive, by striking out the paragraph contained in those lines and inserting in place thereof the following 2 paragraphs:

“(c) The inspector general shall hold not fewer than 4 public hearings in diverse geographic locations throughout the commonwealth to identify ways to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the Mass Save program.

(d) Not later than July 1, 2027, the inspector general shall file a report of its findings and recommendations with the secretary of energy and environmental affairs, the commissioner of energy resources, the clerks of the house of representatives and the senate, the chairs of the house and senate committees on ways and means and the chairs of the joint committee on telecommunications, utilities and energy. Recommendations shall include any remodeling of the program to reorganize, as necessary.”; and

By inserting after section 68D (inserted by amendment) the following section:

“SECTION 68E. (a) Not later than 1 year after the effective date of this act, all electric companies, as defined in section 1 of chapter 164 of the General Laws, shall apply the tariff developed pursuant to section 163 of said chapter 164 to each data center within the electric company’s service area.

(b) Not later than 180 days after the effective date of this act, each electric company shall file an application with the department of public utilities to establish a tariff for the provision of electricity to data centers pursuant to said section 163 of said chapter 164.”.

On the question on adoption of the consolidated amendments, the sense of the House was taken by the yeas and nays, as required under the provisions of House Rule 33F; and on the roll call 129 members voted in the affirmative and 26 in the negative.

Consolidated amendments adopted,—
yea and nay
No. 140.

[See [Yea and Nay No. 140](#) in Supplement.]

Therefore the consolidated amendments were adopted.

On the question on passing the bill, as amended, to be engrossed, the sense of the House was taken by the yeas and nays, at the request of Mr. Cusack of Braintree; and on the roll call (Mr. Garballey of Arlington having taken the Chair) 128 members voted in the affirmative and 27 in the negative.

Bill passed to be engrossed,—
yea and nay
No. 141.

[See [Yea and Nay No. 141](#) in Supplement.]

Therefore the bill (House, No. 5175, published as amended) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Motion to Discharge Certain Matters in the Orders of the Day.

The Senate amendment of the House Bill amending the charter of the town of Natick (House, No. 3898, amended), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was discharged from its position in the Orders of the Day and considered forthwith, under suspension of Rule 47, on motion of Mr. Linsky of Natick.

Natick,—
charter.

Pending the question on adoption of the amendment, in concurrence, Mr. Walsh of Peabody moved that the House concur with the Senate in its amendment with a further amendment in section 26 (as changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading), in line 464, by striking out the words “or state election” and inserting in place thereof the following: “election after March 31, 2026”.

The Speaker having taken the Chair, the further amendment was adopted. The House then concurred with the Senate in its amendment, as amended. Sent to the Senate for concurrence in the further amendment.

Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair,—

The Senate Bill further regulating the amendment of a conservation restriction in the town of Hanson (Senate, No. 2895), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was discharged from its position in the Orders of the Day and considered forthwith, under suspension of Rule 47, on motion of Mr. Ouellette of Westport.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, in concurrence, Mr. Walsh of Peabody moved to amend it by striking out section 1 and inserting in place thereof the following section:

“SECTION 1. Section 3 of chapter 133 of the acts of 2022 is hereby amended by striking out the figure ‘21,780’ and inserting in place thereof the following figure:-3,922.”.

The amendment was adopted; and the bill (Senate, No. 2895, amended) was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence. Sent to the Senate for concurrence in the amendment.

Order.

The Speaker being in the Chair,—

On motion of Ms. Hogan of Stow,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Monday next at eleven o’clock A.M.

Hanson,—
land.

Next
sitting.

Representative Sylvia of Fairhaven moved that when the House adjourns today it do so in respect to the memory of William Q. “Biff” MacLean, Jr., a member of the House from Fairhaven from 1961 to 1980, inclusive, and a member of the Senate from 1981 to 1993, inclusive; and the motion prevailed.

Accordingly, without proceeding to consideration of the matters in the Orders of the Day, at seventeen minutes after ten o’clock P.M., on motion of Ms. Hogan of Stow (The Speaker being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o’clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

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MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2026.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Monday, March 2, 2026.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Garballey of Arlington 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. Garballey), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of
allegiance.

Appointments of the Speaker.

The Speaker announced that (under the provisions of Executive Order 647) he had appointed Representatives Fiola of Fall River and Gregoire of Marlborough to serve on the Governor's Competitiveness Council established to advise the Governor on issues relating to business incentives, business regulation, support of innovation, talent, taxation, and other related factors that affect the Commonwealth's economic competitiveness, and to offer recommendations on potential actions to strengthen the Commonwealth's business climate and support growth in existing and emerging industries.

Competitiveness
Council.

Statement of Representative Sangiolo of Newton.

A statement of Mrs. Sangiolo of Newton 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 sitting of Thursday, February 27th due to a family wedding. My missing of roll calls today is due entirely to the reason stated.

Statement of
Representative
Sangiolo of
Newton.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Representative McKenna of Sutton and other members of the House) commending the New England Hemophilia Association for its recognition of March 2026 as Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month; and

Bleeding
Disorders
Awareness Month.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Roy of Franklin and Soter of Bellingham) congratulating Gavin William Roberts on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout with Scouting America;

Gavin
Roberts.

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 Mr. Donato of Medford, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Orders.

The following orders were referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules:

Order (filed by Representatives Domb of Amherst and DuBois of Brockton) relative to extending until Wednesday, March 18, 2026 the time within which the committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery is authorized to report on a current House document (House, No. 5156).

Extensions of time for committees to make reports.

Order (filed by Representatives Madaro of Boston and Philips of Sharon) relative to extending until Wednesday, March 18, 2026 the time within which the committee on Revenue is authorized to report on current House documents (House, No. 5173).

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. Donato of Medford, the orders were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Communications.

Communications

From the Office of Climate Innovation and Resilience (see Section 73(f) of Chapter 7C of the General Laws) submitting an interim report from the Embodied Carbon Intergovernmental Coordinating Council promoting a clean energy grid, advancing equity and protecting ratepayers;

Clean energy.

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 December, 2025;

Gaming and sports wagering revenue.

From the Office of the Comptroller (see Section 6B(b) of Chapter 29 of the General Laws) submitting a fiscal year 2026 second quarter Federal Grants Report; and

Federal grants.

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

Pappas Hospital.

Severally were placed on file.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Sabadosa of Northampton and Senator Comerford, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Lindsay N. Sabadosa that the State Board of Retirement be authorized to grant creditable service to Jason Patrissi, an employee of the probation service and a member of the state employees' retirement system.

Jason Patrissi,—retirement.

By Representatives Soter of Bellingham and McKenna of Sutton, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Michael J. Soter and Joseph D. McKenna relative to certain retirement benefits to be paid by the Worcester regional retirement system to the surviving spouse of Stephen LaPorta, of the police department of the town of Uxbridge.

Stephen LaPorta,—spousal benefits.

By Representatives Soter of Bellingham and McKenna of Sutton, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Michael J. Soter, Joseph D. McKenna and Ryan C. Fattman that the Massachusetts Department of Transportation be authorized to designate the roundabout at the intersection of state highways Routes 146 and 16 in the town of Uxbridge as the Officer Stephen A. LaPorta memorial roundabout.

Uxbridge,—LaPorta roundabout.

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

Papers from the Senate.

The House Bill authorizing the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to convey certain parcels of land in the city of Brockton (House, No. 4768), came from the Senate with the endorsement that it had been passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 2970. The amendment was referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

Brockton,—
land.

Bills

Authorizing the reorientation and further lease of a parcel of land occupied by Riverside Boat Club of Cambridge (Senate, No. 2966) (on Senate bill No. 2126);

Cambridge,—
land.

Providing for the ownership and maintenance of the Town Line Brook and Linden Brook culverts and dams (Senate, No. 2967) (on Senate bill No. 620);

Town Line and
Linden Brooks.

Authorizing the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, acting by and through its Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance, to grant permanent easements over certain land in the town of Milton for highway purposes (Senate, No. 2968) (on Senate bill No. 2657); and

Milton,—
land.

Updating the unit pricing exemption threshold (Senate, No. 2978) (on Senate bill No. 2965);

Unit
pricing.

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were read; and they were referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Reports of Committees.

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

The Senate Bill designating January 30 as Fred Korematsu Day of Civil Liberties and the Constitution (Senate, No. 2132); and

Fred Korematsu
day.

House bills

Authorizing Kenneth Navarro to take the civil service examination for the position of fire fighter in the city of Haverhill notwithstanding the maximum age requirement (House, No. 4476) [Local Approval Received];

Haverhill,—
Kenneth
Navarro.

Authorizing William (Rob) Cargill to take the civil service examination for the position of firefighter in the city of Haverhill notwithstanding the maximum age requirement (House, No. 4477) [Local Approval Received];

Haverhill,—
William
Cargill.

Authorizing the town of Conway to continue the employment of fire department member Howard Boyden (House, No. 4506) [Local Approval Received];

Conway,—
Howard Boyden.

Authorizing William Pilleri to take the civil service examination for the position of firefighter in the town of Arlington notwithstanding the maximum age requirement (House, No. 4507) [Local Approval Received];

Arlington,—
William
Pilleri.

Authorizing the town of Conway to continue the employment of police department member Michael Habel (House, No. 4525) [Local Approval Received];

Conway,—
Michael Habel.

Directing the city of Boston Police Department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Doumy Pamera (House, No. 4572) [Local Approval Received];

Boston,—
Doumy
Pamera.

Authorizing Sean Duffy to take the civil service examination for the position of firefighter in the city of Haverhill notwithstanding the maximum age requirement (House, No. 4573) [Local Approval Received];

Haverhill,—
Sean Duffy.

Regarding the appointment of special police officers in the city of Malden (House, No. 4584) [Local Approval Received];

Malden,—
special police.

Directing the city of Boston police department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Luisa Fernandes (House, No. 4604) [Local Approval Received];

Boston,—
Luisa
Fernandes.

Making August 10th Agent Orange Awareness Day in Massachusetts (House, No. 5028);

Agent Orange
day.

Relative to housing court jurisdiction (House, No. 5031);

Housing court.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Donato of Medford, 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 House, Nos. 3078 and 3967, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Revenue to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to freeze residential tax rate or valuation for the elderly and to further regulate surcharges on real property (House, No. 5163).

Tax rate for
the elderly and
surcharges on
real property,—
study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 3114, 3120, 3235, 3241, 3272, 3968 and 4027, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Revenue to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to tax issues for seniors, veterans and persons with disabilities (House, No. 5164).

Seniors, veterans,
and persons with
disabilities taxes,—
study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 3134, 3167, 3190, 3198, 3254 and 3258, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Revenue to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to senior citizen tax exemptions (House, No. 5165) [Representative Lombardo of Billerica dissenting].

Senior citizen tax
exemptions,—
study.

By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on House, Nos. 3345, 3373, 3383, 3396 and 3404, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to official designations (House, No. 5166).

Official
designations,—
study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 3414, 3415 and 3432, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to tenure of the officers of the state staff, contractor liability and an audit of the Department of Unemployment Assistance related to unemployment fraud (House, No. 5167).

Tenure of state
staff, contractor
liability and
unemployment
fraud,—
study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 3294, 3304, 3316, 3320, 3322, 3338, 3344, 3353, 3412 and 3413, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to public records, proclamation of certain days, official designations and other state administration and regulatory oversight issues (House, No. 5168).

Public records,
and official
designations,—
study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 3355, 3356, 3362, 3378 and 3892, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to public contacts and state agencies (House, No. 5169).

Public contracts
and state
agencies,—
study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 3397, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight to make an investigation and study of a certain House document relative to the official amphibian (House, No. 5170).

Official amphibian,—
study.

Severally referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

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

Under Rule 42, the reports severally were considered forthwith; and they were accepted.

Emergency Measure.

The engrossed Bill authorizing the Massachusetts Department of Transportation to convey a certain parcel of land in the town of Stoneham (see House, No. 4643), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was considered, the question being on adopting the emergency preamble.

Stoneham,—
land.

A separate vote was taken, as required by the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXVII) of the Amendments to the Constitution; and the preamble was adopted, by a vote of 3 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Subsequently, the Senate having concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, the bill (which originated in the House) was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill
enacted.

Engrossed Bill.

The engrossed Bill amending the charter of the town of Natick (see House, No. 3898, amended) (which originated in the House), 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.

Orders of the Day.

The House Bill validating the results of the annual election held in the town of Bourne on May 20, 2025 (printed in House, No. 4763), 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.

The House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Sally Desrosiers, an employee of the Department of Correction (House, No. 4962), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Sally
Desrosiers,—
sick leave.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Walsh of Peabody moved to amend it by striking out section 2; and by inserting before the enacting clause the following emergency preamble:

“*Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to establish forthwith a sick leave bank for a certain employee of the

department of correction, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.”.

The amendments were adopted; and the bill (House, No. 4962, amended) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

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

Next
sitting.

At ten minutes before twelve o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Thursday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

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THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 2026.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, March 5, 2026.

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.

Orders.

An Order (filed by Representatives Vargas of Haverhill and Hong of Lowell) relative to extending until Wednesday, March 18, 2026 the time within which the committee on Community Development and Small Businesses is authorized to report on a current House document, was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Community Development and Small Businesses,— extension of time for reporting.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 5172) ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted.

Communications.

Communications

From the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (see Section 6A of Chapter 124 of the General Laws) submitting its operational capacity report for July 1 to December 31, 2025;

Sheriffs,— capacity.

From the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (see item 8910-7110 of Section 2 of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting its Grants Awarded report for fiscal year 2025;

Sheriffs,— grants.

From the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (see item 8910-7110 of Section 2 of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting its Services and Goods, Fees, Commissary and Trust Fund Balances, Revenues and Expenditures report for fiscal year 2025;

Sheriffs,— services and goods, etc.

From the Office of the Comptroller (see item 1595-4506 of Section 2E of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting the Department of Public Health's transfer schedule for the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program Trust Fund for fiscal year 2026;

Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention trust fund.

From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see Section 30 of Chapter 285 of the Acts of 2024) submitting its "Report on the Plan to End Operations at the Massachusetts Alcohol and Substance Abuse Center (MASAC)"; and

Alcohol and substance abuse center.

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 September 2025 semi-annual e-focus Fraud report [copies of said report were forwarded to the committees on Financial Services and Labor and Workforce Development];

Insurance Fraud Bureau.

Severally were placed on file.

Petition.

Representative Marsi of Charlton and Senator Fattman presented a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of John J. Marsi for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Courtney Cochran, an employee of the Department of Children and Families; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Courtney
Cochran,—
sick leave.

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 following petitions:

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Thomas M. Stanley, John J. Marsi and James C. Arena-DeRosa relative to medication administration in rest homes. To the committee on Aging and Independence.

Medications,—
rest homes.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Lindsay N. Sabadosa and Jay D. Livingstone relative to the concealment of the death of child born out of wedlock. To the committee on Judiciary.

Children,—
death
concealment.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the reports were considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended, in each instance. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

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

Senate bills

Designating the last week in April as Building Trades Recovery Week (Senate, No. 2110); and

Building
trades.

Providing accidental death benefits for the surviving spouse of a former firefighter of the city of Boston (Senate, No. 2574) [Local Approval Received]; and

Boston,—
Mathew Troy.

House bills

Relative to recess for elementary and middle school students (House, No. 543);

School recess.

Requiring the reporting of satisfaction of judgments awarding money damages (House, No. 1767);

Money
damages.

Directing the city of Boston Police Department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Jose Reyes (House, No. 4799) [Local Approval Received];

Boston,—
Jose
Reyes.

Authorizing Jonathan Gagne to take the civil service examination for the position of police officer in the city of Haverhill notwithstanding the maximum age requirement (House, No. 4879) [Local Approval Received];

Haverhill,—
Jonathan
Gagne.

Relative to advertising for justices of the peace (House, No. 5061);

Advertising.

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 Ms. Fiola of Fall River, for the committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies, on House, Nos. 479, 482, 484, 486, 487, 493, 494, 495, 500, 501, 502 and 503, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies to make an investigation and study of

Companies,
businesses,
trade
commissions

certain House documents relative to limited liability companies, businesses, small businesses, municipal and regional development, trade commissions and artificial intelligence (House, No. 5178).

and artificial intelligence,— study.

By Mr. Rogers of Cambridge, for the committee on Higher Education, on House, Nos. 1422, 1442, 1443, 1450, 1459, 1463 and 1465, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Higher Education to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to higher education tuition and fee waivers (House, No. 5179).

Tuition and fee waivers,— study.

By Mr. McMurtry of Dedham, for the committee on Labor and Workforce Development, on House, Nos. 2076, 2084, 2102, 2103, 2122, 2129, 2130, 2139, 2142, 2147, 2160, 2167, 2169, 3994 and 3995, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Labor and Workforce Development to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to collective bargaining rights, worker compensation, wages and other labor and workforce related issues (House, No. 5180).

Collective bargaining rights, worker compensation, wages,— study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 2152, 2181, 4068 and 4117, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Labor and Workforce Development to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to parental leave, establishing a 4 day work week, health insurance coverage by implementing a fair share employer contribution and arbitration for teachers (House, No. 5181).

Parental leave, work week, etc.,— study.

Severally referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

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

Under Rule 42, the reports severally were considered forthwith; and they were accepted.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, asking to be discharged from further consideration:

Of the Bill establishing a special commission to study women and homelessness (House, No. 289);

Women and homelessness.

Of the Bill establishing a special commission on two-generation approaches to childhood education (House, No. 291);

Childhood education.

Of the Bill to establish a community schools special legislative commission (House, No. 726);

Community schools.

Of the Bill strengthening transitional planning and increasing accountability for persons with disabilities and their families (House, No. 752); and

Special education.

Of the Bill to ensure fair due process in special education disputes (House, No. 4217);

Id.

And recommending that the same severally be referred to the House committee on Rules.

Under Rule 42, the reports severally were considered forthwith; and they were accepted.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, that the Bill to amend the structure of the Commission of Grandparents Raising Grandchildren (House, No. 225), ought to pass. Referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Grandparents raising grandchildren.

By Mr. McMurtry of Dedham, for the committee on Labor and Workforce Development, on a petition, a Bill relative to PFML for bone marrow and organ donation (House, No. 4545). Referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

Paid family medical leave.

By Mr. Vargas of Haverhill, for the committee on Community Development and Small Businesses, on a petition, a Bill to expand designation of priority development sites (House, No. 2302).

Priority development sites.

By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Education, on a petition, a Bill to promote comprehensive and inclusive curriculum in schools (House, No. 655).

Schools,— curriculum.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to promote collaboration in Horace Mann and Innovation Schools (House, No. 657).

Schools.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the training of school committee members (House, No. 668).

School committees.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 631, a Bill to increase student access to career technical education schools and programs which are aligned with regional labor market needs (House, No. 5174).

Technical education.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 651, a Bill to improve access, opportunity, and capacity in Massachusetts vocational-technical education (House, No. 5176).

Id.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 4207, a Bill relative to school library standards (House, No. 5177).

Schools,— libraries.

By Mr. McMurtry of Dedham, for the committee on Labor and Workforce Development, on a petition, a Bill to impose fines on transportation network drivers who discriminate against riders with disabilities who use service animals (House, No. 2066).

Transportation network drivers,— fees.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill regarding trash and recycling collectors, moving contractors, and motor bus pupil transporters (House, No. 2069).

Wages.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to contractor accountability (House, No. 2082).

Commission,— contractors.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill codifying organizational standing (House, No. 2098).

Public interest organizations.

By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on House, No. 3420, a Bill releasing certain land use restrictions held by the Commonwealth in the city of Revere (House, No. 5190).

Revere,— land.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 4797, a Bill validating a conveyance of land and authorizing the recording of a confirmatory deed in the city of Marlborough (House, No. 5191).

Marlborough,— land.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 5047, a Bill authorizing the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to take by eminent domain certain land in the town of Norwood (House, No. 5192).

Norwood,— land.

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

Engrossed Bill.

The engrossed Bill amending the town manager act of the town of Arlington (see House, No. 4502) (which originated in the House), having been certified by the Clerk

Bill enacted.

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.

Orders of the Day.

House bills

Directing the city of Boston police department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Ryan Cazeau (House, No. 4740); and

Third
reading
bills.

Authorizing the town of Pembroke to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 4817) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

Severally reported by said committee to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

The House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Sonia Felix, an employee of the Department of Transitional Assistance (House, No. 5014) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading), reported by said committee to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Sonia
Felix,—
sick leave.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Walsh of Peabody moved to amend it in line 7 by striking out the words “department’s paid” and inserting in place thereof the words “extended illness”; and by inserting before the enacting clause the following emergency preamble:

“Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to establish forthwith a sick leave bank for a certain employee of the department of transitional assistance, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.”.

The amendments were adopted; and the bill (House, No. 5014, amended) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

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. Smola of Warren (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.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Monday, March 9, 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.

Silent Tribute.

At the request of Mr. Biele of Boston, the members, guests and employees stood in a moment of silent tribute to the memory of Adrian Doolin of South Boston, who passed away peacefully after a long illness.

Adrian
Doolin.

A graduate of South Boston High School, Adrian was a dedicated public servant to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. He served as a corrections officer with the Department of Corrections for over a decade, surviving an attack while on duty during which he was stabbed 14 times. In addition to his work as a corrections officer, Adrian also served the Commonwealth as a Special State Police Officer for several years. Son of the late Edwin and Anita Doolin, Adrian is survived by his siblings, Cheryl, Edwin, Kathleen, Gerard, and Timothy, his long-time companion Karen O'Brien, and many nieces and nephews.

Statements of Representative Lawn of Watertown.

A written statement received from Mr. Lawn of Watertown, regarding the session of Thursday, February 6, 2025, was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

Dear Mr. Clerk:

I respectfully request that the following statement be entered into the Journal for the Formal Session which was held on Thursday, February 6, 2025.

Statement of
Mr. Lawn of
Watertown.

On Thursday, February 6, 2025, I was unable to be present in the House Chamber for the session. Had I been present I would have voted in the negative on Yea and Nay Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 4, and in the affirmative on Yea and Nay Nos. 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

A written statement received from Mr. Lawn of Watertown, regarding the session of Wednesday, April 9, 2025, was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

Dear Mr. Clerk:

I respectfully request that the following statement be entered into the Journal for the Formal Session which was held on Wednesday, April 9, 2025.

Id.

On Wednesday, April 9, 2025, I was unable to be present in the House Chamber for the session. Had I been present I would have voted in the affirmative on Yea and Nay Nos. 26, 28, and 29, and in the negative on Yea and Nay No. 27.

Thank you very much for your attention to this matter.

A written statement received from Mr. Lawn of Watertown, regarding the session of Wednesday, May 21, 2025, was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

Dear Mr. Clerk:

I respectfully request that the following statement be entered into the Journal for the Formal Session which was held on Wednesday, May 21, 2025.

On Wednesday, May 21, 2025, I was unable to be present in the House Chamber for the session. Had I been present I would have voted in the affirmative on Yea and Nay Nos. 49, 50, 51, and 52.

Thank you very much for your attention to this matter.

Id.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Representative Frost of Auburn) congratulating the town of Auburn on its one hundredth anniversary of the historic launching of the world's first liquid-fueled rocket; and

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Representative Gregoire of Marlborough and other members of the House) welcoming Boston's new national women's soccer league team, the Boston Legacy, to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts;

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 Miss Gregoire of Marlborough, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Auburn,—
rocket launch
anniversary.

Boston
Legacy.

Orders.

The following orders were referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules:

Order (filed by Representatives Madaro of Boston and Philips of Sharon) relative to extending until Wednesday, March 18, 2026 the time within which the committee on Revenue is authorized to report on current House documents (House, No. 5220).

Order (filed by Representatives Madaro of Boston and Philips of Sharon) relative to extending until Friday, June 26, 2026 the time within which the committee on Revenue is authorized to report on current House documents (House, No. 5221).

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.

Revenue,—
extension of
time for
reporting.

Communications.

Communications

From the Secretary of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see Section 35000(c) of Chapter 10 of the General Laws) on the activity, revenue and

Opioid

expenditures to and from the Opioid Recovery and Remediation Fund in fiscal year 2025;

From the Essex District Attorney (see Section 32(e) of Chapter 12 of the General Laws) submitting its Juvenile Justice Unit annual report for calendar year 2026;

From the Massachusetts Gaming Commission (see Sections 9 and 9B of Chapter 128A of the General Laws) submitting regulations related to the Race Horse Development Fund: Distributions; Escrow Accounts;

From the University of Massachusetts (see item 7100-0200 in Section 2 of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting its annual report for fiscal year 2026; and

From the Executive Office for Administration and Finance and the Executive Office for Housing and Livable Communities (see Section 10 of Chapter 1 and Section 88 of Chapter 73 of the Acts of 2025 and Section 19 of Chapter 88 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the January 22, 2026 biweekly report on the emergency housing assistance program;

Severally were placed on file.

recovery and remediation.

Essex,— juvenile justice.

Race Horse Development Fund.

University of Massachusetts.

Emergency housing assistance.

Petitions.

Representative Gregoire of Marlborough presented a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5227) of Danielle W. Gregoire and James B. Eldridge (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to further regulate the filling of vacancies on the city council relative to the office of ward councilor in the city of Marlborough; and the same was referred to the committee on Election Laws. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Marlborough,— vacancies.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Hogan of Stow (by request), a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Amy Farrell relative to survivor sustainability and financial independence.

By Representative Lewis of Framingham, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Jack Patrick Lewis for legislation to replace the official poem of the Commonwealth.

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

Survivors,— housing stability.
State poem.

Papers from the Senate.

A report of the Massachusetts Capital Resource Company (under the provisions of Section 20 of Chapter 816 of the Acts of 1977) submitting its forty-ninth annual report (Senate, No. 2994), was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Revenue.

Capital Resource Company.

A report of the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, that the communication from the Massachusetts Gaming Commission pursuant to Section 9B of Chapter 128A of the General Laws and Section 222 of Chapter 6 of the General Laws) proposed amendments to regulations for 205 CMR 149.00: Race Horse Development Fund (Senate, No. 2951), recommending that the same be placed on file, accepted by the Senate, was considered forthwith, under Rule 42; and it was accepted, in concurrence.

Massachusetts Gaming Commission,— regulations.

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 following petitions:

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Michael P. Kushmerek for legislation to further regulate social media accounts for persons under 16 years of age. To the committee on Advanced Information Technology, the Internet and Cybersecurity.

Social media,—
minors.

Joint petition (accompanied by bill) of John J. Marsi for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Courtney Cochran, an employee of the Department of Children and Families; and

Courtney
Cochran,—
sick leave.

Joint petition (accompanied by bill) of Lindsay N. Sabadosa that the State Board of Retirement be authorized to grant creditable service to Jason Patrissi, an employee of the probation service and a member of the state employees' retirement system;

Jason
Patrissi,—
retirement.

Severally to the committee on Public Service.

Joint petition (accompanied by bill) of Lindsay N. Sabadosa and Joanne M. Comerford relative to taxation of certain foreign government pension benefits. To the committee on Revenue.

Foreign
pensions,—
taxation.

Joint petition (accompanied by bill) of Joan Meschino and Patrick M. O'Connor for legislation to designate the American lobster as the official crustacean of the Commonwealth. To the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

State
crustacean.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington, the reports were considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended, in each instance. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

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

The Senate Bill enabling the maintenance of private roads in the city of Gloucester (Senate, No. 2596) [Local Approval Received]; and

Gloucester,—
private roads.

House bills

Relative to the valuation of long term residences (House, No. 3006);

Valuation.

Relative to ensuring fairness and equity in the assessment of the value of property (House, No. 3212);

Property
assessments.

Relative to municipal tax collectors (House, No. 3266);

Municipal taxes.

Relative to preserving information content of historic resources with community preservation funds (House, No. 3271);

Historic
resources.

Authorizing the city of Salem to convert seasonal licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises to annual licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 5097) [Local Approval Received];

Salem,—
liquor
licenses.

Authorizing the city of Salem to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises upon the return of the license authorized in chapter 67 of the acts of 2008 (House, No. 5098) [Local Approval Received];

Salem,—
liquor
license.

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. Livingstone of Boston, for the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, on House, No. 8 and on a part of House, No. 3, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Children, Families and Persons with

Foster
children,—
study.

Disabilities to make an investigation and study of a certain House document relative to electronic backpacks for foster children (House, No. 4918).

By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Financial Services, on House, Nos. 1169, 1216, 1286, 1297, 1308 and 4014, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Financial Services to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to health insurance mandated benefits (House, No. 5210).

Health insurance benefits,— study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 1077, 1098, 1099, 1243, 1344 and 4042, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Financial Services to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to home insurance (House, No. 5211).

Home insurance,— study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1193, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Financial Services to make an investigation and study of a certain House document relative to insurance for in-patient substance use treatment (House, No. 5212).

Substance use treatment,— study.

By Mr. Ryan of Boston, for the committee on Public Service, on House, Nos. 39, 41, 42 and 49 and on a part of House, No. 35, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Public Service to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to the SMART plan, state retirement and divestment (House, No. 5193).

State retirement, etc.— study.

By Mr. Madaro of Boston, for the committee on Revenue, on House, Nos. 3029, 3042, 3058, 3060, 3061, 3121, 3128, 3149, 3164, 3166, 3183 and 3191, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Revenue to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to housing related tax issues (House, No. 5182).

