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Thursday, May 8, 2025.

Met at three minutes past eleven o'clock A.M. (Mr. Brownsberger in the Chair).

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

Pledge of allegiance.

Distiguished Guests.

There being no objection, during consideration of the Orders of the Day, the following guests were introduced:

The Chair (Mr. Brownsberger) handed the gavel to Mr. Cyr for the purpose of an introduction. Mr. Cyr then introduced, in the rear of the Chamber, members from the Cape Cod Community Leadership Institute. The mission of the Institute is to provide it's members the ability to enhance their leadership and civic engagement skills, to cultivate connections and to drive change and innovation while helping to shape the future of the Cape Cod region. The group was accompanied by Representative Vieira of Falmouth. The Senate welcomed them with applause and they withdrew from the Chamber.

Cod Community Leadership Institute.

The Chair (Ms. Creem) handed the gavel to Mr. Lewis and Ms. Jehlen for the purpose of an introduction. They then introduced, on the Rostrum, author Jessica Lander. Ms. Lander was recognized for having authored books on American society and education. She wrote Making Americans, a book on immigrant education, Driving Backwards, a non-fiction portrait of small-town America, and co-authored Powerful Partnerships about family engagement in schools. The Senate welcomed her with applause and she withdrew from the Chamber.

Jessica Lander

Communication.

Communication from the Honorable Karen E. Spilka, President of the Senate, announcing the appointment of Senator John Keenan (pursuant to Section 36 of Chapter 285 of the Acts of 2024) to the Special Commission on Xylazine (received May 8, 2025),-- was placed on file.

Xylazine Special Commission appointment.

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 77 of the Acts of 2023 and Chapter 88 of the Acts of 2024) 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 May 5, 2025);

A&F,-- EA Housing bi-weekly report. SD2878

Report of the Executive Office for Administration and Finance (pursuant to Section 22 of Chapter 88 of the Acts of 2024) submitting its monthly approved and authorized training programs report as of May 1, 2025 (a copy having been forwarded to the Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means) (received May 5, 2025);

Monthly Work Training for EA Residents report. SD2879

Report of the Executive Office for Administration and Finance (pursuant to line item 4003-0123 of Chapter 77 of the Acts of 2023) submitting its April Resettlement Agency

A&F, -- April Resettlement Agency report. SD2880

report (a copy having been forwarded to the Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means) (received May 5, 2025);

Report of MassHealth (pursuant to Section 12A of Chapter 118E of the General Laws) submitting its MassHealth Direct Negotiations report (copies having been forwarded to the Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Chair of the Joint Committee on Health Care Financing) (received May 5, 2025); and

Report of the Department of Public Health (pursuant to 105 CMR 451.403) submitting the inspection report for Bridgewater State Hospital, the Plan of Correction (POC) from the facility and the POC acceptance letter from the Division of Environmental Health Regulations and Standards (EHRS) (received May 6, 2025).

MassHealth Direct Negotiations report SD2881

DPH,-- Bridgewater State Hospital Inspection report. SD2882

Petition.

Mr. Fattman (by request) presented a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Russell Bogartz for legislation relative to host community agreements,-- **and the same was referred, under Senate Rule 20, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.**

Host community agreements. SD2883

Report of a Committee.

The following report was reported from the committee on Ways and Means on Tuesday, May 6, 2024:

By Mr. Rodrigues, for the committee on Ways and Means, that 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),-- ought to pass, with an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text of Senate document numbered 3.

General appropriations bill.

[Direct Appropriation:\$60,543,124,169
Retained Revenue Authorization:\$784,552,122
Total:\$61,327,676,291]

Pursuant to an order previously adopted, the bill was placed in the Orders of the Day for Tuesday, May 20, 2025, for a second reading with the amendment pending.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

The following petitions, having been timely filed by five o'clock P.M. on January 17, 2025, were referred in concurrence as follows:

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4073) of David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf relative to medical debt reporting and collection;

Medical debt,-- reporting.

To the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4074) of Christopher Richard Flanagan relative to zoning for single family and multi-family housing for veterans;

Veterans,-- housing development zoning.

To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4075) of Manny Cruz relative to enhancing emergency infant care response;

Emergency care,-- infants.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4076) of Leigh Davis for an investigation by a special commission relative to emergency medical services;

EMS Commission.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4077) of Christopher Richard Flanagan relative to retrofitting accessibility for all medical facilities; and

Medical facilities,-- accessibility.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4078) of Christopher Richard Flanagan relative to early detection and treatment of patients with sepsis;

Sepsis,-- detection and treatment.

Severally to the committee on Public Health.

UNCORRECTED PROOF.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4079) of Kip A. Diggs relative to public retirees and reforming post-retirement employment and earnings limits;

Public retirees,--
earning limits.

To the committee on Public Service.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4080) of Michelle L. Ciccolo for legislation to increase airplane fuel taxes;

Airplanes,-- fuel
taxes.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4081) of David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf and Patricia A. Duffy relative to taxation and fire safety of problem properties, so-called;

Problem properties,-
- fire safety.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4082) of David T. Vieira relative to a refundable Title 5 septic tax credit; and

Septic tax credit.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4083) of David T. Vieira relative to the replacement of the Bourne Bridge by a transfer of income surtax revenue;

Bourne Bridge,--
replacement.

Severally to the committee on Revenue.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4084) of Tommy Vitolo and Jack Patrick Lewis relative to a surcharge on the 988 system;

988 system,--
surcharge.

To the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4085) of Christopher Richard Flanagan that the Registry of Motor Vehicles be authorized to issue distinctive license plates for the establishment of a fund to support the arts;

Distinctive license
plates.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4086) of Christopher Richard Flanagan relative to a study of stormwater engineering to protect habitats along state highways;

Highways,--
stormwater study.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4087) of Orlando Ramos relative to traffic safety at intersections; and

Intersections,--
traffic safety.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4088) of Estela A. Reyes for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to modernizing the language defining disabled veterans pursuant to registry of motor vehicle laws;

Disabled veteran,--
commission.

Severally to the committee on Transportation.

Order Adopted.

Mr. Brownsberger offered the following order, to wit:

Ordered, That, conformably to the provisions of Article XLVIII (48), as amended by Article LXXXI (81) of the Amendments to the Constitution, a joint session of the two Houses be held on Wednesday, May 14, 2025, at twelve o'clock noon, for the purpose of considering proposals for amendments to the Constitution.

Joint Session.

Insofar as applicable, the special rules of procedure, in effect in the preceding General Court shall govern said joint session, and any further joint sessions called for the purpose of considering amendments to the Constitution.

There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mrs. Dooner, and the order was considered forthwith and adopted.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

Orders of the Day.

The Orders of the Day were considered as follows:-

The House Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2025 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (House, No. 4010),-- was read a second time.

Supplemental
appropriations bill.

Recess.

There being no objection, at nineteen minutes past twelve o'clock noon, the Chair (Mr. Brownsberger) declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair; and at twenty-six minutes past one o'clock P.M., the Senate reassembled, Ms. Creem in the Chair.

Recess.

Moment of Silence.

At the request of the Chair (Ms. Creem), the members, guests and staff stood in a moment of silence and reflection to the memory of Carol Goldberg.

Moment of silence.

Orders of the Day.

The Orders of the Day were further considered as follows:-

The House Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2025 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (House, No. 4010),-- was further considered, the main question being on ordering the bill to a third reading.

Supplemental appropriations bill.

After remarks, pending the question on adoption of the amendment previously recommended by the committee on Senate Ways and Means, striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text of Senate document numbered 2512, and pending the main question on ordering the bill to a third reading, Messrs. Moore and O'Connor moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2515, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$1,000,000 shall be provided to the department of elementary and secondary education to study and make recommendations to improve outcomes for young men and boys in the commonwealth, including but not limited to, educational and career path improvements”; and by striking out the figure “\$25,000,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$26,000,000”.

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After remarks, the amendment was *rejected*.

Ms. Kennedy moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended to the Worcester regional transit authority for capital projects”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$300,000”.

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After remarks, the amendment was adopted.

There being no objection, the following amendments were considered as one, and rejected as follows:

Messrs. Tarr and O'Connor moved that the proposed new text be amended by inserting after section _ the following section:-

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“SECTION_. Section 2 of chapter 90 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after the twentieth paragraph, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, the following paragraph:-

The registrar shall furnish without charge to the owner of a private passenger motor vehicle who is a parent, child, sibling or spouse of a police officer of a police department of any city town or university, the department of state police or the Massachusetts bay transportation authority police department, who has been killed in the line of duty, upon presentation of satisfactory evidence to the registrar, a distinctive registration plate that reads ‘Blue Star Family’ for 1 private passenger motor vehicle owned and principally used by that person or a distinctive ‘Blue Star Family’ emblem to be affixed to a registration plate for a motorcycle privately owned and principally used by that person. The registrar may issue a distinctive ‘Blue Star Family’ registration of up to 6 characters for 1 private passenger motor vehicle owned and principally used by that person. A police officer shall be determined to have been killed in the line of duty for purposes of this paragraph if the circumstance meets those which would make them eligible to be placed on the National Law Enforcement Memorial in Washington D.C.”

The amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Tarr moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1595-2508, by inserting at the end thereof the following:- “; provided further, that the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority shall provide RIDE services to the town of North Reading”.

The amendment was *rejected* .

Messrs. Moore and O’Connor moved that the proposed new text be amended in section 2A, by inserting before item 1596-2514, the following item:-

“1596-2511 For initiatives to support workforce, affordability and quality improvements in the early education and care sector; provided, that not less than \$20,000,000 shall be expended for a reimbursement rate increase for subsidized early education center-based and family child care providers in the fiscal year ending on June 30, 2026.....\$20,000,000”

The amendment was *rejected* .

Mr. Tarr moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2520, in item 1596-2520 by inserting in line 210 after the word, “means” the following:- “and the clerks of the house and senate”.

The amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Tarr moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2524, in item 1596-2524 in line 267 after the word, “means” the following:- “and the clerks of the house and senate”.

The amendment was *rejected*.

Messrs. Tarr and O’Connor moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1595-2522, in item 1595-2522 by striking the following:- “provided further, that the authority shall not award a supplemental grant under this program to cities and towns not in compliance with the multi-family zoning requirement established in section 3A of chapter 40A of the General Laws as determined by the executive office of housing and livable communities”.

The amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Barrett moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the town of Lexington for the Rev Shuttle commuter service”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$150,000”.

The amendment was *rejected*.

Mrs. Dooner and Mr. O’Connor moved that the proposed new text be amended by inserting after section __ the following section:—

“SECTION __. Chapter 29 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section ZZZZZZ the following section:—

Section 2AAAAAA. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the executive office for administration and finance, in coordination with all executive offices and state agencies administering state grant programs, shall establish and maintain a centralized online portal to facilitate municipal access to all competitive state grant opportunities. The portal shall:

- (a) Provide up-to-date listings of all grant programs for which municipalities may be eligible;
- (b) Include deadlines, application requirements, and relevant contact information; and
- (c) Offer tools or technical assistance for smaller municipalities with limited grant-writing capacity.

The executive office shall ensure the portal is publicly accessible and updated on a quarterly basis.”

The amendment was *rejected*.

Mrs. Dooner and Mr. O'Connor moved that the proposed new text be amended by inserting after section __ the following section:— 76

“SECTION __. Section 3A of Chapter 40A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following subsection:—

(d) Notwithstanding any general or special law, regulation, or policy to the contrary, the requirements of this section shall not apply to any municipality categorized as an ‘Adjacent Community’ or an ‘Adjacent Small Town’ without direct access to Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority service.”

The amendment was *rejected*.

Mrs. Dooner and Messrs. O'Connor, Driscoll and Tarr moved that the proposed new text be amended by inserting after section __ the following section:— 77

“SECTION __. Section 3A of Chapter 40A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following subsection:—

(d) Notwithstanding any general or special law, regulation, or policy to the contrary, any municipality categorized as an ‘Adjacent Community’ or an ‘Adjacent Small Town’ without direct access to Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority service shall have an additional 2 years from the effective date of this act to comply with the requirements of this section.”

The amendment was *rejected*.

Mrs. Dooner moved that the proposed new text be amended by inserting after section __ the following section:— 78

“SECTION __. Section 3A of Chapter 40A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following subsection:—

(d) An MBTA community shall be exempt from the requirements of this section if the community meets any of the following conditions:

(1) The state has not approved an increase in the town’s water withdrawal permit necessary to support additional housing development;

(2) The community has more than 15 percent of its existing housing stock classified as low or moderate-income housing as defined in Section 20 of Chapter 40B;

(3) The community lacks basic infrastructure or sufficient state funding for infrastructure improvements, including but not limited to the absence of municipal water or sewer systems;

(4) The majority of the designated development zone consists of green space or protected natural resources, including nature preserves as defined in section 1 of chapter 131; or

(5) The community has a population of fewer than 8,000 residents, as determined by the most recent federal census.

The Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities shall promulgate regulations to enforce this subsection, including procedures for communities to apply for exemptions.”

The amendment was *rejected*.

Mrs. Dooner and Mr. Tarr moved that the proposed new text be amended by inserting after section _ the following section:— 79

“SECTION __. Chapter 6C of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following section:—

Section 80. Project delivery timelines; expedited construction requirements

(a) Notwithstanding any general or special law, regulation, or policy to the contrary, the department shall commence construction on transportation infrastructure projects within 7 days of the completion of the traffic study or evaluation and subsequent bid process. Such projects shall not be deferred to future phases of the Capital Investment Plan or delayed for

inclusion in the department's master plan unless a delay is deemed necessary due to safety concerns or the unavailability of funding.

(b) The department shall establish and implement clear project delivery timelines to ensure that projects progress from planning to construction without undue delay. The department shall provide annual progress reports to the Joint Committee on Transportation, with immediate updates if a project experiences delays exceeding 90 days.

