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**JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.**



**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 2026.**

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Wednesday, June 10, 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 Speaker.*

The Speaker announced that (under the provisions of Section 37P of Chapter 71 of the General Laws) he had appointed Paula Zandbergs of Woburn to the Model School Resource Officer Memorandum of Understanding Review Commission to develop and review the model memorandum of understanding and make recommendations for changes to the model memorandum of understanding as the commission deems appropriate.

School resource officers.

### *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 sitting due a family emergency that required my immediate attention. Had I been present, I would have voted in the affirmative on Yea and Nay Nos. 211, 212, 213, 215 and 216, and in the negative on Yea and Nay Nos. 209, 210 and 214. My missing of roll calls today is due entirely to the reason stated.

Statement of Representative Chan of Quincy.

### *Statement of Representative Gregoire of Marlborough.*

A statement of Miss Gregoire of Marlborough 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 session of Thursday, June 4, 2026 due to previously scheduled travel to participate in the National Women in Government Conference, of which I serve as second vice-chair. Had I been present, I would have voted in the affirmative on Yea and Nay Nos. 202 to 208, inclusive. My missing of roll calls is due entirely to the reason stated.

Statement of Representative Gregoire of Marlborough.

### *Statement of Representative Shand of Newburyport.*

A statement of Ms. Shand of Newburyport was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

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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 session of Thursday, June 4th due to a prior commitment in my district. If I had been present, I would have voted in the affirmative on Yea and Nay Nos. 207 and 208. My missing of roll calls is due entirely to the reason stated.

Statement of Representative Shand of Newburyport.

*Remote Participation.*

Notice had been received from House Counsel that, under the provisions of House Rule 49, Representatives Boldyga of Southwick, Cruz of Salem, Ferguson of Holden, Muradian of Grafton, Reid of Lynn and Tyler of Boston 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 Representatives Ciccolo of Lexington and Gordon of Bedford) congratulating the Lexington Field and Garden Club on the occasion of its one hundred and fiftieth anniversary;

Lexington Field and Garden Club.

Resolutions (filed by Representative McMurtry of Dedham) congratulating Owen Cocchi on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout of Scouting America;

Owen Cocchi.

Resolutions (filed by Representative McMurtry of Dedham) congratulating Patrick Connelly on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout of Scouting America;

Patrick Connelly.

Resolutions (filed by Representative McMurtry of Dedham) congratulating Travis Engel on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout of Scouting America;

Travis Engel.

Resolutions (filed by Representative McMurtry of Dedham) congratulating Jack Strzepka on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout of Scouting America; and

Jack Strzepka.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Philips of Sharon) congratulating Ayush Patel on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout of Scouting America;

Ayush Patel.

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 Office of the Child Advocate (see Section 10 of Chapter 18C of the General Laws) submitting its annual data report for fiscal year 2025;

Child Advocate.

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 April, 2026;

Gaming and sports wagering revenue.

From the Department of Transportation (see item 1596-2406 of Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the MassDOT Rail and Transit Division Regional Transit Authority Connectivity Grant Program annual report for fiscal year 2025;

Connectivity grant program.

From the Department of Transportation (see item 1596-2406 of Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the MassDOT Rail and Transit Division

Fare Free pilot program.

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Fare Free Pilot Program for regional transit authorities annual report for fiscal year 2025;

From the Department of Transportation (see Section 99 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting its annual report on the Regional Transit Authority Performance Management Program and RTA Performance Progress Report for fiscal year 2025; and

Performance management and progress.

From the Property and Casualty Initiative, LLC (see Section 3 of Chapter 259 of the Acts of 1998) submitting its annual report for fiscal year 2025 [copies of said report were forwarded to the committee on Ways and Means, the committee on Financial Services, and the committee on Revenue, as required by said law];

Property and Casualty Initiative.

Severally were placed on file.

*Papers from the Senate.*

**Bills**

Establishing a sick leave bank for Shannon Manning, an employee of the trial court of the commonwealth (Senate, No. 2908, amended) (on a petition); and

Shannon Manning.

Establishing a sick leave bank for Stephanie Rivera, an employee of the Worcester county sheriff's office (Senate, No. 3031, amended) (on a petition);

Stephanie Rivera.

