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

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

Pledge of allegiance.

Distiguated Guest.

There being no objection, the Chair (Mr. Brownsberger) introduced, in the rear of the Chamber, Akira Pescador. Mr. Pescador works in the Senate Clerk's Office in O'ahu, Hawaii and was visiting the State House while on vacation. The Senate welcomed him with applause and he withdrew from the Chamber.

Akira Pescador.

Communication.

Communication from the Department of Public Health submitting its Arbovirus weekly report for the week of July 7, 2025 (received July 11, 2025),-- was placed on file.

Arbovirus,-- weekly report. SD3054

Reports.

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

Report of the Department of Public Health (pursuant to 105 CMR 451.403) submitting the inspection report for Northeastern Correctional Center, the Plan of Correction (POC) from the facility and the POC acceptance letter from the Division of Environmental Health Regulations and Standards (EHRS) (received July 10, 2025);

DPH,-- NE Correctional Facility Inspection report. SD3048

Report of the Department of Public Health (pursuant to 105 CMR 451.403) submitting the inspection report for NCCI Gardner, the Plan of Correction (POC) from the facility and the POC acceptance letter from the Division of Environmental Health Regulations and Standards (EHRS) (received July 10, 2025);

DPH,-- NCCI Gardner Inspection report. SD3049

Report of the Department of Higher Education (pursuant to line item 7066-0036 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting its Fiscal Year 2024 STEM Starter Academy annual evaluation report (copies having been forwarded to the Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Chairs of the Joint Committee on Education and the Joint Committee on Higher Education) (received July 10, 2025);

DHE,-- STEM Starter Academy FY24 report. SD3050

Report of the Department of Higher Education (pursuant to line item 7066-0025 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting its Fiscal Year 2024 Higher Education Innovation Fund (HEIF) legislative report (a copy having been forwarded to the Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means) (received July 10, 2025);

DHE,-- HEIF FY24 report. SD3051

Report of the Plymouth County Sheriff (pursuant to Section 84 Chapter 69 of the Acts 2018) submitting its Second Quarter Criminal Justice Reform 2025 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 July 10, 2025);

Plymouth County Sheriff,-- 2025 Q2 Criminal Justice Reform report. SD3052

Report of the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (pursuant to Section 35EEE(c) of Chapter 10 of the General Laws) submitting its Municipal Police Training

EOPSS,-- Municipal Police Training Fund FY24 report.

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Committee Fund FY24 report (a copy having been forwarded to the Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means) (received July 10, 2025); and

Report of the Office of the Comptroller (pursuant to Section 5G of Chapter 29 of the General Laws) submitting its Fiscal Year 2025 Capital Gains Tax Revenue Transfers to the Stabilization Fund, the State Retiree Benefits Trust Fund, and the Pension Liability Fund (a copy having been forwarded to the Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means) (received July 11, 2025).

SD3053

Capital Gains Tax
Revenue Transfers
FY25 Fund.
SD3056

Petitions.

Petitions were severally presented and referred as follows:

By Mrs. Dooner, a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Kelly A. Dooner for legislation to address rising insurance costs for manufactured home residents; and

Insurance costs.--
manufactured and
mobile homes.
SD3057
Breast Cancer
Awareness Day.
SD3055

By Ms. Rausch, a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Rebecca L. Rausch for legislation to establish Lobular Breast Cancer Awareness Day;

Severally, under Senate Rule 20, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Reports of Committees.

By Ms. Jehlen, for the committee on Aging and Independence, on petition, a Bill promoting housing stability for older adults across the commonwealth (Senate, No. 475);

Housing stability.--
older adults.

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

By Ms. Jehlen, for the committee on Aging and Independence, on petition, a Bill supporting individuals suffering with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis and their families (Senate, No. 465);

ALS.-- support.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to Massachusetts home care eligibility (Senate, No. 472); and

Home care
eligibility.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to reserving beds in nursing homes during certain leaves of absence (Senate, No. 484);

Nursing homes.--
resident beds.

