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Met at two minutes past eleven o'clock A.M. (Ms. Miranda 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 (Ms. Miranda), members, guests and staff then recited the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of
allegiance.

Distinguished Guests.

There being no objection, the Chair (Ms. Miranda) handed the gavel to Mrs. Dooner for the purpose of an introduction. Mrs. Dooner then introduced, in the rear of the Chamber, the Dighton-Rehoboth High School girls softball team. The Falcons were recognized for winning the MIAA Division 3 state championship title, securing their second consecutive title. They defeated Greater New Bedford Voc-Tech with a score of 7-0 in the final game. The team was accompanied by Superintendent Bill Runey, Representative Howitt of Seekonk, Representative Thurber of Somerset, along with coaches and parents. The Senate applauded their accomplishments and their hard work and dedication throughout the season, and they withdrew from the Chamber.

Dighton-Rehoboth
High School girls
softball team.

Communication.

Communication from the Honorable Karen E. Spilka, President of the Senate, announcing the appointment of Senator Joanne M. Comerford and Senator Sal N. DiDomenico (pursuant to Executive Order 643) to the Governor's Anti-Hunger Task Force (received August 1, 2025),-- **was placed on file.**

Governor's Anti-
Hunger Task
Force,-- appts.
SD3110

Reports.

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

Report of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (pursuant to Section 31 of Chapter 197 of the Acts of 2024) submitting its Sustainability and Viability of Long-Term Care 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 Aging and Independence and the Joint Committee on Health Care Financing) (received July 31, 2025);

EOHHS,-- Long-
Term Care
Sustainability
report.
SD3109

Report of the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (pursuant to Section 37 of Chapter 69 of the General Laws) submitting its Fiscal Year 2025 Green School Works legislative 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 Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy) (received July 31, 2025) and

DESE,-- FY25
Green School
Works report.
SD3111

Report of the Special Commission on Continuing Care Retirement Communities (pursuant to Section 29 of Chapter 197 of the Acts of 2024) submitting its final findings and recommendations (a copy having been forwarded to the Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means) (received August 4, 2025).

CCRC report.
SD3112

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

Bills

Requiring human trafficking recognition training for certain hospitality workers (House, No. 4360, amended-- on House, No. 2726);

Relative to benefits for teachers (House, No. 4361,-- on House, No. 2932);

Authorizing the town of Westford to release agricultural preservation restrictions over land owned by Westford Gateway, LLC (House, No. 4362,-- on House, No. 3282); and

Authorizing the commissioner of capital asset management and maintenance to convey a certain parcel of land in the town of Wellesley (House, No. 4363,-- on House, No. 3402);

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

Hospitality
workers,-- human
trafficking.
Teachers,-- benefits.
Westford,-- land.

Wellesley,-- land.

Bills

Authorizing the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority to provide sewer services to a certain parcel of land in the town of Sharon (House, No. 1024,-- on petition); and

Authorizing the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority to provide sewer services to a certain parcel of land in the town of Sharon (House, No. 4009, amended,-- on petition);

Were severally read and, under Senate Rule 26, referred to the committee on Rules.

Sharon,-- MWRA
sewer services.

Id.

Bills

Expanding the select board of the town of Weston (House, No. 4158,-- on petition) [Local approval received]; and

Relative to the Mattapoisett select board (House, No. 4245,-- on petition) [Local approval received];

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

Weston,-- select
board.

Mattapoisett,--
select board.

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 Paul W. Mark for legislation to update the sale of mixed drinks for off-premises consumption.

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 Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Alcoholic
beverages,-- sales.
SD2612

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 Paul W. Mark for legislation relate to the classification of special municipal employees.

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 Public Service.

Special municipal
employees.
SD2620

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 Ryan C. Fattman for legislation to enhance transparency in electric bills.

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 Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

Severally sent to the House for concurrence.

Electric bills,--
transparency.
SD2741

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

A Bill authorizing the commissioner of capital asset management and maintenance to grant certain easements to the town of Bourne (House, No. 4364,-- on House, No. 3435) [Local approval received on House, No. 3435],-- was read.

Bourne,-- land.

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

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4374) of Steven George Xiarhos that a certain overpass on State Route 6 in the town of Sandwich be designated as the U.S. Marine Staff Sergeant Raymond G. Tourville veterans memorial overpass,-- **was referred, in concurrence, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Transportation.**

Sandwich,-- U.S.
Marine Staff Sgt
Raymond G.
Tourville Veterans
Memorial Overpass.

The engrossed Bill authorizing the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority to supply water to the Lynnfield Center Water District within the town of Lynnfield (see House, No. 972),-- came from the House with the endorsement that the House had amended the bill by inserting before the enacting clause the following emergency preamble:

Lynnfield Center
Water District.

"Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to forthwith supply water to the Lynnfield Center Water District, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience."

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mrs. Dooner, and the House amendment was considered forthwith and adopted, in concurrence.

Emergency Preamble Adopted; Engrossed Bill Enacted.

An engrossed Bill authorizing the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority to supply water to the Lynnfield Center Water District within the town of Lynnfield (see House, No. 972, 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 2 to 0.

Id.

The bill was signed by the Acting President, (Ms. Miranda) and sent to the House for enactment.

Subsequently, the bill, which originated in the House, came from the House with the endorsement that it had been enacted in that branch.

The Senate then passed the bill to be enacted; and it was signed by the Acting President (Ms. Miranda) and laid before the Governor for her approbation.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mrs. Dooner,--

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

Time of meeting.

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