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) authorizing the city of Newton to issue pension obligation bonds or notes, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Newton,—bonds.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 3092) 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:

Joint petition (accompanied by bill) of Joan Meschino (by vote of the town) that the town of Hingham be authorized to grant certain parcels of land in said town to the Commonwealth for highway purposes. To the committee on Transportation.

Hingham,—land.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Tara T. Hong for legislation to establish a veteran rental assistance bridge program. To the committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs.

Veteran rental assistance.

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. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Senate Bill providing for the ownership and maintenance of the Town Line Brook and Linden Brook culverts and dams (Senate, No. 2967), ought to pass with an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in House document numbered 5490. Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Culverts and dams.

Mr. Honan of Boston, for said committee, then reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of the 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. 2967, amended) was ordered to a third reading.

By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill authorizing the town of Billerica to transfer control of certain land of the town situated in the town of Billerica for recreational purposes for the purposes of constructing the Yankee Doodle Bike Path (House, No. 4440), ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a Bill authorizing the town of Billerica to transfer control of certain land in the town of Billerica for the Yankee Doodle Bike Path (House, No. 5492). Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Billerica,—  
bike path.

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.

*Engrossed Bills.*

Engrossed bills

Further regulating special meetings of the Holyoke city council (see House, No. 4738); and

Bills  
enacted.

Amending the charter of the town of Reading (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.

*Motions to Discharge Certain Matters in the Orders of the Day.*

The Senate Bill regulating the issuance of licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages in the town of Bolton (Senate, No. 2628), 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 Ms. Hogan of Stow.

Bolton,—  
liquor  
licenses.

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 5494.

The amendment was adopted; and the bill (Senate 2628, amended) was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence. Sent to the Senate for concurrence in the amendment.

The House Bill authorizing the transfer of a certain parcel of land in the town of Marion from the Open Space Acquisition Commission to the Select Board (House, No. 5388), having been 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

Marion,—  
land.

read a third time forthwith, under suspension of Rule 47, on motion of Mr. Silvia of Fairhaven; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

*Recess.*

At fourteen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Smola of Warren (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House recessed until one o'clock P.M.; and at twenty-two minutes after one o'clock, 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),— Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, reported that the Senate Bill regarding free expression (Senate, No. 2726), ought to pass with an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in House document numbered 5489. Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Free expression.

Mr. Honan of Boston, for said committee, then reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of the 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. 2726, amended) was ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently, the noon recess having terminated (Ms. Hogan of Stow being in the Chair), under further 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. Gaskey of Carver moved to amend it by adding the following:

“SECTION 17. Section 1A. Chapter 272 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 official edition, is hereby amended by striking out section 28, the final sentence.”

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 2 members voted in the affirmative and 154 in the negative.

Amendment rejected,—yea and nay No. 209.

**[See [Yea and Nay No. 209](#) in Supplement.]**

Therefore the amendment was rejected.

Mr. Pease of Westfield then moved to amend the bill in proposed section 82C of chapter 71 by:

“Striking out subsection (a) and inserting in place thereof the following subsection:

(a) The selection of school library materials by a school library teacher for inclusion in a school library shall not be overruled except by a vote of the school committee conducted in accordance with the procedures established in this section. If there is a complaint or challenge to school library materials, the school committee shall follow the procedures established in this section for a review of the school library materials.

Striking out subsection (b)(1) in its entirety.

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Striking out subsection (b)(2) and inserting in place thereof the following subsection:

(b)(1) The school committee shall hold a public hearing, with notice of the hearing provided to the district. Following the public hearing, the school committee shall vote to determine whether the school library materials are consistent with the requirements of section 82A. School library materials shall only be removed from the school library if the school committee finds, based on clear and convincing evidence, that the school library material is: (i) devoid of any educational, literary, artistic, personal or social value; or (ii) not age appropriate for any child who attends the school.

Striking out subsection (b)(3) in its entirety”.

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 23 members voted in the affirmative and 133 in the negative.

**[See [Yea and Nay No. 210](#) in Supplement.]**

Therefore the amendments were rejected.

Ms. Sabadosa of Northampton then moved to amend the bill in section 2, in line 71, by inserting after the word “material” the words “, taken in its entirety,.”; and he amendment was adopted.

