

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.**



**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18, 2025.**

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Wednesday, June 18, 2025.

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 Speaker took the Chair and at the request of Speaker Mariano and Minority Leader Jones, the members, guests, and employees stood in a moment of silent tribute for Minnesota Speaker Emerita Melissa Hortman who was tragically killed along with her husband, Mark Hortman, in an act of political violence on June 14th, 2025.

Minnesota  
House  
Speaker Emerita  
Melissa Hortman.

Speaker Hortman served as a State Representative in Minnesota from 2005 until 2025, and as Speaker from 2019 until January of this year.

A graduate of Boston University in 1991, University of Minnesota School of Law in 1995, and Harvard Kennedy School in 2018, Speaker Hortman served her district with distinction, and her death is both a devastating loss for Minnesota, and for the country as a whole.

Speaker Hortman and her husband are survived by their two children, Colin and Sophie.

During the session, Ms. Hogan of Stow being in the Chair, at the request of Representatives Giannino of Revere, Turco of Winthrop and Galvin of Canton, the members, guests and employees stood in a moment of silence in memory of Richard Serino, Sr. of Revere, who tragically lost his life yesterday.

Richard  
Serino, Sr.

He was a devoted husband to his beloved wife, a loving father and proud grandfather, a United States Marine Corps veteran, and a retired Revere police officer who dedicated his life to service. Enlisting in 1967, he served honorably during the Vietnam era, including a tour in Okinawa. Upon returning to Revere, he served for over 30 years as a patrolman, known throughout the city as the motorcycle traffic officer.

Richie was known not only for his public service, but also for his kindness, patriotism, and festive spirit, bringing joy to his neighbors through his holiday lawn displays. He leaves behind his wife Trudy, his children, grandchildren, and a grateful community who mourn his loss and honor his legacy.

### *Statement of Representative Gentile of Sudbury.*

A statement of Mr. Gentile of Sudbury 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 official business outside of the State House. Had I been present I would have voted in the affirmative on roll calls numbered 56 and 57. My missing of roll calls is due entirely to the reason stated.

Statement of  
Representative  
Gentile of  
Sudbury.

*Statement of Representative Gregoire of Marlborough.*

A statement of Miss Gregoire of Marlborough was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

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Statement of  
Representative  
Gregoire of  
Marlborough.

*Statement of Representative Lewis of Framingham.*

A statement of Mr. Lewis of Framingham 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 previously scheduled speaking engagement at human rights conference and legislative meetings on public health and equity issues. My missing of roll calls is due entirely to the reason stated.

Statement of  
Representative  
Lewis of  
Framingham.

*Remote Participation.*

Notice had been received from House Counsel that, under the provisions of House Rule 49, Representatives Barrett of North Adams, Cataldo of Concord, DeCoste of Norwell, Duffy of Holyoke, Ferrante of Gloucester and Sullivan-Almeida of Abington had been approved to participate remotely for today's formal sitting.

Remote  
participation.

*Guests of the House.*

During the session, the Speaker took the Chair, declared a brief recess, and introduced Angelo Saade of Lawrence, who recently graduated from Greater Lawrence Technical School and has maintained a perfect attendance record since kindergarten. He was accompanied by his parents, Maria and Tony. They were the guests of Representatives Moran of Lawrence, Reyes of Lawrence and Paulino of Methuen.

Angelo  
Saade.

During the session, the Chair (Ms. Hogan of Stow) declared a brief recess, and introduced members of Elder Climate Action, Tina Grosowsky of Hudson and Allan Fierce of Stow. These individuals came to the State House to lobby for climate-friendly policies and legislation that combats climate change in order to safeguard our environment for their grandchildren and future generations. They were the guests of the Chair.

Elder  
Climate  
Action.