Housing related tax issues,— study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 4 and 5 and on a part of House, No. 3, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Revenue to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to state-owned land and tax records (House, No. 5194).

State-owned land and tax records,— study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 3022, 3106, 3113, 3162, 3224, 3280, 3965, 3966 and 4051, an Order relative authorizing the committee on Revenue to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to property and local taxes (House, No. 5195).

Property and local taxes,— study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 3023, 3028, 3038, 3118 and 3263, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Revenue to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to revenue from advertising and economic development (House, No. 5196).

Revenue from advertising and economic development,— study.

By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on House, Nos. 2238, 3295, 3303, 3327, 3336, 3349, 3357, 3365, 3380, 3387, 3394, 3400, 3405, 3406, 3425, 3891, 4028 and 4737, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to state agencies, designating official day, regulations and other related issues (House, No. 5183).

State Agencies, etc.— study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 3287, 3310, 3314, 3319, 3325, 3341, 3350, 3354, 3368, 3371, 3372, 3379, 3401 and 3971, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to state properties, public officials and employees, construction, lobbying and other related issues (House, No. 5184).

State properties, construction, etc.— study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 14 and on a part of House, No. 11, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on State

Procurement,— study.

Administration and Regulatory Oversight to make an investigation and study of a certain House document relative to procurement (House, No. 5197).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 17 and on a part of House, No. 11 and on House, No. 38 on a part of House, No. 35, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to creating the Office of the Inspector General Recovery Fund and treasury operations (House, No. 5198).

Inspector
General Recovery
Fund
and treasury
operations,—
study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 47 and on a part of House, No. 35, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight to make an investigation and study of a certain House document relative to the Office of Economic Empowerment (House, No. 5199) [Senator Eldridge dissenting].

Office of
Economic
Empowerment,—
study.

By Mr. Garballey of Arlington, for the committee on Tourism, Arts and Cultural Development, on House, Nos. 3586, 3589, 3593 and 3600, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Tourism, Arts and Cultural Development to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to artists, choreographer laureate, poet laureate and tourism marketing (House, No. 5185).

Artists,
choreographer
laureate, etc.,—
study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 3590, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Tourism, Arts and Cultural Development to make an investigation and study of a certain House document relative to the position of poet laureate (House, No. 5186).

Poet laureate,—
study.

By Mr. Arciero of Westford, for the committee on Transportation, on House, Nos. 3624, 3640, 3798 and 4085, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Transportation to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to motor vehicle registration and locomotives (House, No. 5133).

Motor vehicle
registration and
locomotives,—
study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 3626, 3635, 3646 and 3647, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Transportation to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to tolls and fares (House, No. 5134).

Tolls and
fares,—
study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 3720 and 3721, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Transportation to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to railroads (House, No. 5135).

Railroads,—
study.

Severally referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

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

Under Rule 42, the reports severally were considered forthwith; and they were accepted.

Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed bills

Authorizing the city of Revere to pay a certain sum of money to Denise Mattera (Condelli), widow of former school committee member Anthony Mattera (see House, No. 2275);

Bills
enacted.

Authorizing the town of Wellesley to amend the income threshold for senior real property tax deferments (see House, No. 4143); and

Amending the charter of the town of Hopkinton to incorporate appointment powers of the board of library trustees (see House, No. 4292);
(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.

Orders of the Day.

The House Bill directing the city of Boston police department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Edny Joseph (House, No. 4741), 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 Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next
sitting.

At eleven 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 Thursday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, March 12, 2026.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Garballey of Arlington 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. Garballey), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of
allegiance.

Guests of the House.

At the beginning of the session, the Chair (Mr. Garballey of Arlington), declared a brief recess and introduced, seated in the Chamber, the Sutton Suzies. The Sutton High School girls soccer team, were recognized for having a 19-4 season and winning their fifth consecutive state championship. They were the guests of Representative McKenna of Sutton and Senator Fattman.

Sutton High
School girls
soccer team.

At the beginning of the session, the Chair (Mr. Garballey of Arlington), declared a brief recess and introduced, seated in the Chamber, members of the Tri-County varsity football team and the Tri-County Boys Cross-Country Track Team. The football team recently won their second consecutive Massachusetts Vocational Athletic Directors Association Medium-School State Vocational Championship in 2025. The track team won the small division vocational title for the third year in a row. They were the guests of Representatives Roy of Franklin, Vaughn of Wrentham, Soter of Bellingham, Arena-DeRosa of Holliston, Scanlon of North Attleborough, Howitt of Seekonk, McMurtry of Dedham, Tarsky of Needham, Rogers of Norwood and Philips of Sharon.

Tri-County
football and
track teams.

Communications.

Communications

From the Office of the Comptroller (see Section 12(a) of Chapter 7A of the General Laws) submitting the Statutory Basis Financial Report for fiscal year 2025;

Statutory
basis.

From the Office of the Middlesex District Attorney (see Section 32(e) of Chapter 12 of the General Laws) submitting a statistical report on community based juvenile justice program activities in Middlesex County for the calendar year 2025;

Middlesex,—
juvenile
justice.

From the Office of the Plymouth District Attorney (see Section 32(e) of Chapter 12 of the General Laws) submitting a statistical report on community based juvenile justice program activities in Plymouth County for the calendar year 2025; and

Plymouth,—
juvenile
justice.

From the Office of the Child Advocate (see Section 10 of Chapter 18C of the General Laws) submitting its annual report of the office's accomplishments and activities for fiscal year 2025;

Child
Advocate.

Severally were placed on file.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Hogan of Stow, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5247) of Kate Hogan (by vote of the town) that the town of Maynard be authorized to prohibit or restrict the application of second-generation anticoagulant rodenticides in said town. To the committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Maynard,—
rodenticides.

By Representative Bowen of Beverly and Senator Lovely, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5248) of Hannah Bowen (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Beverly be authorized to continue the employment of John G. LeLacheur as police chief in said city. To the committee on Public Service.

Beverly,—
John
LeLacheur.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Davis of Great Barrington and Senator Mark, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Leigh Davis for legislation to authorize the Department of Conservation and Recreation to extend the lease authorization for East Mountain State Forest.

East Mountain
State Forest,—
lease.

By Representative Gómez of Easthampton, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Homar Gómez for legislation to establish a civil duty to report emergencies and homicides.

Emergencies
and homicides,—
reporting.

By Representative Gómez of Easthampton, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Homar Gómez for legislation to prevent certain denials by insurers for medically necessary services.

Insurance
denials.

By Representative Gómez of Easthampton, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Homar Gómez that the Registry of Motor Vehicles be authorized to issue special motor vehicle license plates to individuals who are autistic or neurodivergent or to parents or legal guardians of children who are autistic or neurodivergent.

License plates,—
autism and
neurodivergence.

By Representative González of Springfield, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Carlos González relative to police departments coordinating with the families of homicide victims with quarterly reports on the open investigations related to their family member.

Homicide
reports.

By Representative González of Springfield, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Carlos González for the issuance of an annual proclamation by the Governor to designate June 4th as Save Our Streets Day.

Save Our
Streets day.

By Representative Murray of Milford, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Brian W. Murray relative to specific medical diagnoses of certain children involved with the Department of Children and Families.

Medical
diagnoses,—
children.

By Representative Robertson of Tewksbury, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of David Allen Robertson that the secretary of public safety and security be authorized to supervise and manage security for inpatient and outpatient services at Tewksbury Hospital.

Tewksbury
Hospital,—
security.

By Representative Zlotnik of Gardner and Senator Durant, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Jonathan D. Zlotnik and Peter J. Durant for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Todd LaFreniere, an employee of the Department of Correction.

Todd
LaFreniere,—
sick leave.

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

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Financial Services, on House Nos. 1108, 1116, 1163, 1201, 1213, 1251 and 1340, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Financial Services to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to insurance and other financial services matters (House, No. 5206).

Insurance,
financial
services, etc.,—
study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House Nos. 1149, 1159, 1174, 1179, 1204, 1262, 1290, 3986 and 4013, an Order relative to authoring the committee on Financial Services to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to dental and other healthcare matters (House, No. 5207).

Dental and
healthcare
matters,—
study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 1106, 1114, 1122, 1145, 1177, 1183, 1221, 1264, 1332, 1335, 1348 and 1349, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Financial Services to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to banks, mortgages, vaccinations and other related matters (House, No. 5213).

Banks, mortgages,
vaccinations and
other related
matters,—
study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 774, 1080, 1202, 1203, 1205, 1246, 1318 and 4181, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Financial Services to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to health insurance (House, No. 5223).

Health
insurance,—
study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 1089, 1112, 1119, 1182, 1239 and 1331, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Financial Services to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to banking matters (House, No. 5224).

Banking
matters,—
study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 1115, 1172, 1253, 1268, 1287, 1323, 1341 and 1342, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Financial Services to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to health insurance mandated benefits (House, No. 5225).

Health insurance
mandated
benefits,—
study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 1138, 1192, 1241 and 1300, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Financial Services to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to health insurance (House, No. 5226).

Health
insurance,—
study.

By Mr. McMurtry of Dedham, for the committee on Labor and Workforce Development, on House Nos. 2091, 2136, 2156, 2173, 2186, 2187, 4069 and 4116, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Labor and Workforce Development to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to unemployment, workers and other related matters (House, No. 5208).

Unemployment,
workers, etc.,—
study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 2095, 2176 and 4208, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Labor and Workforce Development to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to employee protections and other related matters (House, No. 5209).

Employee
protections,—
study.

By Ms. Decker of Cambridge, for the committee on Public Health, on House, Nos. 2504 and 2563, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Public Health to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to alternative health care and dentistry (House, No. 5214).

Alternative
health and
dentistry,—
study.

By Mr. Madaro of Boston, for the committee on Revenue, on House, Nos. 3005, 3011, 3088, 3139, 3141, 3158, 3211, 3215, 3229, 3239, 3244 and 4239, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Revenue to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to property and local taxes (House, No. 5203).

Property and
local taxes,—
study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 3053, 3054, 3097, 3233, 3273, 3274 and 3275, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Revenue to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to relative to transportation, telecommunications, and utilities (House, No. 5204).

Transportation, telecommunications and utilities,— study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 3089 and 3207, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Revenue to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to advertising and economic development (House, No. 5205).

Advertising and economic development,— study.

By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on House, Nos. 3286, 3363, 3367, 3369, 3374, 3391, 3399, 3434 and 3442, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to procurement (House, No. 5200).

Procurement,— study.

By Mr. Arciero of Westford, for the committee on Transportation, on House, No. 9 and on a part of House, No. 3, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Transportation to make an investigation and study of a certain House document relative to transportation and environmental oversight (House, No. 5201) [Representatives Orrall of Lakeville and Marsi of Charlton dissenting].

Transportation and environmental oversight,— study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 3703 and 3708, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Transportation to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to traffic signals (House, No. 5202) [Representative Orrall of Lakeville dissenting].

Traffic signals,— study.

Severally referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

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

Under Rule 42, the reports severally were considered forthwith; and they were accepted.

By Ms. Domb of Amherst, for the committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery, on House, No. 2220, a Bill relative to access to psychiatric collaborative care (House, No. 5230). Referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

Psychiatric collaborative care.

By Ms. Barber of Somerville, for the committee on Environment and Natural Resources, on a petition, a Bill relative to funding water infrastructure and addressing economic target areas (House, No. 944) [Representative Sweezey of Duxbury dissenting].

Water infrastructure.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill designating the Marion Stoddart riverwalk (House, No. 5113).

Marion Stoddart riverwalk.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 931, a Bill establishing the Blue Communities Program (House, No. 5215).

Blue Communities Program.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 903, 952, 953 and 1048, a Bill relative to forest protection (House, No. 5216).

Forest protection.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 965, 975, 4091, 4133, 4172, 4266, 4310, 4500, 4571, 4917 and 4972, a Bill restricting the use of rodenticides in the environment (House, No. 5217).

Rodenticides.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 988, a Bill relative to the blue economy (House, No. 5218).

Ocean health.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1003, a Bill relative to maintaining adequate water supplies through effective drought management (House, No. 5219).	Drought management.
By Mr. Haggerty of Woburn, for the committee on Housing, on House, No. 1564, a Bill relative to preventing algorithmic rent fixing in the rental housing market (House, No. 5222).	Rent fixing.
By Ms. Domb of Amherst, for the committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery, on a petition, a Bill replacing archaic and stigmatizing language for substance use (House, No. 2227).	Substance use,— language.
By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 2211, a Bill modernizing the six fundamental rights (House, No. 5229).	Mental health,— services.
By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 2231, a Bill establishing peer respites throughout the Commonwealth (House, No. 5231).	Peer respites.
By Mr. Lewis of Framingham, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a petition, a Bill related to the enforcement of chapter 140 (House, No. 4849).	Dog kennels.
Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.	
By Ms. Barber of Somerville, for the committee on Environment and Natural Resources, on House, Nos. 893, 943 and 967, a Bill banning the retail sale of dogs, cats, and rabbits in new pet shops (House, No. 967).	Pet shops,— animal sales.
By Mr. Haggerty of Woburn, for the committee on Housing, on a joint petition, a Bill authorizing the Provincetown year-round market rate rental housing trust to acquire year-round housing occupancy restrictions (House, No. 3909) [Local Approval Received].	Provincetown,— year-round market rate rental.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill further defining the purposes of the affordable housing trust in the city of Somerville (House, No. 3921) [Local Approval Received].	Somerville,— affordable housing trust.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to affordable housing trust fund of the town of Edgartown (House, No. 4186) [Local Approval Received].	Edgartown,— affordable housing.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to the inclusion of commercial fishermen as a designated vocation for affordable and attainable housing preference in the town of Chatham under Section 32, Seasonal Communities, Subsection (d), of the Affordable Homes Act (House, No. 4288) [Local Approval Received].	Chatham,— commercial fishermen.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill establishing a housing trust fund in the town of Chatham (House, No. 4290) [Local Approval Received].	Chatham,— housing trust fund.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Harwich affordable housing trust to provide for the creation of attainable housing (House, No. 4318) [Local Approval Received].	Harwich,— housing trust fund.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to clarify the organization of the Lexington Housing Assistance Board (House, No. 4842) [Local Approval Received].	Lexington Housing Assistance Board.
By Mr. Lewis of Framingham, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a petition, a Bill regarding special meetings of the Holyoke City Council (House, No. 4738) [Local Approval Received].	Holyoke,— special meetings.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill providing for the exchange of certain park land in the town of Lexington (House, No. 4843) [Local Approval Received].	Lexington,— land.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill providing for the appointment and removal authority of the town administrator of the town of Wilbraham for employees other than those sworn officers of the Wilbraham police department and Wilbraham fire department appointed by the select board, and department heads appointed by the select board, and department heads appointed by boards and commissions so authorized by general law or by-law (House, No. 4844) [Local Approval Received].	Wilbraham,— appointments.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill allowing a lease term of up to 99 years for 305 South Street east or a portion thereof (House, No. 4878) [Local Approval Received].	Raynham,— lease.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Plymouth to establish a special revenue account for land acquisition (House, No. 4887) [Local Approval Received].	Plymouth,— land.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to town meeting accessibility (House, No. 5052) [Local Approval Received].	Burlington,— town meeting.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill establishing a charter for the town of Orange (House, No. 5053) [Local Approval Received].	Orange,— charter.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the town of Reading Home Rule Charter (House, No. 5102) [Local Approval Received].	Reading,— charter.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the charter and the town clerk in the town of Falmouth (House, No. 5107) [Local Approval Received].	Falmouth,— charter.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the acquisition and disposition of certain land in the town of Falmouth (House, No. 5108) [Local Approval Received].	Falmouth,— land.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Falmouth to expend funds to offset certain costs associated with the installation of low pressure pumps on private property in future sewer service areas (House, No. 5109) [Local Approval Received].	Falmouth,— funds.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill providing for the establishment of a board to oversee use and occupancy payments for manufactured housing community accommodations in the city of Attleboro, Massachusetts (House, No. 5128) [Local Approval Received].	Attleboro,— payments.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill increasing the maximum amount of penalties which may be imposed for violations of ordinances in the city of Newton (House, No. 5136) [Local Approval Received].	Newton,— penalties.
By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 4845, a Bill granting Uxbridge the ability to post public meeting notices (House, No. 5228) [Local Approval Received].	Uxbridge,— public notices.
By Mr. Madaro of Boston, for the committee on Revenue, on a joint petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Charlemont to establish a tax on commercial recreation services (House, No. 4435) [Local Approval Received].	Charlemont,— commercial recreation tax.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to a real property exemption for disabled persons in the town of Swampscott (House, No. 4444) [Local Approval Received].	Swampscott,— exemptions.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill authorizing the town of North Attleborough to establish a means-tested senior citizen property tax exemption (House, No. 4526) [Local Approval Received].

North
Attleborough,—
property taxes.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to excise upon the transfer of parking spaces in the city of Salem (House, No. 4547) [Local Approval Received].

Salem,—
parking
spaces.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill amending the town of Arlington's means tested senior citizen property tax exemption (House, No. 4575) [Local Approval Received].

Arlington,—
property
taxes.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Auburn to offer expanded senior property tax abatements (House, No. 4585) [Local Approval Received].

Auburn,—
property
taxes.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Millis to establish a means-tested senior citizen property tax exemption for school building construction projects (House, No. 4605) [Local Approval Received].

Millis,—
property
taxes.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to expanded small property tax abatements in the town of Auburn (House, No. 4754) [Local Approval Received].

Auburn,—
property
taxes.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill amending the means tested senior citizen property tax exemption in the town of Sudbury (House, No. 4755) [Local Approval Received].

Sudbury,—
property
taxes.

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

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 four minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

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Monday, March 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.

Communications.

Communications

From the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (see Section 35EEE(d) of Chapter 10 of the General Laws) submitting the Municipal Police Training Fund legislative report for fiscal year 2023;

Municipal
police training
fund.

From the Department of Mental Health (see Section 35 of Chapter 123 of the General Laws) submitting its annual report of facilities other than the Massachusetts Correctional Institution at Bridgewater being used for treatment of certain males and the number of persons so committed to such facilities for calendar year 2024;

Corrections
facilities,—
treatment.

From the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (see item 8200-0222 of Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the Municipal Police Training Fund report on the status of recruit training for fiscal year 2025;

Municipal
police,—
recruits.

From the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (see item 8200-0222 of Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the Municipal Police Training Fund report on the status of recruit training for fiscal years 2023 and 2024; and

Id.

From the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities (see Section 1 of Chapter 334 of the Acts of 2006) submitting its annual report on Data Collection for Government Assisted Housing in Massachusetts for fiscal year 2025;

Assisted
housing,—
data collection.

Severally were placed on file.

Annual Report.

The annual report of the Cape and Islands District Attorney's Office (under Section 99R of Chapter 272 of the General Laws) submitting a report relative to wiretaps for calendar year 2025, was placed on file.

Cape and
Islands,—
wiretaps.

Petition.

Representative McKenna of Sutton and Senator Fattman presented a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5261) of Joseph D. McKenna, Ryan C. Fattman and Paul K. Frost (by vote of the town) for legislation to amend the town charter in the town of Oxford; and the same was referred to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Oxford,—
charter.

Paper from the Senate.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 3017) of Nick Collins (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to direct the city of Boston police department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Elijah George Osborne, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Public Service.

Boston,—
Elijah
Osborne.

Reports of Committees.

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

The Senate Bill establishing residency requirements for the offices of mayor, city councilor and school committee in the city of Brockton (Senate, No. 2957) [Local Approval Received];

Brockton,—
residency.

House bills

Relative to the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (House, No. 729);

Education board.
Noncompetition
agreements.

Relative to noncompetition agreements in the Commonwealth (House, No. 2118);

Amending chapter 445 of the acts of 1960 and establishing a board of election commissioners in the city of Salem (House, No. 3907) [Local Approval Received];

Salem,—
election board.

Relative to fresh fruits and vegetables in schools (House, No. 4059);

Produce.

Relative to preliminary elections in the town of Longmeadow (House, No. 4309) [Local Approval Received];

Longmeadow,—
elections.

Providing for recall elections in the town of Charlemont (House, No. 4434) [Local Approval Received];

Charlemont,—
recall elections.

Regulating elections in the town of Conway (House, No. 4498) [Local Approval Received];

Conway,—
elections.

Authorizing remote participation at town meetings and special town meetings in the town of Concord (House, No. 4522) [Local Approval Received];

Concord,—
town meetings.

Authorizing the town of North Attleborough to establish a means-tested senior citizen property tax exemption (House, No. 4526) [Local Approval Received].

North
Attleborough.

Regarding special meetings of the Holyoke City Council (House, No. 4738) [Local Approval Received];

Holyoke,—
special meetings.

Relative to consumer rights of renters (House, No. 5095);

Tenants' rights.

Relative to extending the timeframe within which the town of Southbridge may grant additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 5096) [Local Approval Received];

Southbridge,—
liquor
licenses.

Authorizing the town of Raynham to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 5099) [Local Approval Received]; and

Raynham,—
liquor
license.

Relative to the town of Reading Home Rule Charter (House, No. 5102) [Local Approval Received];

Reading,—
charter.

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.

By Ms. Decker of Cambridge, for the committee on Public Health, on House, No. 453, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Public Health to make an

Dietitians and
nutritionists,—
study.

investigation and study of a certain House document relative to licensure of dietitians and nutritionists (House, No. 5233).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 1374, 1389, 2222, 2359, 2360, 2361, 2365, 2368, 2373, 2377, 2379, 2385, 2386, 2387, 2388, 2404, 2405, 2406, 2409, 2411, 2413, 2415, 2419, 2420, 2422, 2423, 2428, 2429, 2430, 2435, 2443, 2444, 2445, 2448, 2452, 2453, 2456, 2457, 2460, 2461, 2468, 2469, 2471, 2472, 2479, 2480, 2481, 2485, 2486, 2487, 2494, 2496, 2502, 2507, 2509, 2511, 2513, 2514, 2515, 2518, 2519, 2520, 2522, 2524, 2533, 2534, 2538, 2539, 2540, 2542, 2543, 2556, 2558, 2560, 2561, 2562, 3955, 3956, 3957, 3958, 3960, 4022, 4023, 4024, 4025, 4048, 4070, 4075, 4076, 4077, 4078, 4118, 4119, 4120, 4121, 4122 and 4165, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Public Health to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to death certificates, children's health, food safety and other public health issues (House, No. 5234).

Death certificates, children's health, etc.,—study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 2376, 2418, 2431, 2449, 2458, 2492, 2493, 2495, 2512, 2541, 2545, 2546, 2547, 2548, 2549, 2555, 2559, 3954 and 3961, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Public Health to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to medical procedures, vaccinations, public health systems and other public health issues (House, No. 5235) [Representative Thurber of Somerset dissenting].

Medical procedures, vaccinations, public health systems and other health issues,—study.

By Mr. Madaro of Boston, for the committee on Revenue, on House, Nos. 3012 and 4008, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Revenue to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to fines and local taxes (House, No. 5236).

Fines and local taxes,—study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 3021, 3034, 3035, 3036, 3046, 3069, 3077, 3095, 3101, 3116, 3138, 3140, 3209, 3226, 3228, 3231, 3242, 3250 and 3252, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Revenue to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to veterans, seniors and agriculture (House, No. 5237).

Veterans, seniors and agriculture,—study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 3030, 3032, 3064, 3076, 3083, 3136, 3145, 3146, 3152, 3185, 3186, 3196, 3264, 3276 and 3277, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Revenue to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to certain revenue petitions pertaining to taxation and tax payments (House, No. 5238).

Taxation and tax payments,—study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 3153 and 4128, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Revenue to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to certain revenue petitions relative to income and estates (House, No. 5239).

Income and estates,—study.

Severally referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

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

Under Rule 42, the reports severally were considered forthwith; and they were accepted.

The following reports were received, the time within which the said committees were required to report having expired:

By Mr. Saunders of Belchertown, for the committee on Agriculture and Fisheries, on House, Nos. 114, 122 and 140, an Order relative to authorizing the

Cottage foods and pet cemeteries,—

committee on Agriculture and Fisheries to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to cottage foods and pet cemeteries (House, No. 5241).

study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 115, 131, 133, 134, 135 and 137, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Agriculture and Fisheries to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to fisheries, farms and other related matters (House, No. 5242).

Fisheries, farms and other related matters,— study.

By Mr. Livingstone of Boston, for the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, on House, Nos. 216, 260 and 4194, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to housing assistance, resettlement and social service programs (House, No. 5240).

Housing, resettlement and social service programs,— study.

Severally referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

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

Under Rule 42, the reports severally were considered forthwith; and they were accepted.

By Mr. Lewis of Framingham, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a petition, a Bill to amend the operations of the city of Boston Finance Commission to establish the Boston Inspector General Oversight Commission (House, No. 4924) [Local Approval Received].

Boston,— inspector general.

By Mr. Ryan of Boston, for the committee on Public Service, on a joint petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Courtney Cochran, an employee of the Department of Children & Families (DCF) (House, No. 5245).

Courtney Cochran,— sick leave.

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

A report of the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, under the last sentence of Rule 7A, that the Bill providing for tribal government representation on the Martha's Vineyard commission (Senate, No. 1431), be scheduled for consideration by the House. Placed in the Orders of the Day for the next sitting for a second reading.

Martha's Vineyard commission.

Emergency Measure.

The engrossed Bill validating the results of the annual election held in the town of Bourne on May 20, 2025 (see House bill printed in House, No. 4763), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was considered, the question being on adopting the emergency preamble.

Bourne,— election.

A separate vote was taken, as required by the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXVII) of the Amendments to the Constitution; and the preamble was adopted, by a vote of 3 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Subsequently, the Senate having concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, the bill (which originated in the House) was passed to be enacted (more than two-thirds of the members having agreed to pass the same); and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill enacted.

Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed bills

Enhancing certain powers of the board of water commissioners of the Cotuit Fire District (see House, No. 2258);

Bills enacted.

Authorizing the Cotuit Fire District to raise and appropriate money for the Historical Society of Santuit and Cotuit, Inc. (see House, No. 2259); and

Further regulating the composition of the licensing board for the city of Salem (see House, No. 4007);

(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.

Orders of the Day.

House bills

Directing the city of Boston Police Department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Constantinos Papadopoulos (House, No. 4267); and

Third reading bills.

Directing the City of Boston Fire Department to waive the maximum age requirement for firefighters for Stylianos Katikakis (House, No. 4582);

Severally reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

The House Bill authorizing the Dalton Fire District to continue the employment of interim fire chief Christopher Francis Cachat (House, No. 4321), was read a second time; and it was ordered to a third reading.

Second reading bill.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

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

Next sitting.

At twenty-three minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Pease of Westfield (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Wednesday at eleven o'clock A.M.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 2026.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Wednesday, March 18, 2026.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M. 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.

Silent Tributes.

During the session, the Chair (Ms. Hogan of Stow) declared a brief recess, and at the request of Representative Soter of Bellingham, the members, guests and employees stood for a moment of silent tribute in honor of the memory of Denis C. Fraine, a distinguished United States Air Force Captain veteran and devoted public servant, who faithfully served the town of Bellingham as Town Administrator for more than thirty-seven years until his retirement in August 2025.

Denis
Fraine.

Throughout his long and impactful career, Mr. Fraine was known for his steady leadership, professionalism, and unwavering dedication to the residents of Bellingham. His work helped shape the town's growth and stability, and his legacy of public service will be long remembered by all who had the privilege to work with him and benefit from his commitment. He brought a deep sense of responsibility and pride to his role, serving as a trusted steward of the town's operations for decades. His example stands as a testament to the value of lifelong public service and dedication to one's community.

During the session, the Chair (Mr. Garballey of Arlington) declared a brief recess, and at the request of Representative Rogers of Norwood, the members, guests and employees stood for a moment of silent tribute in memory of Timothy J. McDonough of Norwood, who passed away on March 12, 2026, at the age of 61.

Timothy
McDonough.

A lifelong Norwood resident and proud "townie," Tim dedicated more than four decades to public service, beginning as one of the youngest elected officials in the country on the Norwood School Committee, and continuing as a Selectman and Town Assessor. His commitment to his community was unwavering.

Through his work with the Circle of Hope and the Norwood Scholarship Foundation, Tim quietly and generously supported countless families and students, leaving a lasting impact on the town he loved.

He will be remembered for his kindness, his humor, and his deep devotion to his family, especially his son Patrick. His legacy of service and compassion will not be forgotten.

The House joined in extending its deepest condolences to the McDonough family.

Resignation of Representative Howard of Lowell.

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

March 17, 2026.

Timothy Carroll
Clerk of the House of Representatives
State House – Room 145
Boston, MA 02133

Mr. Clerk:

Please accept this letter as formal notification that I am resigning from my position as State Representative for the 17th Middlesex District, effective at the close of business on Tuesday, March 17, 2026. This decision is made to facilitate my transition to the Senate, effective March 18, 2026, where I look forward to continuing my service to our community.

Resignation of
Representative
Vanna Howard
of Lowell.

Having arrived in this country from Cambodia at the age of 11 after fleeing the Khmer Rouge, I could never have envisioned the profound opportunity I have had to serve in the Massachusetts House of Representatives. Over the past five years, I have been deeply honored to vote on legislation that has positively impacted my constituents, secure critical funding for our district, and provide essential assistance to vulnerable residents.