Ms. Decker of Cambridge then moved to amend the bill in section 2, in line 43, by striking out the words “person or group” and inserting in place thereof the words “parent, or guardian of a student in the school”.

After remarks the amendment was 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. Garballey of Arlington; and on the roll call 153 members voted in the affirmative and 3 in the negative.

**[See [Yea and Nay No. 211](#) in Supplement.]**

Therefore the bill (Senate, No. 2726, amended) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence in the amendment adopted by the House [for text of House amendments, see House document numbered 5489, amended].

Prior to the noon recess (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair),— Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill implementing the recommendations of the Walsh-Kennedy Commission Report (House, No. 2692), ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a bill with the same title (House, No. 5491). 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 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.

Amendments  
rejected,—  
yea and nay  
No. 210.

Bill passed to  
be engrossed,—  
yea and nay  
No. 211.

Fire safety.

**UNCORRECTED PROOF.**

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

**[See [Yea and Nay No. 212](#) in Supplement.]**

Therefore the bill (House, No. 5491) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Bill passed to be engrossed,—  
yea and nay  
No. 212.

Prior to the noon recess (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair)—, Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, reported that the Senate Bill relative to violation of regulation regarding hot work processes (Senate, No. 1646), ought to pass with an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in House document numbered 5488. Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Hot work  
processes.

Mr. Honan of Boston, for said committee, then reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of the 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. 1646, amended) was ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently, the noon recess having terminated, under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Cahill of Lynn, the bill (having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) was read a third time.

After remarks on the question on passing the bill, as amended, to be engrossed, in concurrence, the sense of the House was taken by the yeas and nays, at the request of the same member; 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. 213.

**[See [Yea and Nay No. 213](#) in Supplement.]**

Therefore the bill (Senate, No. 1646, amended) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence in the amendment adopted by the House [for text of House amendments, see House document numbered 5488].

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. 5377, 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. 5493) [Total Appropriation: \$227,272,868.00]. 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, under further suspension of the rules, on 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.

After remarks on the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Jones of North Reading and other members of the House moved to amend it in section 2, in line 14, by inserting after the word “Transfer” the following: “, provided that no funds shall be distributed until the Secretary of Administration and Finance develops and presents a plan to keep the annual expenditure from this line item under \$10,000,000”.

On the question on adoption of the amendment, the sense of the House was taken by the yeas and nays, at the request of Mr. Jones; and on the roll call 28 members voted in the affirmative and 128 in the negative.

Amendment rejected,—  
yea and nay  
No. 214.

[See [Yea and Nay No. 214](#) in Supplement.]

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 52 the following 2 sections:

“SECTION 52A. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, grants from the amounts collected pursuant to subsection (a) of section 13T of chapter 23A of the General Laws allocated to regional tourism councils pursuant to clause (ii) of subsection (d) of said section 13T of said chapter 23A for fiscal year 2027 shall be distributed not later than December 1, 2026 pursuant to a transfer schedule determined by the executive office for administration and finance.

SECTION 52B. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, grants from the amounts collected pursuant to subsection (b) of section 13T of chapter 23A of the General Laws allocated to regional tourism councils pursuant to clause (ii) of subsection (d) of said section 13T of said chapter 23A for fiscal year 2026 shall be distributed not later than December 1, 2026 pursuant to a transfer schedule as determined by the executive office for administration and finance.”; and

In section 54, in line 509, by striking out the figure: “7” and inserting in place thereof the figure: “9”; and in line 512, by inserting after the word “representatives”, following: “; 1 member of the Massachusetts Association of County Commissioners; 1 member of the Massachusetts Association of County Treasurers.”.

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

Consolidated amendments adopted,—  
yea and nay  
No. 215.

[See [Yea and Nay No. 215](#) in Supplement.]

Therefore the consolidated amendments were adopted.

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. Michlewitz of Boston and on the roll call 154 members voted in the affirmative and 2 in the negative.

Bill passed to be engrossed,—  
yea and nay  
No. 216.

[See [Yea and Nay No. 216](#) in Supplement.]

Therefore the bill (House, No. 5496, published as 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.

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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 twenty-six minutes before 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.