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Met at four minutes 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.

Remarks of Senator Nick Collins.

The Chair would like to begin the session today in a moment of silence for a friend and colleague who we lost last week, the gentleman from Lowell, Senator Ed Kennedy, who dedicated his life to public service and the people of Merrimack Valley and the commonwealth of Massachusetts. I ask for a moment of silence in memory of late Senator Ed Kennedy.

Remarks of
Senator Nick
Collins.

Our thoughts and prayers are with his friends, family and his district.

On motion of Mr. Fattman, the above remarks were ordered printed in the Journal of the Senate.

Ordered printed.

Moment of Silence.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Collins), the members, guests and staff stood in a moment of silence and reflection in memory of State Senator Edward J. Kennedy.

Moment of silence.

Reports.

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

Report of the Division of Banks (pursuant to Section 3B of Chapter 7 of the General Laws) submitting a notice of changes to 801 CMR 4.02 regarding fees administered by the Division of Banks (a copy having been forwarded to the Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means) (received October 2, 2025);

DOB,-- fees FY25
report.
SD3255

Report of the Disabled Persons Protection Commission (pursuant to Section 15 (f) of Chapter 19C of the General Laws) submitting its FY25 annual audit of the abuser registry (copies having been forwarded to the Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Chair of the Joint Committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities) (received October 2, 2025);

DPP Commission,-
- FY25 audit.
SD3256

Report of the Office of Climate Innovation and Resilience (pursuant to Section 4c of Chapter 239 of the Acts of 2024) submitting its current status of the Embodied Carbon Intergovernmental Coordinating Council (copies having been forwarded to the Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Chairs of the Joint Committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight and the Joint Committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy) (received October 2, 2025);

OCIR,-- Carbon
Council status.
SD3258

Report of the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities (pursuant to line item 7004-0100 of Section 2 of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting its Diversion FY26 report (copies having been forwarded to the Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and

EOHLC,-- FY26
Diversion report.
SD3259

Means and the Senate Chairs of the Joint Committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities and the Joint Committee on Housing) (received October 2, 2025);

Report of MassBiologics of the University of Massachusetts Chan Medical School (pursuant to Section 43(f) of Chapter 75 of the General Laws) submitting its fiscal year 2025 annual report (received October 2, 2025);

Mass Biologics
FY25 annual
report.
SD3260
DOC,-- 2022
annual report.
SD3261

Report of the Department of Correction (pursuant to Sections 1(p) and 6 of Chapter 124 and Section 1B of Chapter 127 of the General Laws) submitting its 2022 annual report (received October 3, 2025);

Report of the Department of Correction (pursuant to line item 8900-0001 of Section 2 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting its second quarter CY24 Corrections Data report (copies having been forwarded to the Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Chair of the Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security) (received October 3, 2025);

DOC,-- CY24 Q2
Corrections Data
report.
SD3262

Report of the Department of Correction (pursuant to line item 8900-0001 of Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting its third quarter CY24 Corrections Data report (copies having been forwarded to the Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Chair of the Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security) (received October 3, 2025);

DOC,-- CY24 Q3
Corrections Data
report.
SD3263

Report of the Department of Correction (pursuant to line item 8900-0001 of Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting its fourth quarter CY24 Corrections Data report (copies having been forwarded to the Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Chair of the Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security) (received October 3, 2025);

DOC,-- CY24 Q4
Corrections Data
report.
SD3264

Report of the Department of Correction (pursuant to line item 8900-0001 of Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting its first quarter CY25 Corrections Data report (copies having been forwarded to the Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Chair of the Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security) (received October 3, 2025);

DOC,-- CY25 Q1
Corrections Data
report.
SD3265

Report of the Massachusetts Gaming Commission (pursuant to Section 70 of Chapter 23K of the General Laws) submitting its fiscal year 2025 annual report (copies having been forwarded to the Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Chair of the Joint Committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies) (received October 3, 2025); and

MGC,-- FY25
annual report.
SD3266

Report of the Department of Correction (pursuant to Sections 1(p) and 6 of Chapter 124 and Section 1B of Chapter 127 of the General Laws) submitting its 2023 annual report (received October 3, 2025).

DOC,-- 2023
annual report.
SD3267

Petition.

Ms. Kennedy presented a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2628) of Robyn K. Kennedy and Kate Hogan (by vote of the town) to provide for alcoholic beverage licenses in the town of Bolton [Local approval received];

Bolton,-- liquor
licenses.

Under Senate Rule 20, to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Collins, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on petition, a Bill utilizing apprenticeship programs for career paths in construction (Senate, No. 2148);

Construction,--
apprenticeship
programs.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition (accompanied by bill, Senate,

Language,--

No. 2125), a Bill relative to language access and inclusion (Senate, No. 2622);

By Mr. Velis, for the committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs, on petition, a Bill utilizing apprenticeship programs for career paths in construction (Senate, No. 2461);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to headstones for long-serving or perished members of the Massachusetts National Guard (Senate, No. 2462);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill expanding the National Guard welcome home veterans' bonus to all deployed members (Senate, No. 2465);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to COLA adjustments for veteran benefits (Senate, No. 2480);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill to establish the Massachusetts National Guard Museum in Salem (Senate, No. 2482); and

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to the Veterans' Bonus Division (Senate, No. 2504);

