

# Journal of the Senate

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 2026

The Senate was called to order by the President.

## Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted by the Reverend Scudder Parker of Middlesex.

## Message from the House No. 39

A message was received from the House of Representatives by Ms. Courtney Reckord, its Second Assistant Clerk, as follows:

Mr. President:

I am directed to inform the Senate that:

The House has passed House bills of the following titles:

**H. 67.** An act relating to legislative operations and government accountability.

**H. 567.** An act relating to unclaimed property, State retirement systems, and capital debt.

**H. 650.** An act relating to educational technology products.

**H. 772.** An act relating to residential rental agreements, eviction procedures, and the creation of the positive rental payment credit reporting pilot program.

**H. 933.** An act relating to miscellaneous administrative and policy changes to the tax laws.

**H. 937.** An act relating to miscellaneous judiciary procedures.

**H. 944.** An act relating to the fiscal year 2027 Transportation Program and miscellaneous changes to laws related to transportation.

**H. 951.** An act relating to making appropriations for the support of the government.

In the passage of which the concurrence of the Senate is requested.

**Committee Relieved of Further Consideration; Bill Committed****H. 841.**

On motion of Senator Hashim, the Committee on Judiciary was relieved of further consideration of House bill entitled:

An act relating to miscellaneous animal welfare procedures,  
and the bill was committed to the Committee on Government Operations.

**Bills Referred**

House bills of the following titles were read the first time and referred:

**H. 67.**

An act relating to legislative operations and government accountability.  
To the Committee on Government Operations.

**H. 567.**

An act relating to unclaimed property, State retirement systems, and capital debt.

To the Committee on Government Operations.

**H. 650.**

An act relating to educational technology products.  
To the Committee on Education.

**H. 772.**

An act relating to residential rental agreements, eviction procedures, and the creation of the positive rental payment credit reporting pilot program.

To the Committee on Judiciary.

**H. 933.**

An act relating to miscellaneous administrative and policy changes to the tax laws.

To the Committee on Finance.

**H. 937.**

An act relating to miscellaneous judiciary procedures.  
To the Committee on Judiciary.

**H. 944.**

An act relating to the fiscal year 2027 Transportation Program and miscellaneous changes to laws related to transportation.

To the Committee on Transportation.

**H. 951.**

An act relating to making appropriations for the support of the government.

To the Committee on Appropriations.

**Bill Amended; Bill Passed****S. 193.**

Senate bill entitled:

An act relating to establishing a forensic facility for certain criminal justice-involved persons.

Was taken up.

Thereupon, pending third reading of the bill, Senator Hashim moved to amend the bill by striking out "Commissioner of General Services" and inserting in lieu thereof "Commissioner of Buildings and General Services"

Which was agreed to.

Thereupon, the bill was read the third time and passed, on a roll call, Yeas, 29, Nays 1.

Senator Norris having demanded the yeas and nays, they were taken and are as follows:

**Roll Call**

**Those Senators who voted in the affirmative were:** Baruth, Beck, Benson, Bongartz, Brennan, Brock, Chittenden, Clarkson, Collamore, Cummings, Gulick, Hardy, Harrison, Hashim, Heffernan, Ingalls, Lyons, Major, Mattos, Morley, Norris, Perchlik, Plunkett, Ram Hinsdale, Watson, Weeks, Westman, White, Williams.

**The Senator who voted in the negative was:** Vyhovsky.

**Bills Passed**

Senate bills of the following titles were read the third time and passed:

**S. 198.** An act relating to the regulation and taxation of tobacco products and tobacco substitutes.

**S. 214.** An act relating to the provision of prekindergarten education in geographically isolated school districts.

**Third Reading Ordered****H. 694.**

Senator Morley, for the Committee on Government Operations, to which was referred House bill entitled:

An act relating to approval of amendments to the charter of the Town of Bennington concerning the Town Manager.

Reported that the bill ought to pass in concurrence.

Thereupon, the bill was read the second time by title only pursuant to Rule 43, and third reading of the bill was ordered.

**Adjournment**

On motion of Senator Baruth, the Senate adjourned until one o'clock in the afternoon on Thursday, April 2, 2026.