(c) Exceptions to the immediate commencement of construction may only be granted upon written justification submitted to and approved by the Secretary, detailing the specific circumstances necessitating a delay and the measures being taken to mitigate such delay.

SECTION __. The department shall adopt any necessary regulations to implement this act within 90 days of its passage.”

The amendment was *rejected*.

Mrs. Dooner and Mr. Tarr moved that the proposed new text be amended by inserting after section _ the following sections:–

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“SECTION __. There shall be a special commission to study and provide recommendations on improving the efficiency and reducing the timeline for Massachusetts Department of Transportation projects. The commission shall examine the current project planning, design, permitting, procurement, and construction processes to identify inefficiencies and recommend best practices for streamlining project delivery. The study shall include, but not be limited to:

- (1) reviewing MassDOT's internal project management procedures;
- (2) evaluating the permitting and approval processes across state and local agencies;
- (3) identifying regulatory or statutory barriers that contribute to project delays;
- (4) assessing the impact of project labor agreements and contractor procurement methods on project timelines;
- (5) comparing MassDOT project timelines with transportation departments in other states with faster project delivery;
- (6) exploring opportunities for public-private partnerships to accelerate project completion; and
- (7) recommending policy reforms or statutory changes to improve project efficiency.

SECTION __. The commission shall consist of the Secretary of Transportation or their designee, who shall serve as chair; the Administrator of the MassDOT Highway Division or their designee; the State Auditor or their designee; the Attorney General or their designee; the House Chair of the Joint Committee on Transportation or their designee; the Senate Chair of the Joint Committee on Transportation or their designee; the House Minority Leader or a designee; the Senate Minority Leader or a designee; one representative from the Massachusetts Municipal Association; one representative from the Associated General Contractors of Massachusetts; and two public members with expertise in transportation infrastructure, construction management, or project delivery, appointed by the Governor.

The commission shall hold not fewer than four public hearings across different regions of the commonwealth to gather input from municipal leaders, industry professionals, and the public.

SECTION __. The commission shall submit its findings, along with any legislative or regulatory recommendations, to the Governor, the Clerk of the House of Representatives, the Clerk of the Senate, the Joint Committee on Transportation, and the House and Senate Committees on Ways and Means not later than 12 months after the passage of this act.”

The amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Durant moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:– “; provided further, that not less than \$63,000 shall be expended for the purpose of implementing Open SciEd curriculum at the Quabbin

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Regional School District”; and by striking the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following:- “\$163,000”.

The amendment was *rejected*.

Messrs. Durant and Tarr moved that the proposed new text be amended in section 2, by inserting after item 1596-2417 the following item:-

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“1595-2519 Regional school transportation reimbursement..... \$15,000,000”.

The amendment was *rejected*.

Messrs. Durant, O’Connor and Collins moved that the proposed new text be amended in section 2 by inserting after item 1596-2525 the following line item:-

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“4120-4000 For Easterseals Massachusetts College Navigator Services for college students with disabilities.....\$400,000”.

The amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Durant moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1595-2508, by striking the figure “200,000,000” and inserting in place thereof the following:- “150,000,000”; and

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By adding after item 1596-2508 the following item:

“1596-2509.. For the construction and reconstruction of municipal ways as described in clause (b) of the second paragraph of section 4 of chapter 6C of the General Laws; provided, that a city or town shall comply with the procedures established by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation; provided further, that a city or town may expend, without further appropriation, for these projects amounts not in excess of the amount provided to the city or town under this item upon preliminary notice of such amount, which shall be provided by the department to the city or town not later than March 1, 2026; provided further, that the commonwealth shall reimburse a city or town under this item, subject to the availability of funds as provided in section 9G of chapter 29 of the General Laws, within 30 days after receipt by the department of a request for reimbursement from the city or town, which request shall include certification by the city or town that actual expenses have been incurred on projects eligible for reimbursement under this item and that the work has been completed to the satisfaction of the city or town according to the specifications of the project and in compliance with applicable laws and procedures established by the department; and provided further, that not less than \$50,000,000 shall be distributed using a formula based on each municipality’s share of road mileage.....\$50,000,000”

The amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Rush moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2516, by inserting the following:- “; provided further that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended to Dedham Public Schools to offset unanticipated transportation and education costs incurred due to compliance with the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act”; and by striking out the figure “\$190,000,000” and inserting in place thereof the following:- “\$190,150,000”.

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The amendment was *rejected*.

Ms. Kennedy moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- “provided further, that no less than \$75,000 shall be expended for the Worcester Literacy Partnership in the City of Worcester”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$175,000”.

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The amendment was *rejected*.

Messrs. Tarr, O’Connor and Driscoll moved that the proposed new text be amended by striking in lines 175-177 the following:- “; provided further, that funds from this item shall not be expended to municipalities not in compliance with the multi-family zoning

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requirement established in section 3A of chapter 40A of the General Laws as determined by the executive office of housing and livable communities”;

In lines 229-to 230 the following: -”including but not limited to, the multifamily zoning requirement established in section 3A of chapter 40A of the General Laws”;

In lines 250-253 the following: - “and provided further, that funds from this item shall not be expended to municipalities not in compliance with the multi-family zoning requirement established in section 3A of chapter 40A of the General Laws as determined by the executive office of housing and livable communities”;

In lines 264-265 the following: - “including, but not limited to, the multifamily zoning requirement established in section 3A of chapter 40A of the General Laws”; and

In lines 280-282 the following: - “including, but not limited to, the multifamily zoning requirement established in section 3A of chapter 40A of the General Laws”.

The amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Barrett moved that the proposed new text be amended in section 2 by adding the following line item:- 188

“1596-2424 Green Schoolworks.....\$10,000,000”

The amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Collins moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by inserting after the word “projects” the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$5,000,000 shall be allocated to Boston Public Schools to support the Bilingual Inclusive Education Teacher Residency to support and sustain bilingual special education teachers of color in the Boston Public Schools”, and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$5,100,000” 212

The amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Collins moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$5,000,000 shall be expended to the city of Boston Transportation Department for the widening of first street between L street and arcadia street in the South Boston section of the city of Boston, including traffic control signals consistent with the Boston Planning and Development Agency Plan approval #7913, January 14, 2021”, and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$5,100,000”. 218

The amendment was *rejected*.

Ms. Edwards moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2521, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less that \$200,000 shall be expended for the refurbishment of the dock in the town of Winthrop for the purposes of an improved public water transportation system.” 222

The amendment was *rejected*.

Ms. Edwards moved that the proposed new text be amended “provided further that not less than \$900,000 shall be expended for the procurement of a boat for new ferry services between the city of Chelsea, East Boston and Downtown Boston to meeting growing population in the environmental justice communities and as a form of mitigation for the construction of the Tobin Bridge.” 224

The amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Montigny moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for Bridgewater State University, in collaboration with the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority, for a reduced fare pilot program for student semester commuter rail passes along the South Coast Rail corridor, also known as the Fall River/New Bedford Line; provided further, that said pilot program shall be implemented for the 2025-2026 academic year and provide a reduced fare equal to 50 per cent of the standard fare for students enrolled at said university who reside within a municipality along the South Coast 231

Rail corridor, including but not limited to, the cities of New Bedford, Fall River, Taunton, and the towns of Acushnet, Berkley, Bridgewater, Dartmouth, Fairhaven, Freetown, Lakeville, Mattapoisett, Middleborough, Rochester, and Somerset; provided further, that the university shall submit a report by June 30, 2026 to the house and senate committees on ways and means detailing the total number of reduced student passes distributed, number of passes distributed delineated by the city or town of residence, and the total cost incurred to implement the program”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$150,000”.

The amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Fattman moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the Blackstone-Millville regional school district for costs associated with facility improvements at schools throughout the district”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$125,000”.

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The amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Fattman moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the town of Wales for transportation improvement projects in the town of Wales”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$125,000”.

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The amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Fattman moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the Mendon-Upton regional school district for costs associated with the installation of single-point entry keycard systems in schools throughout the district”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$150,000”.

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The amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Fattman moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the Oxford public school district for the purchase of classroom chromebook laptops”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$150,000”.

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The amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Fattman moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the town of Upton for costs associated with transportation improvement projects in the town of Upton”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$200,000”.

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The amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Fattman moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended to the town of Mendon for road improvements on state highway route 16 in the towns of Mendon and Hopedale”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$300,000”.

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The amendment was *rejected*.

As previously stated, the above amendments were considered as one and *rejected*.

There being no objection, the following amendments were considered as one, and adopted, as follows:

Mr. Moore moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to the Auburn Public Schools for the purchase of a bus”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$175,000”.

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The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Moore moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$70,000 shall be expended to the Grafton Public Schools for the purchase of a wheelchair accessible van”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$170,000”.

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The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Moore moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$90,000 shall be expended to Millbury Public Schools for the purchase of a bus; provided further, that not less than \$15,000 shall be expended to Millbury Public Schools for costs associated with vocational programming in partnership with the North Atlantic States Carpenters Union including, but not limited to, equipment, supplies and other education materials”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$205,000”.

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The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Moore moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$40,000 shall be expended to the town of Shrewsbury for the purchase and installation of traffic signal preemption equipment” and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$175,000”; and

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In said section, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$35,000 shall be expended to the Shrewsbury Public Schools for capital expenses” and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$135,000”;

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Moore moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School for capital expenses”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$200,000”.

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The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Moore moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to Worcester State University to plan, develop, and launch a new cyber range in partnership with Quinsigamond Community College for excellence and innovation focused on cyber security, and for programmatic development, curriculum, business and community partnerships, and technologies for the range”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$200,000”.

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The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Moore moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$70,000 shall be expended for capital expenses for the Bridging Over to Right Opportunities program at Westborough Public Schools”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$170,000”.

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The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Moore moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$35,000 shall be expended to the town of Westborough, for development of a conceptual design and traffic analysis relative to the intersection of Milk Street and Fisher Street”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$135,000”. 12

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Moore moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$120,000 shall be provided to the Worcester Public Schools for capital expenses”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$220,000”. 13

The amendment was adopted.

Messrs. Keenan and O’Connor moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1595-2522, by inserting, after the word “inflation”, the following words:- “ or tariffs”. 15

The amendment was adopted.

Messrs. Finegold and Payano moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the city of Haverhill for repairs and renovations at Trinity Stadium at Haverhill high school to support the physical education of students”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$150,000”. 19

The amendment was adopted.

Messrs. Finegold and Payano moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the Haverhill public schools for the planning and launch of initiatives to support closing student achievement gaps, including, but not limited to, high dosage tutoring”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$200,000”. 20

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Brownsberger moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by adding the following text:- “; provided further, that not less than \$750,000 shall be expended to the city of Watertown for transportation improvements in the Watertown Square section of the city of Watertown”; and further, by striking the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$850,000”. 21

The amendment was adopted.

Messrs. Finegold and Tarr moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the town of North Andover for updates and technology improvements to the North Andover high school library”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$200,000”. 22

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Finegold moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended to the town of Andover for costs related to the acquisition and installation of synthetic turf fields for Andover public schools”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$250,000”. 23

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Finegold moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 24

shall be expended to the town of Merrimac for safety and accessibility improvements at the Helen R Donaghue school, including refinishing of the basketball court surface and creation of access points appropriate for students with disabilities”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$150,000”.

The amendment was adopted.

Messrs. Finegold, Payano and Tarr moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2524, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$1,000,000 shall be expended for capital improvements to the Haverhill line of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority commuter rail including, but not limited to, improvements related to accessibility infrastructure at Ballardvale station in the town of Andover”.

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The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Finegold moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the town of Andover for capital improvements to the Tucker Family Field and associated facilities at Doherty Middle school”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$150,000”.

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The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Tarr moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the town of Newbury for the purchase of a dump truck for road and bridge repairs”; and by striking the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$125,000”.

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The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Tarr moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by inserting at the end thereof the following:- “; provided, further that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for capital improvements and equipment for the science central program at the O’Malley Innovation Middle School in the city of Gloucester”; and by striking the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following:- “\$200,000”.

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The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Tarr moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended for the assessment and design of a retaining wall on Main street in the town of Boxford”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following:- “\$120,000”.

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The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Tarr moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the design and construction of replacement portions of the roof at the Rockport Middle / High school in the town of Rockport”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:-”\$200,000”.

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The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Tarr moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by inserting at the end thereof the following:- “; provided, further that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for planning, design and construction for roadway improvements on route 114 in the vicinity of the public safety building in the town of Middleton”; and by striking the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$150,000”.

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The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Tarr moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall

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be expended for the planning, design and construction of improved lighting on State street in the city of Newburyport”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$150,000”.

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Tarr moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the planning, design and construction for crosswalks on route 113 in the town of West Newbury”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$150,000”.

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The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Tarr moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by inserting at the end thereof the following:- “; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended for a cellphone repeater system for the Georgetown public school system in the town of Georgetown”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following:- “\$175,000”.

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The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Tarr moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$45,000 shall be expended for vital temporary repairs to the Salem Street Dam in the town of Groveland”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following:- “\$145,000”

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The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Tarr moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by inserting at the end thereof the following:- “; provided further that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to for capital improvements to facilitate full-day kindergarten in the town of North Reading”; and by striking the figure “\$100,000”; and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$200,000”.

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The amendment was adopted.

Messrs. Tarr and Finegold moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$35,000 shall be expended for improvements to roadway signage in the town of North Andover” and by striking the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following:- “\$135,000”.

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The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Finegold moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended to the town of Andover for facilities and other capital improvements at the Eugene V. Lovely Memorial Field at Andover high school”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$300,000”.

