

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

---

**JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.**



**MONDAY, MARCH 23, 2026.**

[27]

---

# 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

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.

Disabled Persons  
Protection  
Commission.

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.

**UNCORRECTED PROOF.**

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.

**UNCORRECTED PROOF.**

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.

**UNCORRECTED PROOF.**

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to energy conservation (House, No. 3545).

Rental housing,—  
energy costs.

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).

Clean energy.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to collective procurement of energy supply (House, No. 3973).

Energy supply,—  
procurement.

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).

Towed  
vehicles.

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).

Energy  
assistance.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to replacement plans (House, No. 3517).

Gas meters,—  
replacement.

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).

Towed  
vehicles.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to surety bonds (House, No. 3566).

Utilities,—  
surety bonds.

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].

Somerville,—  
net-zero  
emission.

By Mr. Arciero of Westford, for the committee on Transportation, on a petition, a Bill relative to Massachusetts identification cards (House, No. 3735).

Identification  
cards.

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 Jason DeLeon (see House, No. 4142); and

Bills  
enacted.

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.

*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

Third  
reading  
bills.

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);

**UNCORRECTED PROOF.**

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.