

Thursday, June 4, 2026 (at 11:00 o'clock A.M.).

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

Pledge of
allegiance.

Silent Tribute.

During the session, Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair, at the request of Ms. Scarsdale of Pepperell, the members, guests and employees stood in a moment of silent tribute for Correction Officer John David Edwards, who passed away in the line of duty on Sunday, May 31, 2026, while serving on post at the North Central Correctional Institution (NCCI) in Gardner.

John David
Edwards.

A dedicated public servant, Officer Edwards spent 28 years at the Massachusetts Department of Correction, beginning his career at MCI Concord and continuing his service at NCCI Gardner following Concord's closure in 2024. Throughout nearly three decades, he carried out his responsibilities with professionalism, respect, and commitment to the safety and security of the Commonwealth.

Beyond his work, John was a devoted husband to his wife, Jana, and a loving father to his four children. He enjoyed time with his family, the outdoors, hunting and fishing, listening to music, and playing his guitars. His passing is a profound loss to friends, family, and the Department of Correction. Officer Edwards' life, years of service, and commitment to public safety will be remembered with great gratitude and respect.

Remote Participation.

Under the provisions of House Rule 49, Representatives Boldyga of Southwick, Cruz of Salem, Ferguson of Holden, Kane of Shrewsbury, Reid of Lynn and Vaughn of Wrentham participated remotely for today's formal session.

Remote
participation.

Statement of Representative Chan of Quincy.

A statement of Mr. Chan of Quincy 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 session due to a family emergency. If I had been present, I would have voted in the affirmative on House roll calls numbered 202 to 208, inclusive. My missing of roll calls is due entirely to the reason stated.

Statement of
Mr. Chan
of Quincy.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Representative Hogan of Stow) congratulating Eabhan Ambrose on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout of Scouting America;

Eabhan
Ambrose.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Hogan of Stow) congratulating Tyler Houle on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout of Scouting America;

Tyler
Houle.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Hogan of Stow) congratulating James Schneider on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout of Scouting America;

James
Schneider.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Hogan of Stow) congratulating Nikhil Siano on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout of Scouting America; and

Nikhil
Siano.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Smola of Warren) recognizing the town of Sturbridge for its enduring contributions to the United States of America on the occasion of the two hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the United States of America;

Sturbridge.

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. Hogan of Stow, 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 Duffy of Holyoke, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5475) of Patricia A. Duffy (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Holyoke be authorized to prohibit use of second generation anti-coagulant rodenticides in said city. To the committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Holyoke,—
rodenticides.

By Representative Luddy of Orleans and Senator Cyr, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5476) of Hadley Luddy (by vote of the town) relative to the charter of the town of Provincetown. To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Provincetown,—
charter.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Representative Hong of Lowell presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Tara T. Hong for legislation to establish a veteran rental assistance bridge program; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Veterans,—
rental
assistance.

Matters Discharged from the Orders of the Day.

The following House bills, severally reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to correctly drawn, having been discharged from their position in the Orders of the Day, were read a third time forthwith, under suspension of Rule 47, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Ouellette of Westport:

Authorizing the town of Reading to establish a means tested senior citizen property tax exemption (House, No. 5103);

Reading,—
tax exemption.

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); and

Belmont,—
liquor
licenses.

Authorizing the town of Lynnfield to appropriate funds from the Golf Enterprise Fund to the Recreation Capital Trust Stabilization Fund (House, No. 5416);

Lynnfield,—
fund.

Severally were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Recess.

At six 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

Recess.

o'clock P.M.; and a half past one o'clock the House was called to order with Mr. Donato in the Chair.

Paper from the Senate.

A petition of Barry R. Finegold and Julian Cyr for legislation to authorize municipalities to opt-in to a temporary pilot to extend the hours of liquor licenses and to allow for public consumption in designated districts in summer 2026, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Liquor licenses and public consumption.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 3112) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Engrossed Bills — Land Takings.

The engrossed 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 (see Senate, No. 2963) (which originated in the Senate), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was put upon its final passage.

Milton,—land.

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 149 members voted in the affirmative and 0 in the negative.

Bill enacted (land taking),—yea and nay No. 202.

[See [Yea and Nay No. 202](#) in Supplement.]

Therefore the bill was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

The engrossed Bill providing for the exchange of certain park land in the town of Lexington (see House, No. 4843) (which originated in the House), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was put upon its final passage.

Lexington,—land.

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 151 members voted in the affirmative and 0 in the negative.

Bill enacted (land taking),—yea and nay No. 203.

[See [Yea and Nay No. 203](#) in Supplement.]

