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Met at twenty-five minutes before twelve o'clock noon (Mr. Oliveira in the Chair) (having been appointed, by the President, under authority conferred by Senate Rule 4, to perform the duties of the Chair).

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

Pledge of allegiance.

Distinguished Guests.

There being no objection, the following guests were introduced:

The Chair (Mr. Oliveira) handed the gavel to Mr. Timilty for the purpose of an introduction. Mr. Timilty then introduced, in the rear of the Chamber, Boston Police Officer Paul Sheehan and his son, Paul. Officer Sheehan was recognized for serving as a combat marine veteran during Operation Iraqi Freedom in the Ramadi and Anbar province. The Senate welcomed them with applause, thanked Officer Sheehan for his service and they withdrew from the Chamber.

Paul Sheehan.

The Chair (Mr. Oliveira) then introduced, in the rear of the Chamber, Kevin and Meghan Surprise, and their two sons Nate and Josh. Kevin and Meghan are both alums of Framingham State University, the Chair's alma mater. Kevin is a faculty member at Mount Holyoke College and Meghan is a teacher at Framingham Public Schools. The Senate welcomed them with applause and they withdrew from the Chamber.

Surprise Family.

The Chair (Mr. Brownsberger) handed the gavel to Mr. Timilty for the purpose of an introduction. Mr. Timilty then introduced, in the rear of the Chamber, former Suffolk County Assistant District Attorney Philip O'Brien. The Senate welcomed him with applause and he withdrew from the Chamber.

Phillip O'Brien.

Communications.

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

Communication from the Honorable Bruce E. Tarr, Senate Minority Leader, announcing the appointment of Sharon Byrne Kishida of Rockport (pursuant to Section 108 of Chapter 239 of the Acts of 2024) to the special legislative commission to recommend to the General Court extended producer responsibility policies for the Commonwealth; and

Producer responsibility policies comm.-- appointment. SD3617

Communication from the Executive Office for Administration and Finance (under the provisions of item 1599-0514 of Chapter 77 of the Acts of 2023 and Chapter 88 of the Acts of 2024) submitting a copy of its bi-weekly report on the status of the Emergency Housing Assistance Program dated December 19, 2024 (copies having been forwarded to the Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means) (received December 30, 2024).

Emergency Housing Assistance Program.-- bi-weekly report. SD3606

Reports.

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

Report of the Senate Committee on Ethics (filed pursuant to Senate Rule 12A) summarizing its activities for the 2023-2024 legislative session (received December 30,

Ethics Committee.-- report. SD3608

**UNCORRECTED PROOF.**

2024);

Report of the Department of Public Health (pursuant to line item 4513-1136 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting its recommendations to address drink spiking and substance facilitated sexual assault in the Commonwealth (received December 27, 2024);

DPH,-- Drink spiking report. SD3602

Report of the Childhood Trauma Task Force (pursuant to Section 14 of Chapter 18C of the General Laws) submitting its 2024 annual report (copies having been forwarded to the Senate Chairs of the Joint Committee on the Judiciary and the Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security) (received December 26, 2024);

Childhood Trauma Task Force,-- annual report. SD3603

Report of the Executive Office of Economic Development (pursuant to Section 3B of Chapter 23A of the General Laws) submitting its Center for Employee Ownership 2024 annual 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 Economic Development and Emerging Technologies) (received December 30, 2024);

EOED,-- employee ownership 2024 annual report. SD3604

Report of the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development (pursuant to Section 9U of Chapter 23 of the General Laws) submitting its Department of Labor Relations 2024 annual report (received December 30, 2024);

DLR FY24 annual report. SD3605

Report of the Executive Office for Administration and Finance (pursuant to Chapter 88 of the Acts of 2024) submitting its December Temporary Respite Center report (a copy having been forwarded to the Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means) (received December 30, 2024);

A&F,-- temporary respite center report. SD3607

Report of MassDevelopment (pursuant to Section 46(m) of Chapter 23G of the General Laws) submitting its fiscal year 2024 annual report of the Collaborative Workspace Program (copies having been forwarded to the Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Chairs of the Joint Committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies and the Joint Committee on Labor and Workforce Development) (received December 31, 2024);

MassDev,-- CWP report. SD3609

Report of the Executive Office of Education (pursuant to line item 1596-2417 of Section 2 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting its FY24 Fair Share Higher Education Capital Funding 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 Higher Education) (received December 31, 2024);

EOE, -- Higher Ed fair share report. SD3610

Report of MassDevelopment (pursuant to Chapter 123 of the Acts of 2006) submitting its Cultural Facilities Fund Fiscal Year 2024 annual report (received December 31, 2024);

MassDev,-- cultural fund FY24 report. SD3611

Report of the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities (pursuant to Chapter 334 of the Acts of 2006) submitting its Data Collection for Government Assisted Housing in Massachusetts FY24 annual 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 Housing) (received December 31, 2024);

EOHLC,-- data collection FY24 report. SD3612

Report of the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities (pursuant to Section 12 of Chapter 40R of the General Laws) submitting its Smart Growth Zoning and Housing Production FY24 annual report (a copy having been forwarded to the Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means) (received December 31, 2024);

EOHLC,-- smart growth zoning and housing FY2024 report. SD3613

Report of the Executive Office of Economic Development (pursuant to Section 16G subsection (i) of Chapter 6A of the General Laws) submitting its Fiscal Year 2024 Office of Performance Management Oversight annual 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 Economic Development and Emerging Technologies) (received December 31, 2024);

EOED,-- OPMO annual report. SD3614

Executive Office of Veterans Services (pursuant to Section 151 of Chapter 178 of the Acts of 2024) submitting its Property Tax Exemption Study for Veterans and Surviving

EOVS,-- property tax exemption report.

Spouses report (received December 31, 2024); and

Report of the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (pursuant to line items 8910-8200, 8910-0145, 8910-8300, 8910-8400, 8910-0619, 8910-0108, 8910-0102, 8910-0110, 8910-0107, 8910-8500, 8910-8600, 8910-8700, 8910-8800 and 8910-0105 of Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting its Inventory of Programs, Services, Interventions and Reinvestments (PSI) Comprehensive Matrix for calendar year 2024 (a copy having been forwarded to the Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means) (received December 20, 2024).

SD3615  
MSA PSI Matrix  
FY24 report.  
SD3616

*Reports of Committees.*

By Ms. Moran, for the committee Revenue, on Senate, No. 2949, an Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on Revenue to make an investigation and study of a certain current Senate document relative to Nantucket transfer fee (Senate, No. 3018);

Revenue,-- study.