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The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Barrett moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$30,000 shall be expended to the town of Carlisle for transportation costs associated with 250th anniversary celebrations”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$130,000”.

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The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Velis moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to Holyoke Community College in the city of Holyoke for capital projects”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$125,000”.

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The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Velis moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$130,000 shall be expended to Easthampton public schools in the city of Easthampton for transportation vans”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$230,000”. 47

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Velis moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$120,000 shall be expended to Holyoke public schools in the city of Holyoke for capital improvements at Holyoke high school”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$220,000”. 48

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Velis moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended to Westfield public schools in the city of Westfield for capital projects”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$350,000”. 49

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Velis moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to West Springfield public schools in the city known as the town of West Springfield for capital projects”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$200,000”. 50

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Velis moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$125,000 shall be expended to Agawam public schools in the city known as the town of Agawam for the replacement of elementary school roofs”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$225,000”. 51

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Rausch moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by inserting after the word “projects” the following words:- “; provided, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the senior center parking lot in the town of Norfolk”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$200,000”. 55

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Rausch moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by inserting after the word “projects” the following words:- “; provided, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended for a Route 109 downtown traffic light study in the town of Medfield”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$175,000”. 56

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Rausch moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by inserting after the word “projects” the following words:- “; provided, that not less than \$30,000 shall be expended to the Bellingham Public School District for cybersecurity infrastructure”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$130,000”. 57

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Rausch moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by inserting after the word “projects” the following words:- “; provided, that not less 58

than \$75,000 shall be expended to the Wrentham Public School District for school flooring repair or replacement”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$175,000”.

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Rausch moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by inserting after the word “projects” the following words:- “; provided, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the repair, replacement, or installation of roadway guardrails in the town of Sherborn”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$150,000”.

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The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Rausch moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by inserting after the word “projects” the following words:- “; provided, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for sidewalk improvements in the town of Millis”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$200,000”.

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The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Rausch moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by inserting after the word “projects” the following words:- “; provided, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for bridge replacement in the town of Milford”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$150,000”.

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The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Rausch moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by inserting after the word “projects” the following words:- “; provided, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the replacement of the Dedham Street culvert over Noanet Brook in the town of Dover”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$150,000”.

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The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Rausch moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by inserting after the word “projects” the following words:- “; provided, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended to the Plainville Public School District for interactive classroom technology”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$120,000”.

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The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Rausch moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by inserting after the word “projects” the following words:- “; provided, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the Needham Public School District for preschool playground improvements”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$200,000”.

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The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Rausch moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by inserting after the word “projects” the following words:- “; provided, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the Franklin Public School District for the creation of outdoor learning environments”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$200,000”.

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The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Lewis moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- “; provided, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for materials, equipment and capital improvements for public schools in the town of Reading”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$200,000”.

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The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Lewis moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$125,000 shall be expended for materials, equipment and capital improvements for public schools in the city of Melrose”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$225,000”. 67

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Lewis moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$125,000 shall be expended for materials, equipment and capital improvements for public schools in the city of Malden”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$225,000”. 68

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Cronin moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended to the North Middlesex regional school district for infrastructure upgrades”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$350,000”. 69

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Cronin moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$55,000 shall be expended to Lunenburg Public Schools for infrastructure upgrades”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$155,000”. 71

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Cronin moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended to the Groton Dunstable regional school district for infrastructure upgrades”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$350,000”. 72

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Cronin moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$195,000 shall be expended for 2 transportation vans for Lunenburg public schools in the town of Lunenburg”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$295,000”. 74

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Eldridge moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the town of Acton to make improvements to the area near 19-21 Maple Street, including, but not limited to, constructing an accessible train platform”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$200,000”. 83

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Durant moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended for the purpose of concrete sidewalk and walkway repair and replacement at Wachusett Regional School District”; and by striking the figure, “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following:- “\$300,000”. 84

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Durant moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall 86

be expended to the Quabbin regional school district to purchase student chromebooks”; and by striking the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following:- “\$200,000”.

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Durant moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the purpose of parking lot repairs and repaving in the Narragansett Regional School District”; and by striking the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following:- “\$200,000”.

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The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Durant moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$80,000 shall be expended for the purpose of boiler room repairs in the Ashburnham-Westminster Regional School District”; and by striking the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following:- “\$180,000”.

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The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Durant moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$90,000 shall be expended to the Hubbardston Center school for the replacement of its boiler”; and by striking the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following:- “\$190,000”.

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The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Durant moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for road and bridge maintenance in the town of Hubbardston”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$150,000”.

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The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Durant moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$80,000 shall be expended for the purpose of sidewalk replacement in the Leicester School District”; and by striking the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following:- “\$180,000”.

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The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Durant moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by adding the following words: - “; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the purpose of paving needs in the town of Phillipston”; and by striking the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following:- “\$150,000”.

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The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Eldridge moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the higher education program for incarcerated individuals in department of correction facilities operated by the Boston College Prison Education Program through purchasing equipment, textbooks and similar materials and equipment that is intended be reused for more than 1 academic year”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$150,000”.

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The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Eldridge moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the higher education program for incarcerated individuals in department of correction facilities operated by the Boston University Metropolitan College through purchasing equipment, textbooks and similar materials and equipment that is intended be reused for more than 1 academic year”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$150,000”.

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The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Eldridge moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the higher education program for incarcerated individuals in department of correction facilities operated by the Emerson Prison Initiative through purchasing equipment, textbooks and similar materials and equipment that is intended be reused for more than 1 academic year”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$150,000”. 98

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Creem moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by inserting at the end thereof the following:- “provided further, that \$50,000 shall be expended to The Liger Alliance, a non-profit organization that supports robotics education at Newton North and Newton South High Schools, for the purchase of equipment to be used by Newton North and Newton South High School students participating in robotics education programming”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$150,000”. 99

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Creem moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that \$253,000 shall be expended to the city of Newton for 1-time startup costs for the implementation of mental health programming at Newton North and Newton South high schools and for 1-time startup costs associated with data literacy training to assist Newton Public Schools teachers in designing interventions for students with identified skill deficits”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$353,000”. 100

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Creem moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$122,000 shall be expended to the town of Brookline for 1-time expenses in support of literacy initiatives in the Brookline public schools and for the purchase and installation of a dishwasher at Baker school and auditorium lighting at Brookline high school”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$222,000”. 101

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Creem moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended to the town of Wellesley for capital expenses to increase accessibility to transportation for the town’s youth and recreational programs”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$250,000”. 102

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Creem moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to the city of Newton for the purchase of specialized equipment to effectively maintain the city’s bike lane and bike path network on a year-round basis”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$175,000”. 103

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Creem moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the town of Brookline for the purchase and installation of stanchions and rectangular rapid flashing beacons to improve pedestrian safety and accessibility”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$200,000”. 104

The amendment was adopted.

Messrs. Cyr and Montigny moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2521, by inserting the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$2,000,000 shall be expended to maintain and expand ferry services, including pier and dock maintenance in the counties of Barnstable, Bristol, Dukes and Nantucket”. 106

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Eldridge moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$300,000 shall be expended to The Health Foundation Fund, Inc. to support transportation initiatives, close service gaps and expand mobility options for the public in the Nashoba Valley region including, but not limited to, 1-time expenses for vehicle upgrades, transit shelters, technology and security upgrades and a pilot program”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$400,000”. 108

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Crighton moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$375,000 shall be expended for the Boys & Girls Club of Lynn, Inc. for a dedicated teen wing that shall provide after school programming and college preparation services to Lynn public school students”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$475,000”. 110

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Crighton moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended to Lynn public schools for capital improvements”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$350,000”. 112

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Lewis moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by inserting the following:- “provided that no less than \$200,000 shall be expended for ADA pedestrian accessibility, including, but not limited to, signalization, curb cuts and tactile warning pads at the intersections of Cross Street and Bryant Street, Cross Street and Ferry Street, and Fellsway East and Savin Street, within the City of Malden”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$300,000”. 113

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Barrett moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to Minute Man Arc, Inc. for an electric van to bridge gaps in access to public transportation for people with disabilities”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$200,000”. 114

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Barrett moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to More Than Words, Inc. for capital improvements to expand access to quality public education for youth involved in the department of children and families or the commonwealth’s justice system”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$150,000”. 115

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Barrett moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$30,000 shall be expended to the town of Lexington for shuttle bus services associated with 250th anniversary celebrations”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$130,000”. 116

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Barrett moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the town of Concord for transportation costs associated with 250th anniversary celebrations”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$200,000”. 118

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Barrett moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to Waltham Partnership for Youth, Inc. to develop a mental health education curriculum for public school students to be taught in Waltham public high schools including, but not limited to, purchase of education materials”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$175,000”. 119

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Barrett moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$21,000 shall be expended to Lexington Historical Museums for site improvements to accommodate public school students and a traveling exhibit for public school classrooms”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$121,000”. 120

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Barrett moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to MassEnergize, Inc. for the purchase of equipment and development of education materials for clean energy curriculum taught in public schools”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$150,000”. 121

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Barrett moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$120,000 shall be expended to the town of Chelmsford for a Route 110/Chelmsford Street road safety assessment”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$220,000”. 122

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Barrett moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended for Charles River Museum of Industry and Innovation, Inc. for renovations to a STEM learning space, which is primarily used by Waltham public school students”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$175,000”. 123

The amendment was adopted.

Messrs. Keenan and O’Connor moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by inserting after the word “projects” the following words:- “; and provided further, not less than \$40,000 shall be expended to the South Shore Regional Vocational Technical School in the town of Hanover for capital, equipment or planning costs associated with the Firefighter Cadet Program”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following:- “\$140,000”. 124

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Keenan moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by inserting after the word “projects” the following words:- “; provided, that not less than \$40,000 shall be expended to the town of Abington for public education capital, equipment or planning costs; provided further, that not less than \$15,000 shall be expended to the city known as the town of Braintree for public education capital, equipment or planning costs; provided further, that not less than \$40,000 shall be expended to the town 125

of Hanover for public education capital, equipment or planning costs; provided further, that not less than \$40,000 shall be expended to the town of Holbrook for public education capital, equipment or planning costs; provided further, that not less than \$180,000 shall be expended to the city of Quincy for public education capital, equipment or planning costs; that not less than \$40,000 shall be expended to the town of Rockland for public education capital, equipment or planning costs”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following:- “\$455,000”.

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Keenan moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by inserting after the word “projects” the following words:- “; provided, that not less than \$40,000 shall be expended to the town of Abington for costs including, but not limited to, roads, bridges or public transportation; provided further, that not less than \$15,000 shall be expended to the city known as the town of Braintree for costs including, but not limited to, roads, bridges or public transportation; provided further, that not less than \$40,000 shall be expended to the town of Hanover for costs including, but not limited to, roads, bridges or public transportation; provided further, that not less than \$40,000 shall be expended to the town of Holbrook for costs including, but not limited to, roads, bridges or public transportation; provided further, that not less than \$180,000 shall be expended to the city of Quincy for costs including, but not limited to, roads, bridges or public transportation; that not less than \$40,000 shall be expended to the town of Rockland for costs including, but not limited to, roads, bridges or public transportation”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following:- “\$455,000”.

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The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Crighton moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$375,000 shall be expended for Gregg Neighborhood House Association, Incorporated for capital improvements that support early education and care in the city of Lynn and increase accessibility of educational and after school services to Lynn public school students”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$475,000”.

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The amendment was adopted.

Messrs. Crighton, Keenan, O’Connor and Tarr moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2515, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$561,000 shall be expended for the purchase of resources for school districts to increase literacy and support struggling readers, students with vision impairments, learning disabilities, or physical disabilities, including, but not limited, to audio versions of textbooks and voice text format books”; and by striking out the figure “\$25,000,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$25,561,000”.

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The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Rush moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by inserting the following:- “; provided further that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the Department of Conservation and Recreation to implement traffic and pedestrian safety measures on Centre Street in the Jamaica Plain section of the city of Boston, from the intersection of Centre Street and Rambler Road to the intersection of Centre Street and Whitcomb Avenue”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following:- “\$150,000”.

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The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Rush moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by inserting the following:- “; provided further that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the Massachusetts Department of Transportation to conduct a feasibility study relative to extending rapid transit service from the current terminus of the Massachusetts

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Bay Transit Authority’s Orange Line at Oak Grove in the city of Malden to the Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority Rail station through Roslindale Village in the Roslindale section of the city of Boston; provided further, that not later than June 30, 2026, the department shall file the report with the clerks of the house and senate and the house and senate committees on ways and means; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the Department of Conservation and Recreation for a study relative to the development, maintenance and improvement of the Veterans of Foreign War Highway in the town of Dedham and the West Roxbury section of the city of Boston, beginning at the intersection with Washington Street and Providence Highway in the town of Dedham and traveling through the West Roxbury section of the city of Boston to its eastern end at Centre street in the West Roxbury section of the city of Boston; provided further, that not later than June 30, 2026, the department shall file the report with the clerks of the house and senate and the house and senate committees on ways and means; provided further, that”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following:- “\$300,000”;

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Rush moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by inserting the following:- “; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to One Bead Project to support academic and career planning after school programming for middle school students hosted within Boston Public Schools, including but not limited to equipment, supplies and other educational materials”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following:- “\$150,000”.

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The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Rush moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by inserting the following:- “; provided further that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to Walpole Public Schools for the purpose of replacing chromebook laptop computers for classroom use by students”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following:- “\$200,000”.

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The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Rush moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by inserting the following:- “; provided further that not less than \$70,000 shall be expended to Norwood Public Schools for the purpose of information technology improvements including the purchase of wireless access points and improvements to the Norwood High School Television and Media Lab”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following:- “\$170,000”.

