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

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

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Pledge of  
allegiance.

### *Distinguished Guest.*

There being no objection, the Chair (Mr. Collins) introduced, in the rear of the Chamber, Councilor Ciaran Brogan, Mayor of Letterkenny-Milford Municipal District Council, Donegal County, Province of Ulster, Republic of Ireland. Mayor Brogan was recognized for his continued partnership with the Commonwealth in promoting mutually beneficial economic and cultural development through international tourism, investment and sport. Mayor Brogan was welcomed with applause and addressed the Senate from the Rostrum. He was then presented with a Senate Citation and withdrew from the Chamber.

Councilor Ciaran  
Brogan.

### *Communications.*

The following communication was received, under the provisions of Senate Rule 13C, and was placed on file, to wit:

Communication from CliftonLarsonAllen LLP, on an audit of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Senate with State of available resources and expenditures – statutory basis – and additional information for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2023 (received in the Office of the Clerk of the Senate at a quarter past eleven o'clock A.M, on Monday, August 11, 2025).

Senate Audit for  
Fiscal Year 2023.

The following communication was received, under the provisions of Joint Rule 24, and was placed on file, to wit:

Communication from CliftonLarsonAllen LLP, on an audit of the Joint Accounts of the Massachusetts Legislature with State of available resources and expenditures – statutory basis – and additional information for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2023 (received in the Office of the Clerk of the Senate at a quarter past eleven o'clock A.M, on Monday, August 11, 2025).

Joint Accounts  
Audit for the Fiscal  
Year 2023.

### *Reports of a Committee.*

By Ms. Rausch, for the committee on Environment and Natural Resources, on petition, a Resolve establishing a coastal waters wastewater financing commission (Senate, No. 638); and

Commission,--  
coastal waters  
wastewater.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 597), a Bill providing nature for all (Senate No. 2571);

Nature for all fund.

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

By Ms. Rausch, for the committee on Environment and Natural Resources, on petition,

Quabbin,--  
watershed fund.

a Bill relative to the Quabbin watershed and regional equity (Senate, No. 546);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill to establish a grant and loan program for low-noise, low-emissions landscape maintenance equipment (Senate, No. 555);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill re-establishing the Clean Environment Fund (Senate, No. 610);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on Senate, Nos. 615 and 664, a Bill relative to liability for release of hazardous materials (Senate, No. 615);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to the use of glyphosate on public lands (Senate, No. 627);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to the removal and disposal of waste oil (Senate, No. 665); and

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on Senate, Nos. 550 and 556, a Bill relative to solar and battery decommissioning and stewardship (Senate, No. 2569);

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

By Ms. Rausch, for the committee on Environment and Natural Resources, on petition, a Bill designating a certain promenade in the town of Clinton as the Honorable Harold P. Naughton, Jr. Promenade (Senate, No. 564);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to the Quabbin Watershed Advisory Committee (Senate, No. 652); and

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 582), a Bill relative to the Ware River watershed advisory committee (Senate No. 2570);

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

*Committee Discharged.*

Mr. Payano, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, reported, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 251) of Robyn K. Kennedy for legislation relative to health equity and community health workers,-- and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Public Health.

**Under Senate Rule 36, the report was considered forthwith and accepted.  
Sent to the House for concurrence.**

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4377) of Jessica Ann Giannino (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Revere be authorized to forego the preliminary election in 2025;

**To the committee on Election Laws.**

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4378) of Thomas W. Moakley (by vote of the town) relative to the affordable housing trust fund of the town of West Tisbury;

**To the committee on Housing.**

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4379) of Natalie M. Blais and Joanne M. Comerford (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to authorize the city of Greenfield to amend its charter;

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4380) of Michael J. Finn and Nicholas A. Boldyga (with the approval of the town council) that the city known as the town of Agawam

Low-emissions,--  
grant and loan  
program.

Clean Environment  
Fund.

Hazardous  
materials,-- liability.

Glyphosate,--  
public land.

Waste oil,--  
disposal.

Solar panels and  
batteries,-- recycle.

Clinton,-- Hon.  
Harold P. Naughton,  
Jr. Promenade.

Quabbin  
Watershed,--  
committee.  
Ware River  
Association.

Community health  
workers.

Revere,-- 2025  
preliminary  
election.

West Tisbury,--  
affordable housing  
trust.