Severally referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

By Ms. Jehlen, for the committee on Aging and Independence, on petition, a Bill supporting seniors' financial stability (Senate, No. 471); and

Seniors financial
stability.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill establishing a statewide volunteer program to assist seniors (Senate, No. 489);

Adopt-a-senior.--
volunteer program.

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

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 Bill to establish an acquired brain injury advisory board (Senate, No. 134),-- and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Rules.

Brain injury.--
advisory board.

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

UNCORRECTED PROOF.

Ms. Lovely, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, reported, asking to be discharged from further consideration:

Of the petition (accompanied by resolve, Senate, No. 2100) of John F. Keenan and Rebecca L. Rausch that provisions be made for an investigation and study by a special commission on additional regular compensation for certain members and annual expenses for members of general court,-- and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Public Service.

General Court,--
compensation.

Of the petition (accompanied by resolve, Senate, No. 2101) of Michael O. Moore for legislation to require that joint committee rules of procedure be adopted within 4 weeks of the appointment of the joint standing committee,-- and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Rules.

Joint committees,--
rules of procedure.

Of the petition (accompanied by resolve, Senate, No. 2099) of James B. Eldridge, Patricia D. Jehlen, Mike Connolly, Erika Uyterhoeven and other members of the General Court for legislation to provide sunlight to state government,-- and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

State government,--
transparency.

Severally, under Senate Rule 36, the reports were considered forthwith and accepted.

Severally sent to the House for concurrence.

Reports of Committees.

By Ms. Lovely, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the Senate petition of Russell Bogartz for legislation relative to host community agreements.

Host community
agreements.
SD2883

Senate Rule 36 was suspended, on motion of Mr. Tarr, and the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Cannabis Policy.

By Ms. Lovely, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the Senate petition of Michael O. Moore for legislation to establish compliance with federal education reporting requirements for out of home placement students.

Academic record,--
students out-of-
home.
SD3040

Senate Rule 36 was suspended, on motion of Mr. Tarr, and the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

By Ms. Lovely, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the Senate petition of Michael O. Moore for legislation relative applied behavioral analysis reimbursement rates.

Applied behavioral
analysis,--
reimbursement.
SD3035

Senate Rule 36 was suspended, on motion of Mr. Tarr, and the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Financial Services.

By Ms. Lovely, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the Senate petition of Cynthia Stone Creem for legislation to establish the Massachusetts Interstate Depositions and Discovery Act.

MA Interstate,
depositions and
discovery.
SD2673

Senate Rule 36 was suspended, on motion of Mr. Tarr, and the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. Lovely, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the Senate petition of David Matthews for legislation relative to the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination.

MCAD,--
guidelines.
SD2946

UNCORRECTED PROOF.

Senate Rule 36 was suspended, on motion of Mr. Tarr, and the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Labor and Workforce Development.

By Ms. Lovely, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the Senate joint petition of Julian Cyr, Hadley Luddy and Patrick M. O'Connor relative to inspections of buildings or structures occupied in short-term rentals.

Short-term rental,--
inspections.
SD2972

Senate Rule 36 was suspended, on motion of Mr. Tarr, and the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security.

By Ms. Lovely, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the Senate petition of Thomas Button for legislation relative to retirement pension notarizations.

Retirement
pension,--
notarization.
SD2916

Senate Rule 36 was suspended, on motion of Mr. Tarr, and the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Public Service.

Severally sent to the House for concurrence.

Recess.

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

Recess.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. O'Connor) "congratulating Jake Graziano on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout."

Jake Graziano.

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE.

The Senate Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2025 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (Senate, No. 2540),— 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 of House document numbered 4265.

Supplemental
appropriations.

Mr. Rodrigues moved that the Senate NON-concur in the House amendments and asked for a committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches; and Senators Rodrigues, Comerford and O'Connor were appointed to the committee on the part of the Senate.

The bill was returned to the House endorsed accordingly.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Tarr,--

Ordered, that when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn to meet again on Thursday next at twelve o'clock noon, in a full formal session with a calendar.

Time of meeting.

On motion of the same Senator, at twenty-six minutes before one o'clock P.M., the Senate adjourned to meet again on Thursday next at twelve o'clock noon.