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**JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.**



**MONDAY, JUNE 30, 2025.**

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Monday, June 30, 2025.

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.

### *Petitions.*

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Blais of Deerfield and Senator Mark, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4241) of Natalie M. Blais and Paul W. Mark (by vote of the town) that the town of Whately be authorized to provide legal voting rights in municipal elections for town of Whately residents aged 16 and 17 years old; and

Whately,—  
teen  
voting.

By Representative Davis of Great Barrington and Senator Mark, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4242) of Leigh Davis (by vote of the town) relative to recall elections in the town of Dalton.

Dalton,—  
recall  
elections.

Severally to the committee on Election Laws.

By Representative Kassner of Hamilton and Senator Tarr, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4243) of Kristin E. Kassner (by vote of the town) relative to the town manager residency requirement in the town of Ipswich;

Ipswich,—  
town  
manager.

By Representative Meschino of Hull and Senator O'Connor, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4244) of Joan Meschino (by vote of the town) that the town of Hingham be authorized to utilize alternative methods for publication of legal notices; and

Hingham,—  
legal  
notices.

By Representative Sylvia of Fairhaven and Senator Montigny, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4245) of Mark D. Sylvia and Mark C. Montigny (by vote of the town) relative to the membership of the select board of the town of Mattapoisett.

Mattapoisett,—  
select board.

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

By Representative Worrell of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4246) of Christopher J. Worrell (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Boston be authorized to appoint Gissell Melo a police officer notwithstanding the maximum age requirement. To the committee on Public Service.

Boston,—  
Gissell  
Melo.

By Representative Meschino of Hull and Senator O'Connor, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4247) of Joan Meschino (by vote of the town) that the town of Hull be authorized to establish a schedule of fines for parking violations. To the committee on Transportation.

Hull,—  
parking  
violations.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Vargas of Haverhill, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Andres X. Vargas relative to non-discrimination by improving algorithmic systems.

Non-  
discrimination.

By Representative Xiarhos of Barnstable (by request), a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Jane Logan relative to unclaimed life insurance benefits.

Unclaimed life insurance.

Severally, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

*Reports of Committees.*

Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches, with reference to the Senate amendment (striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 2525) of the House Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2026 for the maintenance of the departments, boards, commissions, institutions and certain activities of the Commonwealth, for interest, sinking fund and serial bond requirements, and for certain permanent improvements (House, No. 4001), reported, in part, a bill with the same title (House, No. 4240) [Total Appropriation: \$61,013,695,075.00]. Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

General Appropriation Bill.

Mr. Honan of Boston, for said committee, then reported, that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House; and, under said rule, it was placed in the Orders of the Day for the next sitting, the question being on acceptance.

By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, on a message from Her Excellency the Governor, a Bill making certain appropriations for Fiscal Year 2026 before final action on the General Appropriation Bill (printed in House, No. 4237) [Total Appropriation: \$7,463,000,000.00]. Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

State funds,—  
emergency expenditures.

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

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

*Orders of the Day.*

The House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for James Caruso, an employee of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (House, No. 4230), 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. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Third reading bill.

*Order.*

Mr. Mariano of Quincy offered the following order:—

*Ordered*, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at one o'clock P.M. for a second legislative day.

The order was adopted.

Next sitting.

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At twenty minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. McKenna of Sutton (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet at one o'clock P.M. for a second legislative day, in a Formal Session.

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SECOND LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Met at nine minutes after one o'clock P.M. with Mr. Donato in 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 Prayer.*

During the session, the Chair (Ms. Hogan of Stow), declared a brief recess at the request of Miss Garry of Dracut, members, guests and employees stood in a moment of silent tribute in memory of Frederick "Pat" Walor of Dracut. Frederick "Pat" Walor, a 101-year-old World War II veteran and longtime Dracut farmer, passed away peacefully on Friday morning, June 27th. Pat enlisted in the U.S. Army on March 10, 1943. After completing basic training, he was sent to serve in Europe as a member of Company D, of the 39th Infantry Regiment, part of the 9th Infantry Division. The unit landed at Utah Beach days after D-Day, and he fought in Normandy, Northern France and Germany. He was wounded and earned his Purple Heart on his 21st birthday.

Frederick "Pat"  
Walor.

In addition to the Purple Heart, he earned a Bronze Star, the Combat Infantry Badge, European and American Campaign Medals and many other recognitions.

When he returned from the war, he married Eleanor Mscisz and bought a farm in Dracut. She died in 2013 after 66 years of marriage.

Many members of this Chamber met Pat this past May 22nd when he was one of the inaugural class of honorees at the First Military Appreciation Day. Despite using a wheelchair, Pat was determined to stand when his name was called.

He leaves three daughters — Sandra Walor, Patricia Diodati and Mary Kazalski, and his son, Joseph Walor; 8 grandchildren; 14 great grandchildren and 2 great, great grandchildren.

His family would like him to be remembered as a loving, humble, generous, thoughtful and sincere man.

*Guests of the House.*

During the session, the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford), declared a brief recess and introduced in the House Chamber, Karen Love and Jamie Love. They were the sister and niece of Gene DiPersio, Chief Court Officer, who were in attendance to celebrate his impending retirement.

Karen Love  
and Jamie  
Love.