By Mr. Collins, for the committee State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on Senate, No. 2033, an Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight to make an investigation and study of a certain current Senate document relative to selling naming rights to the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center and other properties operated by the MCCA (Senate, No. 3000) [Representative Keefe of Worcester dissenting]; and

State  
Administration and  
Regulatory  
Oversight,-- study.

By Mr. Collins, for the committee State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on Senate, No. 2014, an Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight to make an investigation and study of a certain current Senate document relative to collective bargaining rights for legislative employees (Senate, No. 3020);

Id.

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

By Mr. Eldridge, for the committee on the Judiciary, on Senate, No. 2835 and House, No. 4709, a Bill relative to adoptions (Senate, No. 3009);

Adoptions,-- out of  
state.

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

A report of the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy recommending that the communication from the Department of Energy Resources of the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (under the provisions of section 12 of Chapter 25A of the General Laws) submitting proposed amendments to regulations 225 CMR 27.00 – governing the Building Energy Reporting (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5110) be placed on file,-- came up accepted by the House.

DOER,-- proposed  
regulations.

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

A report of the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy recommending that the communication from the Department of Energy Resources of the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (under the provisions of section 12 of Chapter 25A of the General Laws) submitting proposed amendments to regulations 225 CMR 22.00 and 23.00 – governing the Stretch and Specialized Code Regulations (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5122) be placed on file,-- came up accepted by the House.

Id.

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

**UNCORRECTED PROOF.**

A Bill relative to special state police officers (House, No. 5157,-- on House, No. 2294),  
**-- was read and, under Senate Rule 27, referred to the committee on Ways and Means.**

Special state police officers.

**Bills**

Directing the city of Boston Police Department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Adam Watt (House, No. 5080,-- on petition) [Local approval received];

Adam Watt,--  
Boston police officer.

Directing the city of Boston Police Department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Jean E. Roseney (House, No. 5081,-- on petition) [Local approval received];

Jean E. Roseney,--  
Boston police officer.

Directing the city of Boston Police Department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Keny Gateau (House, No. 5082,-- on petition) [Local approval received]; and

Keny Gateau,--  
Boston police officer.

Increasing membership on the town of Paxton select board (House, No. 5134,-- on petition ) [Local approval received];

Paxton,-- select board.

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

*Moment of Silence.*

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Oliveira), the members, guests and staff stood in a moment of silence and reflection to the memory of former United States President James Early Carter, Jr.

Moment of silence.

*Committee of Conference Report.*

Ms. Friedman, for the committee of conference, on the disagreeing votes of the two branches, with reference to the House amendments to the Senate Bill relative to pharmaceutical access, costs and transparency (Senate, No. 2520) (amended by the House by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text of House document numbered 4910 and by striking out the title and inserting in place thereof the following title: "An Act promoting access and affordability of prescription drugs"),-- reports, a "Bill relative to pharmaceutical access, costs and transparency" (Senate, No. 3012),-- was read.

Pharmaceutical access.

**The rules were suspended, on motion of Ms. Friedman, and, after remarks, the report was accepted.**

**Sent to the House for concurrence.**

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE

*Committee of Conference Report.*

A report of the committee of conference of the disagreeing votes of the two branches, with reference to the Senate amendments to the House Bill enhancing the market review process (House, No. 4653) (*amended by the Senate* by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 2881; and by striking out the title and inserting in place thereof the following title: "An Act enhancing the health care market review process"),-- reported, a "Bill enhancing the market review process" (House, No. 5159),-- came from the House, and was read.

Health care,--  
market review process.

**The rules were suspended, on motion of Ms. Friedman, and, after remarks, the report was accepted, in concurrence.**

*Communication.*

**UNCORRECTED PROOF.**

The following communication was received from the Honorable Mark C. Montigny and placed on file, to wit:

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
MASSACHUSETTS SENATE

Senator Mark C.  
Montigny.

December 30, 2024

To: The Honorable Clerk of the Massachusetts Senate, Michael D. Hurley  
Re: Intentions for the conference reports taken up during Senate Session on December 30, 2024

Dear Mr. Clerk:

Although I was in the Senate and ready to debate the two conference reports which were acted on in today's session, both were disposed of by a voice vote. I wish to convey how I would have voted had a roll call been taken.

On the question of accepting the conference reports:

**S.3012** – I would have voted to be recorded in the **NEGATIVE**.

**H.5159** – I would have voted to be recorded in the **NEGATIVE**.

Beginning in 1997, I strongly warned against the conversion of non-profit hospitals by filing comprehensive legislation that would have prevented a private-equity backed venture from acquiring the former Caritas Christi system hospitals. Repeated warnings were ignored, even after Steward was exposed in 2016 for refusing to report data to the Center for Health Information and Analysis as is required for every health care provider in the Commonwealth. For the past five sessions, spanning eight years, the Senate has consistently endorsed my language to hold this egregious behavior accountable through an aggressive fining structure that closes a questionable loophole Steward sought to exploit to evade reporting. This measure did not become law despite the urgency of ensuring sound financial operations across our hospital system. Transparent data collection could have afforded policy makers much more time to discern and react to the perilous financial state of the Steward system. The resulting public health emergency jeopardized lives and in some cases resulted in severe harm or death. There is no question that this calamity and its resulting costs should have been averted. During debate in the Senate, my effort to invoke a moratorium on private equity was thwarted by special interests, which has allowed another private equity firm unknown to Massachusetts to take over one of our largest physician groups. Strong provisions to examine the marketing code of conduct were stripped in the conference report from the Senate version. While there are some worthy advances made in these reports, the provisions ensuring affordable access to diabetes, asthma, and heart conditions stand out as laudable, they simply do not go far enough in tackling the enormous challenge that profit motives are imposing on our healthcare system.

It is for these reasons that I would not have voted favorably for these reports.

Sincerely,  
Mark Montigny  
**SENATOR**

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

**UNCORRECTED PROOF.**

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

The House Bill further regulating the acceptance of certain types of identification to purchase alcohol (House, No. 4131) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Alcohol purchase,--  
identification.

The House Bill allowing electronic delivery receipts for certain bulk sale customers (House, No. 4132, amended),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Bulk sales,--  
delivery receipts.

The House Bill further regulating the filling of vacancies in the office of mayor of the city of Revere (House, No. 4551) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Revere,-- mayoral  
vacancies.

The House Bill further regulating city employment and candidacy in the offices of mayor, city councillor-at-large, ward councillor, and school committee of the city of Revere (House, No. 4638) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Revere,-- city  
employment and  
candidacy.

The House Bill relative to providing for recall elections in the town of North Brookfield (House, No. 4272),-- **was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, it's title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to read as follows:- "An Act further regulating recall elections in the town of North Brookfield"**.

North Brookfield,--  
recall elections.