Greenfield,--  
charter.

Agawam,-- charter.

be authorized to strike the reference to the board of appeals in the city charter;

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4381) of John H. Rogers (by vote of the town) for legislation to further regulate the term of the town moderator in the town of Norwood;

Norwood,-- town moderator.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4382) of Marcus S. Vaughn (by vote of the town) that the town of Plainville be authorized to appoint a finance committee;

Plainville,-- charter.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4383) of Marcus S. Vaughn (by vote of the town) that the town of Plainville be authorized to temporarily appoint alternate or associate members to certain town boards;

Id.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4384) of Marcus S. Vaughn (by vote of the town) that the town of Plainville be authorized to change the town administrator title to town manager;

Id.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4385) of Marcus S. Vaughn (by vote of the town) relative to the select board of the town of Plainville; and

Id.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4386) of Marcus S. Vaughn (by vote of the town) relative to the budget process of the town of Plainville;

Id.

**Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.**

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4387) of Leigh Davis (by vote of the town) that the town of Monterey be authorized to continue the employment of police officer Jennifer O. Brown, notwithstanding the maximum age requirement;

Monterey,-- Jennifer O. Brown.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4388) of Russell E. Holmes (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to authorize Angela C. Depina to take the civil service examination for the position of police officer in the city of Boston notwithstanding the maximum age requirement;

Boston,-- Angela C. Depina.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4389) of John Francis Moran (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to authorize Angel G. Rivera to take the civil service examination for the position of police officer in the city of Boston notwithstanding the maximum age requirement;

Boston,-- Angel G. Rivera.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4390) of Andres X. Vargas (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to authorize Nick Santos to take the civil service examination for the position of police officer in the city of Haverhill notwithstanding the maximum age requirement; and

Haverhill,-- Nick Santos.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4391) of Christopher J. Worrell (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to authorize Alex J. Rodriguez to take the civil service examination for the position of police officer in the city of Boston notwithstanding the maximum age requirement;

Boston,-- Alex J. Rodriguez.

**Severally to the committee on Public Service.**

A Bill relative to the position of treasurer-collector in the town of Berkley (House, No. 2320,-- on petition) [Local approval received],-- **was read and, under Senate Rule 26, placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session.**

Berkley,-- treasurer-collector.

**Reports**

Of the committee on Agriculture, asking to be discharged from further consideration

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 108) of James C. Arena-DeRosa relative to the use and protection of pollinators by further regulating the spraying, release, deposit or application of a neonicotinoid on certain agricultural land; and

Pollinator,-- protection.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 124) of Carmine Lawrence Gentile, Mary S. Keefe and others relative to pesticide products eligible for use on the outdoor grounds of schools, child care centers or school age child care programs;

School zones,-- pesticides.

And recommending that the same severally be referred to the committee on

Environment, Natural Resources.

Of the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, asking to be discharged from further consideration

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 359) of Marjorie C. Decker for legislation to assure coverage and reimbursement for covered health care services and to establish a community health worker workforce development task force (including members of the General Court) to provide health equity; and

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 462) of Lindsay N. Sabadosa relative to establishing senior psychologist licensure;

And recommending that the same severally be referred to the committee on Public Health.

Of the committee on Public Health, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2454) of Daniel J. Hunt, Jacob R. Oliveira and Colleen M. Garry relative to establishing a penalty for the sale, preparation, manufacturing, or distribution of kratom products that are contaminated with dangerous non-kratom substances, and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on the Judiciary; and

Of the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3375) of Michael P. Kushmerek, Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr., and Aaron L. Saunders relative to apprenticeship programs for career paths in construction, and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Labor and Workforce Development;

**Were severally considered forthwith, under Senate Rule 36, and accepted, 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 relative to the town of Cheshire's special election (House, No. 801),-- **was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

*Resolutions.*

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

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Lovely) "congratulating George K. Haile on his retirement from the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education."

*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 Joanne M. Comerford for legislation to reform charter school funding in Massachusetts.

**Senate Rule 36 was suspended, on motion of Mrs. Dooner, and the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Education.**

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 F. Rush for legislation to require health insurance coverage for scalp cooling systems.

**Senate Rule 36 was suspended, on motion of Mrs. Dooner, and the report was**

Community health workers.

Senior psychologist,-- licensure.

