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# JOURNAL OF THE SENATE

Thursday, March 26, 2026.

Met at twenty-two minutes past eleven o'clock A.M. (Mr. Brownsberger in the Chair) (having been appointed, by the President, under authority conferred by Senate Rule 4, to perform the duties of the Chair).

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The Chair (Mr. Brownsberger), members, guests and staff then recited the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of allegiance.

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*Reports.*

The following reports were severally received and placed on file, to wit:

Report of the Executive Office for Administration and Finance (pursuant to Chapter 88 of the Acts of 2024, Section 10 of Chapter 1 of the Acts of 2025, and Section 88 of Chapter 73 of the Acts of 2025) submitting its Emergency Housing Assistance Program bi-weekly report (a copy having been forwarded to the Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means) (received March 23, 2026);

A&F,-- EA Housing bi-weekly report. SD3786

Report of the Department of Public Health (pursuant to 105 CMR 451.403) submitting the inspection report for Hampshire County Jail and House of Correction, the Plan of Correction from the facility and the Plan of Correction acceptance letter from the Division of Environmental Health Regulations and Standards (EHRS) (received March 26, 2026); and

DPH,-- Hampshire County Jail Inspection report. SD3791

Report of the Department of Public Health (pursuant to 105 CMR 451.403) submitting the inspection report for Hampshire County Jail and House of Correction Pre-Release Center, the Plan of Correction from the facility and the Plan of Correction acceptance letter from the Division of Environmental Health Regulations and Standards (EHRS) (received March 26, 2026).

DPH,-- Hampshire County Pre-Release Center Inspection report. SD3792

*Petition.*

Mr. Rush presented a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 3033) of Michael F. Rush (with approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to authorize the grant of easements in or taking of certain parcels of land to the city of Boston,-- **and the same was referred, under Senate Rule 20, to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government**.

Boston,-- land easement.

**Sent to the House for concurrence.**

*Order.*

Ms. Edwards presented an Order relative to granting the committee on the Judiciary until June 30, 2026, within which time to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 1035, 1039, 1041, 1043, 1101, 1122, 1127, 1134, 1143, 1177, 1178, 1184, 1186, 1203, 1205, 1221, 1236, 1244, 1245, 1247, 1267, 1276, 1282, 1284, 2975 and 2976, relative to judiciary matters (Senate, No. 3032);

The Judiciary,-- extension order.

**Referred, under Joint Rule 30, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently**.

*Reports of a Committees.*

LLC,-- filing fees.

By Mr. Finegold, for the committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies, on petition, a Bill relative to LLC filing fees (Senate, No. 307);

Charitable organization funding.

By Mr. Payano, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure on petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 193), a Bill to study modernizing charitable organization funding opportunities (Senate, No. 2997);

Motor vehicle,-- business practices.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 201), a Bill further regulating business practices between motor vehicle dealers, manufacturers, and distributors (Senate, No. 2998);

Legal age,-- adult-use products.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 221), a Bill to clarify the minimum age for the sale and purchase of adult-use products (Senate, No. 2999);

Professional development programs.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 244), a Bill to study promoting access to professional development programming in Massachusetts (Senate, No. 3000);

Massage therapist,-- continuing education.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 282), a Bill relative to continuing education requirements for licensed massage therapists (Senate, No. 3001);

Universal basic income,-- pilot.

By Mr. Eldridge, for the committee on Revenue, on petition, a Bill related to a universal basic income pilot (Senate, No. 2032); and

Tax liability,-- settlements.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2027), a Bill providing for settlements of tax liability (Senate, No. 3010);

**Severally read and, under Senate Rule 27, referred to the committee on Ways and Means.**

Regional planning board,-- voting.

By Ms. Rausch, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government on petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1456), a Bill relative to voting on regional planning board proposed regional agreements (Senate, No. 3005);

**Read and, under Senate Rule 26, referred to the committee on Rules.**

## PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

Notice was received from the House of Representatives announcing the following appointment by the Minority Leader:

Hate Crimes Task Force,-- appointment.

