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

Pledge of
allegiance.

Communication.

Communication from Chhime R. Chhoekyapa, Secretary to His Holiness the Dalai Lama, thanking the Senate Clerk, Michael D. Hurley, for transmitting a copy of the Resolutions adopted by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts on July 3, 2025 "Honoring the life and legacy of His Holiness the Dalai Lama" (received October 23, 2025),-- **was placed on file.**

His Holiness the
Dalai Lama.
SD3331

Reports.

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

Report of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (pursuant to Section 53 of Chapter 176 of the Acts of 2022) submitting its Morrissey Boulevard Corridor Study (a copy having been forwarded to the Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means) (received October 24, 2025); and

MassDot,--
Morrissey
Boulevard study.
SD3322

Report of the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (pursuant line-item 1595-0116 of Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts 2024 and Chapter 98 of the Acts of 2021) submitting its Genocide Education Trust Fund and Programming FY25 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 Education) (received October 27, 2025).

DESE,-- Genocide
Education Trust
Fund FY25 report.
SD3324

Petitions.

Petitions were severally presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Fattman, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2668) of Ryan C. Fattman (by vote of the town) for legislation to increase the membership of the select board of the town of Monson [Local approval received];

Monson,-- select
board.

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

Sent to the House for concurrence.

By Ms. Edwards, a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Lydia Edwards for legislation to establish tenant escrow savings accounts; and

Tenant,-- escrow
fund.
SD3318

By Mr. Fattman, a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Ryan C. Fattman for legislation relative to driving a motor vehicle with an expired inspection sticker;

Motor vehicle,--
inspection stickers.
SD3320

Severally, under Senate Rule 20, to the committees on Rules of the two branches,

acting concurrently.

Reports of Committees.

By Ms. Rausch, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on Senate, Nos. 1423, 1437, 1438, 1439, 1440, 1442, 1452, 1462, 1465, 1466, 1467, and 1470, an Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, to make an investigation and study of certain current Senate documents relative to municipalities and regional government matters (Senate, No. 2669);

Municipalities and
Regional
Government,--
study.

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

By Mr. Cyr, for the committee on Housing, on petition, a Bill establishing an accessory dwelling unit trust fund (Senate, No. 969, changed in line 5-6, by striking out the definition of “eligible participant” and replacing it with the following definition:- “Eligible Participant,” property owner who: (a) has an income of up to 110% of the area median income, as defined by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development; or (b) is a year-round resident of a municipality designated as a seasonal community pursuant to Section 32 of Chapter 23B, as appearing in section 5 of Chapter 150 of the Acts of 2024, who has an income up to the limit set forth in the definition of attainable housing under 760 CMR 76.00.; and by striking the words, in lines 8-10, the words “low- and moderate-income property owners whose incomes are not more than 110 per cent of median income as determined by the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- “eligible participants to”);

Fund.-- Accessory
dwelling unit.

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

By Mr. Keenan, for the committee on Election Laws, on petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Berkley to recall elected officials (Senate, No. 2552) [Local approval received];

Berkley,-- recall
elected officials.

By Ms. Rausch, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on petition, a Bill relative to parking fines in the town of Scituate (Senate, No. 2577) [Local approval received];

Scituate,-- parking
fines.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill concerning sidewalks in the town of Scituate (Senate, No. 2578) [Local approval received]; and

Scituate,--
sidewalks.

By Mr. Brady, for the committee on Public Service, on petition, a Bill directing the city of Boston Police Department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officer Cherell Mellace (Senate, No. 1907) [Local approval received];

Boston,-- Mellace
police officer.

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

A Bill enhancing child welfare protections (House, No. 4646,-- on House, Nos. 227 and 262),-- **was read and, under Senate Rule 27, referred to the committee on Ways and Means.**

Child welfare,--
protections.

A Bill authorizing Thomas Harmon to purchase creditable service from the Barnstable County Retirement Board (House, No. 2998,-- on petition),-- **was read and, under Senate Rule 26, referred to the committee on Rules.**

Thomas Harmon,--
retirement.

Bills

Authorizing the city of Westfield to establish an age limit for original appointment to the position of police officer (House, No. 3916,-- on petition) [Local approval received];

Westfield,-- police
officer.

In the town of Hanson local licenses and permits; denial, revocation or suspension for failure to comply with conditions of approval (House, No. 3953,-- on petition) [Local approval received]; and

Hanson,-- local licenses and permits.

Providing a simplified procedure for the layout and acceptance of subdivision roads in the city of Marlborough (House, No. 4439,-- on petition) [Local approval received];

Marlborough,-- roads subdivision.

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

Emergency Preamble Adopted.

An engrossed Bill authorizing the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority to provide sewer services to a certain parcel of land in the town of Sharon (see House, No. 4009, 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.

Sharon,-- MWRA sewer services.

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

Matter Taken Out of the Orders of the Day.

There being no objection, the following, matter was taken out of the Order of the Day and considered as follows:

The House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Kathleen Rodrigue, an employee of the office of chief medical examiner (House, No. 4521, amended),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Kathleen Rodrigue,-- sick leave.

Quorum.

At twenty-four minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., Mr. Fattman doubted the presence of a quorum. The Chair (Mr. DiDomenico), having determined that a quorum was not in attendance, then directed the Sergeant-at-Arms to secure the presence of a quorum.

Quorum.

Subsequently, at twenty minutes before twelve o'clock noon, the Chair (Mr. DiDomenico) unable to obtain the presence of a quorum, adjourned under Senate Rule 64, until Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.