The House Bill further regulating a certain alcoholic beverage license in the town of Southampton (House, No. 5079) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Southampton,--  
liquor license.

The House Bill establishing a minimum years of service requirement for a civil service promotion to the position of fire lieutenant in the town of Milford (House, No. 4782) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Milford,-- fire  
lieutenant  
promotion.

The House Bill authorizing the town of Tyngsborough to grant 3 additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 5094),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Tyngsborough,--  
liquor licenses.

The House Bill providing for the terms of certain bonds to be issued by the Commonwealth (printed in House, No. 5142),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Terms of bonds.

The House Bill authorizing the town of Bedford to adopt alternative methods for notice of public hearings (House, No. 2062),-- **was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Bedford,-- public  
hearings.

The House Bill authorizing the town of Holliston to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages (House, No. 4867),-- **was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, it's title**

Holliston,-- liquor  
license.



**UNCORRECTED PROOF.**

having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to read as follows:- “An Act authorizing the town of Holliston to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises”.

The House Bill establishing the appointed office of town clerk in the town of Westminster (House, No. 4875),-- **was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, it’s title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to read as follows:- “An Act establishing the position of appointed town clerk in the town of Westminster”.**

Westminster,-- town clerk.

The House Bill authorizing raising the maximum retirement age of special police officers in the city of Methuen to 70 years old (House, No. 4895, amended),-- **was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Methuen,-- police officers retirement age.

The House Bill relative to means tested senior citizen property tax exemptions in the town of Westford (House, No. 4920),-- **was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, it’s title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to read as follows:- “An Act further regulating means-tested senior citizen property tax exemptions in the town of Westford”.**

Westford,-- senior property tax exemption.

The House Bill amending the charter of the town of Bellingham (House, No. 4998),-- **was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Bellingham,-- charter.

The House Bill allowing the town of Williamstown to expand age eligibility for senior property tax exemption (House, No. 5005, changed),-- **was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, it’s title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to read as follows:- “An Act allowing the town of Williamstown to reduce the requisite age of eligibility for senior property tax exemption”.**

Williamstown,-- senior property tax.

The House Bill relative to the department of public works in the town of Southborough (House, No. 5010),-- **was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, it’s title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to read as follows:- “An Act restructuring the department of public works and re-establishing the position of tree warden in the town of Southborough”.**

Southborough,-- DPW.

The Senate Bill relative to the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises in the town of Topsfield (Senate, No. 2859),-- was read a third time.

Topsfield,-- liquor licenses.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Tarr moved to amend the bill by substituting a new draft entitled “An Act authorizing the town of Topsfield to grant licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises” (Senate, No. 3014).

**The amendment was adopted.**

**The bill (Senate, No. 3014) was then passed to be engrossed.**

**Sent to the House for concurrence.**



PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

A Bill relative to Rosa Parks Day (House, No. 3075,-- on petition),-- was read.

Rosa Parks Day.

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

A Bill authorizing the town of Acushnet to continue the employment of Call Deputy Fire Chief (House, No. 5121,-- on House, No. 4081) [Local approval received on House, No. 4081],-- was read.

Acushnet,-- David Makuch employment.

**There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Tarr and the bill was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to read as follows:- “An Act authorizing the town of Acushnet to continue the employment of call deputy fire chief David Makuch.”**

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

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

The House Bill authorizing the town of Hopkinton to establish a means-tested senior citizen property tax exemption for school building construction projects (House, No. 4848),-- was read a second time.

Hopkinton,-- senior property tax exemption.

Pending the question on ordering the bill to a third reading, Mr. DiDomenico presented an amendment striking out, in line 3, the words “actual cost of” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- “amount that an applicant’s total annual property tax increases as directly caused by the town of Hopkinton”; and

By adding the following 2 sections:-

“SECTION 6. The board of assessors may grant exemptions pursuant to this act until the town of Hopkinton has retired the full debt encumbered by any borrowing, including principal and interest, in any fiscal year, for certain school building construction projects as provided under section 1.

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect upon its passage.”

**The amendment was adopted.**

**The bill, as amended was then ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence with the amendment.**

**Sent to the House for concurrence in the amendment.**

The House Bill relative to dental hygienist reciprocal licensure (House, No. 4842),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with the amendment previously adopted by the Senate.**

Dental hygienist,-- licensure.

The House Bill concerning the safety of school children embarking and disembarking school buses (House, No. 4940),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with the amendment previously adopted by the Senate.**

School bus,-- safety.

*Report of a Committee.*

Ms. Lovely, for the committee on Rules, reported that the following matter be placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session:

The House Bill designating a certain bridge in the town of Harwich as the United States Army Private First Class Joseph C. Blute memorial bridge (House, No. 4485).

Harwich,-- Pvt 1st Class Joseph C.

Blute bridge.

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

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

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

The House Bill modernize the Massachusetts insurer's insolvency fund (House, No. 4772),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with the amendment previously adopted by the Senate.**

Insurers insolvency fund.

*Reports of a Committee.*

By Mr. Rodrigues, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the House Bill relative to certain loans by the Federal Home Loan Bank (House, No. 4905),-- ought to pass, with an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text of Senate document numbered 3010 and by striking out the title an inserting the following title:- "An Act further regulating certain loans by the federal home loan bank".

Federal Home Loan Bank.

**There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Tarr, and the bill was read a second time and was amended, as recommended by the committee on Ways and Means.**

**The bill, as amended, was then ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence with the amendment.**

**Sent to the House for concurrence in the amendments.**

By Mr. Rodrigues, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the House Bill relative to the transportation of vessels (House, No. 5151),-- ought to pass.

Marine vessels,-- transportation.

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

The Senate Bill relative to bus lane enforcement (Senate, No. 2884),-- came from the House passed to be engrossed, in concurrence *with an amendment*, by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text of House document numbered 5154.

Bus lane,-- enforcement.

**The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Timilty, and the House amendment was considered forthwith and adopted, in concurrence.**

The Senate Bill relative to applied behavioral analysis therapy (Senate, No. 2970),-- came from the House passed to be engrossed, in concurrence *with an amendment*, by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text of House document numbered 5155.

Down syndrome,-- therapy.

**The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Durant, and the House amendment was considered forthwith and adopted, in concurrence.**

The Senate Bill to increase access to blood donation (Senate, No. 2994),-- came from the House passed to be engrossed, in concurrence *with an amendment*, by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text of House document numbered 5156.

Blood donation.

**The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Timilty, and the House amendment was considered forthwith and adopted, in concurrence.**

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

*Emergency Preambles Adopted.*

An engrossed Bill prohibiting license revocation for student loan default (see House, No. 4937), having been certified by the Senate Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage and containing an emergency preamble,-- was laid before the Senate; and, a separate vote being taken in accordance with the requirements of Article LXVII of the Amendments to the Constitution, the preamble was adopted in concurrence, by a vote of 3 to 0.