This work would not have been possible without the outstanding support of our leadership and colleagues, who welcomed me to this historic institution on my first day and offered their steadfast assistance throughout my tenure.

My tenure in the House of Representatives has profoundly shaped my professional and personal development. The invaluable lessons, lasting relationships, and collaborative accomplishments we achieved together will remain with me as I transition to the Senate. While my role will change, I look forward to continuing our partnership in our shared mission to serve the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and enhance the lives of every resident.

Sincerely,
VANNA HOWARD
State Representative
17th Middlesex District

Guests of the House.

During the session, the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford), declared a brief recess and introduced the family and friends of Colby Lippincott, who were seated in the House Chamber. Colby, who was 14-years-old when he died in a motocross accident in June 2024, will always be remembered with a smile. They were the guests of Mr. Xiarhos of Barnstable.

Family and
friends of
Colby
Lippincott.

During the session, the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford), declared a brief recess and introduced the Medfield High School girls basketball team, who were seated in the House Chamber. The team was the 2026 MIAA Division 2 state champions, securing its third consecutive state title and an undefeated season. The team was joined by their assistant coaches Paul Catino and Ellen Gelina, athletic director Eric Scott, and principal Robert Parga. They were the guests of Mr. Vaughn of Wrentham and Tarsky of Needham.

Medfield High School girls basketball team.

During the session, the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford), declared a brief recess and introduced the Lawrence Hurricanes, who were seated in the House Chamber. The team won the 2025 Northeastern Massachusetts Pop Warner 13U conference championship. They were the guests of Representatives Moran of Lawrence, Paulino of Lawrence and Reyes of Lawrence.

Lawrence Hurricanes Pop Warner football team.

Remote Participation.

Notice had been received from House Counsel that, under the provisions of House Rule 49, Representatives Ferguson of Holden and Lombardo of Billerica had been approved to participate remotely for today's formal sitting.

Remote participation.

Resolutions.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Representatives Garballey of Arlington, Consalvo of Boston and Williams of Springfield) commending the Admetech Foundation on recognizing the seventeenth annual Prostate Cancer Awareness Day on March 24, 2026, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Prostate Cancer Awareness Day.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee, reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Kearney of Scituate, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

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 Monday, June 15, 2026 the time within which the committee on Health Care Financing is authorized to report on current House documents (House, No. 5263).

Extensions of time for committees to make reports.

Order (filed by Representatives Decker of Cambridge and Kerans of Danvers) relative to extending until Wednesday, March 18, 2026 the time within which the committee on Public Health is authorized to report on current House documents (House, No. 5257).

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. Ouellette of Westport, the orders were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Papers from the Senate.

A Bill amending the charter of the town of Tewksbury to modify the residency requirement for the town manager (Senate, No. 1446) (on a petition) [Local Approval Received], passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Tewksbury,—
residency
requirements.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 3022) of Sal N. DiDomenico for legislation to create the engaging neighborhoods, organizations, unions, governments, and households fund. To the committee on Housing.

Community
funds.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 3021) of Brendan P. Crighton for legislation to update Massachusetts student transportation. To the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security.

Student
transportation.

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 Brian W. Murray relative to specific medical diagnoses of certain children involved with the Department of Children and Families. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Kearney of Scituate, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Medical
diagnoses,—
children.

By Ms. Fiola of Fall River, for the committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies, on House, No. 4375, a Bill to preserve and advance Massachusetts' competitiveness in discovery, research, and innovation for a vibrant economy (House, No. 5259). Referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

Economic
development.

By Mr. Madaro of Boston, for the committee on Revenue, on a petition, a Bill supporting family caregivers (House, No. 3159). Read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Family care
giving.

By Ms. Fiola of Fall River, for the committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies, on a petition, a Bill relative to supporting veterans organizations (House, No. 480).

Video
games.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 4037, a Bill relative to problem gambling (House, No. 5258).

Problem
gambling.

By Mr. Madaro of Boston, for the committee on Revenue, on a petition, a Bill providing an income tax credit for families caring for relatives at home who are elderly or victims of Alzheimer's disease (House, No. 3018).

Families,—
tax credits.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to long-term care insurance tax credit (House, No. 3025).

Insurance,—
tax credits.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill updating and expanding the renter's income tax deduction (House, No. 3063).

Income tax,—
renters.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to increasing economic development and business opportunity in the design and manufacture of video games through the use of tax credits (House, No. 3084).

Video
games,—
tax credits.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to establish the micro business employee training and workforce development program (House, No. 3108).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to a sewage line tax credit (House, No. 3133).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to rolling stock (House, No. 3148).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill protecting the interests of housing cooperative shareholders (House, No. 3165).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill recognizing film production in Massachusetts (House, No. 3187).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill making the fair share tax more equitable (House, No. 3210).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to sales tax exemption (House, No. 3225).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to medical and dental expense deductions (House, No. 3237).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to promote adoption (House, No. 3246).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to establish an employer-provided childcare tax credit pilot program (House, No. 3265).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to a refundable Title 5 septic tax credit (House, No. 4082).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill promoting fair tax treatment for zero-emission vehicles (House, No. 4722).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 3279, a Bill allowing for fiscal resilience through authorization of strategic investment in stable digital financial assets (House, No. 5255).

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

By Ms. Fiola of Fall River, for the committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies, on a petition, a Bill relative to fraternal organizations conducting bazaars (House, No. 4238).

By Mr. Madaro of Boston, for the committee on Revenue, on a petition, a Bill reducing tax liability for grandparents raising grandchildren (House, No. 3204).

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

Emergency Measure.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Sally Desrosiers, an employee of the Department of Correction (see House, No. 4962, amended), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was considered, the question being on adopting the emergency preamble.

A separate vote was taken, as required by the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXVII) of the Amendments to the Constitution; and the preamble was adopted, by a vote of 6 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Tax incentive programs.

Sewage,— tax credit.

Rolling stock.

Housing shareholders.

Motion pictures.

Taxable income.

Sales tax exemption.

Deductions.

Adoption,— tax exemption.

Childcare,— tax credit.

Tax credit,— Title 5.

Zero-emission vehicles.

Digital financial assets.

Bazaars.

Grandparents,— taxes.

Sally Desrosiers,— sick leave.

Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed bills

Directing the city of Boston police department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Luis Cabral (see House, No. 4349); and

Bills
enacted.

Making the charter of the county of Nantucket gender neutral (see House, No. 4504);

(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.

Motions to Discharge Certain Matters in the Orders of the Day.

The House Bill enhancing public safety in the town of Stoneham (House, No. 2800), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was discharged from its position in the Orders of the Day and read a third time forthwith, under suspension of Rule 47, on motion of Mr. Walsh of Peabody; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Stoneham,—
public
safety.

The House Bill regarding the appointment of special police officers in the city of Malden (House, No. 4584), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was discharged from its position in the Orders of the Day and read a third time forthwith, under suspension of Rule 47, on motion of Mr. Walsh of Peabody.

Malden,—
police.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Walsh of Peabody moved to amend it by striking out section 1 and inserting in place thereof the following section:

“SECTION 1. (a) Notwithstanding section 1 of chapter 31 of the General Laws; chapter 17 of the acts of 2018; or any other general or special law to the contrary, the maximum age of eligibility for a retired police officer of the city of Malden to be appointed to the position of special police officers in the city of Malden shall be 70 years of age.

(b) A special police officer appointed pursuant to this act or chapter 17 of the acts of 2018 shall comply with all requirements of chapter 6E of the General Laws, including: (i) maintaining certification and good standing with the Massachusetts Peace Officer Standards and Training Commission; and (ii) complying with all annual in-service and other training requirements mandated by the municipal police training committee.”.

The amendment was adopted; and the bill (House, No. 4584, amended) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Recesses.

At seventeen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Pease of Westfield (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House recessed until one o'clock P.M.; and three minutes after one o'clock P.M. the House was called to order with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair.

Recesses.

The House thereupon took a further recess, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, subject to the call of the Chair; and at ten minutes before four o'clock the House was called to order with Ms. Hogan of Stow in the Chair.

Reports of Committees.

Prior to the noon recess (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, on House, No. 5033, reported, in part, a Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2026 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (House, No. 5264) [Total appropriation: \$1,804,046,066.00]. Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Supplemental appropriations.

Mr. Honan of Boston, for said committee, then reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently, the noon recess having terminated (Ms. Hogan of Stow being in the Chair), under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Jones of North Reading, the bill (having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn), was read a third time.

After debate on the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, at twenty-three minutes after four o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Jones of North Reading (Ms. Hogan of Stow being in the Chair), the House recessed subject to the call of the Chair, and at four minutes before nine o'clock the House was called to order with Ms. Hogan of Stow in the Chair.

Recess.

Mr. Boldyga of Southwick then moved to amend the bill in section 2F by inserting after item 1596-2703 the following item:

“7061-9813 For rural school aid to eligible towns and regional school districts, excluding vocational schools, independent agricultural, technical schools and charter schools; provided, that a school district shall be eligible for rural school aid if a school district has a student density of not more than 35 students per square mile and an average annual per capita income of not more than the average annual per capita income for the commonwealth for the same period; provided further, that rural school aid shall be allocated equitably in the following priority order: (i) school districts serving less than 11 students per square mile; (ii) school districts serving not more than 21 students per square mile; and (iii) school districts serving not more than 35 students per square mile\$48,000,000”.

The amendment was rejected.

Mr. Michlewitz of Boston and other members of the House then moved to amend the bill in section 2F, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following: “; provided, that not less than \$45,984 shall be expended to support the Ashburnham-Westminster Regional School District to offset special education costs for fiscal year 2026; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the creation of a CTE Teacher Access & Equity Fund to provide financial assistance to beginning vocational-technical instructors for fees associated with competency-based vocational-technical teacher training performance and written examinations; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the Shrewsbury

Consolidated amendments.

Public Schools to support students in the town of Shrewsbury; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended to support the Wachusett Regional School District to offset special education costs for fiscal year 2026; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the town of Shrewsbury to offset special education costs for fiscal year 2026; provided further, that not less than \$875,000 shall be expended for a statewide college and career readiness program implemented by JFYNetworks, a nonprofit corporation to: (i) provide online instructional curricula to help students meet the Massachusetts state standards at each grade level and reduce learning loss and achievement gaps; and (ii) prepare students for required assessments and college placement tests in middle and high schools; provided further, that not less than \$350,000 shall be expended to Kids In Tech, Inc. for the purposes of supporting their after school, hands-on, science, technology, engineering, art and math education programs across the commonwealth; provided further, that not less than \$350,000 shall be expended to Italian Home for Children, Inc.; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended to redesign and modernize the Franklin Middle School library/STEM space into a student-centered Library and Innovation Commons to support interdisciplinary learning, collaboration, hands-on problem-solving, and an accessible gathering space; provided further, that not less than \$2,000,000 shall be expended for statewide access to a K-12 digital toolkit that provides state standards-aligned, multimodal instructional materials across all content areas, including access to career and technical educational materials and local Massachusetts industry partners to support workforce development, especially in high-growth areas identified by the commonwealth; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended to the North End Music and Performing Arts Center, Inc.; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to Leominster schools for the purpose of launching new adult and after hours educational vocational programming; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for telephone upgrades and installation at school facilities in the town of Wrentham for fiscal year 2026; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for lunch table replacements at school facilities in the town of Wrentham for fiscal year 2026; provided further, that not less than \$300,000 shall be expended for Triangle, Inc.'s School to Career Program that connects special education students with disabilities in Greater Boston to professional careers and their local communities; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for AED and Blue Light upgrades and installation at school facilities in the town of Norfolk for fiscal year 2026; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended for adult English language classes at The Welcome Project in the city of Somerville; provided further, that not less than \$10,000 shall be expended for the repair and replacement of the garden fence at Stoklosa Middle School in the city of Lowell to ensure safe and continued access to the school garden for students; provided further, that such funds shall support hands-on educational programming related to food systems, nutrition and food justice; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended for Women's Money Matters to provide support for financial wellness programs; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to support the Sudbury school district to offset special education costs for fiscal year 2026; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended to the Josiah Quincy School Association in the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for Mill City Grows in the city of Lowell to support the expansion and maintenance of community gardens and urban agriculture programming; provided further, that such funds shall be used to increase access to fresh, healthy food, provide educational opportunities related to food systems and nutrition and support efforts to address food insecurity in

the community; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to Brave Behind Bars for the TUPIT women's education program; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended for grants to implement section 1P ½ of chapter 69 of the General Laws; provided further, that not less than \$1,000,000 shall be expended for The United States of Readers program, administered by Impact Reading, to bridge the literacy gap through increased book access in Title I elementary schools; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended for the Big Brother Big Sisters of Eastern Massachusetts; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to support the Dudley Charlton Regional School District to offset special education costs for fiscal year 2026; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended to the Ellis memorial early education center in the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended for the Mass Mentoring Partnership, Inc. to support a statewide mentoring summit, to create a report on the current landscape of mentoring, and to implement a college and career readiness mentoring pilot program across the state; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to support the Spencer East Brookfield Regional School District to offset special education costs for fiscal year 2026; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to support the Quabbin Regional School District to offset special education costs for fiscal year 2026; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to support Southbridge Public Schools to offset special education costs for fiscal year 2026; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended for the Waltham Boys and Girls Club, Inc. for capital expenditures to support educational opportunities for public school students in partnership with public schools; provided further, that not less than \$300,000 shall be expended to Quincy college to provide student supports and services; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended as a grant to the Northeast Arc, Inc. for its Pathways to Opportunities program for education, mentorship, skill-building and job training of eligible high school students who are not immediately college bound; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to conduct a study to determine the feasibility of consolidating the following school districts: Northern Berkshire school union, North Adams school district and Hoosac Valley regional school district; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended to Canton public schools for the purchase of updated science curriculum materials; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for Friends of the Hernández for fostering bilingual and bicultural leaders while providing essential enrichment, after-school programming, and family engagement opportunities; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended for Bottom Line to assist in operations and programming providing students with individual support, and ensuring they have the guidance needed to affordably access higher education, and be graduate career-ready; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended as a grant to Breaktime United Inc. to support educational programming by Breaktime United Inc. and its allied organizations, including, but not limited to programming to assist young adults in earning their high school equivalency; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended to the city of Quincy for special education transportation costs at Quincy public schools; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended to Northeastern University for a district-wide dual enrollment pilot partnership with the Boston Public Schools; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended to Neighborhood Partners for the Hurley School (NPHS) to support renovations to the Hurley School playground, including improvements to the outdoor classroom and nature walk areas, to support outdoor educational use and create a safe, inclusive,

accessible, and welcoming space for students and the diverse surrounding community; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended for the classroom expansion project at the United South End Settlements in Boston; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to The BASE to provide the operational resources needed to scale The BASE's educational programming, including college readiness initiatives and rapidly growing STEM offerings; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for Alma Wright Garden in the City of Boston to support the expansion and maintenance of Alma Wright Garden at The Trotter Elementary School and urban agriculture programming; provided further, that such funds shall be used to increase access to fresh, healthy food, provide educational opportunities related to food systems, nutrition and support efforts to address food insecurity in the City of Boston; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended for The Literacy Lab for the purposes of providing evidence-based literacy intervention services, and to provide program participants with professional development skills to enhance the educator pipeline in Massachusetts; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to support renovations at the Summer Street School playground in the town of Lynnfield, including the installation of developmentally appropriate structures for special needs students enrolled in the school's Differentiated Learning Program; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended to the city of Quincy for summer education programs at Quincy public schools; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended to the Boys and Girls Club of Lynn for the construction and equipping of new and expanded early education facilities; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for Wondermore, to bridge the literacy gap through increased book access in Boston Public Schools; provided further, that not less than \$125,000 shall be expended to Old Rochester Regional High School for the replacement of unsafe gymnasium bleachers that are beyond their useful life and no longer serviceable; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to support the Wayland School District to offset school facilities costs for fiscal year 2026; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the Tewksbury Public Schools to support students in the Town of Tewksbury; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the Wilmington public schools to support students in the town of Wilmington; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended to the city of Lynn for the procurement and installation of a LED scoreboard at Manning field in the city of Lynn; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to Framingham public schools for the purchase of a wheelchair accessible van; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to Ashland Public schools for the purchase of a wheelchair accessible van; provided further, that not less than \$15,000 shall be expended to the city known as the town of North Attleborough for development of a sensory, occupational, and physical therapy space at the amvet boulevard school; provided further, that not less than \$40,000 shall be expended to the town of Mansfield for creation of a multi-media lab space at Mansfield high school and acquisition of associated studio production equipment; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the Plymouth public schools for the purchase and installation of security cameras and related equipment; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to Spark Media Foundation Inc, for the purposes of supporting their after school, hands-on, radio engineering, broadcast content, engineering, and art education programs across the commonwealth; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended to the West Springfield Boys and Girls Club for building infrastructure and classroom expansion improvements in the town

of West Springfield; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to Chelsea public schools; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended for 826 Boston to administer writing enrichment, tutoring and college prep services for public school students; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to Attleboro public schools for interactive display panels with stands for middle school classrooms; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to Tri-County regional vocational technical high school for the construction of a community greenhouse and garden for use in the culinary arts and engineering and sustainability programs; provided further, that not less than \$10,000 shall be expended to the city known as the town of North Attleborough for resources and tools for special education services; provided further, that not less than \$23,500 shall be expended for a grant to Atlantic Resiliency Innovation, Inc. to support K-12 STEM enhancement programming, including hands-on learning opportunities, curriculum development and partnerships with local school districts; provided further, that not less than \$15,000 shall be expended to the city known as the town of North Attleborough for 3-dimensional printers for use in STEM education at elementary and middle school; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the Ukrainian research institute at Harvard for the 2027 TCUP conference, in collaboration with the UMASS system and state university system; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the Bellingham public school district to offset special education costs for fiscal year 2026; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the Blackstone-Millville regional public school district to offset special education costs for fiscal year 2026; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the Uxbridge public school district to offset special education costs for fiscal year 2026; provided further, that not less than \$30,000 shall be allocated to the town of Lunenburg to design and plan replacement of the school playground at the Lunenburg primary school; provided further, that not less than \$350,000 shall be expended to support operations and hygiene product acquisition for Hope and Comfort; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to Inquilinos Boricuas en Acción (IBA) for La CASA, the center for arts, self-determination, and activism, to support individuals and families in breaking the cycle of poverty and achieving socio-economic mobility through high-quality youth programming, evidence-based education, and financial empowerment programming for residents; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the Worcester public library and Worcester public schools to expand their library access partnership focused on improving student literacy and academic outcomes; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for capital improvements of the boys and girls club of greater Westfield that will expand and enhance the education program for area teens; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to support the Leicester school district to offset special education costs for fiscal year 2026; provided further, that not less than \$5,000 shall be expended for smarter HEPA air filters for classrooms at the Benjamin Franklin classical charter public school in the city known as the town of Franklin; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to Westfield public school district to replace and upgrade technology and enhance the learning experience of students; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the Plymouth public schools for the purchase and installation of safety bollards; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to Norris elementary school in Southampton for student and teacher laptop replacement; provided further, that funds shall be expended for tutoring, curriculum-based enrichment, digital access to devices and learning tools and transportation to support consistent participation in after-school programming;

provided further, that the program shall prioritize low- and moderate-income students; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the city of Gardner to support the operations of a teen center; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the Worcester Public schools to make playground improvements at Grafton Street School; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended for the Boston Debate League for their after-school debate league program; provided further, that not less than \$300,000 shall be expended for friends of the children Boston for the expansion of the professional K-12 youth mentorship program; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to Natick Public schools to support targeted academic initiatives and family engagement efforts necessary to accommodate for the growth in the number of multilingual learners at Natick public schools, as well as to support programs designed to aid those students who can benefit from additional academic support as they work toward graduation; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to the town of Clinton for communication and security upgrades at Clinton elementary, including replacement of the telephone system and improvements to building access controls; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the town of Boylston for the replacement of the roof at Boylston elementary school; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the renovation and improvement of the playground at Tucker; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the city of Lynn for upgrades to outdoor grounds abutting secondary education institutions in the city of Lynn; provided further, that not less than \$30,000 shall be allocated to the North Middlesex Regional School District for fire safety upgrades to Spaulding Memorial School in the Town of Townsend; provided further, that not less than \$60,000 shall be expended to the Haverhill for the Haverhill Promise initiative to expand early literacy; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to support full-day kindergarten in the town of North Reading; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended for technology improvements in the North Reading public schools; provided further, that not less than \$125,000 shall be expended to Piers Park Sailing Center for sailing and maritime education and operations in East Boston; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the USS Constitution Museum, Inc. for civics education programs within the Charlestown Navy shipyard park; provided further, that not less than \$15,000 shall be expended for Casserly House's adult ESOL education program for immigrants who speak, read, and write little or no English to receive help and support in the Archdale area of Roslindale; provided further, that not less than \$10,000 shall be expended for the Southwest Boston Community Development Corporation's Green Team, focusing on educational opportunities, career readiness, leadership development, and life skills for students, youth and young adults; provided further, that not less than \$125,000 shall be expended for Campus Without Walls to provide live, virtual, credit-bearing educational courses and career pathways to high school students and school districts across the commonwealth; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to Boston Partners for Education to support school programming needs; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for traffic calming and pedestrian safety improvements in proximity of the Wildwood Elementary School Project in the town of Wilmington; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to One Bead Project to fund entrepreneurship and career readiness programming for school age children in the City of Boston; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for pedestrian and traffic safety improvements in the town of Tewksbury along the Route 38 corridor; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the Boston Public Schools

for Vietnamese and Cape Verdean dual language programs; provided further, that not less than \$60,000 shall be expended to the Martha's Vineyard Boys and Girls Club for the purchase of a new vehicle; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 be expended to the Marine Biological Laboratory in the town of Falmouth for research and education; provided further, that not less than \$875,000 shall be expended for the Simon Wiesenthal Center's Mobile Museum of Tolerance Bus to serve middle and high school students, teachers, law enforcement agencies, faith leaders, government leaders and others by bringing an inventive approach to community outreach through bringing the museum field trip directly to the communities and designed to prevent bullying, racism, antisemitism, hate and intolerance and to encourage respect for human dignity; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the Town of Burlington for an elementary school generator that failed prematurely; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the East Boston Social Centers for community-based initiatives for kindergarten; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended to the City of Worcester for accessibility and playground improvements for Quinsigamond Elementary School; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended for otherwise unreimbursed costs to municipalities for out of district special education costs of students living at Hanscom Air Force Base; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended for a reserve to assist the Town of Bedford for the education of children in families employed by the federal government on military reservations who attend Shawsheen Valley Technical High School; provided further, that not less than \$30,000 shall be expended to the Newton Public Schools for the Pre-School Reading Early Intervention Program; ; provided further, that not less than \$40,000 shall be expended to the Newton Public Schools for the Math Pathways Summer Program; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the Newton Public Schools for the Digital Writing Portfolio Program; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended for Thrive Scholars to support college to career services; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the young parents program at More Than Words, Inc.; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the USS Massachusetts Commissioning Committee for the commissioning of the USS Massachusetts; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to the Haverhill Community Playground in partnership with Haverhill Public Schools for the Golden Hill Elementary Playground project; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for the town of Rockland to support bilingual education and English language learner programs, including instructional services, curriculum development and family engagement; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 be allocated for the student resource and support center for mental health services in memory of Jason Bernard at the Higgins Middle School in the City of Peabody; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to Boston Public Schools for experiential STEM and innovation programming for public education institutions serving grades K-6 in the East Boston section of the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for Augmented Communication Devices for the Sharon Public Schools; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for equipment and materials for a STEM Lab in the Sharon Public Schools; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the Massachusetts Biotechnology Education Foundation, Inc. to increase career pathways for the life sciences sector; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to Auburn Public Schools to support students in the town of Auburn; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to Millbury Public Schools to support students in the town of

Millbury; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to Oxford Public Schools to support students in the town of Oxford; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for YouthConnect to provide community-based mental health services to high-risk youth and their families residing in the East Boston community; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to Berkley Public Schools for the purchase of a high-quality reading curriculum resource; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended for the expansion of Mission Grammar School Expansion; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for Science Club for Girls for STEM education programming; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the University of Massachusetts Stone Living Lab to research salt marsh restoration techniques in East Boston; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the Town of Halifax to offset special education costs for FY26; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the Town of Pembroke for HVAC repairs and replacements at Pembroke Public School buildings; provided further, that not less than \$15,000 shall be expended to the Town of Plympton for roof repairs at the Dennett Elementary School; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended to the city of Waltham to offset special education costs for fiscal year 2026; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to South Shore Vocational Technical High School to support paramedic training for students, including programming developed in coordination with local fire departments and emergency medical service providers; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the town of Northbridge to offset special education costs for fiscal year 2026; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the town of Upton to offset special education costs for fiscal year 2026; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the town of Grafton to offset special education costs for fiscal year 2026; provided further, that not less than \$1,000,000 shall be expended for the New England Culinary Arts Training expansion and relocation to Nubian Square; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended to the Town of Georgetown to undertake necessary repairs and upgrades to Georgetown Middle Highschool; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for updated computer lab equipment at Woburn Memorial High School in the City of Woburn; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended for educational programming at the Immigrants Assistance Center, Inc. in New Bedford; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for the Acton-Boxborough Resource Center for connecting residents to community resources at Acton-Boxborough schools; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for materials, equipment and capital improvements for public schools in the town of Reading; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended for the Lawrence Partnership, Inc. for the purpose of advancing inclusive economic opportunity, workforce development and small business support initiatives in the city of Lawrence; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended for the Boston Public Schools for their early homelessness intervention and prevention programming; provided further, that not less than \$30,000 shall be expended for educational programming at Dennison Memorial Community Center in New Bedford; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended to the city of Newton to offset special education costs for fiscal year 2026; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended to the Town of Newbury to undertake necessary infrastructure system repairs in Newbury Elementary School; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for Boston Harbor Now to provide free ferry service for educational programming for Massachusetts public

school students and youth groups on the Boston Harbor Islands; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to Just A Start to support the solar photovoltaic installer training program; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to support renovations at the Teaticket Elementary School playground in the town of Falmouth, including the installation of developmentally appropriate structures for special needs students; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for improvements to the Saugus public schools; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended to support full time kindergarten in the city known as the Town of Braintree; provided further, that not less than \$15,000 shall be expended for student technology devices for the Swift River Elementary School in New Salem; provided further, that not less than \$35,000 shall be expended for facility enhancements for a preschool classroom at Greenwood Elementary School in the Town of Wakefield; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the city of Watertown to offset special education costs for fiscal year 2026; provided further, that not less than \$40,000 shall be expended for an audiovisual system for the all-purpose room at the Horace Mann Elementary School in the City of Melrose; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended for the renovations of the all-purpose room at the Hoover Elementary School in the City of Melrose; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for security, technology and lighting improvements for the Bridgewater Raynham Regional School District; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for installation of a new building water filtration system at Bridgewater Middle School in Bridgewater; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the Salem Academy Charter for equipping the school with new security and emergency communication devices; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to support the 21st Century Afterschool and summer programs at the Arthur T. Cummings Elementary School within the City of Winthrop known as the Town of Winthrop; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the Boys and Girls Clubs of Cape Cod in the town of Mashpee for various after-school education programs; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to support financial gaps at the Revere Community school, initiates relative to education for workforce preparation with ESL, Technical Preparedness, computer literacy, and classroom supplies in the City of Revere; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for updated curriculum materials for Shutesbury Elementary School in Shutesbury; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the Middleborough Public Schools to support students in the town of Middleborough; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the Haverhill YMCA for the construction and enhancement of a new early education facility; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for Springfield public schools to obtain and disperse, to all schools, multilingual dictionaries for multilingual learner students; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for Springfield public schools to obtain translation devices to support communication for multilingual learner students and their parents; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for Springfield public schools to expand the arts program by acquiring art supplies, theater essentials and pottery supplies to increase student engagement; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the Latino Economic Development Corporation (LEDC) to provide access for Springfield youth to attend Springfield Code Ninjas ‘where kids write the Code’ to obtain and disperse vouchers to Springfield families with multilingual children; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the Financial Literacy Youth Leadership Program through the Legacy Latino Economic