Therefore the bill was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Matter Discharged from the Orders of the Day.

The Senate further amendments of the House amendment of the Senate Bill relative to individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities (Senate, No. 2563, amended), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was considered forthwith, under suspension of Rule 47, on motion of Mr. Livingstone of Boston.

Individuals with disabilities.

Pending the question on concurring with the Senate in its further amendments, Mr. Walsh of Peabody then moved that the House concur with the Senate in its further amendments with a still further amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in House document numbered 5474.

After debate on the question on adoption of the still further amendment, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, at the request of Mr. Livingstone of Boston; and on the roll call 150 members voted in the affirmative and 0 in the negative.

[See [Yea and Nay No. 204](#) in Supplement.]

Therefore the still further amendment was adopted.

The House then concurred with the Senate in its further amendment, as amended. Sent to the Senate for concurrence in the House still further amendment.

Still further amendment adopted,—yea and nay No. 204.

Emergency Measures.

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. 5470), 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 24 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 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 at the request of Mr. Jones of North Reading (Ms. Hogan of Stow being in the Chair); and on the roll call 151 members voted in the affirmative and 0 in the negative.

[See [Yea and Nay No. 205](#) in Supplement.]

Therefore the bill was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Supplemental appropriations.

Bill enacted,—yea and nay No. 205.

The engrossed Bill relative to individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities (see Senate, No. 2563, 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 34 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Subsequently (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), 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.

Individuals with disabilities.

Bill enacted.

Matter Discharged from the Orders of the Day.

The House Bill authorizing municipalities to opt-in to a temporary pilot to extend the hours of liquor licenses and to allow for public consumption in designated districts in summer 2026 (House, No. 5471), having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly, was discharged from its position in the Orders

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of the Day and read a third time, under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Jones of North Reading.

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. 5478), which was read.

On the question adoption of the amendment, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, at the request of Ms. Fiola of Fall River; and on the roll call 150 members voted in the affirmative and 0 in the negative.

[See [Yea and Nay No. 206](#) in Supplement.]

Therefore the amendment was adopted.

The bill (House, No. 5478) then was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Amendment
adopted,—
yea and nay
No. 206.

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 establishing the Massachusetts data privacy act (Senate, No. 2619), 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 5472; and by striking out the title and inserting in place thereof the following title: “An Act establishing the Massachusetts consumer data privacy act.”. 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 amendments recommended by the committee on Ways and Means then were adopted; and the bill (Senate, No. 2619, 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. 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, as amended, to be engrossed, in concurrence, (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair) Mr. Michlewitz of Boston and other members of the House then moved to amend it in section 1, in line 89, by striking out the words “, as amended from time to time” and inserting in place thereof the following: “; and subtitle D of Title XIII of Division A of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, and the regulations promulgated thereunder by the United States Department of Health and Human Services”, in lines 247 to 253, inclusive, by striking out the text contained in those lines and inserting in place thereof the following:

“(7) a nonprofit organization that establishes or maintains a blood bank or transfusion service pursuant to section 184B of chapter 111 and in compliance with applicable requirements of the United States Food and Drug Administration, including, but not limited to, 21 C.F.R. Parts 600, 601, 606, 607, 610, 630 and 640, as amended, and any successor provisions;

(8) an agent, broker-dealer, investment adviser or investment adviser representative, as defined in section 401 of chapter 110A, who is regulated by the

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secretary of the commonwealth or the United States Securities and Exchange Commission; or

(9) a covered entity or business associate governed by the privacy, security and breach notification rules issued by the United States Department of Health and Human Services, 45 C.F.R. Parts 160 and 164, established under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996; provided that, for purposes of this clause, the following words shall, unless the context clearly requires otherwise, have the following meanings:

(A) ‘business associate’, as defined in 45 C.F.R. 160.103 and, consistent with said 45 C.F.R. 160.103, shall include: (i) a Health Information Organization, E-prescribing Gateway or other person that provides data transmission services with respect to protected health information to a covered entity and that requires access on a routine basis to such protected health information; (ii) a person that offers a personal health record to 1 or more individuals on behalf of a covered entity; and (iii) a subcontractor that creates, receives, maintains or transmits protected health information on behalf of the business associate;