License revocation,-  
- student loan  
default.

**The bill was signed by the Acting President (Mr. Oliveira) and sent to the House for enactment.**

An engrossed Bill preserving the competitiveness of group auto and homeowners insurance plans (see House, No. 5133), having been certified by the Senate Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage and containing an emergency preamble,-- was laid before the Senate; and, a separate vote being taken in accordance with the requirements of Article LXVII of the Amendments to the Constitution, the preamble was adopted in concurrence, by a vote of 3 to 0.

Insurance plans.

**The bill was signed by the Acting President (Mr. Oliveira) and sent to the House for enactment.**

*Reports of a Committee.*

By Mr. Rodrigues, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Senate Bill relative to embarkation fees (Senate, No. 2873),-- ought to pass with an amendment substituting a new draft with the same title (Senate, No. 3016).

Embarkation fees.

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

**Sent to the House for concurrence.**

By Mr. Rodrigues, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the House Bill relative to boater safety to be known as the Hanson Milone Act (House, No. 4941),-- ought to pass, with an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text of Senate document numbered 3011.

Boater safety.

**There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Timilty, and the bill was read a second time and was amended, as recommended by the committee on Ways and Means.**

**The bill, as amended, was then ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence with the amendment.**

**Sent to the House for concurrence in the amendment.**

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

*Engrossed Bills.*

The following engrossed bills (the first four of which originated in the Senate), having been certified by the Senate Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, were severally passed to be enacted and were signed by the Acting President (Mr. Oliveira) and laid before the Governor for her approbation, to wit:

Further regulating the Nantucket sewer commission (see Senate, No. 2436);

Bills laid before the Governor.

Amending the charter of the town of Marshfield to make references to the board of selectmen gender neutral (see Senate, No. 2715, amended);

Providing for the humane protection of animals (see Senate, No. 2908);

Amending the charter of the city known as the town of Southbridge (see Senate, No. 2943);

Further regulating the regular compensation of certain active and retired employees of the city of Fitchburg (see House, No. 3864);

Authorizing print-free digital legal notices in the town of Arlington (see House, No. 4027);

Authorizing the town of Dracut to adopt alternative methods for notice of public hearings (see House, No. 4430);

Increasing the maximum amount of penalties which may be imposed for violations of ordinances in the city of Boston (see House, No. 4507);

Allowing print-free digital legal notices for the town of Lexington (see House, No. 4650);

Allowing print-free digital legal notices for the town of Lincoln (see House, No. 4664);

Exempting the redevelopment of certain affordable housing in the town of Westborough from public procurement laws (see House, No. 4679);

Authorizing the town of Sharon to adopt alternative methods for notice of public hearings (see House, No. 4857);

Exempting the expansion of a branch of the Boston public library within an affordable housing development in the West End section of the city of Boston from public procurement laws (see House, No. 4880);

Authorizing the town of Fairhaven to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (see House, No. 4992); and

Further regulating the residency requirements for the town manager of the town of Lenox (see House, No. 5028).

An engrossed Bill authorizing the town of Lunenburg to establish a means tested senior citizen property tax exemption (see House, No. 3911, amended) (which originated in the House), **having been certified by the Senate Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be re-enacted and signed by the Acting President (Mr. Oliveira) and again laid before the Governor for her approbation.**

Bill again laid before the Governor.

The following engrossed bills (both of which originated in the House), having been certified by the Senate Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, were severally passed to be enacted and were signed by the Acting President (Mr. Oliveira) and laid before the Governor for her approbation, to wit:

Prohibiting license revocation for student loan default (see House, No. 4937); and

Bills laid before the Governor.

Preserving the competitiveness of group auto and homeowners insurance plans (see House, No. 5133).

*Recess.*

There being no objection, at a quarter before two o'clock P.M., the Chair (Mr. Oliveira) declared a recess, subject to the call of the Chair; and, at twenty-five minutes past three o'clock P.M., the Senate reassembled, Ms. Friedman in the Chair (having been appointed, by the President, under authority conferred by Senate Rule 4, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Recess.

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*Engrossed Bills.*

The following engrossed bills (the first of which originated in the Senate), having been certified by the Senate Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, were severally passed to be enacted and were signed by the Acting President (Ms. Friedman) and laid before the Governor for her approbation, to wit:

- Relative to pharmaceutical access, costs and transparency (see Senate, No. 3012); and
- Enhancing the market review process (see House, No. 5159).

Bills laid before the Governor.

*Recess.*

There being no objection, at twenty-six minutes past three o'clock P.M., the Chair (Ms. Friedman) declared a recess, subject to the call of the Chair; and, at eight minutes before five o'clock P.M., the Senate reassembled, Mr. Brownsberger in the Chair.

Recess.

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

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

The House Bill designating February 4 as Rosa Parks Day (House, No. 3075) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Rosa Parks Day.

The House Bill authorizing the town of Milford to continue limited employment of certain police officers on superannuation retirement (House, No. 4896, amended),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Milford,-- police officers employment.

The Senate Bill relative to the residency requirement for the town manager of the town of Tewksbury (Senate, No. 2973),-- **was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, it's title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to read as follows:- "An Act amending the residency requirement for the town manager of the town of Tewksbury".**

Tewksbury,-- town manager.

The House Bill to establish a surcharge on specific commercial development activities for the purpose of funding the creation of community housing (House, No. 2740),-- **was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, it's title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to read as follows:- "An Act establishing a surcharge on specific commercial development activities for the purpose of funding the creation of community housing".**

Lexington,-- community housing.

The House Bill extending the mandatory retirement age for Daniel Santos as deputy chief of the town of West Brookfield fire department (House, No. 4780),-- **was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, it's title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to read as follows:- "An Act authorizing the town of West Brookfield to continue the employment of Daniel Santos as deputy fire chief".**

West Brookfield,-- Daniel Santos retirement.

The House Bill authorizing the town of West Brookfield to continue the employment of George Kenneth Collette (House, No. 4781),-- **was read a second time, ordered to a**

West Brookfield,-- George Collette

**third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

retirement.

The House Bill amending the charter of the town of Hopkinton to correct a statutory reference (House, No. 4847),-- **was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, it's title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to read as follows:- "An Act making certain corrective changes to the charter of the town of Hopkinton"**.

Hopkinton,--  
charter.

The House Bill authorizing the town of Wrentham to grant an additional 7 licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 4866),-- **was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, it's title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to read as follows:- "An Act authorizing the town of Wrentham to grant 7 additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises"**.

Wrentham,-- liquor  
licenses.