Development Corporation; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the HOPE Center for the Arts to provide college planning, application, test prep, financial aid, scholarships, and career alternative pathways for students; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Western Massachusetts; provided further, that not less than \$30,000 shall be expended for facility and safety improvements for Belchertown Public Schools; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the Amherst Early Education Center for its pre-kindergarten program; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the city of Beverly for initial start-up costs to expand afterschool educational and enrichment programs for youth aged 11-18 at the recently renovated Myles McPherson Youth Center; 6; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended to Cambridge Community Center to establish one of the first carbon-neutral resilience hubs in the United States; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the Duxbury Public School District in order to assist with a feasibility study or renovations for Alden Elementary School; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the Freetown Lakeville Regional School District to support students in the towns of Freetown and Lakeville; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to Empower Yourself youth drone/robotics program operated through Brockton Public Schools in collaboration with MIT; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to the Brockton Public Schools to enable BPS to advance much needed improvements to the Davis school outdoor recreation area; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for statewide expansion of the real-time climate monitoring project led by the Stone Living Lab at the University of Massachusetts Boston; provided further, that not less than \$300,000 shall be expended to Special Olympics Massachusetts, Inc. for early motor skills development and inclusive pre-K and elementary education; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the Massachusetts Adoption Resource Exchange (MARE) for the purposes of expanding programming and educational resources on the opportunities for individuals and families to adopt children from the Massachusetts foster care system specifically educational programming focusing on trauma-informed skills and competencies to support the children and teens who wait the longest for permanency, including children of color, LGBTQ+ youth, and those with disabilities; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the town of Arlington for technology upgrades in the Arlington Public schools; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended as a grant to the Southcoast Health At Home Angel Wings Retreat Bereavement Program to educate children and teens and provide them with coping skills while grieving the loss of a loved one; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to The Eliot School of Fine & Applied Arts in the Jamaica Plain neighborhood of the city of Boston for arts education and youth programming; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended to Weymouth public schools Career Technical Education for the purchase and costs associated for updated curriculum and materials including but not limited to Allied Health, Automotive Technology, Construction Technology, Cosmetology, Culinary Arts, Drafting and Design Technology, Early Childhood Education, Graphic Communication, Information Technology, and Metal Fabrication programs; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended for the Boston Public Schools for their homeless education resource network; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to Southwest Boston Senior Services to provide educational services to seniors in Southwest Boston; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for playground sitework and installation at Taylor

Elementary School in New Bedford; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended to the MassYouthInnoLab for K-12 career-connected learning resources; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended for the Anchor and Teaching Program at the South Boston Community Health Center, a teaching community health center, to support nurse practitioner students and create pipelines to providing quality healthcare for underserved populations; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended to Boston Scores for the operations of the East Boston FC and Festival 2026 programming to celebrate housing the World Cup in the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to Brockton Public Schools for the study of rebuilding Brockton High School; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the Taunton Public Schools to support students in the City of Taunton; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended for psychosocial educational programming at the Teen Torch Foundation; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for Julie's Family Learning Program to upgrade aging infrastructure for its adult and early childhood education programs; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for the Community Art Center Inc. School Age Child Care (SACC) Program in the city of Cambridge; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 be expended to the Town of Winchester for assistance in the acquisition of not more than 15 acres of land in Winchester, commonly known as Forest Ridge, to be utilized for conservation and nature based education; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended to the Fort Point Arts Community to provide educational instruction and engagement through arts and culture and provided further, that funds may be used as part of a matching grant program; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to Junior Achievement of Greater Boston to enhance middle school to career pathways, featuring the following significant programs: 1. Interactive career exploration events designed to connect 1,200 8th graders with local businesses and industries to provide education pathways for career enhancement; 2. Direct youth entrepreneurship by giving high school students the space, mentorship, materials and educational support necessary to launch and operate businesses in conjunction with coursework; 3. Providing financial literacy courses, materials and educator training to students enrolled in financial literacy courses through designated district public schools; and 4. Providing all levels of placement services and support for paid internships for program alumni; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended to the National Inventors Hall of Fame to expand STEM summer learning opportunities for economically disadvantaged students across the Commonwealth in grades kindergarten through six at Camp Invention sites; provided further, that not less than \$120,000 shall be expended to support the special education and after school program transportation for students in the City of Fall River; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended for the Boston Public Schools for evidence-informed school-based mental health intervention programming; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for skill-building workshops at the Margaret Fuller House in the city of Cambridge; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for the South Boston Neighborhood House to offset deficits in its early childhood education and care program; provided further, that not less than \$40,000 shall be expended for the Acton Discovery Museum to expand its Traveling Science Workshops (TSW) Fellowship to allow the museum to hire and train an early-career Fellow to deliver hands-on STEM programs directly in classrooms; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended to the Laboure Center to offset costs associated with placing English language learners through its Nursing Assistant &

Home Health Aide Program; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for educational enrichment field trips for the City of Fall River public school students; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for safety improvements at Old Post Road Elementary School in Walpole; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for a feasibility study for electrification and HVAC improvements at the Hardy Elementary School in the town of Arlington; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be allocated to the City of Watertown for renovations to the Phillips School Gymnasium; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to support the Abington School District to offset special education costs for fiscal year 2026; provided further, that not less than \$125,000 shall be expended for alternative programming relating to career readiness for students in the Belmont Public Schools; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended to GBH's educational public media resources for the Commonwealth; provided further, that not less than \$84,000 shall be expended for the Calvin Coolidge Presidential Library and Museum to expand civics education programs, including redesign and technological investments; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended to the Robbins House to update exhibitions and technology, and enhance educational programming to serve its growing audience of over 10,000 annual visitors; provided further that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended for the Boston Public Schools for afterschool programming; provided further, that not less than \$300,000 shall be expended to the Pittsfield Public Schools in the City of Pittsfield for unreimbursed out of district special education transportation costs; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the Methuen Literacy Partnership initiative to expand early literacy in the city of Methuen; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the Boys and Girls Club of Metro North for the continued operation of the INspire Cafe program; provided further, that not less than \$125,000 shall be expended to Framingham State University to provide ADA Compliant Close Captioning at the Framingham State University auditorium and gymnasium to comply with accessibility mandates; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended for the town of West Boylston to offset extraordinary out-of-district special education tuition costs, including reimbursement for prior year losses in contingency funding that resulted in staff reductions; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to Andover Public Schools to support students in the town of Andover; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to Boxford Public Schools to support students in the town of Boxford; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to North Andover Public Schools to support students in the town of North Andover; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for No Limits Academy Massachusetts, Inc. to support youth development, mentoring, academic support and violence prevention programming for at-risk youth in the cities of Lawrence and Methuen; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the installation of a wheelchair-accessible elevator to the athletic field press box at Monomoy Regional High School; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to The Valedictorian Project, Inc., to provide supplemental educational support to public high school graduates from Boston, Brockton, Chelsea, Lawrence, Holyoke and Worcester, and to enable The Valedictorian Project to expand its operations in the Commonwealth; provided further, that not less than \$30,000 shall be expended for wi-fi and technological enhancements for Carlisle Public Schools; provided further, that not less than \$350,000 shall be expended for the Stoughton Public Schools; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 be expended to Neighborhood Ninjas for the construction of a

NinjaFit Playground in the town of Lee; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for building improvements at the Rindge Avenue Upper and Peabody Elementary School campus in the city of Cambridge; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the New Bedford Public Schools for replacing bleachers at the New Bedford High School gymnasium; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for an educational pilot program for the Boston Lyric Opera to provide tours and educational programming in music and performance arts to public school students and youth groups; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for Community Investors, Inc.’s PowerPlay Initiative in the town of Wellesley in support of the expansion of an inclusive after-school and out-of-school-time recreational program at urban and suburban Massachusetts schools; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for a project to connect organic gardening, outdoor exercise, healthy food, food preparation and elementary school aged children in the greater Northampton area, operated by Grow Food Northampton; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to support the East Bridgewater School District to offset special education costs for fiscal year 2026; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to support the Whitman Hanson Regional School District to offset special education costs for fiscal year 2026; and provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for technology and security upgrades at Nauset Regional Middle School”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “100,000” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “29,453,484”;

In item 1596-2604 by striking out the figures: “150,000,000” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “152,000,000”;

In item 1596-2703 by striking out the figures: “500,000”, the first times it appears, and inserting in place thereof the figures: “750,000”, by striking out the figures: “500,000”, the second time it appears, and inserting in place thereof the figures: “1,000,000”, by adding the following: “; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the Welcome and Exhibition Center expansion of the New Bedford Whaling Museum; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended for the Museum of African American History for the purpose of civic education about the historic and on-going impact of efforts by Massachusetts Black communities on expanding equality and civil rights for all Commonwealth residents”; and by striking out the figures: “1,000,000” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “2,050,000”;

By inserting after item 1596-2703 the following 2 items:

- “1596-2704 For a reserve to support regional school transportation costs; provided, that the commissioner of elementary and secondary education may transfer funds from this item to item 7035-0007 and expend said funds subject to the conditions specified in said item in the general appropriations act for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026\$3,000,000
- 1596-9813 For rural school aid to eligible towns and regional school districts, excluding vocational schools, independent agricultural, technical schools and charter schools; provided, that a school district shall be eligible for rural school aid if a school district has a student density of not more than 35 students per square mile and an average annual per capita income of not more than the average annual per capita income for the commonwealth for the same period; provided further, that rural school aid shall be allocated equitably in the following priority order: (i) school districts

serving less than 11 students per square mile; (ii) school districts serving not more than 21 students per square mile; and (iii) school districts serving not more than 35 students per square mile\$2,000,000”; and

In section 32, in lines 771 to 774, inclusive, by striking out the following: “and (8) the agreement between the University of Massachusetts and the American Federation of Teachers Educational Services Unit (ESU) Professional Local 1895, Dartmouth Campus, Unit D85” and inserting in place thereof the following: “(8) the agreement between the University of Massachusetts and the American Federation of Teachers Educational Services Unit (ESU) Professional Local 1895, Dartmouth Campus, Unit D85; and (9) the agreement between the University of Massachusetts and the American Federation of Teachers Faculty Federation Local 1895, Dartmouth Campus, Unit D80 & Unit D81.”.

On the question on adoption of the consolidated amendments, the sense of the House was taken by the yeas and nays, as required under the provisions of House Rule 33F; and on the roll call (Mr. Garballey of Arlington having taken the Chair) 151 members voted in the affirmative and 2 in the negative.

Consolidated amendments adopted,—yea and nay No. 142.

[See Yea and Nay No. 142 in Supplement.]

Therefore the consolidated amendments were adopted.

The Speaker being in the Chair,—

Mr. Thurber of Somerset and other members of the House then moved to amend the bill by adding the following 2 sections:

“SECTION 40. Section2DDDDDD of Chapter 29 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2024 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following subsection:

(c) Annually, not later than October 31, the comptroller shall transfer from the Education and Transportation Innovation and Capital Fund to the Municipal Roads and Schools Capital Distribution Fund established in section 2EEEEEE an amount equal to not less than \$100,000,000 or 50 per cent of the balance credited to the fund during the preceding fiscal year pursuant to subsection (c) of section 2BBBBBB, whichever is greater; provided, however, that such transfer shall occur prior to any appropriation of amounts credited to the fund under subsection (a).

SECTION 41. Chapter 29 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by adding the following new section:

Section 2IIIII.

Chapter 29 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after Section 2HHHHHH the following new section:

Section 2IIIII. (a) There shall be established and set up on the books of the commonwealth a separate fund known as the Municipal Roads and Schools Capital Distribution Fund. The fund shall be credited with: (i) funds transferred pursuant to subsection (c) of section 2DDDDDD; (ii) appropriations or other money authorized or transferred by the general court and specifically designated to be credited to the fund; (iii) funds from public and private sources, including, but not limited to, gifts, grants and donations; and (iv) any interest earned on the assets of the fund. The fund shall not be subject to section 5C.

(b) Annually, not later than December 31, the comptroller shall distribute all amounts credited to the fund during the preceding fiscal year to municipalities as follows: each city and town shall receive a proportional share based on its population as a percentage of the total population of the commonwealth as determined by the most recent federal decennial census or the most recent annual municipal census certified by the secretary of the commonwealth, whichever is more recent.

(c) Each municipality shall apply amounts received under this section as follows: (i) not less than 50 per cent for capital expenditures for the repair, maintenance, construction or reconstruction of roads and bridges within the municipality; and (ii) not less than 50 per cent for capital expenditures for public school facilities and equipment within the municipality. No amounts distributed under this section shall be expended for recurring operational expenses, including but not limited to employee compensation and benefits.

(d) Amounts distributed under this section may be applied to retire existing capital debt obligations of the municipality or reserved for future capital expenditures consistent with the purposes set forth in subsection (c). Unexpended balances retained by a municipality shall remain available for expenditure in subsequent fiscal years consistent with said subsection (c).

(e) Annually, not later than March 31, each municipality receiving a distribution under this section shall submit a report to the comptroller certifying the use of amounts received, delineated by category under subsection (c). The comptroller shall compile and publish a summary of all municipal reports on a publicly accessible website not later than 90 days after the municipal reporting deadline.

(f) The comptroller shall certify the balance of the fund at the end of each fiscal year.”

After debate on the question on adoption of the amendment, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, at the request of Mr. Smola of Warren; and on the roll call 25 members voted in the affirmative and 128 in the negative.

[See [Yea and Nay No. 143](#) in Supplement.]

Therefore the amendment was rejected.

Mr. Michlewitz of Boston and other members of the House then moved to amend the bill in section 2A by inserting after item 1599-8910 the following item:

“1599-8999 For a reserve to support transition age youth services; provided, that funds shall be expended for increasing access to transition-aged youth to high-quality, evidence and community based services that have undergone rigorous evaluation and have been rated by a third-party clearinghouse; provided further, that funds expended from this reserve shall be matched by private investment \$1,000,000”;

In section 2F, in item 1596-2507, by adding the following:

“; provided, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended for parking lot safety improvements at Medway Burke Memorial School; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for road repair projects in the town of Shrewsbury; provided further, that not less than \$275,000 shall be expended to BAGLY, Inc., to support transportation costs for AGLY Network and allied organization youth to increase access to services, meetings and community events; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to improve pedestrian safety and access to local businesses on state highway route 38 at Billings Avenue in the city of Medford; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for solar powered lighting for the West Revere section of the Northern Strand Walking Path; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended to support capital and operating needs of the daily Brookline Senior Center-Brookline Teen Center shuttle service; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the town of Royalston for the engineering of the King Street Bridge; provided further that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the town of Orange to support the East Main Street culvert repair project; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the city of Greenfield to support the reconstruction and repair of Abercrombie

Amendment rejected,—yea and nay No. 143.

Consolidated amendments.

Drive; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the town of Erving to support the expansion of Care Drive; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the town of Scituate for repair, resurfacing and other improvements to Jericho road; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the town of Westborough for public roadway and sidewalk improvements; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the town of Southborough for public roadway and sidewalk improvements; provided further, that not less than \$300,000 shall be expended to the Massachusetts Department of Transportation for public safety and beautification efforts on the Causeway street base side of the Bill Russell Bridge; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the town of Northborough for public roadway and sidewalk improvements; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for road and curb improvements in the city of Fitchburg to accommodate a Massachusetts Department of Transportation detour; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the city of Worcester to repair the Belmont Street pedestrian bridge; provided further, that not less than \$300,000 shall be expended for redesign and reconstruction initiatives at Everett Square in the city of Everett; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to the town of Lunenburg to replace Bridge No. L-17-003 on Flat Hill road; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to the city of Attleboro for resurfacing route 152 from Dodgeville ridge to the town of Seekonk town line; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended to the city of Worcester for reconfiguration and safety improvements at the intersection of Richards street and Cambridge street; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the city of Malden for traffic signal repairs and improvements; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the town of Lancaster for sidewalk installation along Narrow Lane; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the town of Berlin to repair and rehabilitate the culvert on Randall Road and for structural repairs to the Linden Street bridge; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the town of Sterling for the rehabilitation of Greenland road; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended to the city of Malden for streetscape and intersection safety improvements; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended for public safety improvements at the bridge on Norfolk Street in the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended for NeighborHealth Corporation for medically necessary patient transportation and home meal delivery services to seniors participating in Neighborhood PACE; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the town of Groton to install rapid flashing beacons to improve pedestrian safety on Main Street; provided further, that not less than \$750,000 shall be expended to the city of Boston for street operations; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to the town of Leicester to administer the senior medical rides program in partnership with the Worcester Regional Transit Authority; provided further, that not less than \$300,000 shall be expended for the MetroWest Regional Transit Authority to continue and expand microtransit services; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to the city of Worcester for the Webster Square corridor renovation; provided further, that not less than \$80,000 shall be expended to the city of Haverhill for the installation of rapid flashing beacons to address pedestrian safety; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended to the city of Peabody for a traffic study of Margin Street from the border of the town of Danvers to the border of the city of Salem; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the city of Peabody for sidewalk repairs and improvements; provided

further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended to the city of Boston for replacement public safety lighting in the Brighton neighborhood in the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended for the town of Marlborough non-profit Employment Options Clubhouse to replace vans aging out of service in order to transport clients in mental health recovery to and from appointments and employment-related activities; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended to Merrimack Valley Transit (MeVa) to support an optimization study for demand response paratransit service; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended for transportation safety improvements in the city of Brockton and to upgrade Brockton Public Works Department's snow equipment; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the town of Kingston for the final design and planning of the traffic project at Route 3 and Route 3A; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended to the town of Hamilton to complete a missing sidewalk project along Highland Street; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for roadway and sidewalk improvements in the New Boston Street Bridge area in the city of Woburn; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for the town of Reading for the procurement of a passenger van or bus to provide shuttle transportation services; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the transportation improvements in the city known as the town of Braintree; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the pavement resurfacing of North Avenue in the town of Wakefield; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended for a traffic study of the Lincoln Elementary School area in the city of Melrose; provided further, that not less than \$30,000 shall be expended for the city of Melrose for the procurement of traffic safety equipment and signage; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for transportation improvements in the town of Holbrook; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the repairs on Lynnfield Street in the city of Lynn; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for traffic safety measures with speed calming resources to create more safe and accessible pedestrian paths along the Beachmont and Wonderland corridor; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for UMass Dartmouth to expand the intercampus and off campus shuttle service including, but not limited to, transportation to and from the UMass Dartmouth campus to the New Bedford and Fall River commuter rail stations; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the town of Bourne for public roadway and sidewalk improvements; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended to the town of Ipswich for pedestrian improvements along bridges and roads; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the town of Arlington for pedestrian safety improvements; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended for bulkhead and berth upgrades at Foss Marine Terminal in New Bedford to support multi-purpose marine transportation and cargo uses; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended to the town of Andover to support improvements to the Essex Street Corridor; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended to the city of Lawrence for construction and rehabilitation initiatives for the Daisy Street Bridge; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the town of Duxbury for repairs and maintenance for Powder Point Bridge; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to facilitate the design for the Main Street and North Main Street road project; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended to the town of Rowley for pedestrian improvements along roads; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for FAA-compliant safety improvements at Norwood

Regional Airport; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for the senior taxi program in the city of Somerville; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the town of Chelmsford for design improvements to Chelmsford center traffic signalization; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended to the town of Stoneham for town wide pedestrian improvements and sidewalk construction and repairs; provided further, that not less than \$350,000 shall be expended to Westmass Area Development Corporation to support multimodal transportation and access improvements, including pedestrian and bicycle access, internal circulation, connectivity and supporting infrastructure, to advance transit-oriented and walkable redevelopment at Ludlow Mills; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for safety improvements at the Pendergast Circle on route 1 in Norwood; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended for the purchase and installation of roadway safety signage in the town of West Boylston; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended to the town of Topsfield for roadway and directional signage; provided further, that not less than \$165,000 shall be expended to the Dismas House for the Dismas Family Farm program and the purchase of a new EV van; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the sidewalk improvement in the town of Belmont; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended for the Community Path in the town of Belmont; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended as a grant to Southcoast Health for a community wellness program vehicle to provide more robust services to community members who face barriers to transportation and other social drivers of healthcare access in Bristol County; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for the dog park on 348 Main Street in the town of Acton; provided further, that not less than \$300,000 shall be expended to the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority for sound mitigation at Wellesley Square Station in the town of Wellesley; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the city of Salem to maintain the Salem Skipper micro transit program's expanded regional service areas in Beverly and Danvers; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for culturally informed transportation infrastructure along Adams Street in Nonantum in the city of Newton; provided further, that not less than \$300,000 shall be expended to the town of Wellesley for redesign of the Weston Road corridor, including the Linden street and Central street bottleneck and the state highway route 9 interchange; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the city of Chelsea to purchase a van or bus to provide shuttle service; and provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for Flerra Meadows ADA costs related to its playground in the town of Boxborough"; and in said item by striking out the figures: "100,000" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "9,090,000";

In item 1596-2521 by adding the following: "; provided, that not less than \$1,650,000 shall be expended for the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority to operate ferry service between Lewis Wharf Mall in East Boston and Long Wharf in the North End; provided further, that the authority shall report on the number of passengers who utilize said service to the house and senate committees on ways and means not later than March 31, 2027"; and

By inserting after section 23 the following 2 sections:

"SECTION 23A. Item 1599-6088 of section 2A of chapter 268 of the acts of 2022 is hereby amended by striking out the words 'for the airfield redevelopment' and inserting in place thereof the following words: for redevelopment and infrastructure improvements along Merrimack Street.

SECTION 23B. Section 86 of chapter 14 of the acts of 2025 is hereby amended by striking out the words ‘December 31, 2025’, each time they appear, and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following words:- July 31, 2026.’.

On the question on adoption of the consolidated amendments, the sense of the House was taken by the yeas and nays, as required under the provisions of House Rule 33F; and on the roll call 149 members voted in the affirmative and 4 in the negative.

[See [Yea and Nay No. 144](#) in Supplement.]

Therefore the consolidated amendments were adopted.

On the question on passing the bill, as amended, to be engrossed, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, at the request of Mr. Michlewitz of Boston; and on the roll call 150 members voted in the affirmative and 3 in the negative.

[See [Yea and Nay No. 145](#) in Supplement.]

Therefore the bill (House, No. 5280, published as amended) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

On motion of Ms. Hogan of Stow,—

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

Consolidated amendments adopted,— yea and nay No. 144.

Bill passed to be engrossed,— yea and nay No. 145.

Next sitting.

At seven minutes after ten o’clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington (The Speaker being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Thursday at eleven o’clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

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THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 2026.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, March 19, 2026.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Garballey of Arlington 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. Garballey), 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 during the sitting of March 18, 2026. If I had been present, I would have voted yea on roll call numbers 142, 144 and 145; and I would have voted nay on roll call number 143.

Mr. Barrett
of North
Adams.

Guests of the House.

During the session, the Chair (Mr. Garballey of Arlington), declared a brief recess and introduced, seated in the House Chamber, members of the Cape Cod Community Leadership Institute. They were the guests of Mr. Vieira of Falmouth, a graduate of the institute.

Cape Cod
Community
Leadership
Institute.

Resolutions.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Representative Sabadosa of Northampton and other members of the House) commending the Endometriosis Alliance of Massachusetts for its recognition of March 2026 as Endometriosis Awareness Month, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Endometriosis
Awareness
Month.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee, reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Orders.

The following orders were referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules:
Order (filed by Representatives Livingstone of Boston and Garcia of Chelsea) relative to extending until Friday, July 31, 2026 the time within which the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities is authorized to report on a current House document (House, No. 5232).

Extensions
of time for
committees
to make
reports.

Order (filed by Representatives Arciero of Westford and Philips of Sharon) relative to extending until Friday, July 31, 2026 the time within which the committee on Transportation is authorized to report on current House documents (House, No. 5265).

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. Wong of Saugus, the orders were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

The following orders were referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules:

Order (filed by Representatives Chan of Quincy and Keefe of Worcester) relative to extending until Friday, May 15, 2026 the time within which the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure is authorized to report on a current House document (House, No. 5262).

Extensions of time for committees to make reports.

Order (filed by Representatives Madaro of Boston and Philips of Sharon) relative to extending until Friday, June 26, 2026 the time within which the committee on Revenue is authorized to report on current House documents (House, No. 5256).

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. Vieira of Falmouth, the orders were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

The Order (filed by Representatives Lawn of Watertown and Kilcoyne of Clinton) relative to extending until Monday, June 15, 2026 the time within which the committee on Health Care Financing is authorized to report on current House documents, was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Health Care Financing,—extension of time for reporting.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 5270) ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Badger of Plymouth, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted.

Communication.

A communication from the Department of Unemployment Assistance (see Section 14F of Chapter 151A of the General Laws) submitting the January 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, 2026 and ending December 31, 2030, was placed on file.

Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund.

Annual Reports.

Annual Reports

Of the Pension Reserves Investment Management Board (under Section 23 of Chapter 32 of the General Laws) relative to divestment from companies that derive certain revenues from the sale of tobacco products;

PRIM,—tobacco divestment.

Of the Pension Reserves Investment Management Board (under Section 64(f) of Chapter 42 of the Acts of 2022) relative to divestment from Russian restricted securities;

PRIM,—Russia divestment.

Of the Pension Reserves Investment Management Board (under Section 6 of Chapter 232 of the Acts of 2010) relative to the divestment from Iran restricted securities; and

PRIM,—Iran divestment.

Of the Pension Reserves Investment Management Board (under Section 4 of Chapter 151 of the Acts of 2007) relative to divestment from Sudan restricted securities;

PRIM,—
Sudan
divestment.

Severally were placed on file.

Petition.

Representative Day of Stoneham presented a petition (subject to Joint Rules 12 and 9) of Michael S. Day for legislation to establish quantum investment and tax incentive programs for certain quantum science research, development, manufacturing or commercialization; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Quantum
science.

Paper from the Senate.

A joint petition (accompanied by bill) of Joanne M. Comerford and Susannah M. Whipps for legislation to provide equal opportunity for residents to vote on establishment of the Great River Regional School District, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Great River
Regional
School District.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 3026) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

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 following petitions:

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Jack Patrick Lewis relative to retirement benefits for Suzanne Garcia a member of the state employees' retirement system and the Framingham retirement system. To the committee on Public Service.

Suzanne
Garcia,—
retirement.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Kristin E. Kassner and others relative to senior property tax credits. To the committee on Revenue.

Senior
property taxes.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Badger of Plymouth, the reports were considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended, in each instance. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

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

The Senate Bill clarifying call firefighter rights (Senate, No. 2960); and
House bills

Call firefighters.

Temporarily protecting recently widowed spouses from foreclosure (House, No. 1329);

Widows,—
Foreclosures.

Protecting wages of employees who receive wages through an electronic wage card (House, No. 2074);

Electronic
wage cards.

To protect hospital workers from being deprived of their wages (House, No. 2124);

Hospitals,—
wages.

Establishing a minimum wage for employees of airline catering companies (House, No. 2145);	Airline catering employees.
To encourage donations to local nonprofits (House, No. 3169);	Donations.
Limiting the use of prison labor (House, No. 5125); and	Prison labor.
Establishing a sick leave bank for Courtney Cochran, an employee of the Department of Children & Families (DCF) (House, No. 5245);	Courtney Cochran.
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.	
By Mr. Saunders of Belchertown, for the committee on Agriculture and Fisheries, on House, Nos. 136 and 141, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Agriculture and Fisheries to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to toxic sludge and foreign-owned land (House, No. 5249).	Toxic sludge and foreign-owned land,— study
By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 3981, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Agriculture and Fisheries to make an investigation and study of a certain House document relative to high impact fisheries (House, No. 5250).	High impact fisheries,— study
By Ms. Fiola of Fall River, for the committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies, on House, Nos. 485, 489, 490, 492, 497, 498 and 499, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to state grants, job creation and other related matters (House, No. 5252).	State grants, job creation and other related matters,— study
By Mr. Hunt of Boston, for the committee on Election Laws, on House, No. 808, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Election Laws to make an investigation and study of a certain House document relative to residency affidavits for candidates (House, No. 5251).	Candidate residency,— study.
By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 803, 809, 810, 813, 814, 823, 828, 829, 830, 831, 835, 841, 847, 852, 854, 855, 861, 866, 869, 870, 872, 879, 881, 3908, 3919, 3943, 4034, 4055, 4098, 4108, 4189, 4377 and 4499, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Election Laws to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to voting rights, ranked choice voting and other related matters (House, No. 5253).	Voting rights, ranked choice voting and other related matters,— study.
By Mr. Cahill of Lynn, for the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, on House, Nos. 2566, 2567, 2575, 2577, 2586, 2593, 2599, 2601, 2605, 2612, 2623, 2624, 2625, 2628, 2630, 2634, 2635, 2638, 2641, 2649, 2654, 2659, 2660, 2661, 2670, 2674, 2678, 2679, 2680, 2685, 2688, 2694, 2697, 2702, 2706, 2707, 2717, 2718, 2721, 2737, 2739, 3962, 4049, 4124 and 4125, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to passenger safety, correctional facilities and other related matters (House, No. 5254).	Passenger safety, correctional facilities and other related matters,— study.
Severally referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.	
Subsequently, Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committees, reported, in each instance, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the orders; and recommending that the same severally be referred to the House committee on Rules.	
Under Rule 42, the reports severally were considered forthwith; and they were accepted.	

By Ms. Barber of Somerville, for the committee on Environment and Natural Resources, on a petition, a Bill to create a commission to determine the feasibility of voluntary acquisition of flood risk properties and structures (House, No. 1051) [Representative Sweezey of Duxbury dissenting]. Read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Flood risk properties and structure.

By Ms. Barber of Somerville, for the committee on Environment and Natural Resources, on a petition, a Bill protecting drinking water quality in private wells (House, No. 900) [Representative Sweezey of Duxbury dissenting].

Wells.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing sustainable and equitable funding for climate change adaptation and mitigation (House, No. 938) [Representative Sweezey of Duxbury dissenting].

Climate change,—funding.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill prohibiting the sale of newly farmed fur products (House, No. 990).

Fur products.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill investing in natural and working lands (House, No. 1005).

Land protection.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to further testing after a CSO event (House, No. 1012).