*Resolutions.*

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

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Owens of Watertown and Lawn of Watertown) congratulating the Rotary Club of Watertown for one hundred years of community service; and

Watertown  
Rotary Club.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Ultrino of Malden, Lipper-Garabedian of Melrose, Wong of Saugus, Garcia of Chelsea, Giannino of Revere and Donato of Medford) congratulating Mystic Valley Elder Services on the fiftieth anniversary of its founding;

Mystic Valley  
Elder Services.

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. Ultrino of Malden, 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 the Trial Court (see Section 15 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;

Trial Court,—  
rental  
protections.

From the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development (see item 7003-0100 of Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the Department of Economic Research report on Barriers to Employment;

Employment  
barriers.

From the Executive Office for Administration and Finance (see item 1599-1213 contained in Section 2A of Chapter 88 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the Temporary Respite Center monthly report from May 13, 2025 to June 12, 2025;

Temporary  
respite  
centers.

From the Executive Office for Administration and Finance and the Executive Office for Housing and Livable Communities (see item 1599-0514 of Section 2 of Chapter 77 of the Acts of 2023 and Section 19 of Chapter 88 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the June 12, 2025 biweekly report on the emergency housing assistance program; and

Emergency  
housing  
assistance.

From the Office for Refugees and Immigrants (see item 4003-0123 of Section 2 of Chapter 77 of the Acts of 2023) submitting the monthly Resettlement Agency Report for May, 2025;

Resettlement  
agency.

Severally were placed on file.

*Petition.*

Representative Whipps of Athol and Senator Comerford presented a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4228) of Susannah M. Whipps and Joanne M. Comerford (by vote of the town) that the town of Athol be authorized to regulate rents for the use or occupancy of manufactured housing parks in said town; and the same was referred to the committee on Housing. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Athol,—  
housing  
parks.

*Paper from the Senate.*

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2532) of Michael F. Rush, Edward R. Philips, Marcus S. Vaughn, John H. Rogers and other members of the General Court (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the town of Walpole to grant up to 2 additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Walpole,—  
alcoholic  
beverages.

*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 Kevin G. Honan and Michael J. Moran for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for James Caruso, an employee of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Ultrino of Malden, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended; and petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Public Service. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

James  
Caruso,—  
sick leave.

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At six 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 until one o'clock P.M.; and at five minutes after one o'clock, the House was called to order with Ms. Hogan of Stow in the Chair.

Recess.

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By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Esther Odufuwa an employee of the department of mental health (House, No. 4222), be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Esther  
Odufuwa,—  
sick leave.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Jones of North Reading, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair) 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; and it was passed to be engrossed, its title having been changed by said committee to read: "An Act establishing a sick leave bank for Esther Odufuwa, an employee of the department of mental health." Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

*Orders of the Day.*

Ms. Hogan of Stow being in the Chair,—

The report (in part) of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches, with reference to the Senate amendment (see Senate document numbered 2512) of the House Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2025 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other

Supplemental  
appropriations.

activities and projects (House, No. 4010), recommending, a bill with the same title (House, No. 4227), was considered.

After remarks on the question on acceptance of the report, 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. 56](#) 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. 56.

*Emergency Measure.*

The engrossed Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2025 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (see House, No. 4227), 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.

Supplemental appropriations.

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 46 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

On the question on passing the bill to be enacted (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, at the request of Mr. Michlewitz of Boston; and on the roll call (Speaker Mariano having taken the Chair) 148 members voted in the affirmative and 4 in the negative.

Bill enacted,—yea and nay No. 57.

[See [Yea and Nay No. 57](#) in Supplement.]

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

*Order.*

On motion of Mr. Jones of North Reading,—

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

Next sitting.

Speaker Mariano of Quincy and Minority Leader Jones of North Reading then moved that when the House adjourns today, it do so in respect to the memory of Melissa Anne Hortman, a member of the Minnesota House of Representatives from 2005 to 2025, inclusive, and the 61st Speaker of the Minnesota House of Representatives; and the motion prevailed.

At twelve minutes before three o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. O'Day of West Boylston (Speaker Mariano of Quincy being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.