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The amendment was adopted.

Messrs. Rush and Collins moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by inserting the following:- “; provided further that not less than \$300,000 shall be expended to the Emerald Necklace Conservancy, and in partnership with the department of conservation and recreation and the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, for capital improvements, planning, and maintenance to pathways and parkways and other related features within the Emerald Necklace park system including the Arborway, Jamaicaway, Riverway, Fenway, Charlesgate, and Columbia Road in the city of Boston”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following:- “\$400,000”.

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The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Rush moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by inserting the following:- “; provided further that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the purpose of capital improvements, planning, and maintenance of Turtle Pond Parkway in the Hyde Park section of the city of Boston”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following:- “\$200,000”.

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The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Rush moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by inserting the following:- “; provided further that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for capital improvements and maintenance at the MBTA Roslindale Village commuter rail station located in the Roslindale section of the city of Boston”; and by striking out the figure “\$50,000,000” and inserting in place thereof the following:- “\$50,050.000”. 138

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Tarr moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by inserting at the end thereof the following:- “; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for planning, design and construction for bridge repairs to the county street bridge in the town of Ipswich”; and by striking the figure:- “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$200,000”. 140

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Oliveira moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to Longmeadow Public Schools for district wide security system upgrades”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$175,000”. 144

The amendment was adopted.

Messrs. Oliveira and Durant moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- “; provided further that not less than \$93,000 shall be expended to the Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical School located in the town of Palmer, for Horticulture Vocational Program upgrades”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$193,000”. 145

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Oliveira moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- “; provided further that not less than \$92,500 shall be expended to the Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District for its technology and firewall updates”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$192,500”. 146

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Oliveira moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- “; provided further that not less than \$80,000 shall be expended to the South Hadley Public Schools for gymnasium improvements at the South Hadley High School and Michael E. Smith Middle School”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$180,000”. 147

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Fernandes moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for the Boys and Girls Club of Plymouth, Inc. for capital expenditures to support educational opportunities for public school students in partnership with public schools”; and by striking out the figure \$100,000 and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$125,000”. 148

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Fernandes moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$40,000 shall be expended for the South Shore Community Action Council, Inc. for equipment to bridge gaps in public transportation access for underserved people in the region”; and by striking out the figure \$100,000 and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$140,000”. 149

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Oliveira moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- “; provided further that not less than \$26,000 shall be expended to Palmer High School Gymnasium Upgrades”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000”; and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$126,000”. 150

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Fernandes moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for the Plymouth Family Network for capital expenditures to support its early education services provided to families in the region”; and by striking the figure \$100,000 and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$125,000”. 151

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Fernandes moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for the Pembroke Public Schools to support equipment needs for their biomedical and engineering pathway programs”; and by striking the figure \$100,000 and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$125,000”. 152

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Fernandes moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$40,000 shall be expended for capital and equipment expenditures for the Volunteers of America Massachusetts, Inc. Plymouth Area Veterans Center to bridge gaps in public transportation to assistance programs and services for veterans”; and by striking out the figure \$100,000 and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$140,000”. 153

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Fernandes moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended for the Silver Lake regional school district to perform American with Disabilities Act and safety upgrades”; and by striking out the figure \$100,000 and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$175,000”. 154

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Eldridge moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less \$200,000 shall be expended for the Guild of St. Agnes to support its activities that predominantly serve low-income children receiving childcare vouchers and other support from the commonwealth, including, but not limited to, making improvements to its center in Devens and purchasing vehicles for child transportation”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$300,000”. 156

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Fernandes moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- “; provided further that not less than \$30,000 shall be expended for the Fund for Sandwich of the Cape Cod Foundation, Inc. for equipment or capital expenditures for Sandwich public schools”; and by striking out the figure \$100,000 and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$130,000”. 157

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Fernandes moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the ARC of Plymouth and Upper Cape for their facility to support educational programming to public school students with disabilities in collaboration with public schools”; and by striking the figure \$100,000 and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$150,000”. 158

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Fernandes moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$40,000 shall be expended for the town of Pembroke for facility maintenance and upgrades related to educational programming in collaboration with public schools”; and by striking the figure \$100,000 and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$140,000”. 159

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Fernandes moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for the Boys and Girls Club of Cape Cod, Inc. for capital expenditures associated with the youth facility which shall be for public school students in the Cape Cod region to access educational programming in partnership with public schools”; and by striking the figure \$100,000 and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$125,000”. 160

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Mark moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the Dalton Community Recreation Association in the town of Dalton for curriculum and other capital expenditures for the CRA free tutoring program for students referred from the Dalton public schools”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$150,000”. 161

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Mark moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended for repairs on Shelburne Falls Road along the South River in the Town of Conway”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$175,000”. 162

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Fernandes moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for the Massachusetts Department of Transportation to perform a feasibility study of the cost of required upgrades for extending commuter rail service to Buzzards Bay station in the town of Bourne; provided further, that not later than December 1, 2025, the department shall submit a report on the outcomes of the feasibility study to the joint committee on transportation and the house and senate committees on ways and means”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$125,000”. 163

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Oliveira moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- “; provided further that not less than \$30,000 shall be expended to the Old Mill Pond Elementary School in the town of Palmer for playground upgrades”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$130,000”. 164

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Mark moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for engineering and repairs to route 116 in the town of Cheshire; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the town of Whately for Highway related projects”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$300,000”. 165

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Mark moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall 166

be expended for the Berkshire Film and Media Collaborative for materials, curriculum, content and other capital expenses for the Your Voice Through Video program at Pittsfield High School”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$150,000”.

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Fernandes moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the Plymouth Education Foundation, Inc. for grants to Plymouth Public Schools for facilities and capital or equipment expenditures to support students”; and by striking out the figure \$100,000 and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$200,000.”

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The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Fernandes moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for equipment expenditures by the Greater Attleboro and Taunton Regional Transit Authority to support transportation service needs of the Plymouth Center for Active Living”; and by striking out the figure \$100,000 and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$125,000”.

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The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Fernandes moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$35,000 shall be expended to the town of Plymouth for the purchase of vehicles or equipment for See Plymouth to provide transportation access”; and by striking the figure \$100,000 and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$135,000”.

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The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Mark moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for project engineering for the County Road and Yokum Pond Road repair project in the town of Becket”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$200,000”.

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The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Fernandes moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$165,000 shall be expended for the Upper Cape YMCA in Falmouth to support maintenance and improvements to their early education and care facility”; and by striking out the figure \$100,000 and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$265,000”.

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The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Mark moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended for road maintenance and repair projects on Kinnebrook road and Old Post road in the town of Worthington”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$175,000”.

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The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Mark moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended for the West Street redesign project in the city of Pittsfield”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$300,000”.

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The amendment was adopted.

Messrs. Oliveira, Gómez and Velis moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- “; provided further that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to Chicopee Public School’s Belcher School to fund

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its HVAC upgrades”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$200,000”.

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Kennedy moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the city of Worcester for Worcester Safe Routes to School program pedestrian improvements”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$150,000”.

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The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Kennedy moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to the city of Worcester for neighborhood quick-build safety traffic calming improvements”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$175,000”.

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The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Finegold moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the town of Andover for equipment and other capital improvements to the gymnasium and weight room at Andover high school”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$125,000”.

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The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Kennedy moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by adding the following words:- “provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for parking upgrades at the Tahanto regional middle high school in the town of Boylston”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$200,000”.

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The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Kennedy moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- “provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the Nashoba Regional School District for classroom projectors”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$200,000”.

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The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Kennedy moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$125,000 shall be expended to Worcester public schools for capital expenses”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$225,000”.

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The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Kennedy moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the town of Bolton for rural bridges”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$200,000”.

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The amendment was adopted.

Messrs. Finegold and Tarr moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the town of North Andover for costs associated with the purchase of equipment for the robotics teams at North Andover high school”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$125,000”.

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The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Barrett moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$45,000 shall

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be expended to the town of Lexington for safety improvements to Minuteman Bikeway road crossings”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$145,000”.

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Lewis moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by inserting the following:- “provided that no less than \$100,000 shall be expended for maintenance and repair of transportation infrastructure projects in the town of Stoneham”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$200,000”.

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The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Cyr moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by inserting the following words:- “provided that not less than \$80,000 shall be expended to the Martha’s Vineyard Commission for costs associated with planning and design for repaving the Manuel F. Correllus State Forest bike path”.

191

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Cyr moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by inserting the following words:- “provided that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to Monomoy Regional School District for costs associated with mold and water damage mitigation at Monomoy Middle School”.

192

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Miranda moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by inserting after the word “projects” the following:- “; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to Boston Public Schools for capital and equipment upgrades, and to develop the Aviation Program at Madison Park Technical Vocational High School, for an FAA-certified initiative designed to train students to become licensed, certified pilots,” and by striking out the figures “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the figures “\$200,000”.

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The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Miranda moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by inserting after the word “projects” the following:- “provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to Dudley Street Neighborhood School for capital improvements, including the development of a gym and recreation spaces”; and by striking out the figures “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the figures “\$200,000”.

194

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Miranda moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by inserting after the word “projects” the following:- “; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to Boston Public Schools for capital improvements and equipment upgrades at the Shaw Taylor School;” and by striking out the figures “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following:- “\$150,000”.

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The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Miranda moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by inserting after the word “projects” the following:- “; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to Boston Public Schools for capital and equipment upgrades at the John D. O’Bryant School of Mathematics and Science”; and by striking out the figures “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following:-”\$200,000”.

196

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Miranda moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by inserting after the word “projects” the following:- “provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to Boston Public Schools for capital improvements and pool repair at the Hennigan K-8 School and Community Center”; and by striking out the figures “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the figures “\$175,000”.

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The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Driscoll moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by inserting after “projects” the following:- “provided, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to the town of Milton for traffic and pedestrian safety improvements at the intersection of Adams Street and Wharf Street”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the figure:- “\$175,000.” 198

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Miranda moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by inserting after the word “projects” the following:- “; provided further, that not less than \$40,000 shall be expended for the Friends of the Hernandez Afterschool Program at the Rafael Hernández Dual Language K-8 Boston Public School for capital improvements and equipment upgrades”; and by striking out the figures “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the figures “\$140,000”. 199

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Miranda moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by inserting after the word “projects” the following:- “; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the Higher Ground Boston afterschool program, within the Boston Public Schools, for capital and equipment upgrades, and to provide support services and afterschool programming to homeless and at-risk students in the City of Boston”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the figure:- “\$200,000”. 200

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Miranda moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by inserting after the word “projects” the following:- “provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to Boston Public Schools for capital improvements and equipment upgrades at the Holmes Elementary School” and by striking out the figures “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following:- “\$150,000”. 202

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Miranda moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by inserting after the word “projects” the following:- “; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to Boston Public Schools for capital improvements and equipment upgrades, including the playground project, at the Orchard Gardens K-8 School” and by striking out the figures “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following:- “\$150,000”. 203

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Miranda moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by inserting after the word “projects” the following:- “; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to Boston Public Schools for the construction of a new gymnasium at UP Academy Holland to support physical education and student wellness programming” and by striking out figures “\$75,000” and inserting in place thereof the following:- “\$175,000”. 204

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Miranda moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by inserting after the word “projects” the following:- “; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to Boston Public Schools for capital improvements and equipment upgrades at the Margarita Muniz Academy,” and by striking out the figures “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following:-”\$150,000”. 205

The amendment was adopted.

Messrs. Driscoll and O’Connor moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by inserting after “projects” the following:- “; provided that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the Blue Hills Observatory and Science Center 206

for the purposes of capital development and equipment supporting public elementary and secondary schools in the Commonwealth”; and by striking out the figure “\$25,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$125,000”.

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Driscoll moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by inserting after “projects” the following: “; provided that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to the town of Easton for transportation infrastructure projects, improvements, and planning”; and by striking out the figures of “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the figures “\$175,000”.

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The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Edwards moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended for improved information technology equipment, including but not limited to language learning applications, translation applications, braille and sign language materials and transcribers at Winthrop public schools to support their language programs including English as a second language instruction”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$300,000”.

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The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Edwards moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to Community Against Substance Abuse, Inc. (CASA) for student support in Winthrop public schools through afterschool programming, counseling and job readiness supplies including but not limited to: food, supplies, and other educational materials as well as air conditioners for class rooms during the summer”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$175,000”.

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The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Collins moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2525, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$2,500,000 shall be expended to the University of Massachusetts at Boston for planning and design for the expansion of the Manning College of Nursing & Health Sciences facilities; provided further, that the University of Massachusetts at Boston shall conduct an analysis, in collaboration with the Dorchester Working Group, property owners, state health care officials, and other appropriate stakeholders, on the feasibility of a satellite campus at the site of Carney Hospital in the Dorchester section of the city of Boston”

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The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Collins moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended to the Massachusetts Port Authority for the study and planning of transportation assets including but not limited to evaluating vehicular movements connecting to the interstate highway system, truck routes identified in Massachusetts Department of Transportation’s Freight Plan, Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority transit service, including but not limited to the #7, #9 and Silver Line, pedestrian safety and waterfront access within the Port of Boston including the extension and expansion of the Harborwalk ; provided further, that the Massachusetts Ports Authority shall conclude the report by June 1, 2026, provided further, that no later than June 30, 2026 the Massachusetts Port Authority shall report to the clerks of the senate and house of representatives detailing plans for capital improvements funded in this item”, and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$350,000”.

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The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Collins moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall

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be expended to the Massachusetts Department of Transportation Highway Division for capital improvements and maintenance within the First Suffolk Senate District”, and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$350,000”.