Representative Xiarhos of Barnstable has been appointed to serve as his designee (under Section 221 of Chapter 6 of the General Laws) on the Hate Crimes Task Force, replacing Representative Howitt of Seekonk.

Petitions were severally referred, in concurrence, as follows, to wit:

Worthington,-- energy storage.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5294) of Lindsay N. Sabadosa and Paul W. Mark (by vote of the town) for legislation to establish a temporary moratorium on large scale ground-mounted solar photovoltaic installations and battery energy storage systems in the town of Worthington; and

Boston,-- land.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5317) of Kevin G. Honan (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Boston be authorized to grant of easements in or takings of certain parcels of land near Joslin Park in said city;

**Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.**

West Roxbury,-- sewer line easement.

A Bill authorizing the division of capital asset management and maintenance to release a certain sewer line easement in the West Roxbury section of the city of Boston (House, No. 5304,-- on House, No. 4368),-- **was read and, under Senate Rule 27, referred to the committee on Ways and Means.**

A Bill establishing memorial markers in the towns of Milton and Canton in memory of certain law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty (House, No. 1069,-- on petition),-- **was read and, under Senate Rule 26, referred to the committee on Rules.**

Milton/Canton,-- memorial markers.

Bills

Authorizing Sean Duffy to take the civil service examination for the position of firefighter in the city of Haverhill notwithstanding the maximum age requirement (House, No. 4573,-- on petition) [Local approval received]; and

Haverhill,-- Sean Duffy.

Relative to the town administrator of the town of Carlisle (House, No. 5308,-- on House, No. 4414) [Local approval received on House, No. 4414)];

Carlisle,-- town administrator.

**Were severally read and, under Senate Rule 26, placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session.**

A report of the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5137) of Shirley B. Arriaga relative to the sale of parrots,-- **was considered forthwith, under Senate Rule 36, and accepted, in concurrence.**

Parrot,-- sale restrictions.

*Recess.*

There being no objection, at twenty-three minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., the Chair (Mr. Brownsberger) declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair; and, at one minute before twelve o'clock noon, the Senate reassembled, Mr. Brownsberger in the Chair.

Recess.

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE

*Engrossed Bill.*

An engrossed Bill making the charter of the county of Nantucket gender neutral (see House, No. 4504) (which originated in the House), **having been certified by the Senate Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be enacted and signed by the Acting President (Mr. Brownsberger) and laid before the Governor for her approbation.**

Bill laid before the Governor.

*Matters Taken Out of the Orders of the Day.*

There being no objection, the following matters were taken out of the Orders of the Day and considered as follows:

The House Bill directing the city of Boston police department to waive the maximum age requirement for Pierre Charles Darius (House, No. 3925) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Boston,-- Pierre Charles Darius.

The House Bill directing the city of Boston police department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Ryan Cazeau (House, No. 4740),-- **was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Boston,-- Ryan Cazeau.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

A Bill directing the city of Boston police department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Doumy Pamera (House, No. 4572,-- on petition),-- was read.

Boston,-- Doumy Pamera.

**There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Fattman, and the bill was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence**.

Petitions were severally referred, in concurrence, as follows, to wit:

Condominium conversions.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5314) of Peter F. Harrington relative to condominium conversion of co-owned two-unit buildings;

**Under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Housing.**

Waltham,-- Veterans Memorial Rink.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5315) of Thomas M. Stanley that the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance be authorized to provide the city of Waltham with a right of first refusal over the lease of the Veterans Memorial rink in said city;

**Under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.**

*Order Adopted.*

On motion of Mr. Fattman,--

Time of meeting.

*Ordered*, that when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn to meet again on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M., and that the Clerk be directed to dispense with the printing of a calendar.

On motion of the same Senator, at two minutes past twelve o'clock noon, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.