Kratom,-- regulations.

Construction,-- apprenticeship programs.

Cheshire,-- special election.

George K. Haile.

Charter school funding. SD3006

Health insurance,-- scalp cooling systems. SD3010

**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 Patrick M. O'Connor for legislation to provide insurance coverage for the medically necessary treatment of port-wine stains.

Insurance  
coverage,-- skin  
condition.  
SD3071

**Senate Rule 36 was suspended, on motion of Mrs. Dooner, 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 Bruce E. Tarr, Kelly A. Dooner, Peter J. Durant, Ryan C. Fattman and others for legislation to enhance background checks for early education providers.

Early education,--  
background  
checks.  
SD3083

**Senate Rule 36 was suspended, on motion of Mrs. Dooner, 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.**

**Severally sent to the House for concurrence.**

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE.

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4402) of Mark J. Cusack for legislation to authorize automated curb enforcement and improving parking violation procedures,-- **was referred, in concurrence, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Transportation.**

Parking  
violations,--  
procedures.

*Moment of Silence.*

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Collins), the members, guests and staff stood in a moment of silence and reflection to the memory of Dr. Rashad Hardaway.

Moment of silence.

*Order Adopted.*

On motion of Mr. Rodrigues,--

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

Time of meeting.

*Adjournment in Memory of Dr. Rashad Hardaway.*

The Senator from Suffolk, Mr. Collins, moved that when the Senate adjourns today, it do so in memory of Dr. Rashad Hardaway.

Dr. Rashad Hardaway was born in Boston, Massachusetts, to Mr. and Mrs. Danny and Catherine Hardaway. He is survived by his brother, Haris Hardaway and his many aunts, uncles, cousins and God family. He was reunited in heaven with his eldest brother Bashir Hardaway. Always an inquisitive child, Rashad was ahead of the game, constantly reaching for more in the world around him. His thirst for knowledge was insatiable, and he was destined for more than the ordinary.

A proud graduate of Boston Latin School, Class of 2004, Rashad made excellence his craft. He never accepted less for himself or the relationships he built with friends, classmates, or teachers. His brilliance extended beyond academics into the arts, music, dance and he was even named "Who's Who Among High School Students" in the nation in 2004. Throughout his high school career, his deep love for music theory and step dancing became his passions.

As a musician, Rashad played the clarinet and explored other instruments. As a dancer,

he became a master of step and served as captain of the BLS Step Squad, leading them to multiple trophies and awards in the Greater Boston Step Association. He was also a key figure in the broader step-dancing community, where he spent years recruiting, coaching, and producing competitions.

Rashad further honed his leadership skills in the TAG (Talented and Gifted) program at Boston Latin School. There, he began his journey into teaching and discovered a deep connection to Afro-Latino cultures, which helped forge meaningful bonds with people around the world.

After high school, Rashad was accepted to Worcester Polytechnic Institute, where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biochemistry. His passion for science led him to a career in medicine, and he was accepted into the University of Massachusetts Medical School. Remarkably, he graduated medical school at the age of 20 and went on to complete his residency through Harvard Medical School and Partners HealthCare in Boston.

As a physician, Rashad specialized in psychiatry with a focus on child psychiatry. He was devoted to serving Black and Latino communities, working tirelessly to address disparities in care. A published researcher, he contributed to several projects supporting Nobel Prize, recognized work in biochemistry.

But science was only one facet of Rashad's brilliance. He was also a gifted writer who turned to poetry and creative writing as a means of expression and healing. Through his words, he conveyed love, understanding, and insight into the world's complexities.

Rashad was a passionate advocate for the LGBTQ+ community and utilized his savvy socialite skills to expand entertainment and nightlife opportunities for his community. He used his voice to uplift those often unseen and unheard. As a leader, he also championed the rights of the poor, disabled, immigrants, and children, always confronting inequality in medicine and society with courage and conviction.

From coast to coast and across the world, Rashad brought joy, love, and the spirit of family to everyone he met. Whether in Seattle, Oakland, New York City, Boston, or beyond, he left a mark wherever he called home. To know him was to be changed by his care and compassion which will live on in our hearts.

He will be missed by anyone who had the pleasure of knowing him.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect to the memory of Dr. Rashad Hardaway, at twenty-nine minutes before twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mrs. Dooner, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.