Sewage.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to improve the review and regulation of emerging contaminants on public water systems (House, No. 1020).

Public water systems.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to local protection of water resources from nutrient pollution (House, No. 1021).

Water protections.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House Nos. 1031 and 1046, a Bill relative to combined sewer overflows (House, No. 1031).

Sewage overflows.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing a Massachusetts flood risk protection program (House, No. 1050) [Representative Sweezey of Duxbury dissenting].

Flood risks.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill accelerating wetlands restoration (House, No. 1052).

Wetlands restoration.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to establish a free snowmobile weekend (House, No. 1070).

Snowmobiles.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill pertaining to regional resilience and flood protection entities (House, No. 3938).

Flood protection.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to promoting the beneficial use of dredged materials for coastal resilience, nourishment and restoration (House, No. 3984).

Coastal protection.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing a review process of guidelines for managing recreational use of beaches to protect piping plovers, terns, and their habitats in Massachusetts (House, No. 5139).

Shore birds.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 898, a Bill to end the taking of horseshoe crabs for bait (House, No. 5266).

Horseshoe crabs.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House No. 918, a Bill protecting drinking water and public health from sand mining pollution (House, No. 5267).

Sand mining pollution.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 3945, a Bill to promote urban agriculture in environmental justice communities (House, No. 5268) [Representative Sweezey of Duxbury dissenting].

Urban agriculture.

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

By Ms. Barber of Somerville, for the committee on Environment and Natural Resources, on a petition, a Bill creating parity among Massachusetts beaches (House, No. 5140). Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Massachusetts
Habitat
Conservation
Plan.

Engrossed Bill.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Sally Desrosiers, an employee of the Department of Correction (see House, No. 4962, amended) (which originated in the House), in respect to which the Senate had concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill
enacted.

Orders of the Day.

The Senate amendment of the House Bill authorizing the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to convey certain parcels of land in the city of Brockton (House, No. 4768), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was adopted, in concurrence.

Brockton,—
land.

House bills

Authorizing the town of Conway to continue the employment of fire department member Howard Boyden (House, No. 4506); and

Authorizing William Pilleri to take the civil service examination for the position of firefighter in the town of Arlington notwithstanding the maximum age requirement (House, No. 4507); and

Authorizing the town of Conway to continue the employment of police department member Michael Habel (House, No. 4525);

Severally reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Third
reading
bills.

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 thirteen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.



MONDAY, MARCH 23, 2026.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Monday, March 23, 2026.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Garballey of Arlington 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. Garballey), 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 Representatives González of Springfield and DeCoste of Norwell) commending the Sleep Apnea Awareness Initiative as it recognizes March 2026 as Sleep Apnea Awareness Month; and

Sleep Apnea
Awareness
Month.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Ryan of Boston, Biele of Boston and McGonagle of Everett) celebrating the commissioning of the United States Ship Massachusetts (SSN 798);

U.S.S.
Massachusetts.

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 Mr. Wong of Saugus, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Communications.

Communications

From the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (see Section 18Y of Chapter 6A of the General Laws) submitting its fiscal year 2025 Sexual Assault Evidence Collection Kit (SAECK) annual summary report;

Sexual assault
evidence
collection kits.

From the Department of Children and Families (see Sections 7(e), 23, 24 and 25 of Chapter 18B of the General Laws; Sections 23(f), 23(h), 39½ and 51D of Chapter 119 of the General Laws and item 4800-0015 contained in Section 2 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting an annual report for fiscal year 2024;

Department of
Children and
Families.

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 report on the Distribution of Funds for fiscal year 2025; and

Department of
Mental Health,—
funds.

From the Office of the Comptroller (see Section 1A and 1B of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the actual revenue tax and non-tax collections for fiscal year 2025;

Actual revenue
tax and non-tax
collections.

Severally were placed on file.

Quarterly and Monthly Reports.

A quarterly report of the Disabled Persons Protection Commission (under item 1107-2501 of Section 2 of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting its fiscal year 2026 second quarterly report for the period of October-December, 2025; and

Disabled Persons
Protection
Commission.

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 December, 2025; Severally were placed on file.

Net state
tax revenue.

Petitions.

Representative Sabadosa of Northampton and Senator Mark presented a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5294) of Lindsay N. Sabadosa and Paul W. Mark (by vote of the town) for legislation to establish a temporary moratorium on large scale ground-mounted solar photovoltaic installations and battery energy storage systems in the town of Worthington; and the same was referred to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Worthington,—
moratorium.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Diggs of Barnstable, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Kip A. Diggs that the Cape Cod Regional Transit Authority be authorized to designate the Hyannis Transportation Center in the town of Hyannis as the Thomas S. Cahir Cape Cod transportation center.

Cahir
transportation
center.

By Representative Stanley of Waltham, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Thomas M. Stanley that the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance be authorized to provide the city of Waltham with a right of first refusal over the lease of the Veterans Memorial rink in said city.

Waltham,—
Veterans
Memorial rink.

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

Papers from the Senate.

A Bill promoting pet equity, treatment and safety (Senate, No. 3028) (on Senate bill No. 2720), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Pet equity.

Bills

Designating October 15 as Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Day (Senate, No. 2145) (on a petition);

Pregnancy and
infant loss day.

Providing for recall elections in the town of Rutland (Senate, No. 2789) (on a petition) [Local Approval Received];

Rutland,—
recall elections.

Extending the time for the town of Boxford to grant 2 additional licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (Senate, No. 2913) (on a petition) [Local Approval Received];

Boxford,—
liquor
licenses.

Extending the deadline for the town of Milton to appropriate money for the construction of a new school on certain land acquired for conservation purposes (Senate, No. 2963) (on a petition) [Local Approval Received];

Milton,—
appropriation.

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were read; and they were referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

A report of the committee on Housing, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 3022) of Sal N. DiDomenico and Pavel M. Payano for legislation to create the engaging neighborhoods, organizations, unions, governments, and households fund, and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Community Development and Small Businesses,— accepted by the Senate, was considered forthwith, under Rule 42; and it was accepted, in concurrence.

Community funds.

A petition (accompanied by bill) of Ryan C. Fattman and John J. Marsi for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Stephanie Rivera, an employee of the Worcester County Sheriff's Office, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Public Service.

Stephanie Rivera,— sick leave.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 3031) was referred, in concurrence, 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 Peter F. Harrington relative to condominium conversion of co-owned two-unit buildings. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Housing. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Condominiums,— conversions.

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:

Further defining the purposes of the affordable housing trust in the city of Somerville (House, No. 3921) [Local Approval Received];

Somerville,— affordable housing.

Relative to a real property exemption for disabled persons in the town of Swampscott (House, No. 4444) [Local Approval Received];

Swampscott,— exemptions.

Amending the town of Arlington's means tested senior citizen property tax exemption (House, No. 4575) [Local Approval Received];

Arlington,— property taxes.

To clarify the organization of the Lexington Housing Assistance Board (House, No. 4842) [Local Approval Received];

Lexington housing assistance board.

Providing for the exchange of certain park land in the town of Lexington (House, No. 4843) [Local Approval Received]; and

Lexington,— land.

Establishing a charter for the town of Orange (House, No. 5053) [Local Approval Received];

Orange,— charter.

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.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the Resolutions urging the Congress of the United States to update the Drug Addiction Treatment Act of 2000 and remove excessive training requirements mandated for obtaining a waiver to prescribe buprenorphine (House, No. 3827), be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Buprenorphine,— prescriptions.

A report of the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, under the last sentence of Rule 7A, that the Resolutions condemning political oppression and encouraging free and fair elections in Cambodia (House, No. 3851), be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Cambodia,—
oppression.

Severally placed in the Orders of the Day for the next sitting, the question being on adoption.

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. 5137) of Shirley B. Arriaga relative to the sale of parrots,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Environment and Natural Resources. Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Parrots,—
sales.

By Ms. Fiola of Fall River, for the committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies, on House, Nos. 481, 483, 488, 496 and 4431, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to gaming matters (House, No. 5269). Referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Gaming
matters,—
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. Arciero of Westford, for the committee on Transportation, on House, No. 4987, a Bill financing long-term improvements to municipal roads and bridges (House, No. 5279). Referred, under Rule 17G, to the House committee on Bonding, Capital Expenditures and State Assets.

Roads and
bridges.

By Ms. Domb of Amherst, for the committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery, on a petition, a Bill establishing a pilot program for access to regulated psilocybin (House, No. 2203) [Representatives Xiarhos of Barnstable, Muradian of Grafton and Howitt of Seekonk dissenting].

Psilocybin.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing a pilot for the use of psychedelics in licensed treatment facilities (House, No. 4200) [Representatives Xiarhos of Barnstable, Muradian of Grafton and Howitt of Seekonk dissenting].

Psychedelics
and treatment.

Severally referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Education, on a petition, a Bill relative to the long-term fiscal health and sustainability of special education in the Commonwealth (House, No. 691).

Special
education,—
funding.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing a special commission on special education funding (House, No. 717).

Id.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 646, a Bill relative to neurodiversity education (House, No. 5285).

Neurodiversity
education.

By Mr. Cusack of Braintree, for the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy, on House, Nos. 3487 and 3975, a Bill establishing a special commission to investigate double utility poles (House, No. 3487).

Double
poles.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to lithium-ion batteries (House, No. 3511).

Lithium-ion
batteries.

Severally read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

By Mr. Vargas of Haverhill, for the committee on Community Development and Small Businesses, on a petition, a Bill to promote school centered neighborhood development (House, No. 298) [Representative Thurber of Somerset dissenting].

Neighborhoods,—
school
centered.

By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Education, on a petition, a Bill to establish the Whole Child Grant Program (House, No. 544).

Students,—
well being.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to create and expand student pathways to success (House, No. 637).

Workforce and
college readiness.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 542, a Bill expanding access to family, friend, and neighbor-provided childcare (House, No. 5282).

Childcare,—
access.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 547, a Bill relative to providing health education in schools (House, No. 5283).

Schools,—
health education.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 632, a Bill furthering enrollment preferences for high need students (House, No. 5284).

Charter schools,—
enrollment.

By Mr. Hunt of Boston, for the committee on Election Laws, on a petition, a Bill relative to campaign finance reform (House, No. 848) [Representatives Frost of Auburn and Lombardo of Billerica dissenting].

Campaign
finance
reform.

By Mr. Cahill of Lynn, for the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, on House, No. 5158, a Bill promoting rule of law, oversight, trust, and equal constitutional treatment (“The PROTECT Act”) (House, No. 5293).

Federal
immigration,—
enforcement.

By Mr. Arciero of Westford, for the committee on Transportation, on a petition, a Bill fostering intercity Passenger Rail Fund (House, No. 3680).

Rail funding.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing driver privacy protections (House, No. 3755).

Drivers,—
privacy.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to explore alternative funding sources to ensure safe and reliable transportation (House, No. 3788).

Vehicle mileage
user fee.

By Mr. Cusack of Braintree, for the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy, on a petition, a Bill relative to energy efficiency education (House, No. 3460).

Energy
education.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the maximum storage charges on motor vehicles involuntarily towed (House, No. 3481).

Towed
vehicles.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to improve outdoor lighting, conserve energy, and increase dark-sky visibility (House, No. 3494).

Light
pollution.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to grid optimization (House, No. 3502).

Meters,—
grid software.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill to ensure notice to abutter communities of applications to the department of public utilities (House, No. 3513).

Utilities,—
abutter
notices.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to prevent predatory towing fees for police-authorized tows (House, No. 3516).

Towing fees.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to transparency in private utility construction contracts (House, No. 3524).

Public utility
contracts.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the protection and development of the thermal commons of the Commonwealth (House, No. 3543).

Thermal
commons.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to energy conservation (House, No. 3545).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 3522 and 3576, a Bill relative to a just transition to clean energy (House, No. 3576).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to collective procurement of energy supply (House, No. 3973).

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

By Mr. Cusack of Braintree, for the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy, on a petition, a Bill relative to tow lien reform (House, No. 3485).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to automatic re-enrollment in the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) (House, No. 3509).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to replacement plans (House, No. 3517).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to reduce administrative burden for government and industry (House, No. 3538).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to surety bonds (House, No. 3566).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the city of Somerville to establish a net zero emissions standard for new constructed buildings and major renovation projects (House, No. 4035) [Local Approval Received] [Representative Jones of North Reading dissenting].

By Mr. Arciero of Westford, for the committee on Transportation, on a petition, a Bill relative to Massachusetts identification cards (House, No. 3735).

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

Rental housing,—
energy costs.

Clean energy.

Energy supply,—
procurement.

Towed
vehicles.

Energy
assistance.

Gas meters,—
replacement.

Towed
vehicles.

Utilities,—
surety bonds.

Somerville,—
net-zero
emission.

Identification
cards.

Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed bills

Directing the city of Boston police department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Jason DeLeon (see House, No. 4142); and

Authorizing the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to convey certain parcels of land in the city of Brockton (see House, No. 4768, amended);

(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.

Orders of the Day.

House bills

Directing the city of Boston Police Department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Doumy Pamera (House, No. 4572); and

Authorizing Sean Duffy to take the civil service examination for the position of firefighter in the city of Haverhill notwithstanding the maximum age requirement (House, No. 4573);

Third
reading
bills.

Severally reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

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

Next
sitting.

At nine minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Wednesday at eleven o'clock A.M.

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 2026.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Wednesday, March 25, 2026.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M. 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.

Appointment of the Minority Leader.

The Minority Leader announced that (under the provisions of Section 221 of Chapter 6 of the General Laws) Representative Howitt of Seekonk had been relieved of duty (at his own request) from the Hate Crimes Task Force, and that Representative Xiarhos of Barnstable had been appointed to fill the vacancy.

Hate Crimes Task Force.

Statement of Representative Ashe of Longmeadow.

A statement of Mr. Ashe of Longmeadow 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 am unable to be present in the House Chamber for today's sitting due to a positive COVID test. If I had been present, I would have voted yea on roll calls numbered 146 to 150, inclusive. My missing of roll calls today is due entirely to the reason stated.

Statement of Representative Ashe of Longmeadow.

Statement of Representative Schwartz of Newton.

A statement of Mr. Schwartz of Newton 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 sitting of Wednesday, March 18th. If I had been present, I would have voted yea on roll calls numbered 142, 144 and 145; and I would have voted nay on roll call number 143.

Statement of Representative Schwartz of Newton.

Remote Participation.

Notice had been received from House Counsel that, under the provisions of House Rule 49, Representatives Arriaga of Chicopee, Ferguson of Holden and Vaughn of Wrentham had been approved to participate remotely for today's formal sitting.

Remote participation.

Resolutions.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Representatives Moakley of Falmouth, Chan of Quincy, Diggs of Barnstable, McGonagle of Everett and Wells of Milton) celebrating Carolyn Sammartino Moran on the occasion of her eightieth birthday, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Carolyn
Sammartino
Moran.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee, reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Silvia of Fall River, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

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 Thomas M. Stanley that the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance be authorized to provide the city of Waltham with a right of first refusal over the lease of the Veterans Memorial rink in said city. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Ouellette of Westport, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Waltham,—
Veterans
Memorial
rink.

By Mr. Chan of Quincy, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, on House, No. 380, a Bill to effectuate Massachusetts' participation in the social work licensure compact (House, No. 5272).

Social workers,—
licensure
compact.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 4907, a Bill to relative to the sale of nitrous oxide (House, No. 5273).

Nitrous oxide,—
sale.

By Ms. Domb of Amherst, for the committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery, on House, No. 2196, a Bill relative to establishing protections for and ensuring access to harm reduction programming and services in the commonwealth (House, No. 5274) [Representatives Markey of Dartmouth, Xiarhos of Barnstable, Muradian of Grafton and Howitt of Seekonk dissenting].

Harm reduction
programming.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 2198, a Bill reducing emergency department boarding (House, No. 5275) [Representatives Xiarhos of Barnstable, Muradian of Grafton and Howitt of Seekonk dissenting].

Hospitals,—
emergency
boarding.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 2199, a Bill ending unnecessary hospitalizations (House, No. 5276) [Representatives Xiarhos of Barnstable, Muradian of Grafton and Howitt of Seekonk dissenting].

Hospitalizations.

By Mr. Ryan of Boston, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill relative to the town of Plymouth Harbormaster employees (House, No. 2749) [Local Approval Received].

Plymouth,—
harbormaster.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to ensure fairness in retirement benefits for institutional teachers (House, No. 2757).

Institutional
teachers.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to attorneys at the Department of Children and Families (House, No. 2771).

Attorneys,—
retirement.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the Department of Youth Services (House, No. 2781).

Youth services,—
retirement.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to public safety personnel (House, No. 2796).

Post-retirement
earnings.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the retirement benefits of certain employees of the department of mental health (House, No. 2802).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 2807 and 2905, a Bill to protect the retirement classification of Barnstable county dispatchers and dispatch retirees (House, No. 2807).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to special investigators of the alcohol beverage control commission (House, No. 2814).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill regulating education administrator retirement (House, No. 2816).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to retirement for nuclear reactor operators (House, No. 2817).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to Massachusetts certified emergency telecommunicators (House, No. 2818).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill directing the State Board of Retirement to grant certain retirement benefits (House, No. 2833).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to teacher's retirement buyback for former parochial school teachers (House, No. 2865).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill amending retirement benefits for certain employees of the parole board (House, No. 2878).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill designating Aerial Foresters of the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation to be in Group 2 of the contributory retirement system (House, No. 2881).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to public safety dispatchers (House, No. 2885).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to ensure fairness in retirement benefits for certain employees of the Department of Correction (House, No. 2929).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to victim witness advocate retirement classification (House, No. 2935).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to Brockton school police (House, No. 2937).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to Massachusetts certified emergency telecommunicators (House, No. 2968).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to provide public safety telecommunicators with the same internal benefits as first responders (House, No. 2971).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to employees of the Commonwealth that are required to respond to crime scenes (House, No. 2979).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to retirement benefits for county correctional nurses (House, No. 2980).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to Mass Port police officers (House, No. 2997).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 2808 and 3002, a Bill relative to the retirement of University of Massachusetts police (House, No. 3002).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the city of Salem harbormaster and assistant harbormasters (House, No. 4583) [Local Approval Received].

Mental health,— retirement.

Barnstable county,— retirement.

Investigators,— retirement.

Administrators,— retirement.

Nuclear reactor operators.

Dispatchers,— retirement.

Virginia Wise,— retirement.

Parochial school teachers.

Parole board,— retirement.

Aerial foresters,— retirement.

Dispatchers,— retirement.

Correction,— retirement.

Victim witness advocates.

Brockton,— school police.

Dispatchers,— retirement.

Public safety communicators,— benefits.

Forensic scientists,— retirement.

Correctional nurses.

Mass Port,— police retirement.

UMass,— police retirement.

Salem,— harbormaster.

By Mr. Cusack of Braintree, for the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy, on a petition, a Bill relative to healthy and sustainable schools (House, No. 3476).

Schools,—
energy
efficiency.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill limiting the eligibility of woody biomass as an alternative energy supply (House, No. 3548).

Woody
biomass.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 3478 and 3546, a Bill to streamline broadband permitting and ensure equitable access to infrastructure (House, No. 5290).

Broadband,—
permitting.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 3499, a Bill to promote low-income access to solar (House, No. 5291).

Solar,—
access.

By Mr. Arciero of Westford, for the committee on Transportation, on House, No. 3654, a Bill relative to restoring commuter rail to Cape Cod (House, No. 5277).

Cape Cod,—
commuter rail.

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. 330, a Bill to clarify the minimum age for the sale of adult-use products or services (House, No. 5271).

Adult-use
products,—
sales.

By Mr. Ryan of Boston, for the committee on Public Service, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to the maximum age requirement for original appointment as a police officer for the city of Worcester (House, No. 3929) [Local Approval Received].

Worcester,—
police
officers.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to raising the age requirement for entrance to the Boston Police Academy (House, No. 4093) [Local Approval Received].

Boston,—
police
officers.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the maintenance of pre-employment physical examination records for public safety personnel in the city of Quincy (House, No. 4890) [Local Approval Received].

Quincy,—
physical
examinations.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to waiving the maximum age requirement for police officers for Matthew Cummings (House, No. 5034) [Local Approval Received].

Boston,—
Matthew
Cummings.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to the maintenance of pre-employment physical examination records for public safety personnel in the city of Peabody (House, No. 5054) [Local Approval Received].

Peabody,—
physical
examinations.

By Mr. Cusack of Braintree, for the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy, on House, No. 3551, a Bill relative to smart meters (House, No. 5292).

Smart
meters.

By Mr. Arciero of Westford, for the committee on Transportation, on House, No. 3713, a Bill relative to noise report data and good neighbor policy at Beverly Regional Airport (House, No. 5278).

Beverly
Regional
Airport.

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

Motions to Discharge Certain Matters in the Orders of the Day.

The House Bill establishing memorial markers in the towns of Milton and Canton in memory of certain law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty (House, No. 1069), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was discharged from its position in the Orders of the Day and read a third time forthwith, under suspension of Rule 47, on motion of Mr. Hong of Lowell; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Milton
and Canton.

The House Bill relative to the town administrator of the town of Carlisle (House, No. 4414, changed), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was discharged from its position in the Orders of the Day and read a third time forthwith, under suspension of Rule 47, on motion of Mr. Hong of Lowell.

Carlisle,—
town
administrator.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Walsh of Peabody moved to amend it by substitutions of a bill with the same title (House, No. 5308), which was read.

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

Recess.

At eight minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Vieira of Falmouth (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House recessed until one o'clock P.M.; and eight minutes after two o'clock P.M. the House was called to order with Ms. Hogan of Stow in the Chair.

Recess.

Reports of Committees.

Prior to the noon recess (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair),— By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill authorizing the division of capital asset management and maintenance to release a certain sewer line easement in the West Roxbury section of the city of Boston (House, No. 4368), ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a bill with the same title (House, No. 5304). Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Boston,—
easement.

Mr. Honan of Boston, for said committee, then reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, the bill was read a second time forthwith. The amendment recommended by the committee on Ways and Means then was adopted; and the substituted bill was ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently, the noon recess having terminated (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), under suspension of the rules, on further motion of the same member, the bill (having been 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. The bill (House, No. 5304) then was sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Prior to the noon recess (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair),— By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill promoting rule of law, oversight, trust, and equal constitutional treatment (“The PROTECT Act”) (House, No. 5293), ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a Bill promoting rule of law, oversight, trust and equal constitutional treatment (House, No. 5305). Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Civil immigration
enforcement,—
participation.

Mr. Honan of Boston, for said committee, then reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, the bill was read a second time forthwith. The amendment recommended by the committee

on Ways and Means then was adopted; and the substituted bill was ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently, the noon recess having terminated (Ms. Hogan of Stow being in the Chair), under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Jones of North Reading, the bill (having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) was read a third time.

After debate on the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Vieira of Falmouth moved to amend it by striking out section 4; and the amendment was rejected.

After remarks on the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Gaskey of Carver moved to amend it in section 1, in line 9, by inserting after the word “government” the words “including an immigration judge of the Executive Office for Immigration Review”.

After remarks the amendment was rejected.

Mr. Markey of Dartmouth then moved to amend the bill in section 5, in lines 266 to 275, inclusive, by striking out the two paragraphs contained in those lines and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:

“No law enforcement officer or other employee or representative of a law enforcement agency shall make a civil arrest based upon a civil warrant of an individual present at a courthouse unless a judge sitting in that court, has reviewed such civil warrant and has determined by a preponderance of the evidence the following: (1) the identity of the individual is present in court; and (2) the removal of the individual from the court house would not substantially impair the administration of justice. In determining if there is a substantial impairment the court shall consider the nature of the charges which brings the individual to court, the purpose of the individuals presence in court, the stage of the proceedings the individual is present in court for, and should also consider the convenience and commitment of jurors, victims, witnesses and other court personnel involved in the proceedings before allowing the warrant to be executed within the courthouse.”.

The amendment was rejected.

After remarks on the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Ms. Ramos of North Andover moved to amend it in section 6, in line 363, by inserting after the word “days” the following: “or has a derivative beneficiary as described in 8 U.S.C. § 1101(a)(15)(T)(ii)(III) who will age out within 45 days”.

After remarks on the question on adoption of the amendment, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, at the request of the same member; and on the roll call (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair) 151 members voted in the affirmative and 3 in the negative.

Amendment
adopted,—
yea and nay
No. 146.

[See [Yea and Nay No. 146](#) in Supplement.]

[Mr. Soter of Bellingham answered “Present” in response to his name.]

Therefore the amendment was adopted.

Ms. Barber of Somerville then moved to amend the bill in section 3 by striking out lines 155 and 156 and inserting in place thereof the following two paragraphs:—

“Law enforcement agency”, (i) a state, county, municipal or district law enforcement agency, including, but not limited to, a city, town or district police department, the office of environmental law enforcement, the University of Massachusetts police department, the department of the state police, the Massachusetts Port Authority police department, also known as the Port of Boston Authority police department, and the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority police department; (ii) a sheriff’s department; (iii) a public or private college,

university or other educational institution or hospital police department; or (iv) a humane society police department in section 57 of chapter 22C.

“Law enforcement officer” or “officer”, any officer or employee of an agency, including the head of the agency; a special state police officer appointed pursuant to section 57, section 58 or section 63 of chapter 22C; a special sheriff appointed pursuant to section 4 of chapter 37; a deputy sheriff appointed pursuant to section 3 of said chapter 37; a constable executing an arrest for any reason; or any other special, reserve or intermittent police officer.

After remarks on the question on adoption of the amendment, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, at the request of the same member; and on the roll call 130 members voted in the affirmative and 25 in the negative.

[See [Yea and Nay No. 147](#) in Supplement.]

Therefore the amendment was adopted.

Mr. Jones of North Reading and other members of the House then moved to amend the bill in section 3, in lines 176 and 177, by striking out the words “a person’s release date” and inserting in place thereof the following: “the release date of a person, including, but not limited to, a person convicted pursuant to chapter 265, except for sections 9, 10, 11, 12, 30, 32, 34, 35, 36, 40, and 42 of chapter 265”; and in line 177, inserting after the word “sentence” the following: “, including, but not limited to, a sentence for a conviction pursuant to chapter 265, except for sections 9, 10, 11, 12, 30, 32, 34, 35, 36, 40, and 42 of chapter 265,”.

On the question on adoption of the amendments, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, at the request of the same member; and on the roll call 155 members voted in the affirmative and 0 in the negative.

[See [Yea and Nay No. 148](#) in Supplement.]

Therefore the amendments were adopted.

The Speaker being in the Chair,—

Mr. Reid of Lynn then moved to amend the bill in section 1, in lines 70 and 71, by striking out the text contained in those lines and inserting in place thereof the following:

“(d) The governor, in consultation with the attorney general, shall publish multilingual guidelines for all school districts, as defined in section 2 of chapter 70, on how to handle interactions with law enforcement officers regarding civil immigration enforcement. The multilingual guidelines shall include, but shall not be limited to, guidance on:

(i) designating a contact person or persons to be notified of the presence of, or information requests from, law enforcement agents engaged in civil immigration enforcement;

(ii) verifying the identity and authority of any law enforcement officer engaged in civil immigration enforcement;

(iii) verifying the validity of any judicial warrant or judicial order provided;

(iv) documenting and maintaining records of all interactions with law enforcement agents engaged in civil immigration enforcement;

(v) informing all persons how to respond to requests relating to civil immigration enforcement; and

(vi) any other information the governor and the attorney general deems relevant for school districts.

(e) The governor shall post the published guidelines pursuant to this section prominently on the commonwealth’s website.”.

Amendment
adopted,—
yea and nay
No. 147.

Amendments
adopted,—
yea and nay
No. 148.

After remarks on the question on adoption of the amendment, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, at the request of the same member; and on the roll call 136 members voted in the affirmative and 18 in the negative.

[See [Yea and Nay No. 149](#) in Supplement.]

Therefore the amendment was adopted.

After remarks on the question on passing the bill, as amended, to be engrossed, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, at the request of Mr. Cahill of Lynn; and on the roll call 134 members voted in the affirmative and 21 in the negative.

[See [Yea and Nay No. 150](#) in Supplement.]

Therefore the bill (House, No. 5316, published as amended) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Amendment
adopted,—
yea and nay
No. 149.

Bill passed to
be engrossed,—
yea and nay
No. 150.

Order.

Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair,—

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.

Mr. Jones of North Reading then moved that the House adjourn; and the motion prevailed. Accordingly, without proceeding to consideration of the matters in the Orders of the Day, at twelve minutes after six o'clock P.M., (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.

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THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 2026.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, March 26, 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.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Representative Arena-DeRosa of Holliston and other members of the House) congratulating the United States Peace Corps on the sixty-fifth anniversary of its founding;

Peace
Corps.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Bowen of Beverly) congratulating Noah Boudreau on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout of Scouting America;

Noah
Boudreau.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Bowen of Beverly) congratulating Joseph McManus on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout of Scouting America; and

Joseph
McManus.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Bowen of Beverly) congratulating Benjamin Walsh on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout of Scouting America;

Benjamin
Walsh.

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 Mr. Arena-DeRosa of Holliston, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Communications.

