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Met at seven 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 Guests.

There being no objection, the following guests were introduced:

The Chair (Mr. Brownsberger) handed the gavel to Mr. Rodrigues for the purpose of an introduction. Mr. Rodrigues then introduced, in the rear of the Chamber, the Case High School girls softball team. The Cardinals were recognized for winning their third straight Division 4 championship title and for their hard work and dedication throughout the season. The Senate applauded their accomplishments and they withdrew from the Chamber.

Case High School girls softball team.

The Chair (Mr. Brownsberger) introduced, seated in the Senate Gallery, the Senate Reading Clerk for the Oregon State Legislature, Bonnie Allen. She was accompanied by her husband and children. The Senate welcomed them with applause and they withdrew from the Gallery.

Bonnie Allen.

The Chair (Mr. Brownsberger) handed the gavel to Mr. Collins for the purpose of an introduction. Mr. Collins then introduced, in the rear of the Chamber, a group of students from Boston Latin School that were participating in the Ward Public Service Fellowship Program. This program gives students the opportunity to work for a summer in the office of an elected or appointed public servant in state government, municipal government, the judicial system, or press. The Senate welcomed them with applause and they withdrew from the Chamber.

Ward Public Service Fellowship Program.

Report.

Report of the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (pursuant to Section 6A of Chapter 124 of the General Laws) submitting its Operational Capacity report for January 1, 2025 - June 30, 2025 (copies having been forwarded to the Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Chairs of the Joint Committee on the Judiciary and the Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security) (received July 25, 2025),-- **was placed on file.**

MSA,-- Operational Capacity report. SD3092

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

Notice was received from the House of Representatives announcing the following appointments by the Speaker:

Representative O'Day of West Boylston has been relieved of duty (at his own request) from the committee on Aging and Independence, and that Representative Field of Taunton has been appointed to the fifth position on said committee to fill the vacancy;

Joint committees,-- membership updates..

Representative Donato of Medford has been relieved of duty (at his own request) from the committee on Bonding, Capital Expenditures and State Assets, and that Representative

Field of Taunton has been appointed to the eighth position on said committee to fill the vacancy;

Representative O'Day of West Boylston has been relieved of duty (at his own request) from the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, and that Representative Field of Taunton has been appointed to the fifth position on said committee to fill the vacancy; and

Representative O'Day of West Boylston has been relieved of duty (at his own request) from the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, and that Representative Field of Taunton has been appointed to the fifth position on said committee to fill the vacancy.

Petitions were severally referred, in concurrence, as follows, to wit:

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4318) of Hadley Luddy and Julian Cyr (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the town of Harwich affordable housing trust to provide for the creation of attainable housing;

Harwich,--
affordable housing
trust.

To the committee on Housing.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4317) of Patrick Joseph Kearney and Steven George Xiarhos that the State Retirement Board be authorized to grant creditable service for certain employment with the federal fire department at the Otis Air National Guard Base;

Otis Air National
Guard Base,--
creditable service.

To the committee on Public Service.

A Bill relative to the town of Cheshire's special election (House, No. 801,-- on petition) [Local approval received],-- **was read and, under Senate Rule 26, placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session.**

Cheshire,-- special
election.

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 Senate Bill establishing the Gloucester Fisheries Commission (Senate, No. 2507),-- was read a third time.

Gloucester
Fisheries
Commission

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Tarr moved that the bill be amended by substituting a new draft entitled "An Act further regulating the Gloucester Fisheries Commission" (Senate, No. 2566).

The amendment was adopted.

The bill (Senate, No. 2566) was then passed to be engrossed.

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 Joan B. Lovely for legislation to authorize the retirement board of the city of Salem to retire Kathleen Rocheville, a police officer of the city of Salem.

Salem,-- Kathleen
Rocheville.
SD2979

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.

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 Patrick M. O'Connor for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Irene O'Rourke, employee of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services.

Irene O'Rourke,--
sick leave bank.
SD3088

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.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

A Bill financing long-term improvements to municipal roads and bridges (House, No. 4307,-- on House, No. 53),-- was read.

Roads and bridges.

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.

Petitions were severally referred, in concurrence, as follows, to wit:

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4352) of Tackey Chan relative to travel insurance;

Travel insurance.

Under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Financial Services.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4353) of Christine P. Barber relative to applied behavioral analysis reimbursement rates;

Behavior analysis,-
- rate review.

Under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

Moment of Silence.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Tarr), the members, guests and staff stood in a moment of silence and reflection to the memory of Christopher J. Dailey.

Moment of silence.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Tarr,--

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

Time of meeting.

Adjournment in Memory of Christopher J. Dailey.

The Senator from Essex and Middlesex, Mr. Tarr, moved that when the Senate adjourns today, it do so in memory of Christopher J. Dailey of Gloucester.

Christopher J. Dailey passed away from injuries sustained in a car accident on June 30, 2025. He was just 18 years old. Chris was born in Beverly and grew up in Gloucester.

Christopher attended Rockport schools through 8th grade, and was involved in many youth sports including baseball, soccer and lacrosse; but his true love was hockey. Chris was a four-year varsity player for the Gloucester High School Fishermen, serving as co-captain and earning the distinction of Defenseman of the Year his senior year. He was also a member of the National Honor Society, and a proud graduate of the GHS Class of 2025, eagerly anticipating beginning his studies in business at Coastal Carolina University this fall.

Christopher was known for his infectious personality, warm heart, and a contagious smile that lit up any room. He had an adventurous spirit which led him to spend treasured moments at the beach, fishing, skiing, riding dirt bikes, or just hanging out and making memories with friends and family. He was always willing to lend a helping hand, offer encouragement, or simply share laughter with classmates, teammates, and loved ones.

Christopher is survived by his loving parents Rich and Nicole (Hochmuth) Dailey, and a devoted brother to Rachel Dailey of Gloucester. He was also a proud grandson to Paul Hochmuth, and his wife Julia of Schenectady, New York, and Janet Dailey of Rockport, as well as nephew to Jim and Beth Dailey, and Kathy Hogan of Rockport; Stephanie and Mike

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Bracht of Moultrie, Georgia; Shannon and Pat Stusinski of Ballston Spa, New York and Paul and Kate Hochmuth of Jacksonville, Florida. He was beloved by his cousins, Emily, Matt, Jon, Sarah, Derek, Jared, Tyler, Jessica, Alex, and Charlotte. Christopher was predeceased by his paternal grandfather, Russell Dailey of Rockport, and Debbie Hochmuth of Schenectady, New York.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect to the memory of Christopher J. Dailey, at a half past eleven o'clock AM., on motion of Mr. Tarr, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.
