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Met at five minutes past eleven o'clock A.M. (Ms. Jehlen in the Chair).

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

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Pledge of allegiance.

*Communication.*

Communication from the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (pursuant to line item 4000-0300 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting its 2024 MassHealth report on the review of wage payment rates for the provision of continuous skilled nursing care (received May 2, 2024),-- **was placed on file.**

EOHHS,--  
continuous skilled  
nursing care report.  
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*Reports of Committees.*

By Ms. Friedman, for the committee on Health Care Financing, that the Senate Bill to improve sickle cell care (Senate, No. 2640) [Estimated cost: greater than \$100,000];

Sickle cell care.

**Ought to pass.**

**Referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.**

By Ms. Kennedy, for the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, on Senate, No. 66, an Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, to make an investigation and study of a certain current Senate document relative to establishing the Massachusetts foster care review office (Senate, No. 2764);

Children, Families  
and Persons with  
Disabilities,-- study.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on Senate, Nos. 84 and 97, an Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities to make an investigation and study of a certain current Senate documents relative children, families and persons with disabilities matters (Senate, No. 2765); and

Id.

By Ms. Friedman, for the committee on Health Care Financing, on Senate, Nos. 603, 613, and 654, an Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on Health Care Financing to make an investigation and study of certain current Senate documents relative to health care financing matters (Senate, No. 2768);

Health Care  
Financing,-- study.

**Severally referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.**

By Ms. Kennedy, for the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, on Senate, No. 108 and House, No. 188, a Bill establishing guardians as providers of medical care to support the rights of incapacitated persons (Senate, No. 108);

Incapacitated  
persons,-- guardians.

**Referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.**

By Mr. Brady, for the committee on Public Service, on petition, a Bill relative to disability pensions for violent crimes (Senate, No. 1680); and

Disability pensions,-  
- violent crimes.

By Mr. Velis, for the committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs, on petition, a Bill

Disabled veterans,--

increasing the annuity for disabled Veterans and Gold Star Families (Senate, No. 2356);

annuity.

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

By Mr. Velis, for the committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs, on petition, a Bill relative to recognition of the “Honor and Remember” flag in the Commonwealth (Senate, No. 2357);

Honor and Remember Flag.

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

*Committees Discharged.*

Ms. Lovely, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, reported, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the Senate Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on the Judiciary to make an investigation and study of certain current Senate documents relative to judicial matters (Senate, No. 2753),-- **and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Rules.**

Judiciary,-- study.

**Under Senate Rule 36, the report was considered forthwith and accepted.**

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

A Bill reducing barriers to employment through credit discrimination (House, No. 1434, amended-- on Senate, No. 1144), -- **was read and, under Senate Rule 27, referred to the committee on Ways and Means.**

Employment barriers,-- credit discrimination.

*Resolutions.*

The following resolutions (having been filed with the Clerk) were considered forthwith and adopted, as follows:-

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Timilty, Brady, Collins, Eldridge, Feeney, Keenan, Mark, Montigny, Moore, O’Connor, Oliveira and Payano) “commending the Greater Boston Chapter of The American Society of Safety Professionals on its recognition of American Occupational Safety and Health Week and Occupational Safety and Health Professional Day.”

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*Reports of a Committee.*

By Mr. Brady, for the committee on Public Service, on petition, a Bill relative to the disability retirement of Casey L’Italien, a police officer in the city known as the town of Randolph (Senate, No. 2763);

Randolph,-- L’Italien retirement.

**The bill was read. There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Durant, and the bill was read a second time and ordered to a third reading.**

By Mr. Brady, for the committee on Public Service, on petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Eddie Simpkins, an employee of the Suffolk County Sheriff’s Department (Senate, No. 2767);

Eddie Simpkins,-- sick leave.

**The bill was read. There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Durant, and the bill was read a second time and ordered to a third reading.**

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

A Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Michael Lewis, an employee of the Department of Correction (House, No. 4539,-- on House, No. 4532),-- was read.

Michael Lewis,-- sick leave.

**There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Durant, and the bill was read a second time and ordered to a third reading.**

**UNCORRECTED PROOF.**

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4630) of Michelle M. DuBois and Rita A. Mendes (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to the police cadet program in the city of Brockton,-- **was referred, in concurrence, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Public Service.**

Brockton,-- police cadet program.

*Order Adopted.*

On motion of Mr. Durant,--

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

Time of meeting.

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