Communications

From the Department of Environmental Protection (see Section 18 of Chapter 21A of the General Laws) submitting its Timely Action, Fees, and Program Improvements report for fiscal year 2025;

Department of
Environmental
Protection.

From the Department of Unemployment Assistance (see Section 14F of Chapter 151A of the General Laws) relative to the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund report for January, 2026;

Unemployment
Insurance
Trust Fund.

From the Executive Office for Administration and Finance and the Executive Office for Housing and Livable Communities (see Section 10 of Chapter 1 and Section 88 of Chapter 73 of the Acts of 2025 and Section 19 of Chapter 88 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the February 5, 2026 biweekly report on the emergency housing assistance program; and

Emergency
housing
assistance.

From the Office of MassDevelopment (see item 7002-0400 of Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting its Small Business Technical Assistance Grant Program report for fiscal year 2025;
Severally were placed on file.

Small business grant program.

Annual and Monthly Reports

A report of the Massachusetts District Attorneys Association (under Section 29D of Chapter 272 of the General Laws) on the age, gender identity and race of persons diverted or arraigned with the assistance of Massachusetts District Attorneys for calendar year 2025; and

District Attorneys Association,—personal information.

A monthly report of the Executive Office of the Trial Court (under Section 15(c) of Chapter 239 of the General Laws, as amended by Section 64 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting its report on filings, actions, and dispositions of summary process cases relative to permanent rental protections;

Permanent rental protections.

Severally were placed on file.

Petition.

Representative Honan of Boston presented a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5317) of Kevin G. Honan (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Boston be authorized to grant of easements in or takings of certain parcels of land near Joslin Park in said city; and the same was referred to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Boston,—easement.

Papers from the Senate.

A Bill relative to violation of regulation regarding hot work processes (Senate, No. 1646, amended in line 1 by striking out the word “us” and inserting in place thereof the word “is”) (on a petition), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Hot work processes.

A petition (accompanied by bill Senate, No. 3033) of Michael F. Rush (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to authorize the grant of easements in or taking of certain parcels of land to the city of Boston, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Boston,—easements.

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:

Authorizing the Provincetown year-round market rate rental housing trust to acquire year-round housing occupancy restrictions (House, No. 3909) [Local Approval Received];

Provincetown,—market rate rental.

Relative to affordable housing trust fund of the town of Edgartown (House, No. 4186) [Local Approval Received];

Edgartown,—housing.

Relative to the inclusion of commercial fishermen as a designated vocation for affordable and attainable housing preference in the town of Chatham under Section

Chatham,—commercial fishermen.

32, Seasonal Communities, Subsection (d), of the Affordable Homes Act (House, No. 4288) [Local Approval Received];

Providing for the appointment and removal authority of the town administrator of the town of Wilbraham for employees other than those sworn officers of the Wilbraham police department and Wilbraham fire department appointed by the select board, and department heads appointed by the select board, and department heads appointed by boards and commissions so authorized by general law or by-law (House, No. 4844) [Local Approval Received];

Wilbraham,—
appointments.

Authorizing the town of Plymouth to establish a special revenue account for land acquisition (House, No. 4887) [Local Approval Received]; and

Plymouth,—
land.

Relative to the charter and the town clerk in the town of Falmouth (House, No. 5107) [Local Approval Received];

Falmouth,—
charter.

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

By Mr. Day of Stoneham, for the committee on the Judiciary, on House, Nos. 1581, 1582, 1583, 1584, 1585, 1586, 1587, 1589, 1591, 1592, 1593, 1594, 1595, 1598, 1599, 1602, 1604, 1605, 1606, 1607, 1609, 1610, 1611, 1612, 1613, 1614, 1615, 1616, 1617, 1618, 1619, 1622, 1623, 1624, 1626, 1627, 1628, 1629, 1632, 1633, 1647, 1648, 1650, 1652, 1654, 1656, 1657, 1658, 1659, 1660, 1661, 1662, 1663, 1664, 1665, 1666, 1670, 1671, 1672, 1674, 1676, 1677, 1678, 1679, 1680, 1681, 1683, 1684, 1687, 1689, 1693, 1694, 1696, 1697, 1698, 1699, 1700, 1701, 1702, 1703, 1704, 1705, 1706, 1707, 1708, 1709, 1710, 1711, 1712, 1713, 1714, 1715, 1716, 1717, 1718, 1719, 1720, 1721, 1723, 1724, 1725, 1726, 1727, 1728, 1729, 1730, 1731, 1735, 1736, 1737, 1739, 1741, 1742, 1743, 1744, 1745, 1746, 1747, 1748, 1749, 1751, 1752, 1753, 1754, 1755, 1756, 1757, 1759, 1762, 1763, 1764, 1769, 1770, 1772, 1773, 1774, 1775, 1776, 1777, 1778, 1779, 1780, 1781, 1782, 1783, 1784, 1785, 1786, 1787, 1788, 1789, 1790, 1791, 1792, 1793, 1794, 1795, 1796, 1797, 1798, 1799, 1800, 1801, 1802, 1803, 1804, 1805, 1806, 1807, 1808, 1809, 1810, 1811, 1812, 1813, 1814, 1815, 1816, 1817, 1818, 1819, 1820, 1821, 1822, 1824, 1825, 1826, 1827, 1828, 1829, 1831, 1834, 1835, 1836, 1837, 1838, 1839, 1840, 1841, 1842, 1843, 1844, 1846, 1847, 1848, 1850, 1852, 1853, 1854, 1858, 1859, 1860, 1861, 1862, 1863, 1864, 1865, 1866, 1867, 1868, 1869, 1870, 1871, 1872, 1874, 1875, 1876, 1878, 1879, 1880, 1881, 1882, 1883, 1884, 1885, 1886, 1887, 1888, 1889, 1891, 1892, 1893, 1894, 1895, 1896, 1899, 1901, 1902, 1903, 1904, 1905, 1906, 1907, 1908, 1909, 1910, 1911, 1912, 1914, 1915, 1916, 1917, 1918, 1919, 1920, 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925, 1926, 1929, 1930, 1931, 1933, 1935, 1937, 1938, 1940, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1945, 1947, 1948, 1949, 1950, 1951, 1952, 1955, 1956, 1957, 1959, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2027, 2028, 2029, 2031, 2032, 2033, 2034, 2035, 2036, 2037, 2038, 2039, 2040, 2042, 2043, 2044, 2046, 2047, 2048, 2049, 2050, 2051, 2052, 2053, 2054, 2055, 2056, 2057, 2058, 2059, 2061, 2062, 2063, 2645, 3991, 3992, 4016, 4017, 4018, 4045, 4046, 4064, 4065, 4066, 4164, 4199, 4218, 4412, 4684 and 4736, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on the Judiciary to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to fraud, exploitation, criminal offenses, firearms, drugs, juvenile matters and other judiciary related issues (House, No. 5281). Referred,

Fraud,
exploitation,
criminal
offenses,
firearms, drugs,
juvenile matters
and other
judiciary
related issues,—
study.

under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

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 Ms. Decker of Cambridge, for the committee on Public Health, on House, Nos. 2499 and 4838, a Bill expanding access to perimenopause and menopause care (House, No. 5303). Referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

Menopause care.

By Mr. Livingstone of Boston, for the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, on House, No. 279, a Bill to ensure parity in social work licensure (House, No. 5299).

Social workers,—
licensure
parity.

By Mr. Haggerty of Woburn, for the committee on Housing, on House, No. 1553, a Bill to regulate junk fees in rental housing and advance housing production (House, No. 5301) [Representative DeCoste of Norwell dissenting].

Housing,—
junk fees.

By Mr. McMurtry of Dedham, for the committee on Labor and Workforce Development, on a petition, a Bill to prevent wage theft, promote employer accountability, and enhance public enforcement (House, No. 2094).

Employers,—
accountability.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 2064, 2106, 2188 and 2189, a Bill helping employees after a relative's tragedy (House, No. 5302).

Bereavement
leave.

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

By Mr. Livingstone of Boston, for the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, on House, No. 296, a Bill protecting vulnerable adults from financial exploitation (House, No. 5300). Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Vulnerable
adults,—
financial
exploitation.

Orders of the Day.

House bills

Designating a certain intersection in the town of Pembroke as the Lavina A. Hatch corner (House, No. 3790);

Third
reading
bills.

Relative to the maximum age requirement for police officers in the city of Newton (House, No. 4718); and

Authorizing Jonathan Gagne to take the civil service examination for the position of police officer in the city of Haverhill notwithstanding the maximum age requirement (House, No. 4879);

Severally reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

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.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.



MONDAY, MARCH 30, 2026.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Monday, March 30, 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.

Resolutions.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Representatives Puppolo of Springfield and other members of the House) honoring Massachusetts veterinary associations and advocates in recognizing May 2, 2026 as Veterinary Youth Day in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Veterinary
Youth Day.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee, reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Communications.

Communications

From the Department of Public Utilities (see Section 12Q of Chapter 25 of General Laws) submitting the Energy Facilities Siting Board Trust Fund report of the funds' financial activities from November 6, 2024 through November 12, 2025;

Energy Facilities
Siting Board.

From the Department of Public Utilities (see Section 12R of Chapter 25 of General Laws) submitting the Unified Carrier Registration Trust Fund report of the funds' financial activities from November 7, 2024 through November 12, 2025;

Unified
carriers.

From the Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth (see item 0521-0001 of Section 2 of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting its report on voter registration activity for the calendar year 2025;

Voter
registration.

From the Office of the Comptroller (see item 1599-3384 of Section 2 of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting the Settlements and Judgements accounts payable report for the second quarter of fiscal year 2026;

Settlements
and judgements.

From the Office of the Comptroller (see item 1595-6232 of Section 2E of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting the transfer schedule for the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center (MassCEC) Clean Energy Investment Fund for fiscal year 2026; and

Clean
Energy
Center.

From the Department of Public Health (see Section 31 of Chapter 285 of the Acts of 2024) submitting its "Report on Sober Homes in Massachusetts"; Severally were placed on file.

Sober
homes.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Consalvo of Boston, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Rob Consalvo relative to school bus safety technology.

By Representative Cusack of Braintree, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Mark J. Cusack relative to military creditable service for judges.

By Representative Plouffe of Brockton, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Bridget Plouffe relative to disability retirement income.

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

School buses,—
technology.

Judges,—
retirement.

Disability
income.

Reports of Committees.

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

The Senate Bill extending the time for the town of Boxford to grant 2 additional licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (Senate, No. 2913) [Local Approval Received]; and

House bills

Relative to replacement plans (House, No. 3517);

Establishing a housing trust fund in the town of Chatham (House, No. 4290) [Local Approval Received];

Relative to expanded small property tax abatements in the town of Auburn (House, No. 4754) [Local Approval Received];

Allowing a lease term of up to 99 years for 305 South Street east or a portion thereof (House, No. 4878) [Local Approval Received];

Relative to town meeting accessibility (House, No. 5052) [Local Approval Received]; and

Increasing the maximum amount of penalties which may be imposed for violations of ordinances in the city of Newton (House, No. 5136) [Local Approval Received];

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

Boxford,—
liquor
licenses.

Gas meters.
Chatham,—
housing fund.

Auburn,—
property taxes.

Raynham,—
lease.

Burlington,—
town meeting.

Newton,—
penalties.

The following report was received, the time within which the said committees were required to report having expired:

By Mr. Ryan of Boston, for the committee on Public Service, on House, Nos. 1395, 2741, 2742, 2744, 2745, 2748, 2750, 2751, 2752, 2754, 2755, 2756, 2758, 2760, 2761, 2763, 2765, 2769, 2770, 2772, 2773, 2778, 2779, 2780, 2785, 2789, 2791, 2792, 2793, 2794, 2795, 2797, 2803, 2804, 2809, 2811, 2812, 2821, 2822, 2824, 2825, 2827, 2828, 2830, 2831, 2835, 2837, 2843, 2847, 2849, 2850, 2854, 2855, 2856, 2857, 2858, 2859, 2862, 2863, 2867, 2868, 2872, 2873, 2874, 2875, 2876, 2877, 2888, 2890, 2891, 2892, 2895, 2900, 2903, 2904, 2906, 2907, 2910, 2911, 2912, 2914, 2916, 2919, 2924, 2925, 2927, 2930, 2931, 2934, 2936, 2938, 2941, 2945, 2950, 2952, 2954, 2957, 2960, 2962, 2963, 2964, 2965, 2966, 2967, 2973, 2974, 2976, 2983, 2984, 2989, 2994, 2995, 2999, 3001, 3964, 4079, 4126, 4127, 4141, 4213 and 4299, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Public Service to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to

Public
Service,—
study.

public service matters (House, No. 5312). Referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

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.

Subsequently, Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee on Rules, on the foregoing order, reported, in part, a Bill authorizing the city of North Adams to appoint retired North Adams police officers as special police officers within said city for paid detail assignments (House, No. 4141) [Local Approval Received]. Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Mr. Honan of Boston, for said committee, then reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Badger of Plymouth, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

By Ms. Barber of Somerville, for the committee on Environment and Natural Resources, on House, Nos. 890, 895, 901, 920, 922, 937, 939, 966, 982, 983, 992, 1004, 1006, 1022, 1036, 1037, 1038, 1039, 1040, 1042, 1043, 1045, 1047, 1049, 1057, 1060, 1062, 1063, 1065, 1066, 1067, 1071, 1072, 1074, 1075, 2600, 3920, 4041, 4101, 4110, 4111, 4191, 4513, 4700, 5076 and 5141, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Environment and Natural Resources to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to hunting, water quality and other related matters (House, No. 5307). Referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Hunting, water quality and other related matters,— 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.

The following reports were received, the time within which the said committees were required to report having expired:

By Mr. Stanley of Waltham, for the committee on Aging and Independence, on House, Nos. 755, 757, 759, 761, 766, 768, 770, 771, 773, 782, 784, 787, 788, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 1352 and 4039, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Aging and Independence to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to care facilities, home care and other related matters (House, No. 5310).

Care facilities, home care and other related matters,— study.

By Ms. Domb of Amherst, for the committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery, on House, Nos. 2192, 2194, 2195, 2204, 2209, 2212, 2213, 2214, 2215, 2217, 2218, 2219, 2223, 2224, 2225, 2228, 2229, 2230, 2232, 2233, 2234, 2235, 2236, 2237, 2239, 2240 and 2241, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to mental health, substance use and recovery matters (House, No. 5319).

Mental health, substance use and recovery,— study.

Severally referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

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

Under Rule 42, the reports severally were considered forthwith; and they were accepted.

By Mr. Cahill of Lynn, for the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, on a petition, a Bill establishing a fund for the care of retired police dogs (House, No. 2735).

Retired police dogs.

By Mr. Ryan of Boston, for the committee on Public Service, on House, No. 2786, a Bill relative to compliance officers at the Department of Fire Services (House, No. 5287).

Fire services,—retirement.

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. 4597, a Bill to ensure alcoholic beverages licensing economic opportunity and geographic equity (House, No. 5306) [Representative McKenna of Sutton dissenting].

Liquor licenses,—equity.

By Mr. Ryan of Boston, for the committee, on Public Service, on House, No. 4315, a Bill authorizing the City of Westfield to establish an age limit for original appointment to the position of firefighter (House, No. 5288) [Local Approval Received].

Westfield,—firefighters.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 4475, a Bill authorizing the appointment of retired police officers as special police officers in the town of Norwood (House, No. 5289) [Local Approval Received].

Norwood,—police officers.

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

Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed bills

Directing the city of Boston police department to waive the maximum age requirement for Pierre Charles Darius (see House, No. 3925);

Bills enacted.

Directing the city of Boston Police Department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Doumy Pamera (see House, No. 4572); and

Directing the city of Boston police department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Ryan Cazeau (see House, No. 4740);

(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.

Orders of the Day.

House bills

Authorizing the town of Marblehead to establish a means-tested senior citizen property tax exemption (House, No. 4225); and

Third reading bills.

Establishing a sick leave bank for Courtney Cochran, an employee of the Department of Children and Families (House, No. 5245) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

Severally reported by said committee to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

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

Next
sitting.

At ten minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. McKenna of Sutton (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Thursday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.



THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 2026.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, April 2, 2026.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Garballey of Arlington 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. Garballey), 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 Peisch of Wellesley) honoring William B. O'Leary on the occasion of his one hundredth birthday;

William
O'Leary.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Owens of Watertown) congratulating Ethan Ho on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout of Scouting America; and

Ethan
Ho.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Smola of Warren) celebrating the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of Saint Paul's Church of Palmer;

Saint Paul's
Church of
Palmer.

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 Mr. Smola of Warren, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Communications.

Communications

From the Greater Attleboro Taunton Regional Transit Authority (see Section 8(g) of Chapter 161B of the General Laws) submitting the Attleboro Commuter Rail Station and Parking Lot statement of income and calculation of MBTA share of income for fiscal year 2025;

Greater Attleboro
Taunton Regional
Transit Authority.

From the Greater Attleboro Taunton Regional Transit Authority (see Section 8(g) of Chapter 161B of the General Laws) submitting their annual financial statements for fiscal year 2025;

Id.

From the Greater Attleboro Taunton Regional Transit Authority (see Section 8(g) of Chapter 161B of the General Laws) submitting their single audit report for fiscal year 2025;

Id.

From the Office of the Comptroller (see Section 1A and 1B of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting the actual revenue tax and non-tax collections for the second quarter of fiscal year 2026;

Comptroller,—
revenue
collections.

From the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities (see item 7004-9316 of Section 2 of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting its Residential

Residential
Assistance for
Families in
Transition.

Assistance for Families in Transition (RAFT) first quarterly report for fiscal year 2026; and

From the Office of the Comptroller (see item 1599-2040 of Section 2B of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting the Paid Prior Year Deficiency Report for the second quarter of fiscal year 2026;

Severally were placed on file.

Paid prior year deficiency.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Duffy of Holyoke, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5332) of Patricia A. Duffy (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to electing certain city officials and filling related vacancies; and

Holyoke,—
mayoral
vacancies.

By the same member, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5333) of Patricia A. Duffy (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Holyoke be authorized to amend its charter to require that elected officials be citizens and residents for at least two years.

Holyoke,—
residency
requirement.

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

By Representative Roy of Franklin, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5334) of Jeffrey N. Roy (with the approval of the town council) that the town of Franklin be authorized to increase the limit of the local hotel excise tax in said town. To the committee on Revenue.

Franklin,—
hotel excise
tax.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Representatives Stanley of Waltham and Fiola of Fall River presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Thomas M. Stanley and Patricia D. Jehlen relative to assisted living residences; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Assisted
living
residences.

Papers from the Senate.

Bills

Authorizing the town of Topsfield to convert 4 licenses for sale of wine and malt beverages not to be drunk on the premises to 4 licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises and to prohibit the sale of alcoholic beverages in the containers less than 200 milliliters (Senate, No. 2526) (on a petition) [Local Approval Received]; and

Topsfield,—
liquor
licenses.

Regulating the number of registered voters who may petition for a special town meeting in the town of Andover (Senate, No. 2544) (on a petition) [Local Approval Received];

Andover,—
town meeting.

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were read; and they were referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

A petition (accompanied by bill) of Kelly A. Dooner, Steven S. Howitt and Adam J. Scanlon for legislation relative to retirement benefits for Alec Ciminello, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Public Service.

Alec
Ciminello,—
retirement.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 3044) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Public Service.

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 excise upon the transfer of parking spaces in the city of Salem (House, No. 4547) [Local Approval Received];

Authorizing the town of Auburn to offer expanded senior property tax abatements (House, No. 4585) [Local Approval Received];

Amending the means tested senior citizen property tax exemption in the town of Sudbury (House, No. 4755) [Local Approval Received]; and

Relative to the acquisition and disposition of certain land in the town of Falmouth (House, No. 5108) [Local Approval Received];

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

Salem,—
parking spaces.

Auburn,—
tax abatements.

Sudbury,—
property tax.

Falmouth,—
land.

By Mr. Chan of Quincy, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, on House, Nos. 319, 320, 325, 332, 357, 375, 427, 447, 448, 450, 454, 4019 and 4159, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to consumer protection and professional licensure matters (House, No. 5320).

Consumer
protection and
professional
licensure,—
study.

By Mr. Madaro of Boston, for the committee on Revenue, on House, Nos. 3055, 3057, 3059, 3067, 3070, 3082, 3087, 3094, 3126, 3127, 3129, 3208, 3262 and 3278, an Order authorizing the committee on Revenue to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to certain revenue petitions relating to state taxation (House, No. 5309).

State taxation,—
study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 3013, 3014, 3017, 3024, 3039, 3048, 3052, 3068, 3071, 3072, 3074, 3075, 3081, 3090, 3091, 3103, 3107, 3117, 3119, 3122, 3123, 3160, 3163, 3168, 3174, 3180, 3181, 3182, 3189, 3195, 3197, 3199, 3201, 3205, 3216, 3217, 3218, 3232, 3247, 3253, 3260, 3270, 3281, 4050, 4080, 4081, 4083 and 4219, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Revenue to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to tax credits and deductions (House, No. 5318).

Tax credits and
deductions,—
study.

Severally referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

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

Under Rule 42, the reports severally were considered forthwith; and they were accepted.

By Mr. Hunt of Boston, for the committee on Election Laws, on House, Nos. 799, 800, 802, 807, 811, 812, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 821, 824, 826, 827, 833, 834, 839, 840, 842, 843, 844, 845, 849, 850, 851, 853, 857, 859, 863, 864, 865, 867, 871, 873, 874, 875, 877, 878, 880, 882, 3918, 4033, 4095, 4096, 4097, 4132, 4148, 4190, 4209, 4223, 4241 and 4713, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Election Laws to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to political contributions, voter registration and other related matters (House, No.

Political
contributions,
voter
registration,—
study.

5311) (the time within which the said committee was required to report having expired). Referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

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 severally was considered forthwith; and it was accepted.

By Mr. Ryan of Boston, for the committee on Public Service, on a part of House, No. 56 (as relates to sections 18, 19, 83, 84 and 88), a Bill empowering municipalities and local governments (House, No. 5321) [Senator Dooner dissenting]. Read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Local governments.

By Mr. Rogers of Cambridge, for the committee on Higher Education, on a petition, a Bill relative to tuition and student loan reimbursement in gateway cities (House, No. 4044).

Student loans,—reimbursement.

By Ms. Decker of Cambridge, for the committee on Public Health, on a petition, a Bill relative to organ transplant vehicles (House, No. 4796).

Organ transport vehicles.

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

By Mr. Ryan of Boston, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill expanding the definition of dependent for the purposes of municipal employee benefits as to the city of Cambridge (House, No. 3924) [Local Approval Received].

Cambridge,—dependents.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Colrain to continue the employment of fire department chief Nicholas Anzuoni (House, No. 4846) [Local Approval Received].

Colrain,—Nicholas Anzuoni.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Colrain to continue the employment of fire department deputy chief Kevin Worden Sr. (House, No. 4848) [Local Approval Received].

Colrain,—Kevin Worden.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to the reserve time of public safety personnel in the city of Salem (House, No. 4909) [Local Approval Received].

Salem,—public safety personnel.

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

Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed bills

Exempting Stephen Justice from the maximum age requirement for the position of firefighter in the city of Haverhill (see House, No. 2985);

Bills enacted.

Exempting Javier Vargas from the maximum age requirement for the position of firefighter in the city of Haverhill (see House, No. 2986);

Exempting Brittany Sproule from the maximum age requirement for the position of firefighter in the city of Haverhill (see House, No. 2987);

Exempting Freddy Castaneda from the maximum age requirement for the position of police officer in the city of Haverhill (see House, No. 2988);

Designating a certain overpass in the town of Sandwich as the United States Marine Corps Staff Sergeant Raymond G. Tourville Veterans Memorial Overpass (see House, No. 4374);

Changing the name of the board of selectmen in the town of Williamsburg to select board (see House, No. 4524); and

Making the charter of the city of Chicopee gender neutral (see House, No. 4542); (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.

Orders of the Day.

House bills

Authorizing Kenneth Navarro to take the civil service examination for the position of firefighter in the city of Haverhill notwithstanding the maximum age requirement (House, No. 4476) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

Third reading bills.

Authorizing William “Rob” Cargill to take the civil service examination for the position of firefighter in the city of Haverhill notwithstanding the maximum age requirement (House, No. 4477) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading); and

Regarding special meetings of the Holyoke City Council (House, No. 4738);

Severally reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

The Senate Bill providing for the retirement of Walter L. Guertin, a former member of the fire department in the city of Attleboro (Senate, No. 1859), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Attleboro—
Walter
Guertin.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, in concurrence, Mr. Walsh of Peabody moved to amend it by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in House document numbered 5331.

The amendment was adopted; and the bill (Senate, No. 1859, amended) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence in the amendment.

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. Smola of Warren (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.



MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2026.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Monday, April 6, 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.

Paper from the Senate.

A Bill fostering agricultural resilience in Massachusetts (Senate, No. 3040) (on Senate bill No. 3029), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Farmers
fund.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Donahue of Worcester, for the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches, with reference to the Senate amendment (striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 2749) of the House Bill modernizing the Commonwealth's cannabis laws (House, No. 4206), reported a bill with the same title (House, No. 5350). Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Cannabis
laws.

Mr. Honan of Boston, for said committee, then reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House; and, under said rule, it was placed in the Orders of the Day for the next sitting, the question being on acceptance.

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 relative to military creditable service for judges. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Public Service. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Judges,—
military
service.

By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, on House, No. 5050, reported, in part, a Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2026 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (House, No. 5348) [Total Appropriation: \$300,000,000.00]. Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Supplemental
appropriations.

Mr. Honan of Boston, for said committee, then reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Muradian of Grafton, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently, under suspension of the rules, on further motion of Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, the bill (having been 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.

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 Harwich affordable housing trust to provide for the creation of attainable housing (House, No. 4318) [Local Approval Received];

Authorizing the town of Charlemont to establish a tax on commercial recreation services (House, No. 4435) [Local Approval Received];

Authorizing the town of Millis to establish a means-tested senior citizen property tax exemption for school building construction projects (House, No. 4605) [Local Approval Received]; and

Authorizing the town of Falmouth to expend funds to offset certain costs associated with the installation of low pressure pumps on private property in future sewer service areas (House, No. 5109) [Local Approval Received];

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

By Mr. Cusack of Braintree, for the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy, on House, Nos. 2346, 3444, 3445, 3446, 3447, 3448, 3449, 3450, 3451, 3452, 3453, 3454, 3455, 3456, 3457, 3458, 3461, 3462, 3463, 3464, 3466, 3467, 3468, 3470, 3471, 3472, 3473, 3474, 3477, 3479, 3480, 3482, 3483, 3484, 3486, 3488, 3489, 3490, 3491, 3492, 3495, 3496, 3497, 3498, 3500, 3501, 3503, 3504, 3505, 3506, 3507, 3508, 3510, 3512, 3514, 3515, 3518, 3519, 3523, 3525, 3526, 3527, 3528, 3529, 3530, 3531, 3532, 3533, 3535, 3536, 3537, 3539, 3540, 3541, 3544, 3547, 3550, 3553, 3554, 3557, 3558, 3559, 3560, 3561, 3562, 3563, 3564, 3565, 3567, 3568, 3569, 3570, 3571, 3572, 3573, 3574, 3575, 3577, 3578, 3579, 3580, 3581, 3582, 3583, 3584, 3585, 3951, 3972, 3974, 4036, 4052, 4084, 4689 and 4690, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to utilities, electric vehicles, bottle bill expansion and other related issues (House, No. 5323).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 15, on a part of House, No. 11 and 4144, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to energy affordability, independence and innovation and retail electricity suppliers (House, No. 5324).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 3465, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy to make an investigation and study of a certain House document relative to renewable energy for heating, cooling and hot water under the zoning law (House, No. 5325).

By Mr. Arciero of Westford, for the committee on Transportation, on House, Nos. 3634 and 3661, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Transportation to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to AVs and online instruction (House, No. 5326).

Harwich,—
housing fund.

Charlemont,—
tax.

Millis,—
senior citizen
property tax.

Falmouth,—
funds.

Utilities, electric
vehicles, etc.,—
study.

Energy
affordability,
etc.,—
study.

Renewable
energy,
etc.,—
study.

Autonomous
vehicles and
online
instruction,—
study.

Severally referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

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

Under Rule 42, the reports severally were considered forthwith; and they were accepted.

Emergency Measure.

The engrossed Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2026 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (see House, No. 5348), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was considered, the question being on adopting the emergency preamble.

Contraception coverage.

A separate vote was taken, as required by the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXVII) of the Amendments to the Constitution; and the preamble was adopted, by a vote of 3 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Subsequently, the Senate having concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, the bill (which originated in the House) was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill enacted.

Orders of the Day.

House bills

Designating a certain bridge in the town of Hopkinton as the Major General Frank D. Merrill memorial bridge (House, No. 3608);

Amending the charter for the town of Nantucket (House, No. 4441, changed);

Relative to a real property exemption for persons with disabilities in the town of Swampscott (House, No. 4444) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

Amending the town of Arlington's means tested senior citizen property tax exemption (House, No. 4575); and

Relative to the town of Reading Home Rule Charter (see House, No. 5102);

(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.

Third reading bills.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

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

Next sitting.

At six 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 Wednesday at eleven o'clock A.M.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.



WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 2026.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Wednesday, April 8, 2026.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M. 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.

Guests of the House.