The House Bill to extend the time for the issuance of alcoholic beverage licenses in the town of Burlington (House, No. 4909),-- **was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, it's title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to read as follows:- "An Act extending the time for the issuance of alcoholic beverage licenses in the town of Burlington"**.

Burlington,-- liquor  
license.

The House Bill relative to the enforcement of the Williamstown town charter (House, No. 5004),-- **was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, it's title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to read as follows:- "An Act amending the charter of the town of Williamstown"**.

Williamstown,--  
charter  
enforcement.

The House Bill establishing a means tested senior property tax exemption in the town of Williamstown (House, No. 5006),-- **was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, it's title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to read as follows:- "An Act establishing a means-tested senior property tax exemption in the town of Williamstown"**.

Williamstown,--  
senior property tax.

The House Bill directing the city of Boston Police Department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Alex Guzman (House, No. 5054),-- **was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, it's title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to read as follows:- "An Act directing the city of Boston police department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Alex Guzman"**.

Boston,-- Alex  
Guzman  
employment.

The House Bill amending the charter of the town of Saugus (House, No. 5059),-- **was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Saugus,-- charter.

The House Bill amending the Williamstown town charter (House, No. 5076),-- **was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, it's title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to read as follows:- "An Act amending the charter of the town of**

Williamstown,--  
charter.



Williamstown”.

*Reports of Committees.*

By Mr. Rodrigues, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Senate Bill relative to crumbling concrete foundations (Senate, No. 2559),-- ought to pass with an amendment substituting a new draft with the same title (Senate, No. 3015).

Concrete foundations,-- crumbling.

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

**Sent to the House for concurrence.**

Ms. Lovely, for the committee on Rules, reported that the following matter be placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session:

The Senate Bill relative to indigenous representation on the Martha's Vineyard Commission (Senate, No. 465).

Martha's Vineyard Commission,-- representation.

**There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Pacheco, and the bill was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to read as follows:- “An Act providing for indigenous representation on the Martha's Vineyard Commission”.**

**Sent to the House for concurrence.**

Ms. Lovely, for the committee on Rules, reported that the following matter be placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session:

The Senate Bill modernizing time-share extension and termination procedures (Senate, No. 2591) (the committee on Rules recommending that the bill be amended by substituting a new draft with the same title (Senate, No. 3013).

Time-shares,-- termination procedures.

**There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Tarr, and the bill was read a second time and was amended, as recommended by the committee on Rules**

**The bill (Senate, No. 3013) was then ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed.**

**Sent to the House for concurrence.**

Ms. Lovely, for the committee on Rules, reported that the following matter be placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session:

The House Bill designating a portion of state highway route 28 in the town of Harwich as the Alphonso Palmer Rogers highway (House, No. 3838).

Harwich,-- Alphonso Palmer Rogers highway.

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

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

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

The House Bill authorizing Gabriel Rosa to take the civil service examination for the position of police officer in the city of Haverhill notwithstanding the maximum age requirement (House, No. 5069),-- **was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Haverhill,-- Gabriel Rosa employment.

The House Bill authorizing Juan Jimenez to take the civil service examination for the position of firefighter in the city of Haverhill notwithstanding the maximum age requirement (House, No. 5070),-- **was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Haverhill,-- Juan Jimenez employment.

The House Bill amending the charter of the city of Chelsea (House, No. 4184),-- was read a third time.

Chelsea,-- charter.

Pending the question of passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. DiDomenico presented an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text of Senate document numbered 3017.

**The amendment was adopted.**

**The bill, as amended, was then passed to be engrossed, in the amendment.**

**Sent to the House for concurrence in the amendment.**

*Recess.*

There being no objection, at twenty-one minutes past five o'clock P.M., the Chair (Mr. Brownsberger) declared a recess, subject to the call of the Chair; and, at seven minutes past seven o'clock P.M., the Senate reassembled, Mr. Brownsberger in the Chair (having been appointed, by the President, under authority conferred by Senate Rule 4, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Recess.

#### PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

##### *Emergency Preamble Adopted.*

An engrossed Bill providing for the terms of certain bonds to be issued by the Commonwealth (see House, Bill, printed in, House, No. 5142), having been certified by the Senate Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage and containing an emergency preamble,-- was laid before the Senate; and, a separate vote being taken in accordance with the requirements of Article LXVII of the Amendments to the Constitution, the preamble was adopted in concurrence, by a vote of 2 to 0.

Terms of bonds.

**The bill was signed by the Acting President (Mr. Brownsberger) and sent to the House for enactment.**

##### *Engrossed Bills.*

An engrossed Bill further regulating a certain alcoholic beverage license in the town of Southampton (see House Bill, printed in House, No. 5079) (which originated in the House), **having been certified by the Senate Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage was passed to be enacted, two-thirds of the members present having voted in the affirmative, and signed by the Acting President (Mr. Brownsberger) and laid before the Governor for her approbation.**

Bill laid before Governor.

The following engrossed bills (all of which originated in the House), having been certified by the Senate Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, were severally passed to be enacted and were signed by the Acting President (Mr. Brownsberger) and laid before the Governor for her approbation, to wit:

Authorizing the town of Bedford to adopt alternative methods for notice of public hearings (see House, No. 2062);

Id.

Further regulating the acceptance of certain types of identification to purchase alcohol (see House, No. 4131);

Allowing electronic delivery receipts for certain bulk sale customers (see House, No. 4132, amended);

Further regulating recall elections in the town of North Brookfield (see House, No. 4272);

Designating a certain bridge in the town of Harwich as the United States Army Private First Class Joseph C. Blute memorial bridge (see House, No. 4485);

Further regulating the filling of vacancies in the office of mayor of the city of Revere (see House, No. 4551);

Further regulating city employment and candidacy in the offices of mayor, city councillor-at-large, ward councillor and school committee of the city of Revere (see House, No. 4638);

Establishing a minimum years of service requirement for a civil service promotion to the position of fire lieutenant in the town of Milford (see House, No. 4782);

Authorizing the town of Holliston to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (see House, No. 4867);

Establishing the position of appointed town clerk in the town of Westminster (see House, No. 4875);

Authorizing raising the maximum retirement age of special police officers in the city of Methuen to 70 years old (see House, No. 4895, amended);

Further regulating means-tested senior citizen property tax exemptions in the town of Westford (see House, No. 4920);

Relative to the recall of elected officials in the town of Williamstown (see House, No. 5002, amended);

Allowing the town of Williamstown to reduce the requisite age of eligibility for senior property tax exemption (see House, No. 5005, changed);

Restructuring the department of public works and re-establishing the position of tree warden in the town of Southborough (see House, No. 5010);

Authorizing the town of Tyngsborough to grant 3 additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (see House, No. 5094);

Authorizing the town of Acushnet to continue the employment of call deputy fire chief David Makuch (see House, No. 5121); and

Relative to the transportation of vessels (see House, No. 5151).

