



JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE

Friday, February 27, 2026

The House of Representatives was called to order at 4:30 o'clock p.m., in accordance with the provisions of House Rule 50, and under the authority of the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the House Minority Leader.

Prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Representative Jason Rojas of East Hartford, Connecticut.

The following is the prayer:

Let us pray. Almighty God, who presides over all things in heaven and on earth, graciously hear the prayers of this Body and grant us Your peace all the days of our life. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Peter M. Murszewski of Wethersfield, Connecticut.

Pursuant to House Rule 50, the House of Representatives was called to order, by the Office of the House Clerk under the authority of the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the House Minority Leader.

It was moved that the House agenda dated Friday, February 27, 2026 be adopted, and the items on said agenda - illustrating Business on the Clerk's desk - were acted upon as indicated, and the matters contained in the agenda were incorporated by reference into the House Journal and the House Transcript.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS HOUSE AND SENATE BILLS

Pursuant to House Rule 50, the first reading of the following bills and resolutions was waived, the list of bills and resolutions as prepared by the Clerks was accepted, and the bills and resolutions referred to the committees as indicated thereon in concurrence.

APPROPRIATIONS

H.B. No. 5381 (RAISED) APPROPRIATIONS. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN ACCOUNT TO COMPENSATE VICTIMS OF UNLAWFUL FUNERAL SERVICE PRACTICES', to compensate victims of unlawful funeral service practices.

H.B. No. 5421 (RAISED) APPROPRIATIONS. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN ACCOUNT TO PROVIDE DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT TO HEALTH CARE FACILITIES', to establish an account to assist health care facilities in purchasing durable medical equipment.

H.B. No. 5422 (RAISED) APPROPRIATIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL PHENOMENA', to require a study of unidentified aerial phenomena.

H.B. No. 5423 (RAISED) APPROPRIATIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING JUVENILE JUSTICE INITIATIVES', to require a report by the executive director of the Court Support Services Division of the Judicial Branch on the expansion of community support services.

H.B. No. 5424 (RAISED) APPROPRIATIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING EXPENDITURES OF THE GENERAL FUND', to review appropriations from the General Fund.

H.B. No. 5425 (RAISED) APPROPRIATIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING EXPENDITURES OF APPROPRIATED FUNDS OTHER THAN THE GENERAL FUND', to review appropriations from funds other than the General Fund.

HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT

H.B. No. 5426 (RAISED) HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT. 'AN ACT REQUIRING THE AVAILABILITY OF AN ADVISOR DURING DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AT INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION', to require the availability of an advisor or a support person for a student during a disciplinary proceeding at an institution of higher education in the state.

H.B. No. 5427 (RAISED) HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT. 'AN ACT EXPANDING THE DEBT-FREE COMMUNITY COLLEGE PROGRAM TO INCLUDE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAMS', to expand the debt-free community college program to include workforce development and continuing education programs.

JUDICIARY

H.B. No. 5428 (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL', to amend statutes concerning the powers and duties of the Office of the Inspector General.

H.B. No. 5429 (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING ENTICEMENT OF A JUVENILE TO COMMIT A CRIMINAL ACT', to lower the age of culpability for enticement of a juvenile to commit a criminal act.

H.B. No. 5430 (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING CLAIMS AGAINST THE STATE FOR MEDICAL MALPRACTICE AND INJURIES OCCURRING ON LANDS AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC FOR RECREATIONAL PURPOSES', to clarify state law provisions relating to (1) bringing a claim against the state for alleged medical malpractice by a state actor, and (2) the state's liability for injuries occurring on land made available to a member of the public for recreational purposes.

H.B. No. 5431 (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING COOPERATIVE CORPORATIONS', to modernize the state's business cooperative statutes.

H.B. No. 5432 (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE RECEIPT OF FEES BY A PARTY TO A CIVIL ACTION AFFECTING TITLE TO REAL PROPERTY', to permit a court to award a party to a civil action affecting title to real property the actual expense of an examination of the land records concerning the title to the real property in question.

H.B. No. 5433 (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING LIMITATIONS ON THE PROVISION OF GIFTS TO THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS OF THE

ASSOCIATION OF A COMMON INTEREST COMMUNITY', to promote integrity in the conducting of elections held by the association of a common interest community.

GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

H.B. No. 5434 (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING STATE-WIDE RECOGNITION OF MINOR PARTIES FOR PURPOSES OF NOMINATING PETITIONS', to provide that, when a political party attains minor party status for a state-wide office at an election, any candidate throughout the state at a subsequent election may apply to appear via nominating petition for any office under such minor party.

APPROPRIATIONS

S.B. No. 388 (RAISED) APPROPRIATIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE MASHANTUCKET PEQUOT AND MOHEGAN FUND', to restore the Mashantucket Pequot and Mohegan Fund to its original intent of funding all towns.

S.B. No. 389 (RAISED) APPROPRIATIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING YOUTH EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING FUNDS', to update the allocation of the Connecticut Youth Employment Program funds.

S.B. No. 390 (RAISED) APPROPRIATIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF MICROTRANSIT', to require the Commissioner of Transportation to conduct a study of microtransit.

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S.B. No. 391 (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE AVAILABILITY OF BREAST CANCER SCREENING, DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT SERVICES FOR WOMEN COMMITTED TO THE CUSTODY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION', to provide additional breast cancer screening, diagnosis and treatment options to women committed to the custody of the Department of Correction.

ADJOURNMENT

Pursuant to House Rule 50, the House adjourned at 4:31 o'clock p.m., to meet again at the Call of the Chair.