At the beginning of the session, the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford), declared a brief recess and introduced, seated in the Chamber, the Hoosac Valley High School basketball team, who won the Division 5 championship. They were the guests of Mr. Barrett of North Adams.

Hoosac Valley
High School
basketball team.

At the beginning of the session, the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford), declared a brief recess and introduced, seated in East Bridgewater High School cheerleaders, who were the 2026 MIAA Division 4 winter state champions. They were the guests of Representatives Sullivan-Almeida of Abington, Plouffe of Brockton and Senator Brady.

East Bridgewater
High School
cheerleaders.

At the beginning of the session, the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford), declared a brief recess and introduced, seated in the Chamber, from Medway High School: Davis Campbell, winner of the Division 5 State Championship in the high jump, the varsity cheerleading team who the Division 3 State champions for the second year in a row, and the girls co-op ski team, who were winners of the 2026 Alpine Ski Championship, a first for the program. They were the guests of Representatives Roy of Franklin, Soter of Bellingham, Arena-DeRosa of Holliston, Howitt of Seekonk and Chaisson of Foxborough.

Medway
High School
teams.

Remote Participation.

Notice had been received from House Counsel that, under the provisions of House Rule 49, Representatives Arriaga of Chicopee, Boldyga of Southwick, Ferguson of Holden, Galvin of Canton, Lombardo of Billerica and Sullivan-Almeida of Abington had been approved to participate remotely for today's formal sitting.

Remote
participation.

Resolutions.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Representatives Ciccolo of Lexington and Gordon of Bedford) congratulating the William Diamond Junior Fife and Drum Corps upon the occasion of its twenty-fifth anniversary, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

William Diamond
Junior Fife and
Drum Corps.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee, reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Roy of Franklin, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Communications.

Communications

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 January, 2026;

Gaming revenue and sports wagering.

From the Office of the Comptroller (see Section 2TT of Chapter 29 of the General Laws) submitting a report on the activities of the Liability Management and Reduction Fund for fiscal year 2025;

Liability Management Fund.

From the Executive Office for Administration and Finance and the Executive Office for Housing and Livable Communities (see Section 10 of Chapter 1 and Section 88 of Chapter 73 of the Acts of 2025 and Section 19 of Chapter 88 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the February 19, 2026 biweekly report on the emergency housing assistance program; and

Emergency housing assistance.

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

Pappas Hospital.

Severally were placed on file.

Special and Monthly Reports.

Special reports

Of the Office of the Comptroller (under Section 2EEEEEE of Chapter 29 of the General Laws) providing a report on an expenditure in funds from the Commonwealth Federal Matching and Debt Reduction Fund; and

Federal Matching and Debt Reduction.

Of the Special Commission on the Public Health and Safety Concerns Posed by the Proliferation of Xylazine as an Additive to Illicit Drugs, Including, but not limited to, Fentanyl (under Chapter 285 of the Acts of 2024, as amended by Section 95 of Chapter 14 of the Acts of 2025) submitting its final report on recommendations on ways to address the matter; and

Xylazine Commission.

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 January, 2026;

State tax revenue.

Severally were placed on file.

Petitions.

Representatives Lawn of Watertown and Schwartz of Newton presented a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5358) of John J. Lawn, Jr., and Greg Schwartz (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Newton be authorized to place municipal charges liens on certain properties for certain nonpayments in said city; and the same was referred to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Newton,—nonpayment liens.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Fiola of Fall River, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Carole A. Fiola relative to firefighter staffing.

Firefighters,—
staffing.

By Representative Sousa of Framingham, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Priscila S. Sousa relative to fire safety in communities hosting residential state colleges and universities.

Fire safety,—
universities
and colleges.

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

Paper from the Senate.

The House Bill to build resilient infrastructure to generate higher-ed transformation (House, No. 4769), came from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 2993.

Higher
education,—
bond bill.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Rogers of Cambridge, the amendment was considered forthwith. The House then non-concurred with the Senate in its amendment; and on further motion of the same member, asked for a committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches. Representatives Rogers of Cambridge, Finn of West Springfield and Pease of Westfield were appointed the committee on the part of the House. Sent to the Senate to be joined.

Committee of
conference.

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 Leigh Davis for legislation to authorize the Department of Conservation and Recreation to extend the lease authorization for East Mountain State Forest. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Muradian of Grafton, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Environment and Natural Resources. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

East Mountain
State Forest,—
lease.

By Mr. Arciero of Westford, for the committee on Transportation, on House, Nos. 3705 and 3707, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Transportation to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (House, No. 5329) [Representative DeCoste of Norwell dissenting]. Referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Massachusetts Bay
Transportation
Authority,—
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.

The following report was received, the time within which the said committee was required to report having expired:

By Ms. Decker of Cambridge, for the committee on Public Health, on House, Nos. 2378 and 2462, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Public Health to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to patient access to health care services and unclaimed cremated remains (House, No. 5330). Referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Health care
and cremated
remains,—
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. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that the Bill relative to the long-term fiscal health and sustainability of special education in the Commonwealth (House, No. 691) ought to pass. Referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Special education,—
funding.

By Mr. Finn of West Springfield, for the committee on Bonding, Capital Expenditures and State Assets, that the Bill financing long-term improvements to municipal roads and bridges (House, No. 5279) ought to pass [Bond Issue: General Obligation Bonds: \$4,577,000,000.00]. Read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Municipal roads
and bridges,—
bonds.

By Mr. Hunt of Boston, for the committee on Election Laws, on a message from Her Excellency the Governor, a Bill validating certain proceedings of the town of Stow (printed in House, No. 5129).

Stow,—
town
meeting.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill further regulating the filling of vacancies on the city council relative to the office of ward councilor in the city of Marlborough (House, No. 5227) [Local Approval Received].

Marlborough,—
city council
vacancies.

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

Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed bills

Amending the charter of the town of Sandwich (see Senate, No. 2859, amended) (which originated in the Senate); and

Bills
enacted.

Authorizing the city of Springfield to appropriate funds to help certain residents meet their local tax obligations (see House, No. 3213) (which 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.

Motions to Discharge Certain Matters in the Orders of the Day.

The House Bill directing the city of Boston police department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Jose Reyes (House, No. 4799), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was discharged from its position in the Orders of the Day and read a third time forthwith, under suspension of Rule 47, on motion of Mr. Roy of Franklin; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Boston,—
Jose
Reyes.

The House Bill authorizing charity alcohol auctions (House, No. 442), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was discharged from its position in the Orders of the Day and read a third time forthwith, under suspension of Rule 47, on motion of Mr. Roy of Franklin.

Alcohol,—
charity
auctions.

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. 5351), which was read.

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

Recess.

At twelve 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 until five minutes before twelve o'clock noon; and at two minutes before twelve o'clock noon the House was called to order with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair.

Recess.

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

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

Joint Session.

JOINT SESSION

and were called to order by the Honorable William N. Brownsberger, having been appointed by the president, to perform the duties of the Chair.

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

Pledge of allegiance.

Without further action on the matters duly and constitutionally assigned for consideration, at one minute after twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mr. Eldridge of Middlesex and Worcester, the Joint Session was recessed until Wednesday, October 28, 2026 at twelve o'clock noon; and the Senate withdrew from the House Chamber under the escort of the Sergeant-at-Arms.

Recess.

At one minute after twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mrs. Kane of Shrewsbury (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House recessed until one o'clock P.M.; and at twenty-seven minutes after one o'clock the House was called to order with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair.

Recess.

Motion to Discharge a Certain Matter in the Orders of the Day.

Ms. Hogan of Stow being in the Chair,—

The report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches, with reference to the Senate amendment (see Senate document numbered 2749) of the House Bill modernizing the commonwealth's cannabis laws (House, No. 4206), reported recommending a bill with the same title (House, No. 5350), was

Cannabis laws.

discharged from its position in the Orders of the Day and considered, under suspension of Rule 47, on motion of Mr. Donahue of Worcester.

After debate on the question on acceptance of the report, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, at the request of the same member; and on the roll call 155 members voted in the affirmative and 0 in the negative.

[See [Yea and Nay No. 151](#) in Supplement.]

Therefore the report of the committee of conference was accepted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Conference committee report accepted,—yea and nay No. 151.

Reports of Committees.

Prior to the noon recess (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair),— By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Senate Bill to promote student learning and mental health (Senate, No. 2581), ought to pass with amendments by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in House document numbered 5349; by inserting the following emergency preamble:

Safe technology use.

“Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to make certain changes in law to protect the health and wellness of minors, promote safe technology use and provide distraction-free education for youth, which is immediately necessary to accomplish important public purpose, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.”; and by striking out the title and inserting in place thereof the following title: “An Act promoting safe technology use and distraction-free education for youth.”. Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Mr. Honan of Boston, for said committee, then reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, the bill was read a second time forthwith. The amendment recommended by the committee on Ways and Means then was adopted; and the bill (Senate, No. 2581, amended) was ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently, the noon recess having terminated (Ms. Hogan of Stow being in the Chair), under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Gordon of Bedford, the bill (having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) was read a third time.

After debate on the question on passing the bill, as amended, to be engrossed, in concurrence, at six minutes after three o’clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Jones of North Reading, the House recessed subject to the call of the Chair; and at seven minutes after four o’clock P.M. the House was called to order with Ms. Hogan of Stow in the Chair.

Recess.

Mr. Hawkins of Attleboro then moved to amend the bill in section 1, in lines 14 and 15, by striking out the following: “include: (i) any time between classes, during lunch, during other non-instructional times” and inserting in place thereof the word: “exclude (i) any time between classes, during lunch, during non-instructional times”.

After debate the amendment was rejected.

Mr. Sweezy of Duxbury then moved to amend the bill by inserting after section 2 the following section:

“SECTION 2A. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, nothing in section 40 of chapter 69 or section 102 of chapter 71, nor any guidance,

model policy or regulation issued pursuant thereto, shall be construed to require a school district to incur new or additional costs to comply with the provisions of said sections; provided, however, that a school district may, at its discretion, adopt policies or measures that result in additional costs.”.

After debate on the question on adoption of the amendment, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, at the request of Mr. Jones of North Reading; and on the roll call 27 members voted in the affirmative and 128 in the negative.

[See [Yea and Nay No. 152](#) in Supplement.]

Therefore the amendment was rejected.

Mr. Michlewitz of Boston and other members of the House then moved to amend the bill in section 2, in line 99, by inserting after the word “treat” the following: “or monitor”; and

In lines 101 to 104, inclusive, by striking out the following: “or (iv) the district determines that there is an emergency and the use of a personal electronic device is necessary; provided, however, that a district shall authorize a student to use a personal electronic device only to the extent necessary during the emergency” and inserting in place thereof the following:

“(iv) the district determines that there is an emergency and the use of a personal electronic device is necessary; provided, however, that a district shall authorize a student to use a personal electronic device only to the extent necessary during the emergency; or

(v) the superintendent of a district, or a designee, provides in writing that the use of a personal electronic device is necessary for language access for a student, including, but not limited to, translation, interpretation or transliteration purposes; provided, however, that a district shall authorize a student to use a personal electronic device only to the extent necessary to provide language access for a student to adequately understand educational materials and participate in activities during the school day.”.

On the question on adoption of the consolidated amendments, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, as required under the provisions of House Rule 33F; and on the roll call 155 members voted in the affirmative and 0 in the negative.

[See [Yea and Nay No. 153](#) in Supplement.]

Therefore the consolidated amendments were adopted.

Mr. Michlewitz of Boston and other members of the House then moved to amend the bill in section 3, in line 142, by inserting after the word “platform.” the following:

“ ‘Addictive social media feed’, the presentation of content to users where the social media platform employs algorithms that analyze user data or information on users to select content for users and includes any of the following addictive features:

(i) infinite scrolling, which shall include: (A) continuously loading content, or content that loads as the user scrolls down the page without the need to open a separate page; and (B) seamless content, or the use of pages with no visible or apparent end or page breaks;

(ii) push notifications or alerts sent by the social media platform to inform a user about specific activities or events related to the user’s account;

(iii) displays of personal interactive metrics that indicate the number of times other users have clicked a button to indicate their reaction to a user’s content or have shared or reposted the user’s content;

(iv) content generated by an algorithm based on a user’s activity on the social media platform; or

(v) auto-play video or video that begins to play without the user first clicking on the video or on a play button for that video.

Amendment rejected,—
yea and nay
No. 152.

Consolidated amendments.

Consolidated amendments adopted,—
yea and nay
No. 153.

Consolidated amendments.

‘Connected account’, an account on a social media platform that is directly connected to the user’s account, including, but not limited to, a friend, follower or similar connection with access to view the user’s content.”;

In line 143, by inserting after the word “minor.” the following:

“ ‘Push notification’, an automatic electronic message displayed on a user’s personal electronic device, as defined in section 40 of chapter 69, when the social media platform is not actively open or visible on the personal electronic device that prompts the user to check and engage with the social media platform.”;

In line 160, by inserting after the word “the”, the second time it appears, the words “age assurance or verification system”;

In line 162, by inserting after the word “the”, the first time it appears, the words “age assurance or verification system”, and by inserting after the word “user.” the following sentence: “No social media platform shall provide data other than what was submitted for the purposes of verifying the age of the user to any parent.”;

In lines 174 and 176, by inserting after the word “the”, in each instance, the words “age assurance or verification system”;

In line 177 by inserting after the word “user.” the following:

“No social media platform shall provide data other than what was submitted for the purposes of verifying the age of the user.

(4) A social media company shall, for users who are 14 or 15 years of age, set default safety settings to prioritize the health and wellness of users 14 and 15 years of age to ensure an age appropriate experience on the social media platform, including, but not limited to, safety settings that shall:

(i) restrict the visibility of the account of a user 14 or 15 years of age to connected accounts;

(ii) require age verification to change user settings;

(iii) require age verification to access sensitive content, including age-restricted content on a social media feed and messages;

(iv) only allow a user who is 14 or 15 years of age to share content to connected accounts; and

(v) restrict direct messaging capabilities for a user who is 14 or 15 years of age to only allow direct messaging to connected accounts.

(5) To protect the health and wellness of a minor who is 14 or 15 years of age, including, but not limited to, mental and behavioral health, a social media platform shall prohibit a minor who is 14 or 15 years of age from being a user of an addictive social media feed.

(6) To protect the health and wellness of a minor who is 14 or 15 years of age, including, but not limited to, mental and behavioral health, no social media platform shall send notifications to a minor who is 14 or 15 years of age between the hours of 12:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. eastern standard time.

(7) No social media platform shall withhold, degrade, lower the quality or increase the price of any product, service or feature to a user who is 14 or 15 years of age due to the social media platform not being permitted to provide an addictive social media feed to the user.”;

In line 194, by inserting after the word “platform.” the following:

“(d) No social media platform shall share any data related to a minor user and their LGBTQ+ protected status or any other protected status pursuant to chapter 151B.”; and

In line 212, by inserting after the word “chapter” the following: “, including, but not limited to, the definition of “social media platform” as defined in section 1. The attorney general shall annually review the definition of “social media platform” to

ensure that the definition includes public websites, online services, online applications or mobile applications with features that are harmful to the health and wellness of minors age 15 and under.

Section 7. The office of the attorney general shall maintain on its website an online submission platform to receive complaints, information or referrals from members of the public concerning a social media platform's alleged compliance or non-compliance with this chapter."

After remarks on the question on adoption of the amendment, Mr. Jones of North Reading asked for a count of the House to ascertain if a quorum was present. The Chair (Ms. Hogan of Stow), having determined that a quorum was not in attendance, then directed the Sergeant-at-Arms to secure the presence of a quorum.

Subsequently a roll call was taken for the purpose of ascertaining the presence of a quorum; and on the roll call (the Speaker being in the Chair) 154 members were recorded as being in attendance.

[See [Yea and Nay No. 154](#) in Supplement.]

Therefore a quorum was present.

After remarks on the question on adoption of the consolidated amendments, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, as required under the provisions of House Rule 33F; and on the roll call 144 members voted in the affirmative and 10 in the negative.

[See [Yea and Nay No. 155](#) in Supplement.]

Therefore the consolidated amendments were adopted.

After remarks on the question on passing the bill, as amended, to be engrossed, in concurrence, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, at the request of Mr. Gordon of Bedford; and on the roll call (Ms. Hogan of Stow being in the Chair) 129 members voted in the affirmative and 25 in the negative.

[See [Yea and Nay No. 156](#) in Supplement.]

Therefore the bill (Senate, No. 2581, amended) was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence. Sent to the Senate for concurrence in the amendment adopted by the House (by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in House document numbered 5366, published as amended).

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.

Quorum.

Quorum,—
yea and nay
No. 154.

Consolidated
amendments
adopted,—
yea and nay
No. 155.

Bill passed
to be engrossed,—
yea and nay
No. 156.

Next
sitting.

Accordingly, without proceeding to consideration of the matters in the Orders of the Day, at eighteen minutes after seven o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Jones of North Reading (Ms. Hogan of Stow being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following day at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

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THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 2026.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, April 9, 2026.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Garballey of Arlington 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. Garballey), 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 Representatives Arciero of Westford and Muradian of Grafton) commemorating the one hundred and eleventh anniversary of the Armenian Genocide; and

Armenian
Genocide.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Sullivan-Almeida of Abington and Gallagher of Bridgewater) honoring the Veterans Brotherhood VMC Massachusetts chapter for over twenty years of dedicated service to veterans throughout the Commonwealth;

Veterans
Brotherhood.

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. Giannino of Revere, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Communications.

Communications

From the Office of the Comptroller (see Section 35T of Chapter 10 of the General Laws) submitting the certification of MBTA Base Sales Tax Revenues for fiscal year 2027;

MBTA,—
base sales
tax revenues.

From the Division of Occupational Licensure (see Section 35V of Chapter 10 of the General Laws) submitting its annual trust report for fiscal year 2025;

Occupational
licensure.

From the Pension Reserves Investment Management Board (see Section 23(2A)(e)(xi) of Chapter 32 of the General Laws) submitting its fiscal year 2025 fourth quarterly report; and

Pension Reserves
Investment
Management Board.

From the Department of Revenue (see item 1201-0160 of Section 2 of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2024) submitting its annual projected expenditure report for the Child Support Services Division (DOR/CSS) and financial allocation accounts for fiscal year 2025;

Child
support
services.

Severally were placed on file.

Annual Reports.

Annual reports

Of the Tax Expenditure Review Commission (under Section 14 of Chapter 14 of the General Laws) submitting a review of tax expenditures for fiscal year 2026; and

Of the Multi-Agency Illegal Tobacco Task Force (under Section 40(d) of Chapter 64C of the General Laws) submitting its fiscal year 2026 annual report relative to the coordination of efforts to combat contraband tobacco distribution, including efforts to foster compliance with the law and conduct targeted investigations and enforcement actions;

Severally were placed on file.

Tax
expenditures.

Tobacco
task force.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Duffy of Holyoke, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5364) of Patricia A. Duffy (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Holyoke be authorized to further regulate residency requirements in said city; and

By Representative Vieira of Falmouth, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5365) of David T. Vieira, Dylan A. Fernandes and Thomas W. Moakley (by vote of the town) that the town of Falmouth be authorized to amend its charter to establish the Falmouth licensing commission.

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Holyoke,—
residency
requirements.

Falmouth,—
charter.

Papers from the Senate.

A Bill authorizing the town of Berkley to recall elected officials (Senate, No. 3018) (on Senate bill No. 2552) [Local Approval Received], passed to be engrossed by the Senate was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 3051) of Ryan C. Fattman and Michael J. Soter (by vote of the town) for legislation relative to a certain retirement benefit to be paid to the surviving spouse of fallen officer, Stephen LaPorta, of the police department of the town of Uxbridge, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Public Service.

Berkley,—
elected
officials.

Uxbridge,—
Stephen
LaPorta.

Reports of Committees.

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

The Senate Bill providing for recall elections in the town of Rutland (Senate, No. 2789) [Local Approval Received]; and

House bills

Rutland,—
elections.

To amend the operations of the city of Boston Finance Commission to establish the Boston Inspector General Oversight Commission (House, No. 4924) [Local Approval Received];

Boston,—
finance
commission.

Providing for the establishment of a board to oversee use and occupancy payments for manufactured housing community accommodations in the city of Attleboro, Massachusetts (House, No. 5128) [Local Approval Received];

Attleboro,—
manufactured
housing.

Validating certain proceedings of the town of Stow (printed in House, No. 5129);

Stow.

Granting Uxbridge the ability to post public meeting notices (House, No. 5228) [Local Approval Received];

Uxbridge,—
meeting notices.

Authorizing the City of Westfield to establish an age limit for original appointment to the position of firefighter (House, No. 5288) [Local Approval Received]; and

Westfield,—
firefighters.

Authorizing the appointment of retired police officers as special police officers in the town of Norwood (House, No. 5289) [Local Approval Received];

Norwood,—
police.

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

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, asking to be discharged from further consideration:

Of the Bill establishing a special commission on special education funding (House, No. 717);

Special
education.

Of the Bill to create a commission to determine the feasibility of voluntary acquisition of flood risk properties and structures (House, No. 1051);

Property,—
flood risks.

Of the Bill supporting family caregivers (House, No. 3159);

Caregiving.

Of the Bill establishing a special commission to investigate double utility poles (House, No. 3487);

Double
poles.

Of the Bill relative to lithium-ion batteries (House, No. 3511); and

Batteries.

Of the Bill relative to neurodiversity education (House, No. 5285);

Neurodiversity
education.

And recommending that the same severally be referred to the House committee on Rules.

Under Rule 42, the reports severally were considered forthwith; and they were accepted.

By Mr. Arciero of Westford, for the committee on Transportation, on House, No. 3756, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Transportation to make an investigation and study of a certain House document relative to parking (House, No. 5327).

Parking,—
study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 3636, 3669 and 4166, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Transportation to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to AVs and municipal matters (House, No. 5328).

Autonomous
vehicles,—
study.

Severally referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

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

Under Rule 42, the reports were considered forthwith; and they were accepted.

By Mr. Chan of Quincy, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, on House, No. 559, a Resolve providing for an investigation

Electronic
textbooks.

and study by a special commission relative to the consumer impacts of electronic textbooks (House, No. 5340). Read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

By Mr. Chan of Quincy, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, on House, No. 4719, a Bill establishing HVAC construction supervisor licensing (House, No. 5341). Read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

HVAC
licensing.

By Mr. Chan of Quincy, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, on House, No. 425, a Bill authorizing the town of Ashland to grant 10 additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 5339) [Local Approval Received].

Ashland,—
liquor
licenses.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 4748, a Bill authorizing the town of Bridgewater to issue an additional license for the sale of all alcohol beverages not to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 5342) [Local Approval Received].

Bridgewater,—
liquor
license.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 4964, a Bill authorizing the town of South Hadley to grant additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages (House, No. 5343) [Local Approval Received].

South Hadley,—
liquor
licenses.

By the same member, for the same committee, House, No. 5051, a Bill removing the seating capacity requirements of licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises in the town of Belmont (House, No. 5344) [Local Approval Received].

Belmont,—
liquor license
seating capacity.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 5075, a Bill authorizing the town of Westford to grant one additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk off the premises (House, No. 5345) [Local Approval Received].

Westford,—
liquor
license.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 5083, a Bill authorizing the City of Westfield to convert a seasonal license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk off premises to an annual license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk off premises (House, No. 5346) [Local Approval Received].

Westfield,—
liquor
license.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 5084, a Bill authorizing the town of Bourne to grant an additional license for the sale of alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 5347) [Local Approval Received].

Bourne,—
liquor
license.

By Mr. Lewis of Framingham, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the grant of easements in or takings of certain parcels of land to the city of Boston (House, No. 5317) [Local Approval Received].

Boston,—
land.

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

Recess.

At ten minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mrs. Kane of Shrewsbury (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House recessed subject to the call of the Chair; and at nine minutes before twelve o'clock noon the House was called to order with Mr. Garballey in the Chair.

Recess.

Emergency Measure.

The engrossed Bill modernizing the commonwealth's cannabis laws (see House, No. 5350), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was considered, the question being on adopting the emergency preamble.

Cannabis industry.

A separate vote was taken, as required by the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXVII) of the Amendments to the Constitution; and the preamble was adopted, by a vote of 3 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Subsequently, the Senate having concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, the bill (which originated in the House) was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill enacted.

Orders of the Day.

House bills

Relative to wastewater treatment and disposal in the town of Sandwich (House, No. 1073);

Third reading bills.

Relative to preliminary elections in the town of Longmeadow (House, No. 4309);

Relative to extending the timeframe within which the town of Southbridge may grant additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 5096); and

Authorizing the city of Salem to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises upon the return of the license authorized in chapter 67 of the acts of 2008 (House, No. 5098);

Severally reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

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 one minute before twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mrs. Kane of Shrewsbury (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

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MONDAY, APRIL 13, 2026.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Monday, April 13, 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 Gallagher of Bridgewater.

A statement of Mr. Gallagher of Bridgewater 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 a portion of the sitting of Wednesday, April 8th due to a previously commitment in my district. If I had been present, I would have voted yea on roll call numbers 155 and 156. My missing of roll calls was due entirely to the reason stated.

Statement of Representative Gallagher of Bridgewater.

Statement of Representative Lawn of Watertown.

A statement of Mr. Lawn of Watertown 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 sitting of Wednesday, April 8th. If I had been present, I would have voted yea on roll call numbers 151, 153, 155 and 156; and nay on roll call number 152.

Statement of Representative Lawn of Watertown.

Appointments of the Speaker

The Speaker announced that he had made the following appointments:

That (under the provisions of Section 66 of Chapter 23A of the General Laws) he had appointed Representative Sabadosa of Northampton to the Rural Policy Advisory Commission;

Rural Policy Advisory Commission.

That (under the provisions of Section 78 of Chapter 31 of the General Laws) he had appointed Representative Wells of Milton to the permanent commission on recruitment, hiring and retention of municipal police officers and firefighters in the Commonwealth; and

Civil Service Commission.

That (under the provisions of Section 14 of Chapter 188 of the Acts of 2016) he had re-appointed Pine duBois of Kingston to the Nuclear Decommissioning Citizens Advisory Panel.

Nuclear decommissioning.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Howitt of Seekonk and Chaisson of Foxborough) commending the Norton Public Library during the 2026 National Library Week; and

Norton
Public
Library.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Kerans of Danvers and Jones of North Reading) commemorating the town of Middleton on the opening of the Middleton Municipal Complex;

Middleton
Municipal
Complex.

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 Mr. Wong of Saugus, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Order.

The Order (filed by Representatives Gordon of Bedford and Ayers of Quincy) relative to extending until Friday, May 22, 2026 the time within which the committee on Education is authorized to report on current House documents, was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Education,—
extension
of time for
reporting.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 5367) ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted.

Communications.

Communications

From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see Section 16W of Chapter 6A of the General Laws) submitting the Special Commission on Unaccompanied Homeless Youth annual report for fiscal year 2024;

Unaccompanied
homeless youth.

From the Department of Energy Resources (see Section 5 of Chapter 25A of the General Laws) submitting its calendar year 2025 annual report;

Energy
resources.

From the Commissioner of Massachusetts Probation Service (see Section 5 of Chapter 211F of the General Laws) submitting the fiscal year 2025 annual report of the Office of Community Corrections, including a statistical report on the utilization of community corrections centers;

Community
corrections
centers.

From the Bristol County District Attorney's Office (see Section 99 of Chapter 272 of the General Laws) submitting a report relative to wiretaps for calendar year 2025;

Bristol
County,—
wiretaps.

From the Department of Revenue (see item 1232-0200 of Section 2 of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting a status report of the Massachusetts Underground Storage Tank Protection Petroleum Product Cleanup Fund Administrative Review Board; and

Underground
storage tank
protection.

From the Massachusetts Probation Service Office of Community Corrections (see item 0339-1003 of Section 3 of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting its annual report for fiscal year 2026, including a statistical report on the utilization of community corrections centers;

Probation.

Severally were placed on file.

Petitions.

By Representative Luddy of Orleans and Senator Cyr, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5374) of Hadley Luddy (by vote of the town) relative to expanding the exemption for residential property in the town of Wellfleet; and the same was referred to the committee on Revenue. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Wellfleet,—
residential
property.

Representative Scarsdale of Pepperell presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Margaret R. Scarsdale for legislation to amend the sick leave bank for Matthew McRae, an employee of the Department of State Police; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Matthew
McRae,—
sick leave.

Papers from the Senate.

The House Bill to build resilient infrastructure to generate higher-ed transformation (House, No. 4769, amended), 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 2993) (in which the House had non-concurred).

Higher
education,—
infrastructure.

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, Rush and Dooner had been joined as the committee on the part of the Senate.

Committee of
conference.

The House Bill designating the Weider park tennis courts as the Kim O’Connell tennis courts (House, No. 4259), came from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment by inserting before the enacting clause the following emergency preamble:

Boston,—
tennis
courts.

“Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to commemorate the life and work of Kim ‘Connell, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.”

The amendment was referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

A Bill authorizing print-free digital legal notices in the city of Newton (Senate, No. 3004) (on a petition) [Local Approval Received], passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Newton,—
print free
legal notices.

A petition (accompanied by bill) of Joanne M. Comerford, Susannah M. Whipps and Paul W. Mark for legislation to clarify the operation of the Franklin Regional Council of Governments, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Franklin
Regional Council
of Governments.