*Report of a Committee.*

Ms. Lovely, for the committee on Rules, reported that the following matter be placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session:

The House Bill relative to designating the Rumney Marsh as the Joseph T. James area of critical environmental concern (House, No. 913).

Revere,-- Rumney Marsh designation.

**There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Tarr, and the bill was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to read as follows:- “An Act designating the Rumney marsh reservation area of critical environmental concern as the Joseph T. James area of critical environmental concern”.**

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The Senate Bill prohibiting inhumane feline declawing (Senate, No. 2552),-- came from the House passed to be engrossed, in concurrence *with an amendment*, striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place there of the text contained in House document numbered 5160.

Feline,-- declawing.

**The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Durant, and the House amendment was considered forthwith and adopted, in concurrence.**

A Bill regarding the disability pension for Misael Rodriguez administered by the Springfield retirement board (House, No. 4988,-- on petition) [Local approval received],-- was read.

Misael Rodriguez,--  
disability  
retirement.

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

A Bill to increase the income limit for Senior Tax Deferral Program (House, No. 5086,-- on petition) [Local approval received],-- was read.

Ipswich,-- senior  
tax deferral  
program.

**There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Tarr and the bill was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to read as follows:- “An Act authorizing the town of Ipswich to increase the income limit to qualify for the senior tax deferral program.”**

A Bill authorizing the Dudley-Charlton Regional School District to convey certain land to the town of Charlton (House, No. 5091,-- on petition),-- was read.

Charlton,-- land  
conveyance.

**There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Tarr and the bill was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to read as follows:- “An Act authorizing the Dudley-Charlton regional school district to convey a certain parcel of land to the town of Charlton.”**

A Bill authorizing the town of Clinton to grant 6 additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 5140,-- on petition) [Local approval received],-- was read.

Clinton,-- liquor  
licenses.

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

A Bill creating select board-town manager form of government in the town of Holliston (House, No. 5119,-- on petition) [Local approval received],-- was read.

Holliston,-- form of  
government.

**There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Tarr and the bill was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to read as follows:- “An Act establishing a select board-town manager form of government in the town of Holliston.”**

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

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

The House Bill regulating the retirement classification of certain employees of the city of Beverly (House, No. 4455) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Beverly,-- fire  
alarm operators.

The House Bill relative to the charter of the town of Wrentham (House, No. 4237),-- was read a third time.

Wrentham charter.

**UNCORRECTED PROOF.**

Mr. Brownsberger, for the committee on Bills in the Third Reading, reported, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the matter.

**The report was accepted.**

**The bill was then passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

The House Bill amending the charter of the town of Scituate (House, No. 4559, amended),-- **was read a second time, ordered to a third reading read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Scituate,-- charter.

The House Bill directing the city of Boston Police Department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Elsie Barbosa (House, No. 4932),-- **was read a second time, ordered to a third reading read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, it's title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to read as follows:- "An Act directing the Police Department of the city of Boston to waive the maximum age requirement for original appointment as a police officer for Elsie Barbosa".**

Boston,-- Elsie  
Barbosa  
employment.

The House Bill authorizing the town of Sherborn to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 4990),-- **was read a second time, ordered to a third reading read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Sherborn,-- liquor  
license.

The House Bill authorizing the city of Revere to grant two additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 4991),-- **was read a second time, ordered to a third reading read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, it's title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to read as follows:- "An Act authorizing the city of Revere to grant 2 additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises".**

Revere,-- liquor  
licenses.

The House Bill authorizing the city of Salem to convert the annual license for the sale of wine and malt beverages to be drunk on the premises pursuant to chapter 75 of the acts of 2008 to an annual license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 5093),-- **was read a second time, ordered to a third reading read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, it's title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to read as follows:- "An Act authorizing the city of Salem to convert a license for the sale of wine and malt beverages to be drunk on the premises to a license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises".**

Salem,-- liquor  
license.

*Moment of Silence.*

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Brownsberger), the members, guests and staff stood in a moment of silence and reflection to the memory of Richard W. Egan.

Moment of silence.

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE

*Engrossed Bill.*

An engrossed Bill providing for the terms of certain bonds to be issued by the Commonwealth (see House Bill, printed in House, No. 5142) (which originated in the House), **having been certified by the Senate Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be enacted and signed by the Acting President (Mr.**

Bill laid before the  
Governor.

**Brownsberger) and laid before the Governor for her approbation.**

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

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

The House Bill relative to extending the period of the service of the current police chief in the town of Leicester (House, No. 4652),-- **was read a second time, ordered to a third reading read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, it's title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to read as follows:- "An Act further authorizing the town of Leicester to continue the employment of Kenneth M. Antanavica"**.

Leicester,-- police chief.

The House Bill authorizing the town of Uxbridge to grant 2 additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk off the premises (House, No. 5096),-- **was read a second time, ordered to a third reading read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Uxbridge,-- liquor licenses.

*Suspension of Senate Rule 38A.*

Mr. Durant moved that Senate Rule 38A be suspended to allow the Senate to meet beyond the hour of 8:00 P.M.; and the same Senator requested unanimous consent that the rules be suspended without a call of the yeas and nays. There being no objection, the motion was considered forthwith, and it was adopted.

Suspension of Senate Rule 38A.

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

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

The House Bill increasing membership on the town of Paxton select board (House, No. 5134),-- **was read a second time, ordered to a third reading read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, it's title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to read as follows:- "An Act increasing the membership of the select board of the town of Paxton"**.

Paxton,-- select board membership.

The House Bill amending the charter of the city of Gardner (House, No. 4868),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Gardner,-- charter.

*Recess.*

There being no objection, at twenty-five minutes past eight o'clock P.M., the Chair (Mr. Brownsberger) declared a recess, subject to the call of the Chair; and, at ten minutes before ten o'clock P.M., the Senate reassembled, Mr. Brownsberger in the Chair (having been appointed, by the President, under authority conferred by Senate Rule 4, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Recess.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

*Emergency Preambles Adopted.*

An engrossed Bill relative to commercial driver's licenses (see House, No. 5139, amended), having been certified by the Senate Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage and containing an emergency preamble,-- was laid before the Senate; and, a separate vote being taken in accordance with the requirements of Article LXVII of the Amendments to the Constitution, the preamble was adopted in concurrence, by a vote of 3

Commercial driver's licenses.



to 0.