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Collins moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended to the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority for capital improvements and maintenance on Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority assets within the First Suffolk Senate District”, and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$350,000”.

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The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Collins moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended to the Department of Conversation and Recreation for capital improvements and maintenance to transportation assets within the old harbor reservation district in the South Boston section of the city of Boston”, and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$350,000”.

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The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Edwards moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the town of Winthrop for the procurement of passenger van or bus to provide shuttle transportation services to the Winthrop ferry for the needs of the community”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$150,000”.

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The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Edwards moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$125,000 shall be expended for the mini soccer pitch at the Guild Elementary School in East Boston section of the city of Boston; provided further, not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for the purchase of a new stage and seating at the Mario Umana Academy for their Dual Language Program in the East Boston section of the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than \$65,000 shall be expended for a mini soccer pitch at the Adams Elementary School in the East Boston section of the city of Boston”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$315,000”.

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The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Edwards moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$210,000 shall be expended for the rehabilitation and conversion of William McKinley School in the city of Revere into an early childhood education center”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$310,000”.

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The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Edwards moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2521, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$300,000 shall be expended for capital improvements to the Winthrop ferry terminal including, but not limited to, increased shelter and shade for passengers; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended to the town of Winthrop for the refurbishment of the Shirley Street ferry terminal; provided further, that not less than \$1,500,000 shall be expended for the planning and construction of a vessel dock located in the East Boston Designated Port Area in the vicinity of Border Street”.

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The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Driscoll moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by inserting after “projects” the following: “provided that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the town of Randolph for transportation infrastructure projects, improvements, and planning”; and by striking out the figure of “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the figure:- “\$150,000”. 225

The amendment was adopted.

Messrs. Cyr and O’Connor moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by inserting the following words:- “; provided further, that \$500,000 shall be expended to the department of elementary and secondary education to assess current and future capital needs at Massachusetts educational collaboratives and approved special education schools; provided further, that said assessment shall include an analysis of facilities’ conditions and repair needs, including known mechanical and structural issues, critical safety issues and new facilities required to meet the student population, an analysis of current funding for such facility needs, and recommendations for long-term funding model; provided further, that said report shall be submitted to the clerks of the senate and house of representatives, the house and senate committees on ways and means, and the joint committee on education no later than June 30, 2025”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$600,000”. 227

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Montigny moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$475,000 shall be expended for Northstar Learning Centers, Inc. to (i) construct a playground at its early education center in the city of New Bedford, (ii) provide transportation to New Bedford Public Schools students participating in educational programming through non-profit members of the Greater New Bedford Youth Alliance, and (iii) implement a youth music and education program in collaboration with the New Bedford Symphony Orchestra and New Bedford Public Schools to provide instruction, musical instruments, books and other necessary materials to underserved children in the city of New Bedford; provided further, that each individual project administered by Northstar Learning Centers, Inc. under this item shall not exceed \$200,000”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$575,000”. 229

The amendment was adopted.

Messrs. Montigny and Tarr moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the Massachusetts Maritime Academy to provide the capital needs and equipment necessary to prepare the Schooner Ernestina-Morrissey for an educational sail to Cape Verde in recognition of the 50th anniversary of the island nation’s independence and strong cultural connection between its people and the diaspora in New Bedford and across the United States”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$200,000”. 232

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Montigny moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$175,000 shall be expended to Dennison Memorial Community Center, Inc. for capital improvements necessary to facilitate educational programming for public school students through collaboration with New Bedford public schools including, but not limited to, the Alfred J Gomes Elementary School”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$275,000”. 233

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Friedman moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by inserting after the word “projects” the following words:- “; provided, that 235

not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the town of Burlington for pedestrian safety improvements; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to the town of Arlington for design and construction services for traffic safety enhancements at the Massachusetts Ave intersections with Appleton Street and Dundee Road”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$225,000”

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Friedman moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by inserting after the word “projects” the following words:- “; provided, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the town of Burlington for a school building envelope and mechanical system study; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the city of Woburn for education equipment at the Community Resource Center; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the Woburn public schools for school capital projects; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to Shawsheen Valley Technical High School for classroom furniture and technology for the business technology and marketing program; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to Lexington public schools for capital expenses related to the central office relocation; provided further, that not less than \$125,000 shall be expended to the Proposed new texterica public schools for the purchase of literacy curriculum materials; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the Arlington public schools for upgrades to the Thompson School elevator”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$725,000”

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The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Brady moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words: -”; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended for capital repairs and upgrades at the Old Colony YMCA-Marturano Youth Division for its after school programs, in collaboration with Brockton public schools, as licensed by the department of early education and care in the city of Brockton”; and by striking out the figure”\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$600,000”.

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The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Brady moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended for the Old Colony Planning Council, in collaboration with the Metropolitan Area Planning council, the Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District and the Cape Cod commission to develop a preliminary plan and design of the Frederick Douglas tunnel program within the regions and the cities of Boston, Brockton and New Bedford and create connectivity to places of public significance and the underground railroad”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$350,000”.

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The amendment was adopted.

Mr. DiDomenico moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$37,500 shall be expended to the Harvard-Kent elementary school in the Charlestown section of the city of for playground enhancements; provided further, that not less than \$37,500 shall be expended to the Warren-Prescott elementary school in the Charlestown section of the city of Boston for playground enhancements”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$175,000”.

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The amendment was adopted.

Mr. DiDomenico moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the city of Chelsea to install a traffic notification system at the Central

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fire station”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$200,000”.

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. DiDomenico moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$40,000 shall be expended to the city of Everett for the installation of speed humps on Tileston street, Prescott street and Nichols street; provided further, that not less than \$60,000 shall be expended to the city of Everett for the installation of pedestrian walk signals at the intersection of Nichols street and Lawrence street”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$200,000”.

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The amendment was adopted.

Mr. DiDomenico moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the Cambridgeport School in the city of Cambridge to support social emotional learning through the creation of a sensory maker space; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the King Open school in the city of Cambridge for panel and tile work”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$200,000”.

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The amendment was adopted.

Mr. DiDomenico moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- “;provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the Chelsea public school’s performing arts department for costs associated with the district art show and various instrument and concert needs; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the Chelsea public school’s athletic department for updates to their sport equipment and materials; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to Chelsea high school for re-pavement of the Red road”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$250,000”.

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The amendment was adopted.

Mr. DiDomenico moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that \$50,000 shall be expended to For Kids Only Afterschool, Incorporated to support capital and technology improvements in their programs that serve Everett public school students at city-owned property and Chelsea public school students at Chelsea public school”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$150,000”.

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The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Lewis moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by inserting the following:- “; provided that no less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the maintenance and repair of benches and bus shelters at MBTA bus stops in the City of Melrose”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$200,000”.

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The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Kennedy moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the replacement of the basement floor of the Frederic T. Greenhalge elementary school in the city of Lowell”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$200,000”.

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The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Kennedy moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for replacement of the digital community sign at Pawtucketville memorial

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school in the city of Lowell”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$150,000”.

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Kennedy moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended for the repaving of the traffic circle and parking area at the Varnum Brook elementary school in the town of Pepperell”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$250,000”.

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The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Kennedy moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended for security and egress upgrades at the Tyngsborough elementary and high school in the town of Tyngsborough”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$250,000”.

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The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Kennedy moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended for gymnasium upgrades at the Swallow Union elementary school in the town of Dunstable”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$175,000”.

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The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Kennedy moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended for elevator repairs and replacement at the Swallow Union elementary school in the town of Dunstable”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$175,000”.

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The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Kennedy moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended for security upgrades at Dracut public schools”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$250,000”.

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The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Kennedy moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by adding the following words: “; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended for costs associated with the replacement of the Hall Street bridge in the city of Lowell in support of the Lowell Innovation Corridor Network”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure “\$350,000”.

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The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Lovely moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended for the city of Beverly for construction of a roundabout at Brimbale Avenue, Dunham Road, and Route 128 Brimbale Avenue interchange”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$350,000”.

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The amendment was adopted.

Messrs. Gómez and Oliveira moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by inserting after the word “projects” the following:- “provided further, that not less than \$40,000 shall be expended to Alfred G. Zanetti Montessori School for playground safety improvements” and by striking out the figures “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the figures “\$140,000”

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The amendment was adopted.

Messrs. Gómez and Oliveira moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by inserting after the word “projects” the following:- “provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended for Margaret C. Ells Elementary School for exterior accessibility improvements in the city of Springfield” and by striking out the figures “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the figures “\$250,000” 259

The amendment was adopted.

Messrs. Gómez and Oliveira moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by inserting after the word “projects” the following:- “provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for Chestnut Accelerated Middle School for partial control upgrades to the Building Management System in the city of Springfield” and by striking out the figures “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the figures “\$200,000” 260

The amendment was adopted.

Messrs. Gómez and Oliveira moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by inserting after the word “projects” the following:- “; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the city of Chicopee for the placement of a traffic light at the intersection of McKinstry and Chicopee Street” and by striking out the figures “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the figures “\$200,000” 261

The amendment was adopted.

Messrs. Gómez and Oliveira moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by inserting after the word “projects” the following:- “provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the Early Childhood Education Center in the city of Springfield for replacement heat and cooling units” and by striking out the figures “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the figures “\$150,000” 262

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Lovely moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$80,000 shall be expended for the Salem Public Schools in the city of Salem for a truck designated to the Salem High School Band”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$180,000”. 263

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Lovely moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the Salem Public Schools in the city of Salem for the construction of the capital project of a gym parquet floor”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$200,000”. 264

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Driscoll moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by inserting after the word “projects” the following:- “; provided that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the town of West Bridgewater to support educational capital and equipment needs”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$125,000”. 265

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Cyr moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$175,000 shall be expended to Cape Cod Collaborative for facility repairs, including costs associated with boiler replacement and maintenance; provided further, that not less than \$70,000 shall be expended to Cape Cod Children’s Place for facility improvements including outdoor and classroom needs to support early education and care, as licensed by the department of early education and care;”. 267

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Lovely moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$110,000 shall be expended to the city of Peabody for the purchase of a 42 passenger 3 wheelchair bus for Peabody schools to transport disabled students to and from school, and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:-”\$210,000”. 268

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Lovely moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the city of Peabody for transportation projects for pedestrian and traffic safety, and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:-”\$150,000”. 269

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Lovely moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$60,000 shall be expended to the town of Danvers for classroom technology, and by striking out the figure \$100,000 and inserting in place thereof the following figure:-”\$160,000”. 270

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Cyr moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, , in section 2A, in 1596-2517, by inserting the following words:- “; provided that not less than \$300,000 shall be expended to Cape Cod Regional Technical High School for the expansion of veterinary science and environmental science programs” 271

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Oliveira moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- “; provided further that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended for the Granby Public Schools for the expansion of the IT Pathway, including but not limited to hardware, software, and networking upgrades at the Granby Junior Senior High school”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$175,000”. 272

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Lovely moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the town of Danvers for transportation projects for pedestrian safety, and by striking out the figure \$100,000 and inserting in place thereof the following figure:-”\$200,000”. 273

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Tarr moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the purpose of repairing and replacing parts of the dock and float system for the city-owned marina located at 65 Rogers street in the city of Gloucester”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$150,000”. 274

The amendment was adopted.

Mrs. Dooner moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by inserting the following:- “; provided further, that not less than \$40,000 shall be expended to extend the current paving project along Purchase Street for the town of Middleborough”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$140,000”. 275

The amendment was adopted.

Mrs. Dooner moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by inserting the following:- “; provided further, that not less than \$30,000 shall be expended for capital improvements and safety improvements to public school facilities 276

in the town of Marion”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:– “\$130,000”.

The amendment was adopted.

Mrs. Dooner moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by inserting the following:– “; provided further, that not less than \$30,000 shall be expended for capital improvements and safety improvements to public school facilities in the town of Rehoboth”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:– “\$130,000”.

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The amendment was adopted.

Mrs. Dooner moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by inserting the following:- “; provided further, that not less than \$22,000 shall be expended for the installation of a drainage basin and culvert extension at the corner of Center Street and Wenham Road in the town of Carver”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:– “\$122,000”.

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The amendment was adopted.

Mrs. Dooner moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by inserting the following:– “; provided further, that not less than \$30,000 shall be expended for capital improvements and safety improvements to public school facilities in the town of Seekonk”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:– “\$130,000”.

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The amendment was adopted.

Mrs. Dooner moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by inserting the following:– “; provided further, that not less than \$30,000 shall be expended for capital improvements and safety improvements to public school facilities in the town of Dighton”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:– “\$130,000”.

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The amendment was adopted.

Mrs. Dooner and Mr. Driscoll moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by inserting the following:- “; provided further, that not less than \$68,000 shall be expended to Raynham public schools for capital improvements, technology upgrades, security camera upgrades, and sprinkler head replacements” and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:– “\$168,340”.

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The amendment was adopted.

Mrs. Dooner moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by inserting after the words “local one-time transportation projects” the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$30,000 shall be expended to the town of Raynham for improvements on Mill Street; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended to the town of Raynham for improvements to the King Philip Street shared use path”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$150,000”.

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The amendment was adopted.

Mrs. Dooner moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by inserting after the words “local one-time education projects” the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for Berkley Public Schools to support technology and security upgrades for students of the town of Berkley”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$150,000”.

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The amendment was adopted.

Mrs. Dooner moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended for improvements to and maintenance for the Old Colony/South Street

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Bridge in the city of Taunton”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$300,000”.

The amendment was adopted.

Mrs. Dooner moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by inserting after the words “local one-time transportation projects” the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the design and estimation of the Plain Street Bridge in the city of Taunton”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$200,000”.

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The amendment was adopted.