*Statement of Representative Cabral of New Bedford.*

A statement of Mr. Cabral of New Bedford 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. Had I been present,

Statement of  
Representative

I would have voted in the affirmative on Yea and Nay Nos. 61 and 62, on acceptance and enactment of the Fiscal Year 2026 General Appropriation Act.

Cabral of  
New Bedford.

*Statement of Representative Fiola of Fall River.*

A statement of Ms. Fiola of Fall River 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 engagement. Had I been present, I would have voted in the affirmative on Yea and Nay Nos. 61 and 62. My missing of said roll calls was due entirely to the reason stated.

Statement of  
Representative  
Fiola of  
Fall River.

*Statement of Representative Garcia of Chelsea.*

A statement of Ms. Garcia of Chelsea 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 the State House traveling with a Chelsea delegation for the All-American City competition in Denver, Colorado. Had I been present, I would have voted in the affirmative on Yea and Nay Nos. 59, 60, 61 and 62. My missing of said roll calls was due entirely to the reason stated.

Statement of  
Representative  
Garcia of  
Chelsea.

*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 a previously scheduled family commitment. Had I been present, I would have voted in the affirmative on Yea and Nay Nos. 61 and 62. My missing of said roll calls was due entirely to the reason stated.

Statement of  
Representative  
Gentile of  
Sudbury.

*Statement of Representative Vaughn of Wrentham.*

A statement of Mr. Vaughn of Wrentham 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. Had I been present, I would have voted in the affirmative on Yea and Nay Nos. 59, 60, 61 and 62.

Statement of  
Representative  
Vaughn of  
Wrentham.

*Statement of Representative Vieira of Falmouth.*

A statement of Mr. Vieira of Falmouth 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. Had I been present for the taking of Yea and Nay No. 59, on approving the report of the committee of

Statement of  
Representative  
Vieira of

conference on the FY2026 General Appropriation Bill (House, No. 4240), I would have voted in the affirmative.

Falmouth.

*Remote Participation.*

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

Remote participation.

*Guests of the House.*

During the session, the Chair (Ms. Hogan of Stow), declared a brief recess and introduced, standing in the Well of the House Chamber, Her Mystic Majesty Carnival Queen of Boston, Janesica Johnson and His Mystic Majesty the Carnival King of Mazatlán, Héctor Limón of Mazatlán, Mexico. They were guests of Representative Sena of Acton.

Janesica Johnson and Héctor Limón.

*Orders of the Day.*

Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair,—

The House Bill making certain appropriations for fiscal year 2026 before final action on the General Appropriation Bill (printed in House, No. 4237), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

State funds,—  
emergency expenditures.

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. Jones of North Reading; and on the roll call 143 members voted in the affirmative and 1 in the negative.

Bill passed to be engrossed,—  
yea and nay  
No. 59.

[See [Yea and Nay No. 59](#) in Supplement.]

Therefore the bill was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

*Engrossed Bill.*

The engrossed Bill making certain appropriations for fiscal year 2026 before final action on the General Appropriation Bill (see House Bill printed in House, No. 4237), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was put upon its final passage.

State funds,—  
emergency expenditures.

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. Michlewitz of Boston; and on the roll call 144 members voted in the affirmative and 1 in the negative.

Bill enacted,—  
yea and nay  
No. 60.

[See [Yea and Nay No. 60](#) in Supplement.]

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

*Recess.*

At five minutes before two o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Jones of North Reading (Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair) the House recessed until a half past

Recess.

three o'clock; and at twenty-five minutes before four o'clock, the House was called to order with Ms. Hogan of Stow in the Chair.

*Orders of the Day.*

A report (in part) of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches, with reference to the Senate amendment of the House Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2026 for the maintenance of the departments, boards, commissions, institutions and certain activities of the Commonwealth, for interest, sinking fund and serial bond requirements, and for certain permanent improvements (House, No. 4001) (for report, see House, No. 4240), was considered.

After debate 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 139 members voted in the affirmative and 6 in the negative.

[See [Yea and Nay No. 61](#) in Supplement.]

Therefore the report of the committee of conference was accepted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

General  
Appropriation  
Bill.

Conference  
committee  
report  
accepted,—  
yea and nay  
No. 61.

*Emergency Measure.*

The engrossed Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2026 for the maintenance of the departments, boards, commissions, institutions and certain activities of the Commonwealth, for interest, sinking fund and serial bond requirements, and for certain permanent improvements (see House, No. 4240), 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 52 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. Michlewitz of Boston; and on the roll call 139 members voted in the affirmative and 6 in the negative.

[See [Yea and Nay No. 62](#) in Supplement.]

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

General  
Appropriation  
Bill.

Bill enacted,—  
yea and nay  
No. 62.

*Order.*

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

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

Next  
sitting.

Representatives Puppolo of Springfield, Williams of Springfield, González of Springfield, Ramos of Springfield, Ashe of Longmeadow and Finn of West Springfield moved that when the House adjourns today, it do so in respect to the

memory of Peter H. Lappin, a member of the House from Springfield from 1973 to 1976, and a member of the Governor's Council in 1977 and 1978; and the motion prevailed.

Accordingly, at six minutes after five o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Jones of North Reading (Ms. Hogan of Stow being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Thursday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.