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Met at eight minutes past eleven o'clock A.M. (Ms. Lovely in the Chair).

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

Pledge of
allegiance.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4437) of Thomas W. Moakley (by vote of the town) for legislation relative to the regulation of nutrient management and fertilizer in the town of Nantucket;

Nantucket,--
nutrient
management.

To the committee on Agriculture and Fisheries.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4434) of Natalie M. Blais and Paul W. Mark (by vote of the town) relative to providing for recall elections in the town of Charlemont;

Charlemont,--
recall elections.

To the committee on Election Laws.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4439) of Danielle W. Gregoire (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to providing a simplified procedure for the layout and acceptance of subdivision roads in the City of Marlborough;

Marlborough,--
roads subdivision.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4440) of Marc T. Lombardo and Cindy F. Friedman (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the town of Billerica to transfer control of certain land of the town situated in the town of Billerica for recreational purposes for the purposes of constructing the Yankee Doodle Bike Path; and

Billerica,-- land.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4441) of Thomas W. Moakley (by vote of the town) for legislation to amend the charter for the town of Nantucket;

Nantucket,--
charter.

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4442) of Andres X. Vargas (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that Anthony Morales be authorized to take the civil service examination for the position of police officer in the city of Haverhill notwithstanding the maximum age requirement; and

Haverhill,--
Anthony Morales.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4443) of Andres X. Vargas (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Haverhill be authorized to further regulate the maximum age requirement for original appointment to the positions of firefighter or police officer in said city;

Haverhill,--
firefighter/police
officer
appointment.

Severally to the committee on Public Service.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4435) of Natalie M. Blais and Paul W. Mark (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the town of Charlemont to establish a tax on commercial recreation services;

Charlemont,--
recreation tax.

To the committee on Revenue.

Bills

Relative to certain licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises in the city of Holyoke (House, No. 360,-- on petition) [Local approval received]; and

Holyoke,-- liquor
licenses.

Establishing a special fund for the festival of the hills receipts for the town of Conway (House, No. 2251,-- on petition) [Local approval received];

Conway,-- festival of the hills fund.

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

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Fattman) “congratulating the Monson Lions Club on its seventieth anniversary”;

Monson Lions Club.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. O’Connor) “commending Power Forward, Inc. for its outstanding service and dedication to addiction recovery and support throughout the commonwealth”; and

Power Forward, Inc.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Tarr) “congratulating the town of Groveland on the one hundred and seventy-fifth anniversary of its incorporation.”

Town of Groveland.

Matters Taken Out of the Orders of the Day.

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

The House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for James Caruso, an employee of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (House, No. 4230),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

James Caruso,-- sick leave.

The House Bill authorizing the town of Wellesley to dissolve its Housing Development Corporation (House, No. 4139),-- **was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to read as follows: “An Act dissolving the Wellesley Housing Development Corporation”.**

Wellesley Housing Development Corporation.

The House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Carlos Borges, an employee of the Department of Correction (House, No. 4322),-- was read a third time.

Carlos Borges,-- sick leave.

Mr. DiDomenico, for the committee on Bills in the Third Reading, reported, recommending that the same be consolidated with the Senate Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Carlos Borges, an employee of the department of correction (Senate No. 2562) likewise referred to said committee, and that, when doing so, it will be correctly drawn.

The report was accepted.

The bill was then passed to be engrossed, in 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 Brendan P. Crighton for legislation relative to cannabis for Medicare eligible patients.

Medicare,-- medical cannabis.

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 Brendan P. Crighton for legislation to authorize automated curb enforcement and improving parking violation procedures.

Automated curb enforcement.

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 Transportation.
Severally sent to the House for concurrence.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

A Bill establishing a charter for the city of Somerville (House, No. 4445,-- on House, No. 4153) Local approval received on House, No. 4153],-- was read.

Somerville,--
charter.

There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Dooner, 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. 4452) of Adam J. Scanlon for legislation to further regulate the sales and delivery of alcoholic beverages;

Alcohol,-- sales
and delivery.