(B) ‘covered entity’, as defined in 45 C.F.R. 160.103 and, consistent with said 45 C.F.R. 160.103, shall include: (i) a health plan; (ii) a health care clearinghouse; or (iii) a health care provider who transmits any health information in electronic form in connection with a transaction covered by said 45 C.F.R. Parts 160 and 164”, in lines 257 and 258, by striking out the words “collects or processes” and inserting in place thereof the words “collects, processes or creates”, in lines 259 and 260, by striking out the words “as in effect on the effective date of this chapter”, in line 382, by striking out the words “or processor”, in line 398, by inserting after the word “behalf” the following: “; provided, however, that no controller shall share with an authorized agent any personal data related to a minor and their LGBTQ+ protected status”, in line 401, by inserting after the word “behalf” the following: “; provided, however, that no controller shall share with an authorized agent any personal data related to a consumer and their LGBTQ+ protected status”, in lines 408 to 415, inclusive, by striking out the following: “; provided, that in determining what is reasonably necessary and proportionate the following shall be taken into account, the: (i) consumer’s reasonable expectation regarding the personal data at the time the personal data was collected based on the purposes that were disclosed to the consumer; (ii) relationship that the new purpose bears to the purposes that were disclosed to the consumer; (iii) impact that processing the personal data for the new purpose might have on the consumer; (iv) relationship between the consumer and the controller and the context in which the personal data were collected; and (v) existence of additional safeguards, including, but not limited to, encryption, in processing such personal data for such new purpose” and inserting in place thereof the following: “; provided, that such purposes shall be consistent with the reasonable expectations of the consumer, taking into account: (i) the personal data that is reasonably necessary to achieve the purpose for which the personal data is collected; (ii) the impact that processing the personal data might have on the consumer; (iii) the relationship between the consumer and the controller and the context in which the personal data were collected; and (iv) the existence of additional safeguards, including, but not limited to, encryption.”; and

By inserting after said section 1 the following section:

“SECTION 1A. (a) The office of consumer affairs and business regulation shall conduct a study and issue a report on how to best regulate data brokers in the commonwealth.

(b) The office shall:

- (i) examine what qualifies an entity as a data broker;
- (ii) estimate the number of data brokers operating in the commonwealth and the scope of data broker operations;
- (iii) estimate the cost, feasibility and efficacy of establishing and maintaining a data broker registry;
- (iv) consider whether existing data privacy and consumer protection laws and regulations are sufficient to protect the residents of the commonwealth from any negative impacts associated with data brokers;
- (v) evaluate laws and regulations in other jurisdictions in terms of their cost, feasibility, utility and efficacy; and
- (vi) consider any other matters that are relevant to the regulation of data brokers, including, but not limited to, any positive impacts associated with data brokers.

(b) The report shall include, but shall not be limited to: (i) proposed definitions that may be appropriate for statute or regulations on how to define a data broker; (ii) a review of other states' regulation of data brokers; and (iii) data related to cost and feasibility of regulating data brokers.

(b) Not later than July 1, 2027, the office of consumer affairs and business regulation shall submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, by filing the same with the clerks of the house of representatives and the senate, the house and senate committees on ways and means and the joint committee on advanced information technology, the internet and cybersecurity.”.

On the question on adoption of the consolidated amendments (Mr. Donato of Medford having taken the Chair), 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 146 members voted in the affirmative and 0 in the negative.

[See [Yea and Nay No. 207](#) 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 Ms. Farley-Bouvier of Pittsfield; and on the roll call 146 members voted in the affirmative and 0 in the negative.

[See [Yea and Nay No. 208](#) in Supplement.]

Therefore the bill (Senate, No. 2619, amended) was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence. Sent to the Senate for concurrence in the amendment (for text of House amendment, see House, No. 5479, published as amended).

Subsequently a statement of Mr. Diggs of Barnstable 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 during the taking of the above yeas and nays, I was absent from the House Chamber on official business in another part of the State House, and therefore was not recorded. If I had been present for the taking of the roll call, I would have voted in the affirmative.

Subsequently a statement of Ms. Luddy of Orleans 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 during the taking of the above yeas and nays, I was absent from the House Chamber on official business in another part of the State House, and therefore was not recorded. If I had been present for the taking of the roll call, I would have voted in the affirmative.

Consolidated amendments adopted,—yea and nay No. 207.

Bill passed to be engrossed,—yea and nay No. 208.

Statement of Mr. Diggs of Barnstable.

Statement of Ms. Luddy of Orleans.

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 authorizing the conveyance of certain parcels of land in the city of Fall River (House, No. 4973), ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a bill with the same title (House, No. 5473). Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Fall River,—
land.

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, under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Fiola of Fall River, the bill (having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) was read a third time.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Walsh of Peabody moved to amend it by striking out section 8; 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 the conveyance of certain parcels of state land in the city of Fall River, 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. 5473, 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 Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next
sitting.

Mr. Vieira of Falmouth 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-four minutes after six o'clock P.M. (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.