The House then concurred with the Senate in suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 3055) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

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 Thomas M. Stanley, Carole A. Fiola and Patricia D. Jehlen relative to assisted living residences. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Aging and Independence. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Assisted living residences.

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

The Senate Bill amending the charter of the town of Tewksbury to modify the residency requirement for the town manager (Senate, No. 1446) [Local Approval Received]; and

House bills

Reducing tax liability for grandparents raising grandchildren (House, No. 3204);

Relative to fraternal organizations conducting bazaars (House, No. 4238);

Authorizing the grant of easements in or takings of certain parcels of land to the city of Boston (House, No. 5317) [Local Approval Received]; and

Authorizing the town of Bourne to grant an additional license for the sale of alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 5347) [Local Approval Received];

Grandparents.
Bazaars.
Boston, —
land.
Bourne,—
liquor
license.

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.

The following reports were received, the time within which the said committees were required to report having expired:

By Mr. Haggerty of Woburn, for the committee on Housing, on House, Nos. 1470, 1474, 1475, 1479, 1480, 1483, 1489, 1490, 1491, 1492, 1494, 1497, 1498, 1499, 1501, 1503, 1504, 1505, 1506, 1507, 1508, 1509, 1516, 1521, 1522, 1527, 1528, 1529, 1532, 1533, 1536, 1537, 1539, 1540, 1545, 1546, 1548, 1549, 1554, 1555, 1556, 1557, 1558, 1563, 1567, 1569, 1573, 1575, 1576, 1578, 1579, 2255, 2347, 3934, 3988, 3990, 3996, 4063, 4145 and 4228, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Housing to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to affordable housing, public housing, rental issues, condominiums and other housing related issues (House, No. 5352).

Affordable housing, public housing, rental issues, condominiums and other housing related issues,—
study.

By Mr. Lewis of Framingham, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on House, No. 4685, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government to make an investigation and study of a certain House document relative to battery storage facility permitting and penalties for noncompliance (House, No. 5353).

Battery storage facility permitting and penalties for noncompliance,—
study.

By Ms. Decker of Cambridge, for the committee on Public Health, on House, No. 4226, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Public Health to make an investigation and study of a certain House document relative to access and continuity of care to specialist and hospital services for dually eligible individuals (House, No. 5354).

Access to health care,—
study.

By Mr. Cahill of Lynn, for the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, on House, Nos. 2580 and 2738, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to federal immigration enforcement and police dogs (House, No. 5355).

Federal immigration enforcement and police dogs,— study.

By Mr. Ryan of Boston, for the committee on Public Service, on House, Nos. 2743, 2747, 2767, 2768, 2774, 2776, 2777, 2783, 2784, 2788, 2805, 2815, 2819, 2820, 2829, 2832, 2838, 2839, 2869, 2870, 2882, 2894, 2898, 2899, 2902, 2908, 2920, 2928, 2943, 2947, 2948, 2949, 2951, 2959, 2972, 2975, 2981, 2982, 3000, 3902, 4177, 4268 and 4474, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Public Service to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to civil service law, retirement benefits and other public service related issues (House, No. 5356).

Civil service law, retirement benefits and other public service related issues,— study.

By Mr. McGonagle of Everett, for the committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs, on House, No. 3829, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs to make an investigation and study of a certain House document relative to prohibiting the Massachusetts National Guard from being deployed into active combat without a formal declaration of war by congress (House, No. 5357).

National Guard,— study.

Severally referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

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

Under Rule 42, the reports severally were considered forthwith; and they were accepted.

By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on House, No. 3599, a Bill relative to certain easements (House, No. 5373). Read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Easements.

By Mr. Arciero of Westford, for the committee on Transportation, on a petition, a Bill designating a segment of Route 20 as the Brodeur Curve (House, No. 5162). Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

State Route 20,— Brodeur Curve.

A report of the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, under the last sentence of Rule 7A, that the House Bill banning the retail sale of dogs, cats, and rabbits in new pet shops (House, No. 967), be scheduled for consideration by the House. Placed in the Orders of the Day for the next sitting for a second reading.

Pets,— retail sales.

Engrossed Bill.

The engrossed Bill changing the name of the board of selectmen in the town of Boylston to select board (see House, No. 4621) (which originated in the House), 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.

Orders of the Day.

House bills

Exempting the positions of police lieutenant and police sergeant in the city of Leominster from the civil service law (House, No. 4702);

Establishing a charter for the town of Orange (House, No. 5053); and

Authorizing the city of Salem to convert seasonal licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises to annual licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 5097);

Severally reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Third reading bills.

The House Bill relative to changing the two-year elected term for the Mayor of Chicopee to a four-year elected term (House, No. 4201), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Chicopee,—
mayoral term.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Walsh of Peabody moved to amend the bill in line 1 (as printed) by inserting after the word “Chicopee” the following: “to be held in 2027”.

The amendment was adopted; and the bill (House, No. 4201, amended) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Wednesday next at eleven o’clock A.M.

Next sitting.

At nine minutes after eleven o’clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Howitt of Seekonk (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Wednesday at eleven o’clock A.M.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.



WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 2026.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Wednesday, April 15, 2026.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M. 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 2026 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (House, No. 5377), was filed in the office of the Clerk on Tuesday, April 14.

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.

Statement of Representative Sullivan-Almeida of Abington.

A statement of Mrs. Sullivan-Almeida of Abington 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 am unable to be present in the House Chamber during today's sitting due to a previously scheduled family commitment. If I had been present, I would have voted yea on roll call number 157. My missing of said roll call is due entirely to the reason stated.

Representative Sullivan-Almeida of Abington.

Khmer New Year.

During the session, Mr. Hong of Lowell took the Chair and, at the request of Representatives Chan of Quincy, Wong of Saugus, Nguyen of Andover, Uytterhoeven of Somerville, Sangiolo of Newton and Hong of Lowell, the members, guests and employees made special recognition recognizing the vibrant and resilient Cambodian American community and its meaningful cultural traditions, honoring the celebration of Khmer New Year—marking the Year of the Horse—from April 14 to April 16, 2026. This important holiday is a time for families and communities to come together in reflection, renewal, and joy, while celebrating Cambodian heritage, history, and contributions across the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Happy Cambodian New Year to all, សួស្តីឆ្នាំខ្មែរ, សូមអរគុណ.

Khmer New Year.

Guests of the House.

During the session Mr. Chan of Quincy took the Chair, declared a brief recess and introduced Charles C.H. Liao, Director-General, and Chin Tsorng Hsu, Deputy Director, of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Boston. Representative Chan then read resolutions previously adopted by the House reaffirming the friendship between Massachusetts and Taiwan as 2026 marks the two hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the United States and the thirtieth anniversary of the first direct Presidential election in Taiwan. They were the guests of Representatives Chan of Quincy, Sangiolo of Newton, Nguyen of Andover, Wong of Saugus, Uytterhoeven of Somerville and Hong of Lowell.

Taipei
Economic and
Cultural Office.

Remote Participation.

Notice had been received from House Counsel that, under the provisions of House Rule 49, Representatives Arriaga of Chicopee, Ferguson of Holden, Galvin of Canton, Lombardo of Billerica and Scarsdale of Pepperell had been approved to participate remotely for today's formal sitting.

Remote
participation.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Representative Peisch of Wellesley) honoring Abbie Goodman upon her retirement after thirty years of dedication and commitment to the Massachusetts engineering community;

Abbie
Goodman.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Chan of Quincy, Sangiolo of Newton, Nguyen of Andover, Wong of Saugus, Uytterhoeven of Somerville and Hong of Lowell) reaffirming the friendship between Massachusetts and Taiwan as 2026 marks the two hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the United States and the thirtieth anniversary of the first direct Presidential election in Taiwan;

Taiwan.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Hong of Lowell, Chan of Quincy, Wong of Saugus, Nguyen of Andover, Uytterhoeven of Somerville and Sangiolo of Newton) recognizing the Cambodian American community's celebration of the Khmer New Year, the Year of the Horse, from April 14 to April 16, 2026; and

Khmer
New Year.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Lombardo of Billerica and other members of the House) recognizing Elks National Youth Week celebrated May 1-7, 2026;

Elks National
Youth Week.

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 Mr. Wong of Saugus, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Sylvia of Fairhaven and Senator Dooner, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5378) of Mark D. Sylvia and Kelly A. Dooner (by vote of the town) that the town of Marion 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.

Marion,—
liquor
license.

By Representative Berthiaume of Spencer and Senator Durant, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5379) of Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr., (by vote of the town) relative to the transfer of interest in land in the town of West Brookfield. To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

West
Brookfield,—
land.

By Representative Donato of Medford, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5380) of Paul J. Donato (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Medford be authorized to exempt the positions of police chief and deputy police chief from the civil service law. To the committee on Public Service.

Medford,—
civil service.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

The House Bill amending the charter of the town of Middleton (House, No. 4399) (its title having been changed by the Senate committee on Bills in the Third Reading), came from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document 3053. The amendment was referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

Middleton,—
charter.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 3057) of Patricia D. Jehlen for legislation relative to assisted living residencies in the Commonwealth; and

Assisted living
residences.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 3056) of Michael O. Moore, Patricia D. Jehlen, Robyn K. Kennedy, John J. Marsi and others for legislation relative to medication administration in rest homes;

Rest homes,—
medication.

Severally to the committee on Aging and Independence.

Reports of Committees.

Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, on House, No. 2, reported, in part, a Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2027 for the maintenance of the departments, boards, commissions, institutions, and certain activities of the commonwealth, for interest, sinking fund, and serial bond requirements, and for certain permanent improvements (House, No. 5500) [Total Appropriation: \$63,332,679,497.00]. Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

General
Appropriation
Bill.

By Mr. McMurtry of Dedham, for the committee on Labor and Workforce Development, on House, Nos. 2067, 2128, 2131, 2133 and 2182, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Labor and Workforce Development to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to worker compensation and work hours (House, No. 5361).

Worker
compensation
and work hours,—
study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 2071, 2081, 2107, 2134, 2148, 2159, 2161 and 2174, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Labor and Workforce Development to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to wages, compensation and municipal unemployment insurance (House, No. 5362).

Wages,
compensation,
etc.,—
study.

By Mr. Arciero of Westford, for the committee on Transportation, on House, No. 3753, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Transportation to make

Commuter
rail,—
study.

an investigation and study of a certain House document relative to electrification of commuter rail lines of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (House, No. 5360).

Severally referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

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

Under Rule 42, the reports severally were considered forthwith; and they were accepted.

By Mr. Lawn of Watertown, for the committee on Health Care Financing, that the Bill relative to routine childhood immunizations (House, No. 2554) ought to pass [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00]. Referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Childhood immunizations.

By Mr. Lawn of Watertown, for the committee on Health Care Financing, that the following bills ought to pass:

Prioritizing patient access to care (House, No. 2370) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00];

Existing pregnancies.

Relative to collaborative drug therapy management optimization (House, No. 2372) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00];

Collaborative drug therapy.

Protecting patients and healthcare workers from exposure to surgical smoke (House, No. 2442) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00];

Smoke exposure.

Authorizing a 90-day supply of medically necessary testosterone therapy medication (House, No. 2447) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00];

Testosterone therapy.

Relative to patient access to certain health care services (House, No. 2477) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00];

Health care,— patient access.

Establishing the psychology interjurisdictional compact (House, No. 2528) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00];

Psychology compact.

To promote rehabilitation including guaranteed health, treatment, and safety for incarcerated LGBTQI+ People (House, No. 2656) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00];

Incarceration,— rehabilitation.

Relative to insurance coverage of mobile integrated health (House, No. 4336) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00];

Insurance coverage.

Improving access to breast pumps (House, No. 4345) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00];

Breast pumps.

Requiring coverage of medically necessary oral and dental care for head and neck cancer survivor (House, No. 4553) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00];

Cancer,— dental care.

Relative to dual diagnosis treatment coverage (House, No. 4898) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00];

Dual diagnosis,— coverage.

Mandating access to cancer screenings for firefighters through health care benefits plans or programs provided by the public employer (House, No. 4946) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00];

Firefighters,— cancer screenings.

Increasing access to acute hospital at home services (House, No. 5018) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00];

At home health services.

Relative to ensuring treatment for genetic craniofacial conditions (House, No. 5041) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00];

Craniofacial conditions.

Protecting patients from surprise bills related to emergency ambulance service (House, No. 5042) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00]; and

Ambulances,— billing.

To preserve and advance Massachusetts' competitiveness in discovery, research, and innovation for a vibrant economy (House, No. 5259) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00].

Economic development.

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

By Mr. Lewis of Framingham, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a petition, a Bill removing the Treasurer as Acting Mayor in the Holyoke Charter (House, No. 5171) [Local Approval Received].

Holyoke,—charter.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill amending the town charter in the town of Oxford (House, No. 5261) [Local Approval Received].

Oxford,—charter.

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

Motion to Discharge a Certain Matter in the Orders of the Day.

The House Bill authorizing the grant of easements in or takings of certain parcels of land to the city of Boston (House, No. 5317), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was discharged from its position in the Orders of the Day and read a third time forthwith, under suspension of Rule 47, on motion of Mr. Honan of Boston; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Boston,—land.

Recess.

At ten minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Howitt of Seekonk (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House recessed until one o'clock P.M.; and at thirteen minutes after one o'clock, the House was called to order with Ms. Hogan of Stow in the Chair.

Recess.

Special Communication.

The following communication, together with returns of votes and schedules therein referred to, was received from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, to wit:—

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON 02133

April 15, 2026.

To the Honorable House of Representatives:

I have the honor to lay before you the returns of votes cast at the special election held in this Commonwealth on the thirty-first day of March, 2026, for Representative in General Court, Fifth Essex District, together with schedules showing the number of ballots which appear to have been cast for each person voted for.

Returns of votes for Representative in the Fifth Essex District.

These returns have been duly canvassed by the Governor and Council, and are now transmitted for examination by the House of Representatives, as required by the Constitution.

Very truly yours,

WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN,
Secretary of the Commonwealth.

The communication was read; and, there being no objection, it was placed on file.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Ordered, That a special committee of the House be appointed to wait upon Her Excellency the Governor and inform her that Representative-elect Andrew Francis Robert Tarr of the Fifth Essex District is ready to take the oaths and affirmations of qualification.

Governor notified.

The Chair then appointed Representatives Nguyen of Andover, Giannino of Revere, Reid of Lynn, Bowen of Beverly, Cruz of Salem, Wong of Saugus and Smola of Warren as the special committee of the House.

Subsequently Ms. Nguyen of Andover, for the committee, reported that they had attended to the duties assigned to them, and that the Governor had stated that she would attend forthwith and administer the oaths of office.

Member Qualified.

Soon afterward Her Excellency the Governor, Maura T. Healey, accompanied by Her Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, Kim Driscoll, and members of the Honorable Council came in; the oaths and affirmation required by the Constitution and laws was administered by the Governor to Mr. Tarr, and were subscribed by him; after which Her Excellency declared that Mr. Tarr was duly qualified to enter upon the discharge of his duties. Her Excellency the Governor, Her Honor the Lieutenant-Governor and the Honorable Councillors present then departed the Chamber under escort of the Sergeant-at-Arms. Mr. Tarr then was assigned to Seat No. 23 by the Speaker.

Representative Tarr of Gloucester,— qualification.

Reports of Committees.

Prior to the noon recess (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill financing long-term improvements to municipal roads and bridges (House, No. 5279), ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a bill with the same title (House, No. 5375) [Bond Issue: General Obligation Bonds: \$2,237,000,000.00]. Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Municipal roads and bridges.

Mr. Honan of Boston, for said committee, then reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, the bill was read a second time forthwith. The amendment recommended by the committee on Ways and Means then was adopted; and the substituted bill was ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently, the noon recess having terminated (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Arciero of Westford,

the bill (having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) was read a third time.

After debate on the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, the sense of the House was taken by the yeas and nays, at the request of the same member; and the roll call 155 members voted in the affirmative and 0 in the negative.

[See [Yea and Nay No. 157](#) in Supplement.]

Therefore the bill (House, No. 5375) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Bill passed to
be engrossed,—
yea and nay
No. 157.

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.

Mr. Howitt of Seekonk then moved that the House adjourn; and the motion prevailed. Accordingly, without proceeding to consideration of the matters in the Orders of the Day, at twenty-six minutes before three o'clock P.M. (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.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.



THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 2026.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, April 16, 2026.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Owens of Watertown 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. Owens), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of
allegiance.

Guests of the House.

At the beginning of the session, the Chair (Mr. Owens of Watertown), declared a brief recess and introduced, seated in the Chamber, students from Squantum Elementary School. They were the guests of Representative Ayers of Quincy.

Squantum
Elementary
School.

At the beginning of the session, the Chair (Mr. Owens of Watertown), declared a brief recess and introduced, seated in the Chamber, the Weston High School girls swim team who won their third consecutive Division 2 state swimming and diving championship and the Weston High School girls indoor track team who won the Division 4 indoor track state championship earlier this year. They were accompanied by their head coaches, Jim McLaughlin and Danielle Mitchell. They were the guests of Representative Peisch of Wellesley.

Weston High
School girls
swim and
indoor track
teams.

Resolutions.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Representative Sullivan-Almeida) honoring Carl F. Kowalski for over 40 years of distinguished public service to the town of Whitman, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Carl
Kowalski.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee, reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Ayers of Quincy, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Communications.

Communications

From the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (see Section 40 of Chapter 126 of the General Laws) submitting the aggregate data on the population of the Barnstable County Correctional Facility for the third quarter of calendar year 2025;

Barnstable,—
correctional
facility data.

From the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (see Section 40 of Chapter 126 of the General Laws) submitting the aggregate data on the population of the Berkshire County Correctional Facility for the third quarter of calendar year 2025;

Berkshire,—
correctional
facility data.

From the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (see Section 40 of Chapter 126 of the General Laws) submitting the aggregate data on the population of the Bristol County Correctional Facility for the third quarter of calendar year 2025;

Bristol,—
correctional
facility data.

From the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (see Section 40 of Chapter 126 of the General Laws) submitting the aggregate data on the population of the Dukes County Correctional Facility for the third quarter of calendar year 2025;

Dukes,—
correctional
facility data.

From the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (see Section 40 of Chapter 126 of the General Laws) submitting the aggregate data on the population of the Essex County Correctional Facility for the third quarter of calendar year 2025;

Essex,—
correctional
facility data.

From the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (see Section 40 of Chapter 126 of the General Laws) submitting the aggregate data on the population of the Franklin County Correctional Facility for the third quarter of calendar year 2025;

Franklin,—
correctional
facility data.

From the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (see Section 40 of Chapter 126 of the General Laws) submitting the aggregate data on the population of the Hampden County Correctional Facility for the third quarter of calendar year 2025;

Hampden,—
correctional
facility data.

From the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (see Section 40 of Chapter 126 of the General Laws) submitting the aggregate data on the population of the Hampshire County Correctional Facility for the third quarter of calendar year 2025;

Hampshire,—
correctional
facility data.

From the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (see Section 40 of Chapter 126 of the General Laws) submitting the aggregate data on the population of the Middlesex County Correctional Facility for the third quarter of calendar year 2025;

Middlesex,—
correctional
facility data.

From the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (see Section 40 of Chapter 126 of the General Laws) submitting the aggregate data on the population of the Norfolk County Correctional Facility for the third quarter of calendar year 2025;

Norfolk,—
correctional
facility data.

From the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (see Section 40 of Chapter 126 of the General Laws) submitting the aggregate data on the population of the Plymouth County Correctional Facility for the third quarter of calendar year 2025;

Plymouth,—
correctional
facility data.

From the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (see Section 40 of Chapter 126 of the General Laws) submitting the aggregate data on the population of the Suffolk County Correctional Facility for the third quarter of calendar year 2025; and

Suffolk,—
correctional
facility data.

From the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (see Section 40 of Chapter 126 of the General Laws) submitting the aggregate data on the population of the Worcester County Correctional Facility for the third quarter of calendar year 2025;

Worcester,—
correctional
facility data.

Severally were placed on file.

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. 5383) of Joseph D. McKenna, Ryan C. Fattman and Paul K. Frost (by vote of the town) that the town of Oxford be authorized to grant one 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.

Oxford,—
liquor
licenses.

Representative Vargas of Haverhill, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5384) of Andres X. Vargas (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to authorize Craig Riley to take the civil service examination for the position of firefighter in the city of Haverhill, notwithstanding the maximum age requirement. To the committee on Public Service.

Haverhill,—
Craig
Riley.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Paper from the Senate.

The House Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2026 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (House, No. 5280), came from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 3054.

Supplemental appropriations.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Peisch of Wellesley, the amendment was considered forthwith. The House then non-concurred with the Senate in its amendment; and on further motion of the same member, asked for a committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches. Representatives Michlewitz of Boston, Diggs of Barnstable and Sweezey of Duxbury were appointed the committee on the part of the House. Sent to the Senate to be joined.

Committee of conference.

Subsequently notice was received from the Senate that said branch had insisted on its amendment, concurred with the House in the appointment of a committee of conference; and that Senators Rodrigues, Comerford and O'Connor had been appointed the committee on the part of the Senate.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the House Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2027 for the maintenance of the departments, boards, commissions, institutions, and certain activities of the commonwealth, for interest, sinking fund, and serial bond requirements, and for certain permanent improvements (House, No. 5500), be scheduled for consideration by the House.

General Appropriation Bill.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Ayers of Quincy, the bill was read a second time forthwith. Pending the question on ordering the bill to a third reading, Ms. Peisch of Wellesley moved that further consideration thereof be postponed until Monday, April 27; and the motion prevailed.

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

The Senate Bill extending the deadline for the town of Milton to appropriate money for the construction of a new school on certain land acquired for conservation purposes (Senate, No. 2963) [Local Approval Received]; and

Milton,—
land.

House bills

Relative to tow lien reform (House, No. 3485);

Towed vehicles.

Relative to automatic re-enrollment in the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) (House, No. 3509);

Energy assistance.

Relative to Massachusetts identification cards (House, No. 3735);

Identification cards.

Relative to the maintenance of pre-employment physical examination records for public safety personnel in the city of Quincy (House, No. 4890) [Local Approval Received]; and

Quincy,—
physical examinations.

Creating parity among Massachusetts beaches (House, No. 5140);

Beaches.

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

By Mr. Lawn of Watertown, for the committee on Health Care Financing, that the following House bills ought to pass:

To enhance standards of care for those with autism and intellectual and developmental disabilities (House, No. 242) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000];

To increase the safety of individuals with disabilities relying on life-support equipment (House, No. 282) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000]; and

Relative to home care services (House, No. 762, changed) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000].

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

Care standards.

Life-support equipment.

Home care services.

By Mr. Lawn of Watertown, for the committee on Health Care Financing, on a petition, a Bill to protect medically fragile children (House, No. 1366) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00].

Children,—
medical care.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to support equal access to community care for elders and persons with disabilities (House, No. 1371) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00].

Community care.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill exempting medications used for the treatment of opioid use disorder from the prior approval process under the Massachusetts Medicaid program (House, No. 1379) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00].

Medicaid,—
prescriptions.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to promote continuity of health coverage for children (House, No. 1382) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00].

Children,—
health care.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to preserve and protect public health (House, No. 1392) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00].

Vaccines,—
reimbursement.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to protect MassHealth applicants facing undue hardship (House, No. 1402) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00].

MassHealth,—
applicants.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to ensure equitable health coverage for children (House, No. 1403) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00].

Children,—
health care.

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 designating the Weider park tennis courts as the Kim O'Connell tennis courts (House, No. 4259), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was adopted, in concurrence.

Boston,—
tennis courts.

House bills

Providing for the election of candidates in the city of Haverhill (House, No. 4203);

Third reading bills.

Providing for the election of candidates in the city of Haverhill (House, No. 4204);

Authorizing the Dalton Fire District to continue the employment of interim fire chief Christopher Francis Cachat (House, No. 4321); and

Regulating elections in the town of Conway (House, No. 4498);

Severally reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

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

Next
sitting.

At a quarter after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Howitt of Seekonk (Mr. Owens of Watertown being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Tuesday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

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TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2026.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Tuesday, April 21, 2026.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Philips of Sharon 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. Philips), 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 recommending legislation relative to Massachusetts winning global investment, talent, and innovation (House, No. 5386), was filed in the office of the Clerk on Thursday, April 16.

Economic development.

The message was read; and it was referred, under Rule 30, with the accompanying draft of a bill, to the committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Communications.

Communications

From the Community Economic Development Assistance Corporation (see Section 6 of Chapter 40H of the General Laws) submitting its fiscal year 2025 annual report;

Economic development.

From the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (see Section 4(b) of Chapter 258F of the General Laws) submitting the Certification for Victims of Violent Crime and Human Trafficking report for calendar year 2024;

Violent crime and human trafficking.

From the Executive Office of Technology Services and Security (see item 1790-0100 of Section 2 of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting a report on IT-related project expenditures for fiscal year 2026; and

IT project expenditures.

From the Department of Environmental Protection (see item 2200-0100 of Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting its Private Well Program report;

Private well program.

Severally were placed on file.

Report.

A report of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (under Section 111 of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting an update on the Personal Care Attendant (PCA) Working Group implementation plan, was placed on file.

Personal care attendants.

Petition.

Representatives Haggerty of Woburn and Gordon of Bedford presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Richard M. Haggerty, Kenneth I. Gordon and Michelle L. Ciccolo that the city of Boston be authorized to grant permanent easements over certain land in the city of Woburn and town of Burlington to the Commonwealth for highway purposes; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Woburn and
Burlington,—
land.

Paper from the Senate.

A petition (accompanied by bill) of Vanna Howard for legislation relative to a certain property in the city of Lowell, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

Lowell,—
land.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 3061) was referred in concurrence, to the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

Reports of Committees.

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

The Senate Bill designating October 15 as Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Day (Senate, No. 2145); and

Pregnancy and
infant loss day.

House bills

Relative to surety bonds (House, No. 3566);

Surety bonds.

Relative to the maximum age requirement for original appointment as a police officer for the city of Worcester (House, No. 3929) [Local Approval Received];

Worcester,—
police officers.

Authorizing the city of Somerville to establish a net zero emissions standard for new constructed buildings and major renovation projects (House, No. 4035) [Local Approval Received];

Somerville,—
net-zero
emission.

Relative to raising the age requirement for entrance to the Boston Police Academy (House, No. 4093) [Local Approval Received];

Boston,—
police officers.

Relative to waiving the maximum age requirement for police officers for Matthew Cummings (House, No. 5034) [Local Approval Received];

Boston,—
Cummings.

Relative to the maintenance of pre-employment physical examination records for public safety personnel in the city of Peabody (House, No. 5054) [Local Approval Received];

Peabody,—
physical
examinations.

Relative to smart meters (House, No. 5292); and

Smart meters.

Authorizing the town of Bridgewater to issue an additional license for the sale of all alcohol beverages not to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 5342) [Local Approval Received];

Bridgewater,—
liquor
license.

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

By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Financial Services, on House, Nos. 1087, 1097, 1150, 1160, 1175, 1176, 1184, 1217, 1225, 1250, 1252, 1293, 1303 and 1328, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Financial Services to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to home insurance, flood insurance, civil, and service contracts (House, No. 5336).

Insurance and
contracts,—
study.

By Mr. Madaro of Boston, for the committee on Revenue, on House, Nos. 3007, 3019, 3033, 3044, 3049, 3096, 3098, 3135, 3137, 3142, 3143, 3150, 3151, 3170, 3171, 3172, 3173, 3184, 3200, 3202, 3203, 3248, 3249, 3251, 3257, 3267, 3268, 3269 and 4325, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Revenue to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to taxation and tax exemption (House, No. 5313) [Representative Lombardo of Billerica dissenting].

Taxation and tax exemptions,— study.

Severally referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

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

Under Rule 42, the reports severally were considered forthwith; and they were accepted.

By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Financial Services, on a petition, a Bill prohibiting genetic discrimination (House, No. 5112). Referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

Genetic discrimination.

By Mr. Lawn of Watertown, for the committee on Health Care Financing, on House, Nos. 1416 and 1417, a Bill to advance health equity (House, No. 1416) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00]. Read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Health equity.

By Mr. Lawn of Watertown, for the committee on Health Care Financing, on House, Nos. 4554 and 4555, a Bill to improve sickle cell care (House, No. 4554) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00]. Read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Sickle cell care.

By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Financial Services, on a petition, a Bill relative to the Massachusetts Uniform Commercial Code (House, No. 4914). Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Uniform Commercial Code.

Emergency Measure.

The engrossed Bill designating the Weider park tennis courts as the Kim O'Connell tennis courts (see House, No. 4259, amended), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was considered, the question being on adopting the emergency preamble.

Boston,— tennis courts.

A separate vote was taken, as required by the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXVII) of the Amendments to the Constitution; and the preamble was adopted, by a vote of 9 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Subsequently, the Senate having concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, the bill (which originated in the House) was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill enacted.

Engrossed Bill.

The engrossed Bill increasing the membership of the select board of the town of Monson (see House, No. 4602) (which originated in the House), having been certified

Bill enacted.

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.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

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

Next
sitting.

At twenty-one minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Orrall of Lakeville (Mr. Philips of Sharon being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Thursday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.