**The bill was signed by the Acting President (Mr. Brownsberger) and sent to the House for enactment.**

An engrossed Bill designating February 4 as Rosa Parks Day (see House, No. 3075), having been certified by the Senate Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage and containing an emergency preamble,-- was laid before the Senate; and, a separate vote being taken in accordance with the requirements of Article LXVII of the Amendments to the Constitution, the preamble was adopted in concurrence, by a vote of 3 to 0.

Rosa Parks Day.

**The bill was signed by the Acting President (Mr. Brownsberger) and sent to the House for enactment.**

An engrossed Bill concerning the safety of school children embarking and disembarking school buses (see House, No. 4940, amended), having been certified by the Senate Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage and containing an emergency preamble,-- was laid before the Senate; and, a separate vote being taken in accordance with the requirements of Article LXVII of the Amendments to the Constitution, the preamble was adopted in concurrence, by a vote of 3 to 0.

School bus,-- safety.

**The bill was signed by the Acting President (Mr. Brownsberger) and sent to the House for enactment.**

*Engrossed Bills.*

The following engrossed bills (all of which originated in the Senate), having been certified by the Senate Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, were severally passed to be enacted and were signed by the Acting President (Mr. Brownsberger) and laid before the Governor for her approbation, to wit:

Relative to bus lane enforcement (see Senate, No. 2884, amended);

Bills laid before the Governor.

Relative to applied behavioral analysis therapy (see Senate, No. 2970, amended);

Authorizing the town of Sandwich to grant additional licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (see Senate, No. 2985); and

To increase access to blood donation (see Senate, No. 2994, amended).

*Resolve Passed.*

An engrossed Resolve to establish a commission to investigate and study the feasibility of establishing a Massachusetts Cabo Verdean Cultural Center (see Senate, No. 2995) (which originated in the Senate), **having been certified by the Senate Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed and signed by the Acting President (Mr. Brownsberger) and laid before the Governor for her approbation.**

Resolve laid before the Governor.

The Senate Bill relative to changing the name of Salisbury Beach State Reservation (Senate, No. 2701),-- came from the House passed to be engrossed, in concurrence *with an amendment*, striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in House document numbered 5164; and by striking out the title and inserting in place the following title: "An Act relative to naming a lifeguard building at the Salisbury beach state reservation."

Salisbury Beach State Reservation.

**The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Tarr, and the House amendments were considered forthwith and, after remarks, adopted, in concurrence.**

The Senate Bill renaming the executive office of elder affairs to the executive office of aging and independence (Senate, No. 3006),-- came from the House passed to be engrossed,

EOEA,-- renaming.

in concurrence *with an amendment*, striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in House document numbered 5163.

**The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Tarr, and the House amendment was considered forthwith and, after remarks, adopted, in concurrence (as corrected BTR).**

*Engrossed Bills.*

The following engrossed bills (all of which originated in the House), having been certified by the Senate Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, were severally passed to be enacted and were signed by the Acting President (Mr. Brownsberger) on Monday, December 30, 2024, and laid before the Governor for her approbation on January 1, 2025:

Establishing a surcharge on specific commercial development activities for the purpose of funding the creation of community housing (see House, No. 2740);

Designating February 4 as Rosa Parks Day (see House, No. 3075);

To modernize the Massachusetts insurer's insolvency fund (see House, No. 4772, amended);

Authorizing the town of West Brookfield to continue the employment of George Kenneth Collette (see House, No. 4781);

Relative to dental hygienist reciprocal licensure (see House, No. 4842, amended);

Making certain corrective changes to the charter of the town of Hopkinton (see House, No. 4847);

Authorizing the town of Wrentham to grant 7 additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (see House, No. 4866);

Authorizing the town of Milford to continue limited employment of certain police officers on superannuation retirement (see House, No. 4896, amended);

Extending the time for the issuance of alcoholic beverage licenses in the town of Burlington (see House, No. 4909);

Concerning the safety of school children embarking and disembarking school buses (see House, No. 4940, amended);

Amending the charter of the town of Bellingham (see House, No. 4998);

Amending the charter of the town of Williamstown (see House, No. 5004);

Establishing a means-tested senior property tax exemption in the town of Williamstown (see House, No. 5006); and

Relative to commercial driver's licenses (see House, No. 5139, amended).

Bills laid before the Governor.

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

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

The House Bill authorizing the appointment of retired police officers in the town of Sterling to serve as special police officers (House, No. 5025),-- was read a second time, ordered to a third reading and read a third time.

Mr. Brownsberger, for the committee on Bills in the Third Reading, reported, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the matter.

**The report was accepted.**

**The bill was then passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

*Report of a Committee.*

Ms. Lovely, for the committee on Rules, reported that the following matter be placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session:

The House Bill relative to individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities

Sterling,-- special police officers.

Individuals with

(House, No. 4396) (the committee on Rules recommending that the bill be amended by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text of Senate document numbered 3019 and by striking out the title and inserting the following:- “An Act making corrective changes to certain general and special laws”).

disabilities.

**There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Tarr, and the bill was read a second time and was amended, as recommended by the committee on Rules**

**The bill (Senate, No. 3019) was then ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed.**

**Sent to the House for concurrence.**

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE

*Emergency Preamble Adopted.*

An engrossed Bill authorizing the transfer of real property from the Silver Lake regional school district to the town of Kingston (see House, No. 4874, amended), having been certified by the Senate Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage and containing an emergency preamble,-- was laid before the Senate; and, a separate vote being taken in accordance with the requirements of Article LXVII of the Amendments to the Constitution, the preamble was adopted in concurrence, by a vote of 3 to 0.

Kingston,-- land.

**The bill was signed by the Acting President (Mr. Brownsberger) and sent to the House for enactment.**

*Suspension of Senate Rule 38A½.*

Mr. Durant moved that Senate Rule 38A½ be suspended to allow the Senate to meet beyond the hour of 12:00 midnight; and the same Senator requested unanimous consent that the rules be suspended without a call of the yeas and nays. There being no objection, the motion was considered forthwith, and it was adopted.

Suspension of Senate Rule 38A½.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

*Engrossed Bills.*

The following engrossed bills (all of which originated in the House), having been certified by the Senate Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, and after remarks, were severally passed to be enacted and were signed by the Acting President (Mr. Brownsberger) on Monday, December 30, 2024, and laid before the Governor for her approbation on January 1, 2025:

Bills laid before the Governor.