Mrs. Dooner moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by inserting after the words “local one-time transportation projects” the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the replacement of the Fearing Hill Bridge in the town of Wareham”; and by striking out the figure “\$150,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$250,000”.

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The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Tarr moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the town of Manchester-by-the-sea for planning, design and construction of roadway improvement including, but not limited to, crosswalks”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following:-”\$125,000”.

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The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Cyr moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, , in section 2A, in 1596-2507, by inserting the following words:- “; provided that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the department of conservation and recreation for maintenance and improvement of the Cape Cod Rail Trail in and around Nickerson State Park”.

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The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Oliveira moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:-”; provided further that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended to the East Longmeadow High School for bleachers”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$250,000”.

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The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Oliveira moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- “; provided further that not less than \$28,500 shall be expended to the Ludlow Public Schools for classroom technology upgrades”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$128,500”.

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The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Jehlen and Ms. Friedman moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by inserting after the phrase “transportation projects” the following new phrase:- “; provided, that not less than \$750,000 be provided to the department of conservation and recreation for pedestrian safety improvements at the intersection of High Street and Arlington Street in Medford”; and by striking the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$850,000”.

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The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Payano moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by adding the following:- “; provided further, that not less than \$60,000 shall be expended to the city of Lawrence to purchase and install solar-powered radar speed limit signs in high-risk areas throughout the city.”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$160,000”.

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The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Payano moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following:- “; provided further that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to Lawrence Public Schools to improve accessibility at schools throughout the city”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$200,000”. 295

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Payano moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following:- “; provided further, that not less than \$115,000 shall be expended to Lawrence public schools for materials, equipment and capital improvements to support workforce development, STEM and arts enrichment programs for students”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$215,000”. 296

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Payano moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended to the city of Methuen for infrastructure improvements in the Arlington neighborhood, including but not limited to road and sidewalk improvements” and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$250,000”. 297

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Fernandes moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the town of Plymouth for capital expenditures to support the public transportation services”; and by striking the figure \$100,000 and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$125,000.” 298

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Payano moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to Lawrence public schools to beautify public schools throughout the city through the installation of artwork and murals”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$175,000”. 299

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Payano moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following:- “; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the Methuen public schools for materials, equipment and capital improvements to support after-school and student support programs”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$200,000”. 302

The amendment was adopted.

Messrs. Payano and Finegold moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that no less than \$35,000 shall be expended to Haverhill public schools for materials, equipment and capital improvements to support after-school programs that focus on empowering young women”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$135,000”. 303

The amendment was adopted.

Messrs. Payano and Finegold moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$15,000 shall be expended to Nettle Middle School for improvements, including but not limited to the purchase of a washer and dryer”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$115,000”. 304

The amendment was adopted.

Messrs. Payano and Finegold moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the Haverhill Public Schools for improvements at the Bartlett School and Assessment Center”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$200,000”. 305

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Fattman moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to the Monson public school district for general education related expenses including, but not limited to equipment, supplies and other education materials”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$175,000”. 312

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Fattman moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to the Sutton public school district for general education related expenses including, but not limited to, equipment, supplies and other education materials”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$175,000”. 313

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Fattman moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$600,000 shall be expended to the town of Dudley for costs associated with the construction of a bridge on Brandon Rd. in the town of Dudley”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$700,000”. 316

The amendment was adopted.

As previously stated, the above amendments were considered as one and adopted.

Mr. O’Connor moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$750,000 shall be expended to Weymouth public schools of which \$500,000 shall be expended to provide free feminine hygiene products within public school buildings in partnership with the program known as Free Period”; and by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$850,000”. 228

After remarks, the amendment was adopted.

Moment of Silence.

At the request of the Chair (Ms. Creem), the members, guests and staff stood in a moment of silence and reflection to the memory of Molly McGovern. Moment of Silence.

Remarks of Senate President Karen E. Spilka.

I would like to add that on behalf of the entire Senate that we send the McGovern’s, Lisa, Jim, Patrick, our sincerest heartfelt condolences on the tragic death of their darling and wonderful daughter Molly. It is really a sad day not only for Worcester, but for the whole Commonwealth. She was a bright star for all of us, a warm spirit and someone who had so many possibilities ahead of her. So, we send them our sympathies and we raise our hearts around their hearts. Thank you. Remarks of Senate President Karen E. Spilka.

On motion of Mr. Collins, pursuant to the provisions of Senate Rule 6A, the above remarks were printed in the Journal of the Senate. Ordered printed.

Orders of the Day.

The Orders of the Day were further considered as follows:

The House Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2025 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (House, No. 4010),-- was further considered, the main question being on ordering the bill to a third reading.

Mr. Rush in the Chair, Messrs. Tarr and O'Connor moved that the proposed new text be amended by inserting in section 2A the following item:-

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“XXXX-XXXX. There shall be a Supplemental Local School District Grant Program for the purpose of providing grants in Fiscal Year 2026 to local school districts, as defined in chapter 70 Section 2 of the general laws, which will be eligible pursuant to chapter 70 of the general laws for only "minimum per pupil aid ", or "hold harmless aid", so-called, pursuant to said chapter. Said program shall provide a supplemental grant to each such district in the amount of not less than \$95 per enrolled pupil, provided that the amount of such grants shall be in addition to funding received through minimum per pupil aid allocations pursuant to the formula contained in said chapter 70, and provided further that the amounts of grants so received shall not be incorporated into chapter 70 aid calculations for subsequent years. Said grants shall be distributed in a like manner, and on a schedule, commensurate with the distribution of chapter 70 funding to local school districts, provided that the department of elementary and secondary education shall develop an accounting of all such grants, including but not limited to the total amount provided to each receiving district, which shall be filed with the Senate and House Committees on Ways and Means, and the clerks of the House and Senate, whom shall post it electronically for public inspection, not later than 60 days following the disbursement of the last payments of such grant amounts.....\$49,999,999”

After remarks, the amendment was *rejected*.

Ms. Creem in the Chair, Messrs. Gómez and Oliveira moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by inserting after the word “projects” the following:- “; provided further, that not less than \$210,000 shall be expended to Springfield Public Schools for enhanced school safety, communication systems, and instructional audio-visual infrastructure for Mary O. Pottenger Elementary School, Kensington International School, and Elias Brookings Elementary School" and by striking out the figures "\$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the figures “\$310,000”

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After remarks, the amendment was adopted.

Mr. Tarr moved that the proposed new text be amended by inserting after section _ the following section:-

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“SECTION _ .The Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority shall develop a comprehensive plan which outlines the status of the state of repair of all of its systems, assets, and equipment, together with the necessary steps to ensure a state of good repair, safety and compliance will all applicable federal and state safety standards, protocols, laws rules and regulations, and efficient operation, and, to the maximum feasible extent, financial self - sufficiency from own source revenue and other resources not attributable to state taxpayers beyond current levels.

Said plan, together with any recommendations for regulatory or legislative actions necessary to achieve its goals, shall be filed initially with the clerks of the House and Senate not later than 12 months following the passage of this act, and updated annually thereafter not later than March 31 of each year, for a period of five years, unless such requirement is otherwise extended, modified, or terminated.”

After remarks, the amendment was *rejected*.

Messrs. Tarr and O'Connor moved that the proposed new text be amended by inserting after section _ the following section:-

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“SECTION_. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary The Foundation Budget Review Commission prescribed by Ch. 70, S. 4 of the General Laws shall convene not later than January 2, 2026, provided that, in addition to the review of the items identified in said section, the commission shall also consider the challenges presented for school districts with declining enrollment, the increased costs associated with social-emotional learning and mental health, the costs associated with special education, and the methodology employed to calculate required local contribution by municipalities, provided further that, in establishing the scope of its operations, the commission shall conduct no less than 3 public hearings in geographically diverse locations in the commonwealth, which shall accommodate remote electronic participation. The commission shall file a final report, including legislative recommendations, no later than September 30, 2026, with the clerks of the House and Senate, the House and Senate Committees on Ways and Means, the Joint Committee on Education, the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, and the Executive Office of Education provided that the commission may file interim reports from time to time in the same manner.”

After remarks, the amendment was *rejected*.

Remarks of Senator William J. Driscoll, Jr.

Thank you, Madam President. And through you to the members.

Today, I rise to speak on an amendment that I filed related to how Milton is handled in regard to the MBTA Communities Act.

During today’s presentation, I will lay out how Milton is being subjected to an inaccurate and undeniable misclassification. Milton is not seeking to carve itself out from being subjected to the MBTA Communities Act. In fact, we have a 10% zoning plan in the works, which would satisfy the 10% requirement that Adjacent community designation communities have.

I want to show you as well today that there is a history going back decades where Milton has contributed in an outsized way to MBTA communities, and we are seeking a resolution for our designation, our classification, and the MBTA Communities Act, because what is being asked of the town and through its implemented regulations.

We know from experience that if left unchecked, what is asked of Milton will continue to be an outsized role given our level of service and what we have within our borders and nearby. This is about fairness, and it’s about consistency.

Anyone paying attention to the implementation of the MBTA Communities Act knows there’s been some controversy. To say the least, I acknowledge that at times the rhetoric has gotten quite ugly. This has been an incredibly divisive issue for my community of Milton, and my remarks here today in this presentation are done in an effort to be constructive and hopefully assist in reaching a resolution in the near future.

I have a duty to and want to make sure that Milton is treated fairly under the law and the processes that are laid out in the laws, regulations, and guidelines. As I share this presentation with you, I’m going to share some of what’s transpired over the last couple of years and decades, and issues that I think are relevant in making sure that we’re treated fairly as we work. Again, Milton is not a zero here. We’re trying to get to at least 10% as we speak. And I think that’s been lost in some of the rhetoric, some of the coverage that has taken place in the traditional media, social media and so forth. I don’t think it’ll come to any surprise to anyone in this room that this context matters, but there’s more to the story than you’ve heard about, and I’ll do my best to clear some things up today and provide for you some details to consider.

As I mentioned, Milton is not now and was not before a zero when it comes to participating in transit-oriented zoning for the MBTA Communities Act. Voters in

Remarks of Senator
William J. Driscoll,
Jr.

Milton, as part of an extension of Town Meeting, did, in fact, reject the local zoning plan in February of 2024. This action, a Democratic action, was to reject the zoning plan that was on the table. It was an up or down vote but was not an outright rejection of participating in the MBTA Communities Act. In fact, the Milton Planning Board has an updated local plan, and it's in HLC's hands, as of Monday. This plan is in HLC's hands to do the pre-vetting process as the planning board finishes its work on that plan, and as it goes to Town Meeting in the middle of June.

So what do we do have? How do we get the 10%? Milton has proximity to commuter rail service. There are three stations across the border, in Boston, in Hyde Park, Mattapan, and Dorchester.

I have a map here. This is the Neponset River through the middle of the map. That's roughly the border between Milton and Boston. We have Quincy up here.

An easy way to explain what we're talking about is the statute, an excerpt from the statute here which is in the MBTA Communities Act and this says that will have a zoning ordinance or a bylaw that provides at least one district of reasonable size in which multi-family housing is permitted as of right. And one of the key factors here, that I want to press upon you today is this clause, that that zone be located not more than .5 miles from a community rail station, subway station, bus station, or ferry terminal.

So, we have commuter rail access, Here. We've got Readville Station, Blue Hill and Fairmont. And these proximities to Milton is .4 miles. We have that radius.

And just a quick, point out of where we are in the map. We have Quincy here with four Red Line stations. There's three depicted on the map and the end determinist of the Red Line at Ashmont Station. So the town is interested in this 10% plan. It's on the table, as I mentioned earlier.

So why haven't we been able to reach consensus on a local zoning plan? Why have you heard so much about Milton's struggle to get aligned? I get the question all the time, and the answer is found on this list.

So I get the question from colleagues, from constituents in other parts of the district: Why can't Milton get in line?

Chances are if we were included in the designation that most of the other communities are included in, you would have never heard of this issue. We are one of twelve communities in the rapid transit designation. So an easier way to understand this is if you're in rapid transit, you're asked to use a 25% multiplier to your existing housing stock in town, commuter rail service are asked to multiply it 15%, adjacent communities 10% of their existing housing stock.

This is relevant to Milton because on this map the difference between being a Commuter Rail community and Adjacent community is often the fact of where the commuter rail lays. Does it lie within your borders, or just outside your borders but within that half mile radius.

So, we have commuter rail within .4 miles and the town has developed a plan that anchors to those stations to come into compliance. So why are we still here? And why am I talking about this? Because the phrase subway station also appears in the clause. We have the Mattapan Highspeed Line in Milton, and this car from the 1940s, which is still in service today. There are eight left, four or five are in service. It holds 130 people. That's an asterisk next to 130, because that's 1930s and 40s' bodies. It certainly doesn't hold a hundred and 130 Driscolls On the trolley at one time. But for the sake of using real numbers that are verifiable, you can carry 130 people on the Mattapan High Speed Line in this vehicle that's still in use from the 1940s.

So this line is depicted here with the orange line. There are four stations in Milton and they connect to the determinist of the Red Line at Ashmont. So if you've ever been on this, you know that in order to take the red line, to Mattapan or from Mattapan into

Boston, you have to disembark at Ashmont Station. So if you picked this up at Milton Station and you wanted to go to downtown Boston, you would ride the trolley to Ashmont, you'd have to get off, walk a distance, walk downstairs into Ashmont Station, wait for a Red Line, get on that Red Line, go into town. So it's not a continuous trip. That's a very important factor as I continue to detail what we do have for service.

This list of communities when it was first in draft form, and it's been changed a couple of times, there were five communities that were downgraded from subway service or light rail, the predecessors in the rapid transit category. And there were 35 downgraded when they removed the bus category, and 30 additional when downgraded when it was added, Adjacent Small Town category, which is not on my list, but represents the other, make up of 177 towns that the MBTA Communities Act affects.

