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Tuesday, September 2, 2025.

Met at a quarter past eleven o'clock A.M. (Mr. Collins 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. Collins), members, guests and staff then recited the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of
allegiance.

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 Hampden County Jail and House of Correction, the Plan of Correction from the facility and the Plan of Correction acceptance letter from the Division of Environmental Health Regulations and Standards (EHRS) (received August 29, 2025);

DPH,-- Hampden
County Jail and
HOC Inspection
report.
SD3164
DPH,-- MCI
Shirley Inspection
report.
SD3165

Report of the Department of Public Health (pursuant to 105 CMR 451.403) submitting the inspection report for MCI Shirley, the Plan of Correction from the facility and the Plan of Correction acceptance letter from the Division of Environmental Health Regulations and Standards (EHRS) (received August 29, 2025);

Report of the Office of the Attorney General (pursuant to Section 99(R) of Chapter 272 of the General Laws) submitting its wiretap reports for the calendar years 2020, 2023, and 2024 (received August 28, 2025); and

AG wire,-- 2020,
2023 and 2024
wiretap reports.
SD3166
DOR,-- June 2025
Net State Tax
Revenue
Determination
report.
SD3167

Report of the Department of Revenue (pursuant to Section 5 of Chapter 62F, as amended by the Acts of 2023) submitting its report on the Determination of Whether Net State Tax Revenues Exceeded Allowable State Tax Revenues For the period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 (copies having been forwarded to the Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Chair of the Joint Committee on Revenue) (received August 29, 2025).

Petition.

By Mr. Tarr and Ms. Ferrante of Gloucester, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2596) of Bruce E. Tarr and Ann-Margaret Ferrante (with approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation relative to the appropriation and expenditure of funds for the maintenance, repair and improvement of private roads under certain conditions [Local approval received];

Gloucester,--
private roads.

Referred, under Senate Rule 20, to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

Petition Returned by State Secretary.

A communication was received from the Secretary of State on the Senate petition of Lydia Edwards (accompanied by bill, Senate No. 584) for legislation to modernize the governance of Port Authority parks in East Boston (having been transmitted, under the

East Boston,-- Port
Authority parks.

provisions of Joint Rule 9 and Section 5 of Chapter 3 of the General Laws, to the Secretary of State and having been returned by the Secretary of the Commonwealth with memorandum relative thereto)-- **was placed on file.**

Reports of a Committee.

By Ms. Comerford, for the committee on Higher Education, on Senate, Nos. 411 and 946, an Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on Higher Education to make an investigation and study of certain current Senate documents relative to higher education matters (Senate, No. 2589);

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

By Mr. Driscoll, for the committee on Public Health, on petition, a Bill to reduce incidence and death from pancreatic cancer (Senate, No. 1484);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on Senate, Nos 248 and 1511, a Bill regulating surgical assistants (Senate, No. 1511); and

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to provider choice (Senate, No. 1514);

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

By Ms. Rausch, for the committee on Environment and Natural Resources, on petition, a Bill modernizing the governance of Port Authority parks in East Boston (Senate, No. 584);

By Mr. Feeney, for the committee on Financial Services, on petition, a Bill protecting seniors and adults with disabilities from financial exploitation (Senate, No. 741);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to mortgage review boards and a small business loan review board within the division of banks (Senate, No. 751);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to motor vehicle service contracts (Senate, No. 812);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill requiring licensed auto insurance damage appraisers to provide safety notices to the owners of damaged motor vehicles (Senate, No. 825);

By Mr. Driscoll, for the committee on Public Health, on petition, a Bill establishing a task force to study the sustainability of emergency medical services (Senate, No. 1513); and

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill to improve indoor air quality (Senate, No. 1516, changed in line 49 by adding after the word "quality," the following phrase "the adoption of uniform ventilation standards, including but not limited to ANSI/ASHRAE 62.1, ASHRAE 241, and ASHRAE 180,");

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

By Mr. Feeney, for the committee on Financial Services, on petition, a Bill relative to electronic notices of the cancellation, renewal or nonrenewal of insurance policies (Senate, No. 701); and

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill to relative to an underinsurance issue (Senate, No. 748);

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

Higher Education,-
- study.

Pancreatic cancer,-
- death.

Surgical assistants.

Vaccines,--
provider choice.