Designating the Rumney marsh reservation area of critical environmental concern as the Joseph T. James area of critical environmental concern (see House, No. 913);

Authorizing the appointment of special police officers in the town of Maynard (see House, No. 3930, amended);

Further regulating certain loans by the federal home loan bank (see House, No. 4905, amended);

Relative to boater safety to be known as the Hanson Milone Act (see House, No. 4941, amended);

Authorizing the town of Sherborn to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (see House, No. 4990);

Authorizing the city of Revere to grant 2 additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (see House, No. 4991);

Authorizing Juan Jimenez to take the civil service examination for the position of firefighter in the city of Haverhill notwithstanding the maximum age requirement (see

House, No. 5070);

Authorizing the city of Salem to convert a license for the sale of wine and malt beverages to be drunk on the premises to a license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (see House, No. 5093); and

Increasing the membership of the select board of the town of Paxton (see House, No. 5134).

*Suspension of Senate Rule 38A½.*

At sixteen minutes before one o'clock A.M., Mr. Timilty moved that Senate Rule 38A½ be suspended to allow the Senate to meet beyond the hour of 12:00 midnight; and the same Senator requested unanimous consent that the rules be suspended without a call of the yeas and nays. There being no objection, the motion was considered forthwith, and it was adopted.

Suspension of Senate Rule 38A½.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

*Emergency Preamble Adopted.*

An engrossed Bill renaming the executive office of elder affairs to the executive office of aging and independence (see Senate, No. 3006, amended), having been certified by the Senate Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage and containing an emergency preamble,-- was laid before the Senate; and, a separate vote being taken in accordance with the requirements of Article LXVII of the Amendments to the Constitution, the preamble was adopted in concurrence, by a vote of 4 to 0.

EOEA,-- renaming.

**The bill was signed by the Acting President (Mr. Brownsberger) and sent to the House for enactment.**

*Engrossed Bills.*

The following engrossed bills (the first nine of which originated in the Senate), having been certified by the Senate Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, were severally passed to be enacted and were signed by the Acting President (Mr. Brownsberger) and laid before the Governor for her approbation on Tuesday, December 31, 2024:

Prohibiting inhumane feline declawing (see Senate, No. 2552, amended);

Bills laid before the Governor.

Relative to changing the name of Salisbury Beach State Reservation (see Senate, No. 2701, amended);

Amending chapter 25 of the acts of 2023 (see Senate, No. 2714);

Amending the charter of the town of Provincetown (see Senate, No. 2745);

Further regulating the provision of health insurance and other benefits in the town of Carver (see Senate, No. 2870);

Changing the name of the Mohawk Trail Woodlands Partnership to the Woodlands Partnership of Northwest Massachusetts (see Senate, No. 2993);

Renaming the executive office of elder affairs to the executive office of aging and independence (see Senate, No. 3006, amended);

Authorizing the town of Topsfield to grant licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (see Senate, No. 3014);

Relative to the charter of the town of Wrentham (see House, No. 4237);

Amending the charter of the town of Scituate (see House, No. 4559, amended);

Further authorizing the town of Leicester to continue the employment of Kenneth M. Antanavica (see House, No. 4652);

Directing the Police Department of the city of Boston to waive the maximum age requirement for original appointment as a police officer for Elsie Barbosa (see House, No.

4932);

Authorizing the appointment of retired police officers in the town of Sterling to serve as special police officers (see House, No. 5025, amended);

Authorizing the Dudley-Charlton regional school district to convey a certain parcel of land to the town of Charlton (see House, No. 5091);

Authorizing the town of Uxbridge to grant 2 additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk off the premises (see House, No. 5096); and

Authorizing the town of Clinton to grant 6 additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (see House, No. 5140).

The following engrossed bills (the first of which originated in the Senate), having been certified by the Senate Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, were severally passed to be enacted and were signed by the Acting President (Mr. Brownsberger) on Tuesday, December 31, 2024, and laid before the Governor for her approbation on Wednesday, January 1, 2025:

Modernizing time-share extension and termination procedures (see Senate, No. 3013);

Bills laid before the Governor.

Designating a portion of state highway route 28 in the town of Harwich as the Alphonso Palmer Rogers highway (see House, No. 3838);

Authorizing the town of West Brookfield to continue the employment of Daniel Santos as deputy fire chief (see House, No. 4780);

Authorizing the town of Hopkinton to establish a means-tested senior citizen property tax exemption for school building construction projects (see House, No. 4848, amended);

Amending the charter of the city of Gardner (see House, No. 4868);

Authorizing the transfer of real property from the Silver Lake regional school district to the town of Kingston (see House, No. 4874, amended);

Directing the city of Boston police department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Alex Guzman (see House, No. 5054);

Amending the charter of the town of Saugus (see House, No. 5059);

Authorizing Gabriel Rosa to take the civil service examination for the position of police officer in the city of Haverhill notwithstanding the maximum age requirement (see House, No. 5069);

Amending the charter of the town of Williamstown (see House, No. 5076); and

Establishing a select board-town manager form of government in the town of Holliston (see House, No. 5119).

*Adjournment Sine Die.*

At twenty-four minutes past one o'clock, A.M., the Chair (Mr. Brownsberger) adjourned the Senate sine die.

Sine Die.

*Adjournment in Memory of Mr. Richard W. Egan.*

The Senator from Suffolk, Mr. Collins moved that when the Senate adjourn today it do so in memory of Mr. Richard W. Egan (USMC, ret.).

Richard William "Richie" Egan, 75, of South Boston, passed away peacefully in his sleep on December 20, 2024. Richard was a devoted father to his children, Jill-Marie Donovan and her husband Joseph, Neil Patrick Egan and to his surrogate son Jason Weafer and his wife Kate.

He was the most adoring Grandpa to Katharine and his sweetheart Callan Elizabeth.

Born in Boston on November 22, 1949 to Joseph G. and Jane M. (Hampston) Egan.

Richard was lucky number 13 of 14 children.

He is predeceased by his parents, his brothers, Joseph, Thomas, James, Lawrence, David, George, Edward and Paul and his sisters Dorothy Egan and Patricia Shickolovich. He is survived by his brothers John, Robert and William.

He was a proud uncle to countless nieces and nephews and will be especially missed by his nephew Thomas (Tucker) Maloney and his wife Shannon.

Richard was a proud veteran of the United States Marine Corps serving from 1967 to 1970 including a tour in Vietnam. His public service continued when he joined extended to his worked for the City of Boston Public Works Department, where he served for over 30 years, retiring in 2010.

Richie was larger than life and always so fun. He loved to sing, tell a good joke, play a good prank, and he was an exceptionally good dancer.

He never passed up an opportunity to help people and was kind and gracious beyond measure. He will be cherished and missed by all who knew and loved him forever.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect to the memory of Mr. Richard W. Egan, at twenty-four minutes past one o'clock A.M., the Senate adjourned sine die, pursuant to Article X of the Constitution.

[Under the provisions of Article X of the Amendments to the Constitution, the 2024 session of the General Court was dissolved on the day next preceding the first Wednesday of January, without any proclamation or other action of the Governor.]

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