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**JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.**



**THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 2026.**

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Thursday, April 23, 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 Kane of Shrewsbury and other members of the House) commending the IBS Patient Support Group on its recognition of April 19 through April 23, 2026 as World IBS Days; and

World  
IBS  
Days.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Nguyen of Andover, Chan of Quincy, Hong of Lowell, Sangiolo of Newton, Uytterhoeven of Somerville and Wong of Saugus) commemorating the anniversary of Black April;

Black  
April.

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.*

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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 February, 2026;

Unemployment  
Insurance  
Trust Fund.

From the Office of the Trial Court (see Section 99F of Chapter 276 of the General Laws) submitting its annual report of the Massachusetts Probation Service for fiscal year 2025;

Probation  
service.

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 March 5, 2026 biweekly report on the emergency housing assistance program;

Emergency  
housing  
assistance  
program.

From the Office of the Comptroller (see item 1595-1075 of Section 2E of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting the Workforce Competitiveness Trust Fund transfer schedule for fiscal year 2026;

Workforce  
competitiveness  
trust fund.

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From the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development (see item 7003-0101 of Section 2 of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting the Shared Services report for fiscal year 2026; and

Shared services.

From the Hampden County Sheriff's Office (see item 8910-1000 contained in Section 2 of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting its Prison Industries (PI) report for fiscal year 2025;

Hampden Sheriff,— industries.

Severally were placed on file.

*Petitions.*

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Arciero of Westford, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5387) of James Arciero (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize print-free digital legal notices in the town of Westford; and

Westford,— digital legal notices.

By Representative Sylvia of Fairhaven and Senator Dooner, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5388) of Mark D. Sylvia and Kelly A. Dooner (by vote of the town) relative to authorizing the transfer of a certain parcel of land in the town of Marion.

Marion,— land.

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

By Representative Muradian of Grafton and Senator Fattman, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5389) of David K. Muradian, Jr. (by vote of the town) that the town of Upton be authorized to continue the employment of Michael Marchand, the fire chief in said town, notwithstanding the maximum age requirement. To the committee on Public Service.

Upton,— Michael Marchand.

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 following petitions:

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Rob Consalvo relative to school bus safety technology; and

Bus safety technology.

Petition (accompanied by bill) 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.

Hyannis,— transportation center.

Severally to the committee on Transportation.

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 House bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

Relative to reduce administrative burden for government and industry (House, No. 3538);

Towed vehicles.

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.

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.

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To clarify the minimum age for the sale of adult-use products or services (House, No. 5271);

Adult-use products.

Relative to noise report data and good neighbor policy at Beverly Regional Airport (House, No. 5278);

Beverly Regional Airport.

Protecting vulnerable adults from financial exploitation (House, No. 5300); and

Vulnerable adults.

To ensure alcoholic beverages licensing economic opportunity and geographic equity (House, No. 5306);

Liquor licenses,— equity.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, in each instance, on motion of Ms. Kerans of Danvers, 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. 3922 and 4099, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Housing to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to broker fees (House, No. 5337).

Broker fees,— study.

By Ms. Domb of Amherst, for the committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery, on House, Nos. 2197, 2200, 2201, 2206, 2210, 2216 and 4696, 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 addiction services, inpatient treatment and other related matters (House, No. 5338).

Addiction services, inpatient treatment and other related matters,— study.

By Mr. Cahill of Lynn, for the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, on House, Nos. 2572, 2573, 2576, 2585, 2589, 2592, 2594, 2595, 2596, 2597, 2598, 2610, 2611, 2615, 2617, 2618, 2619, 2620, 2631, 2636, 2637, 2640, 2642, 2643, 2647, 2648, 2665, 2667, 2669, 2673, 2675, 2681, 2684, 2687, 2695, 2699, 2700, 2701, 2708, 2709, 2710, 2711, 2712, 2713, 2714, 2715, 2716, 2720, 2730 and 4026, 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 firearms, police reform and other related matters (House, No. 5322).

Firearms, police reform 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 Mr. Hunt of Boston, for the committee on Election Laws, on a petition, a Bill conforming with the Electoral Count Reform Act of 2022 and ensuring uniform faithful Presidential electors (House, No. 5086).

Electoral counts.

By Mr. Lawn of Watertown, for the committee on Health Care Financing, on House, No. 1368, a Bill to provide rapid whole genome sequencing (House, No. 5385) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00].

Genome sequencing.

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

*Engrossed Bills.*

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Authorizing the town of Marblehead to establish a means-tested senior citizen property tax exemption (see House, No. 4225); and

Bills  
enacted.

Further regulating the appointment of special police officers in the city of Malden (see House, No. 4584, 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

Establishing a board of election commissioners in the city of Salem (House, No. 3907) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading); and

Third  
reading  
bills.

Providing for recall elections in the town of Charlemont (House, No. 4434);

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.; and that, notwithstanding the provisions of House Rule 12, the Clerk be authorized to print a Calendar for said sitting containing only the General Appropriation Bill (see House, No. 5500).

Next  
sitting.

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At nine minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Orrall of Lakeville (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M.