East Boston,-- Port
Authority parks.

Seniors,-- financial
exploitation.

Division of
Banks,-- review
boards.

Motor vehicle,--
service contracts.

Auto appraisers,--
safety notices.

EMS
sustainability,--
task force.
Indoor air quality.

Insurance
companies,-
electronic notices.

Uninsured motor
vehicle coverage.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

Bills

To increase the income limit for the Senior Tax Deferral Program in the town of Ipswich (House, No. 3156,-- on petition) [Local approval received];

Relative to the assessment of local property taxes in the city of Springfield (House, No. 3213,-- on petition) [Local approval received]; and

Amending the charter of the town of Seekonk (House, No. 4459,-- on House, No. 3913) [Local approval received on House, No. 3913];

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

Ipswich,-- senior
tax deferral
program.
Springfield,--
property tax.
Seekonk,-- charter.

Emergency Preamble Adopted.

An engrossed Bill authorizing the commissioner of capital asset management and maintenance to grant certain easements to the town of Bourne (see House, No. 4364), 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.

Bourne,-- land.

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

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Lovely) “congratulating the Knights of Columbus Leo Council 508 on the occasion of its one hundred and twenty-fifth anniversary”.

Knights of
Columbus Leo
Council 508.

Matters Taken Out of the Orders of the Day.

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

The Senate Bill authorizing the town of Marblehead to amend chapter 37 of the acts of 2004: Parking violations in the town of Marblehead (Senate, No. 2528),-- **was read a second time and ordered to a third reading.**

Marblehead,--
town charter.

The House Bill increasing the membership of the board of health of the town of Marblehead from three members to five (House, No. 3912),-- **was read a second time and ordered to a third reading.**

Marblehead,--
board of health.

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 Lydia Edwards for legislation to protect accessory dwelling units.

Accessory
dwelling units,--
protection.
SD2904

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

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 Brian Arthur O'Connor for

Bottle bill,--
abolish.
SD2944

legislation to repeal the beverage container recovery law.

Senate Rule 36 was suspended, on motion of Mr. Durant, 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.

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 Edward J. Kennedy for legislation to modernize permitting for the transportation of certain loads.

Permitting,--
certain vehicles.
SD3043

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

Severally sent to the House for concurrence.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Durant,--

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.

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 Edward F. Kenney.

Moment of silence.

Adjournment in Memory of Mr. Edward F. Kenney.

The Senator from Suffolk, Mr. Collins, moved that when the Senate adjourns today, it do so in memory of Mr. Edward F. Kenney.

Mr. Edward F. Kenney of South Boston passed away peacefully, surrounded by his loving family, on August 18th, just days before his 104th birthday. Born and raised in South Boston, Ed lived a long and remarkable life rooted in love, service, and community.

A proud member of the Greatest Generation, Ed served his country in the U.S. Navy aboard LSTs during World War II in both the Pacific and European theaters, including on D-Day. After the war, he married the love of his life, Mary T. (McDonough) Kenney, with whom he shared 56 wonderful years of marriage. Together they raised five children: Mary Kenney of Jamaica Plain; Edward Kenney Jr. of South Boston; the late Jeanne Mullin of Dorchester and her husband Steve; Patti Walsh of Scituate and her husband Frank; and Caroline Kenney of South Boston.

Ed was the devoted son of the late Hannah Kenney, a loving brother to his six siblings, and a cherished uncle to many nieces and nephews. He also proudly served the City of Boston as a firefighter, working on the fireboat and Engine Company 1, where he was affectionately known as "Nick Kenney." He and Mary lived in Dorchester and the Cape before returning to their beloved South Boston.

Family was always at the center of Ed's world. He delighted in the simple joys of life: time with loved ones, Irish music, a cigar on the porch, and the laughter of his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. His five grandchildren—Kristen (Mullin) Connolly and her husband Rob, Stephanie (Mullin) Mason and her husband Tom, Ryan Mullin and his wife Morgan (Boushka), Caroline (Walsh) Small and her husband Jack, and Alana (Walsh) Woods and her husband Colin—brought him endless happiness. His later years were blessed with ten great-grandchildren, who adored their Great Papa.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect to the memory of Mr. Edward F. Kenney, at twenty-

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four minutes before twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mr. Durant, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.