Under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4453) of Adam J. Scanlon for legislation to establish an exemption for personal vehicle values from the MassHealth asset limits;

MassHealth,--
vehicle value.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4454) of Kathleen R. LaNatra for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for John C. Murphy, an employee of the Department of Correction;

John C. Murphy,--
sick leave.

Under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Public Service.

Moment of Silence.

At the request of the Chair (Ms. Lovely), the members, guests and staff stood in a moment of silence and reflection to the memory of Jacqueline Ross Ankeles.

Moment of silence.

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.

Adjournment in Memory of Jacqueline Ross Ankeles.

The Senator from Essex, Ms. Lovely, moved that when the Senate adjourns today, it do so in memory of Jacqueline Ross Ankeles.

Jacqueline "Jacky" Ross Ankeles, died of high-grade spindle cell sarcoma, a rare form of bone cancer, on August 8, 2025.

Born in Lynn, Massachusetts on August 5, 1947, to Dr. Herbert J. and Beatrice D. Ross, Jacky married Atty. David L. Ankeles on June 14, 1969. Jacky and David spent their life in Peabody where, together, they were a strong and active presence in the community.

Jacky grew up in Marblehead, graduating from Marblehead High School in 1965. At Skidmore College, she graduated with the Class of 1969 with degrees in Music and Drama. At North Shore Community College, she earned an associate's degree in Nurse Education in 1976.

Jacky's life was devoted to the performing arts. She was one of the youngest members of the Boston Ballet, performing with the company for several years during the 1960s. She also enjoyed acting in and directing many productions with the Marblehead Little Theatre and other community theater groups, entertaining thousands.

An accomplished classical pianist, Jacky's love for music led to a 30-year career in broadcasting. Radio was her passion, and her voice became one of the most well-known on local radio, both at Northshore 104.9 WBOQ and WNBP in Newburyport. Her range of musical knowledge and versatility as an announcer afforded her the unusual opportunity to cover three completely different formats: Classical, Jazz, and Classic Rock. She loved sharing music from Mozart to Motown with her listeners and interviewing so many musicians she admired, from Michael Bublé to Wynton Marsalis.

Beyond the music, Jacky conducted hundreds of interviews in healthcare, education, politics, and social services for the "North Shore Issues" and "North Shore Now" programs. She loved being on air for her midday shift, announcing music and offering listeners her signature daily trivia questions and recipes. She often said there was never a day when she did not want to go to work.

Jacky also loved to write, and in 2020, she completed and published her novel *Notes from the Rock-Chair*. The romantic drama was a fictionalized account of her years in the field of dance and performing in the ballet at a young age.

After retiring from radio, Jacky volunteered at Peabody TV, the city's cable station, where she created and hosted "Fifteen Minutes of Fame", a program which featured local people with interesting hobbies or unusual accomplishments. Although the program was ultimately short-lived because of Jacky's cancer diagnosis, one episode won Best Hosting at the Mass Access Creator Awards and first-place for a Profile Talk Show from the Alliance for Community Media for all of New England.

In 2023, she received the coveted Torigian Spirit Award, named for long-time Peabody Mayor Peter Torigian, and given to a person in Peabody who embodies the spirit of public service.

In June of 2024, during a brief hiatus from chemotherapy, Jacky and the team at Peabody TV brought one last project to fruition: a documentary she created and hosted, entitled "Beyond Bingo!" which showcased the Torigian Senior Center, and which Jacky hoped would encourage more people to learn about and benefit from what is available there. The hour-long documentary was premiered in June at the Center before it began its run on Peabody TV and YouTube.

The greatest joy in her life was, unquestionably being David's wife, the proud mother of their two sons, Alex and Dan, mother-in-law to their wives, Akemi and Catherine, and grandmother to her three precious grandchildren, Sophie, Sam, and Lucy. She always said she could not have asked for a more beautiful family.

She leaves her devoted and loving husband David, her son Alexander Ankeles and his wife Akemi of Altadena, California; her son Daniel and his wife Dr. Catherine Fredricks of Brunswick, Maine; and her grandchildren, Sophie, Sam, and Lucy. She also leaves her sister Judith Ross of Burlington, Massachusetts.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect to the memory of Jacqueline Ross Ankeles, at nineteen minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mrs. Dooner, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.