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

By Mr. Collins, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on petition, a Bill establishing the official marine flora of the Commonwealth (Senate, No. 2121); and

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill designating October 15 as Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Day (Senate, No. 2145);

Severally referred, under Senate Rule 36, to the committee on Rules.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4578) of Dennis C. Gallagher (with the approval of the town council) relative to gender neutral language in the charter of the city known as the town of Bridgewater;

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4579) of Dennis C. Gallagher (with the approval of the town council) relative to the appointment powers of the town manager of the city known as the town of Bridgewater;

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4580) of Meghan K. Kilcoyne and Robyn K. Kennedy (by vote of the town) relative to the membership of the select board of the town of Berlin; and

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4581) of James J. O'Day (with the approval of the city council) that the city of Worcester be authorized to require the adoption of institutional master plans in said city;

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4582) of David Biele (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that city of Boston be authorized to waive the maximum age requirement for firefighters for Stylianos Katikakis;

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4583) of Manny Cruz (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to the harbormaster and assistant harbormasters in the city of Salem; and

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4584) of Steven Ultrino (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to the appointment of special police officers in the city of Malden;

Severally to the committee on Public Service.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4585) of Paul K. Frost and Michael O. Moore

access.

Veterans,-- age restrictions.

Headstones,-- National Guard.

National Guard,-- veterans' bonus.

Veterans,-- COLA adjustment.

Salem,-- National Guard Museum.

Veterans' Bonus Division.

Eelgrass,-- official marine flora.

Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Day.

Bridgewater,-- charter.

Bridgewater,-- town manager.

Berlin,-- select board.

Worcester,-- master plans.

Boston,-- Stylianos Katikakis.

Salem,-- harbormasters.

Malden,-- special police officers.

Auburn,-- senior

(by vote of the town) that the town of Auburn be authorized to offer expanded senior property tax abatements in said town;

tax abatements.

To the committee on Revenue.

Bills

Authorizing reserved capacity billing in the town of Norfolk (House, No. 3899,-- on petition) [Local approval received]; and

Norfolk,-- reserve capacity billing.

Relative to the town resident requirement for the town manager of the town of Dalton (House, No. 4210,-- on petition) [Local approval received];

Dalton,-- town manager.

Amending the charter of the town of Ipswich to eliminate the residency requirement for the Town Manager (House, No. 4243, amended,-- on petition) [Local approval received]; and

Ipswich,-- charter.

Relative to a cemetery in the town of Norton (House, No. 4348,-- on petition) [Local approval received];

Norton,-- cemetery.

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

Order Adopted.

Ms. Spilka offered the following order, to wit:

Ordered, that notwithstanding the motion previously adopted during the Joint Session of May 14, 2025 to recess the joint session until Wednesday, October 8, 2025 and notwithstanding any special rules to the contrary, the joint session of the two houses is hereby recessed until Thursday October 9, 2025, at a half past eleven o'clock A.M.

Joint Session,-- recess.
SD3268

There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Fattman, and the order was considered forthwith and adopted.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Rodrigues) “congratulating People Incorporated on the grand opening of its new early education center.”

People Incorporated.

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 relative to the position of treasurer-collector in the town of Berkley (House, No. 2320),-- **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 follow:- “An Act establishing the position of appointed treasurer-collector in the town of Berkley”.**

Berkley,-- treasurer-collector.

The House Bill relative to stabilization funds in the town of Leicester (House, No. 4136),-- **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 follow:- “An Act further regulating stabilization funds in the town of Leicester”.**

Leicester,-- stabilization funds.

Moment of Silence.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Collins), the members, guests and staff stood in a moment of silence and reflection in memory of Paul Holloway.

Moment of silence.

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Engrossed Bills.

The following engrossed bills (the first of which originated in the Senate), having been certified by the Senate Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, were severally passed to be enacted and were signed by the Acting President (Mr. Collins) and laid before the Governor for her approbation, to wit:

Further regulating the Gloucester Fisheries Commission (see Senate, No. 2566); and

Bills laid before the Governor.

Authorizing the town of Maynard to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (see House, No. 4273).

A Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Candy J. Pike, an employee of the Department of Developmental Services (House, No. 4514,-- on petition),-- was read.

Candy J. Pike,-- sick leave.

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

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4587) of John J. Marsi for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for David A. Russell, an employee of the Department of Correction,-- **was referred, in concurrence, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Public Service.**

David Russell,-- sick leave.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Fattman,--

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 Paul Holloway.

The Senator from Worcester and Hampden, Mr. Fattman, moved that when the Senate adjourns today, it do so in memory of Paul Holloway, who passed away on Friday, July 25, 2025.

Paul was the embodiment of compassion, dedication, and service. He was a big-hearted firefighter who gave selflessly to others both on and off duty. In addition to his commitment to the Holland Fire Department, Paul served full-time as an educator at Palmer High School, where he inspired countless students with his wisdom, warmth, and unwavering positivity.

Paul's infectious laugh, kind spirit, and genuine friendship touched everyone who knew him. He was more than a firefighter; he was family. His presence will be deeply missed, but his legacy of service and love will live on in all of us.

Our thoughts are with his wife Kristina, his family, friends, colleagues, and the entire community during this difficult time.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect to the memory of Paul Holloway, at twenty-eight minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Fattman, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