One of the reasons that, again, context for why Milton has sought to be reclassified, is over the years, we've been very engaged. We were one of the original communities, inner-core communities of the predecessor of the MBTA Communities Act, now the MBTA Communities Act

And communities that have MBTA service are assessed to fee. So, each community pays into the service, pays for services in their town, and be able to link into it. And this is relevant. These are two stations along the Mattapan High Speed Line, you can see its basic structure. There's a shelter, not much to speak of. This is Milton Station. This, I believe, is Valley Road Station in Milton. Again, basic shelter. It's at street grade level. Next door in Quincy, you have Walston Station, I believe that's Quincy Adams. Quite a difference in terms of infrastructure. Milton within its borders has the Mattapan Trolley service and bus line service. Within Quincy's borders, they actually have all four modalities: Bus service, subway in the Red Line, commuter rail and ferry service. The assessment that Milton pays each year, right now FY25 as part of an MBTA Community local assessment is \$2.1 million. Quincy's assessment is 2.5 million. They have all four modalities, four Red Line stations.

Quincy is a great place. We spend a lot of time in Quincy, we spend a lot of money in Quincy, great restaurants, great amenities. We love Quincy, but I use this to demonstrate that there is an imbalance here. That the Mattapan High Speed Line, the connection to Ashmont station, is undeniably being miscategorized. And not only are we paying a higher assessment, we're being asked to do a higher number of zoned units.

We're one of only twelve communities that are being asked to do a 25% plan and pass it locally. So, this, again, is the context for why I'm here, I'm standing up here today.

To talk about the differences of the vehicles across the lines and how Milton is being treated, we have some demonstrations.

So I mentioned the capacity of the Mattapan High Speed Line cars is 130 people with the asterisk, again built for 1940s humans.

As Fenway Park has expanded over the years, you've noticed that when they put in new seats, they're not putting in those same original seats. There's a lot more space. So, if you built it today, it wouldn't accommodate. Red Line cars 167 passengers, Green Line 212 capacity, commuter rail 179, and bus service crush capacity at 77.

So, right now, I want to impart upon you, the Mattapan High Speed Line is ranked equivalent to the Red Line and is ranked higher than commuter rail. So, you're telling me that six cars on a Red Line is equivalent to a single car of Mattapan High Speed Line trolley service. You're telling me that a single 130 passenger trolley in Mattapan is ranked higher than 800 seats on commuter rail.

Understand some context in terms of why we've been trying to work through this with HLC to find a plan forward. One of the issues that we continue to see is this

designation of a subway and being considered heavy rail. This branding is divorced from reality, and even it's recognized by the MBTA itself.

The Mattapan Trolley and the Red Line are administered by two separate managers. The Red Line is managed by the Executive Director of the Heavy Rail Operations., and in 2024 the MBTA appointed its first ever Executive Director of Light Rail to oversee operations of the Green Line and the Mattapan Trolley, with the Director noting that light rail is a unique system compared to the rest of the MBTA.

So how about the rail cars, in terms of the Green Line. Single [Mattapan Trolley] car 130 passengers, double [Green Line] car is over 400 passengers.

So, on Monday I looked at the transit tracker just before 09:00 a.m. On the Mattapan High Speed Line there were two trolleys active and in service, so roughly 260 passenger capacity available at that time. Across the entire Green Line there were 100 cars roughly active.

That's a difference of 260-person capacity on the Mattapan High Speed Line and over 21,000 passenger capacity across the Green Line, active at 09:00 a.m. on Monday morning. I looked this morning, and there were 106 cars at 09:00 a.m. on Green Line service.

So, I will start to wrap up and make the point as well that our existing laws in the MGL actually already lay out that the Mattapan High Speed Line is not rapid transit. It is not rapid transit as it is categorized in the regulations that have been put forth under the MBTA Communities Act. MGL 161A, one of the enabling clauses of the MBTA, mentions rapid transit, and then it mentions the Mattapan Line in the same sentence, clearly drawing a distinction between the two types of services.

And I stand here today, again pointing out one car is being treated as equivalent to six [Red Line cars], one car of the Mattapan High Speed Line is being treated as more than six of those commuter rail cars that would hold 800 passengers on a trip.

The MBTA Communities Act is something that provides in its regulations as well, the opportunity if the town or municipality has multiple modalities of transit, if you have both a commuter rail proximity and a subway proximity, as is described for Milton by HLC, the regs allow you to choose your value, to choose which modality you anchor your plan to in zoning.

So the answer is already here at the table in front of us. Milton has put forward a 10% zoning plan. HLC could deem today that Milton is an adjacent community and or allow them to file that 10% plan that is now in their hands being vetted. It may need some tweaks, but the point is that Milton's not a zero on this issue. We are not trying to carve ourselves out of it. We are, in fact, participating, for decades, paying into the system.

And we are eager to get this behind us because we also know we need to be reclassified, because the language here, this half mile radius between the subway station and the modalities has appeared at least three times, by my count, in the last couple of years, and other proposals and pieces of legislation that have passed the legislature.

So my concern is that if we are not moved out of this classification and moved into a more appropriate space, if we stay at that highest tier designation as a rapid transit community, if we continue to be one of the only twelve communities that's being asked to do 25% because we have a 1940's streetcar that holds 130 people, and that's considered more than a commuter rail, we are always going to be asked to do an outsized number going forward, whether it's this administration, the administration afterwards, my colleagues in this room producing a housing production plan of further zoning changes. We're going to continue to have this issue of finding a reasonable path forward if Milton stays as a Rapid Transit community.

There's a 10% plan on the table. My amendment here today was written so that the Mattapan Line could not be considered in Mass General Law either Rapid Transit or as a subway, but rather an intermediate modality. Again, recognizing that we are paying in FY25,

\$2.1 million into the system. And we use that system, we're not denying that. But we want to make sure that Milton's service, whether it's for zoning or for that issue of the assessments, which is a topic for another day in depth, as this law and these regs and these guidelines are put forward we need to be treated fairly, consistently under the law and under the processes and regulations that we pass here and that are implemented by whatever administration is in that corner office.

In closing, I'm withdrawing this amendment today because further discussions are needed with my colleagues in this room, my local colleagues in government in Milton, with HLC, and the administration. Milton is currently processing that plan with HLC. In fact, before I came down to talk we were on a call with HLC working through particulars of certain parcels in town for the planning boards meeting tonight, and I commend their work to try and find a way forward that's reasonable and consistent with the laws and the regulations.

So, this is an undeniable misclassification. It's an inaccurate characterization of the service that we have. Again, we're not seeking to carve ourselves out of this. We want to be treated fairly in this mix of 177 communities.

I don't think, after today, you can say we have the same level of service as the other Rapid Transit communities. And it would be just a mistake to let this continue, so that we're asked to do an outsized number of units.

Some comparisons for communities that are in the adjacent category, one within my own district, Easton, 913 units as an adjacent community. Milton's plan right now on the table, being vetted by HLC has 1007 units, and so we are trying to do our part to be a part of this. In Canton, right next door, not part of my district, but an Adjacent community, there are roughly 1,400 units that they're being asked. Again, Milton's number as a Rapid Transit community is about 2,600 units to zone, just to give you a sense of a round number on the scale that we're talking about. So, give us a chance to come in as an Adjacent Community to participate. There's a path forward here within that regulatory structure, where HLC could say you can link, you can anchor to Commuter Rail, be considered an Adjacent community. We have that plan on a table, and if Milton was made an adjacent community today, in short order, by the middle of June that plan could be adopted at Representative Town Meeting in Milton and we could move on and handle other matters related to the housing crisis and developing transit-oriented housing.

So, I thank you for your time and attention to this matter. I appreciate the way that you have welcomed me to the Senate. It's an honor to be here representing Milton and my district.

Getting to know bipartisan colleagues that share parts of the district, whether it's in the House Representatives where I came from, or now with you, as one of 40 in the Senate.

Thank you for the welcome. There's a lot of work to be done ahead. I look forward to supporting your local initiatives, your statewide initiatives. I might need your help on this at a future day.

So, thanks for listening, and I appreciate your time.

On motion of Ms. Rausch, pursuant to the provisions of Senate Rule 6A, the above remarks were printed in the Journal of the Senate.

Mr. Driscoll moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by inserting after "projects" the following: "; provided that not less than

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\$180,000 shall be expended to the town of Stoughton for school building projects and improvements”; and by striking out the figures of “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the figures “\$280,000”.

After remarks, the amendment was adopted.

Messrs. Driscoll and Keenan moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by inserting after “projects” the following: “; provided that not less than \$300,000 shall be expended to the town of Braintree for transportation infrastructure projects, improvements, and planning”; and by striking out the figures of “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the figures “\$400,000”.

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After remarks, the amendment was adopted.

Mr. Driscoll and Mrs. Dooner moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by inserting after “projects” the following: “; provided that not less than \$70,000 shall be expended to the Town of Bridgewater for school building capital improvement projects in the town and in the Bridgewater-Raynham Regional School District”; and by striking out the figures of “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the figures “\$170,000”.

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After remarks, the amendment was adopted.

Mr. DiDomenico moved that the proposed new text be amended, in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended to the Everett public schools to replace the gymnasium bleachers at Everett high school”; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 be expended to the Everett public schools to install a video wall for their performing arts stage"; and by striking out the figure "\$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "\$275,000".

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The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Rodrigues moved that the proposed new text be amended in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended to the town of Ashland for capital transportation improvements to increase mobility; provided further, that not less than \$400,000 shall be expended to communities in the Metrowest region, including the city of Framingham and the towns of Ashland, Holliston, Hopkinton, Medway and Natick, for electric vehicle charging stations; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to the town of Natick for capital improvements to increase mobility and commuter rail connectivity in West Natick section of the town of Natick; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the Holliston council on aging for senior transportation capital improvements; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to the city of Northampton for equipment and capital expenses for a public bikeshare program that serves residents of the city known as the town of Amherst, the towns of Hadley and Northampton and surrounding municipalities; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to the town of Foxborough for parking upgrades, wayfinding and transportation improvements ; provided further, that not less than \$45,000 shall be expended to Keep Massachusetts Beautiful, Inc. for the purchase of supplies to be used for roadside litter prevention and cleanup to maintain public roads and highways throughout the commonwealth”;

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In said section 2A, in said item 1596-2507, by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$12,817,000”;

In said section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following words:-“; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the Freetown Lakeville regional school district for 1-time improvements to athletic and educational facilities including, but not limited to, design, engineering and permitting efforts associated with said improvements; provided further, that not less than \$175,000 shall be expended to the Westport community school district for 1-time improvements and upgrades to the school electrical infrastructure at the Alice A. Macomber school; provided further, that not less

than \$1,200,000 shall be expended to Somerset public schools for 1-time energy efficiency improvements and upgrades at the Chace elementary school; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended to Swansea public schools for 1-time improvements and upgrades to school security and surveillance equipment; provided further, that not less than \$30,000 shall be expended to Old Rochester regional high school in the town of Mattapoisett for gymnasium upgrades; provided further, that not less than \$300,000 shall be expended for capital improvements at the welcome and parent information center located at Framingham public schools' Farley building; provided further, that not less than \$275,000 shall be expended to Framingham public schools for the Framingham Adult ESL Plus program for expenses including, but not limited to, educational materials and supplies; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended to the town of Winchendon for capital improvements to the public schools; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the Athol-Royalston regional school district for capital improvements; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the Pioneer Valley regional school district for capital improvements; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the Sunderland elementary school in the town of Sunderland for capital improvements; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to the Ralph C. Mahar regional school located in the town of Orange for capital improvements; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to the town of Hatfield for capital improvements to Hatfield public schools; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to the Gill-Montague regional school district for capital improvements; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to Greenfield public schools located in the city known as the town of Greenfield for capital improvements; provided further, that not less than \$165,000 shall be expended to Canton public schools for the purchase of updated science curriculum materials; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to Attleboro public schools for ADA-accessible renovations to the Briggs Corner school; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the Norfolk County Agricultural high school for the construction of a new greenhouse to enhance instructional programs; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to Norton public schools for the purchase of math and science curriculum materials for students in grades 6 to 12, inclusive; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to The May Institute, Inc. in the town of Mansfield for capital costs associated with public special education of public school students with autism and other developmental disabilities; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the National History Day in Massachusetts program, operated by the Massachusetts Historical Society, for the production of supplementary curriculum materials to support history education taught in public high schools across the commonwealth; provided further, that not less than \$15,000 shall be expended to Canton high school for the purchase of Italian language and cultural education curriculum materials in partnership with CIAO, the Cultural Italian American Organization; provided further, that not less than \$175,000 shall be expended to the Massachusetts Partnership for Youth, Inc. for the purpose of capital improvements to incorporate a dedicated learning studio to deliver virtual professional development training of public school educators in public school districts throughout the commonwealth including, but not limited to, audio and video equipment, workplace equipment, computers and storage devices and a digital learning management system”;

In said section 2A, in said item 1596-2517, by striking out the figure “\$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$21,093,000”;

In said section 2A, in item 1596-2525, by adding the following words:- “provided further, that not less than \$5,000,000 shall be expended for capital upgrades and

accessibility improvements to the John J. Kelly Gymnasium at Bridgewater state university”; and

In said section 2A, in said item 1596-2525, by striking out the figure “\$175,000,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$190,000,000”.

The amendment was adopted.

The Ways and Means amendment, as amended, was then adopted.

The bill, as amended, was then ordered to a third reading and read a third time.

The question on passing the bill to be engrossed was determined by a call of the yeas and nays, at twenty-two minutes past four o’clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Rodrigues, as follows, to wit (yeas 40 — nays 0) [**Yeas and Nays No. 26**]:

YEAS.

Barrett, Michael J.	Gómez, Adam
Brady, Michael D.	Jehlen, Patricia D.
Brownsberger, William N.	Keenan, John F.
Collins, Nick	Kennedy, Edward J.
Comerford, Joanne M.	Kennedy, Robyn K.
Creem, Cynthia Stone	Lewis, Jason M.
Crighton, Brendan P.	Lovely, Joan B.
Cronin, John J.	Mark, Paul W.
Cyr, Julian	Miranda, Liz
DiDomenico, Sal N.	Montigny, Mark C.
Dooner, Kelly A.	Moore, Michael O.
Driscoll, William J.	O’Connor, Patrick M.
Durant, Peter J.	Oliveira, Jacob R.
Edwards, Lydia	Payano, Pavel
Eldridge, James B.	Rausch, Rebecca L.
Fattman, Ryan C.	Rodrigues, Michael J.
Feeney, Paul R.	Rush, Michael F.
Fernandes, Dylan A.	Spilka, Karen E.
Finegold, Barry R.	Tarr, Bruce E.
Friedman, Cindy F.	Velis, John C. — 40.

NAYS — 0.

The yeas and nays having been completed at a half past four o’clock P.M., the bill was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with the amendments [For text of Senate amendments, see Senate, No. 2514, printed as amended].

Sent to the House for concurrence in the amendment.

Remarks of Senator Nick Collins.

I rise to speak in support of the supplemental budget before us today and to thank the President and Chair of Ways and Means for their leadership on this issue.

I also wish to make a brief statement on this historic day.

Not only are we moving forward a most impactful piece of legislation to improve our commonwealth’s transportation and education system, but a few hours ago, the world just witnessed the election of the new pope of the Catholic Church, Pope Leo XIV, the head of the Holy See and the Vatican City State.

The first American-born pope brings great honor to the United States and it is my hope that the 267th pope can channel the compassion, humility and leadership on world issues as profoundly, in his own way, as his predecessor, the late pope Francis.

Remarks of Senator
Nick Collins.

As an American Catholic, I couldn't be prouder that one of our own was elected today and thankful for the role our Cardinal Sean O'Malley has played.

So I wanted to take time to offer my support for the legislation before us and to recognize this historic moment and to congratulate the first American elected pope of the Catholic Church. I wish him well in this incredibly important role.

Thank you.

On motion of Mr. Rush, pursuant to the provisions of Senate Rule 6A, the above remarks were printed in the Journal of the Senate.

Moment of Silence.

At the request of the Chair (Ms. Creem), the members, guests and staff stood in a moment of silence and reflection to the memory of Florinda Rojas, Gustavo Noel Suero, Fray Luis Rosario and Ray Acevedo.

Moment of silence.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Cyr,--

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.

Time of meeting.

Adjournment in Memory of Carol Goldberg.

The Senator from Norfolk and Middlesex, Ms. Creem, and the Senator from Essex and Middlesex, Mr. Tarr, moved that when the Senate adjourns today, it does so in memory of Carol Goldberg.

Carol Goldberg passed away on March 3, 2025, at the age of 93, after a life as a renowned philanthropist, mentor, and trailblazer for women.

Born at home on Prentice Road in Newton in 1931, Carol became the first woman to serve as president of a supermarket chain. She went on to break barriers in many arenas. She was the first woman to serve on the board of the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston and in 1969 she was only the second woman to attend Harvard Business School's prestigious advanced management program, she graduated.

After graduating from Tufts University and starting a family, Carol initially took a low-level position at Stop and Shop, the company started by her great-grandmother in the North End of Boston, and she eventually overcame many obstacles and prejudice to advance into the executive suite, becoming President in 1976.

In addition to her long and illustrious career as a ground-breaking corporate executive, Carol made many contributions to the community. She served on corporate boards including Gillette, Lotus Development, the One Hundred Club, Brandeis and Tufts Universities, CJP and Hebrew College, and she chaired the board of the United Way of Mass Bay and Merrimack Valley. Carol was a founding member of The Commonwealth Institute, an organization devoted to mentoring women business executives. Also, she was a trustee for life of the Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, and she was a founder of the Miriam Fund at CJP, dedicated to expanding opportunities for women and girls. She also co-authored a book, "Members of the Club: The Coming of age of Executive Women."

Carol is survived by her daughter, State Treasurer Deborah Goldberg, and her son Josh Goldberg, four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Carol believed that her greatest achievement was seeing her daughter Deborah become Treasurer of Massachusetts. Carol

Goldberg will long be remembered as a passionate and generous leader in the community, and a role model for women in the corporate and philanthropic world.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect to the memory of Carol Goldberg, at seventeen minutes before five o'clock P.M., on motion of Mrs. Dooner, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Adjournment in Memory of Molly McGovern.

The Senators from Worcester, Ms. Kennedy and Mr. Moore, the Senator from Middlesex and Norfolk, Ms. Spilka, the Senator from Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester, Ms. Comerford, the Senator from Worcester and Middlesex, Mr. Cronin, the Senator from Middlesex and Worcester, Mr. Eldridge, the Senator from Berkshire, Hampden, Franklin and Hampshire, Mr. Mark, the Senator from Worcester and Hampden, Mr. Fattman, the Senator from Worcester and Hampshire, Mr. Durant, and the Senator from Suffolk, Mr. Collins, moved that when the Senate adjourns today, it does so in honor of Molly McGovern.

Molly McGovern, a beloved daughter of Worcester and lifelong advocate for social justice, equity, and community well-being, passed away on April 23, 2024. Her loss is felt deeply by all who had the privilege to know and work alongside her.

Molly spent her career serving others—with heart, brilliance, and a steadfast belief in the power of compassion. Whether through her professional roles or her personal acts of kindness, Molly showed up every day with a quiet determination to make life better for those around her. She was a fierce advocate, a mentor to many, and a friend to all.

Molly's strength of character, humility, and generosity of spirit defined her life and left an indelible mark on the Commonwealth. She was the type of leader who led not with ego but with intention, always rooted in service. Her passing leaves a tremendous void, but her influence lives on in the countless people she lifted up.

She was unbelievably funny, fiercely loyal, and wise beyond her years. Molly had a rare gift: She made everyone feel special, because she genuinely believed everyone was special. She treated everyone she met with compassion and kindness--always standing up for the underdog, and making friends everywhere she went.

Her love for the Boston Bruins was second to none. She was a sports ambassador last year at Bruins Heritage Hall at TD Garden, and she had no greater joy than watching the B's beat the Maple Leafs in the playoffs with her brother Patrick. But her love for the Bruins was no match for the love she gave so freely to her family and friends. If you ever met Molly, you carried a piece of her light and humor with you. She had that kind of effect on people.

Born and raised in Worcester and Washington, D.C., Molly was the beloved daughter of Unites States Congressman Jim McGovern and Lisa Murray McGovern. She is survived by her brother and best friend, Patrick McGovern of Worcester; her grandmother, Mindy McGovern of Worcester; and her great-aunt, Ellen Peloquin of Millbury. She also leaves her aunts and uncles, Wendy (Bill) Talcott of Sutton; Kelly (Bill) Tuttle of Sterling; Jim Murray of Millis; and Linda (Mike) Friedman of Guilderland, New York; as well as her cousins, Courtney and Jake Fox and niece and goddaughter Hazel; Jon Tuttle, Michael Tuttle, Scott Friedman, Sarah (Hans) Lauzen, and Sofi Murray, and her wide circle of friends, colleagues, and community members who will continue to carry her light forward.

Molly wore a pendant of St. Francis of Assisi. Today as we adjourn, we honor Molly's life by with the words of St. Francis of Assisi and the commitment to live up to these words:

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace,
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is doubt, faith;

Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
Where there is sadness, joy;

O Divine Master,
Grant that I may not so much seek
To be consoled as to console;
To be understood as to understand;
To be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect to the memory of Molly McGovern, at seventeen minutes before five o'clock P.M., on motion of Mrs. Dooner, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

*Adjournment in Memory of Florinda Rojas, Fray Luis Rosario,
Gustavo Noel Suero, and Ray Acevedo.*

The Senator from Essex, Mr. Payano and the Senator from Middlesex and Suffolk, Mr. DiDomenico move that when the Senate adjourns today, it does so in memory of Florinda Rojas, Fray Luis Rosario, Gustavo Noel Suero, and Ray Acevedo.

I speak today with a profound sense of loss to adjourn in memory of three members of our community whose lives were taken far too soon in the devastating roof collapse at Jet Set nightclub in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.

The morning of April 8th changed everything. What should have been a night of celebration turned into one of the worst tragedies in the history of the Dominican Republic. More than 220 lives were lost when the nightclub's roof collapsed during a live concert. Among them were three people from the Merrimack Valley: Florinda Rojas of Haverhill, Gustavo Noel Suero of Lawrence, and Fray Luis Rosario, a North Andover resident whose heart and legacy also reside in Lawrence.

Lawrence and Haverhill have historically been immigrant cities. Our neighborhoods, our businesses, our stories are built by those who came seeking opportunity, safety, and connection. Lawrence is proud to be home to one of the largest Dominican populations in the United States, only trailing the Washington Heights neighborhood in New York City. Dominican culture is central to who we are. The food, the music, the language, the values of family and faith, they are woven into the fabric of everyday life. That's why this tragedy is so incredibly personal to my community.

I traveled to the Dominican Republic in the days after the collapse. I stood with families in mourning, I attended funerals. I hugged mothers and wives who had just buried their family members. And I wept.

Florinda Rojas was a family friend, one of those rare people whose presence instantly brought warmth and ease. She was the aunt of former State Representative Juana Matías, a respected leader in our community, but Florinda's impact stood firmly on its own. She was vibrant, full of life, and deeply driven. A self-made woman, she built a successful business in Santiago and poured herself into every opportunity with purpose and pride. Florinda was joyful, bold, and hardworking. She embraced life fully and never shied away from a challenge. She had a soft smile, a generous heart, and a quiet strength that left a lasting impression. Her loss is one I carry personally, and I know I am joined by so many others who continue to grieve the beautiful light she brought into our lives.

Gustavo Noel Suero was a young man from Lawrence whose journey was a testament to resilience. My father was his teacher, and he always remembered Gustavo's warmth, Gustavo would smile even when life was not easy. Gustavo had gone through real struggles but had turned his life around. He had just completed his training to become an aircraft mechanic, a huge accomplishment that he worked so hard for. He had a family. He had children. He had found his path. And then, without warning, he was taken from all of us. There is something especially painful about losing someone just as they are beginning to truly live.

Fray Luis Rosario was a North Andover resident whose legacy is planted firmly in Lawrence. Through his work as a restaurateur and entrepreneur, he brought vision, vibrancy, and culture to our downtown. Terra Luna Café, a true gem of the Essex Street business community, is a symbol of what could be built with love, determination, and community pride. Fray was generous with his time, wise with his advice, and sincere in his belief in Lawrence. Fray believed in the power of investing in people. His absence will be felt tremendously in downtown Lawrence and across the Merrimack Valley.

These three individuals represented so much of what makes our community beautiful. They were family, they were talent, they were hope.

I want to thank Senator Payano for his incredible efforts honoring all of the victims of this horrific tragedy both in the Dominican Republic and here in the Senate. It is hard to put into words how heartbreaking this loss is for countless families in the Dominican Republic and communities across our state.

I am honored to have the opportunity to celebrate the life of a remarkable man, Raymond Anthony Acevedo. Raymond was a beloved son, brother, father, uncle, grandfather, friend, and mentor to so many people who will miss him dearly.

Raymond A. Acevedo, of Cambridge, Massachusetts, passed away on April 8, 2025. He was the devoted son of Maritza Acevedo and the late Ramon Acevedo, beloved father to Jennie Marie Acevedo, Jessica (Jessy) DeJesus Acevedo, Raymond Antonio Acevedo II, and his stepchildren, Janiot Bonilla, and Daina Janille Bonilla.

Raymond was a cherished grandfather to Anthony Acevedo and Tori Mari Tabor, and a loving brother to Myriam Negrón and her husband Angel Negrón, Maritza Gallagher and her husband Paul Gallagher, and Giovanni Acevedo.

He is also survived by his adored nieces and nephews: Aracelis (Germany) Fontenot and her husband Christopher Fontenot, Marco Negrón and his wife Arianna Loaiza, Sabrina Acevedo, and Briana Gallagher; as well as his treasured great-nieces and great-nephews: Isabela Fontenot, Nathaniel Fontenot, Alessia Negrón, and Alina Negrón.

Raymond was a remarkable man—an extraordinary father, mentor, and friend. His legacy is one of love, family, compassion, and a deep-rooted commitment to uplifting others. Known and respected throughout the Cambridge and Boston communities, Raymond will be remembered not only for his entrepreneurial spirit and for his business acumen in real estate development, but also for his generosity, mentorship, and the countless lives he touched with his unwavering kindness and vision.

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He lived with purpose and led by example, offering quiet acts of selflessness each day. Those who knew him will forever carry his memory in their hearts. Raymond A. Acevedo was truly one of a kind—his presence irreplaceable, his impact enduring. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly asks that donations be made in Raymond’s memory to the National Kidney Foundation.

These were not just names. They were people. They were loved. They were part of the soul of our community. I ask that when the Senate adjourns today, it does so in memory of Florinda Rojas, Gustavo Noel Suero, Fray Luis Rosario, Ray Acevedo, and all those whose lives were lost in this unimaginable tragedy. Let us honor the lives they lived, uplift their families, and carry their memory forward with love and dignity.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect to the memory of Florinda Rojas, Fray Luis Rosario, Gustavo Noel Suero, and Ray Acevedo, at seventeen minutes before five o’clock P.M., on motion of Mrs. Dooner, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Monday next at eleven o’clock A.M
