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

Pledge of
allegiance.

Communication.

Communication from the Honorable Michael O. Moore, in compliance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 268A (received Monday, November 17, 2025 at a half past three o'clock P.M.);-- **was placed on file.**

Senator Michael O.
Moore,-- Chapter
268A.

Reports.

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

Report of the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (pursuant to line item 8100-1004 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting its Massachusetts State Police Crime Lab third quarter 2024 report (a copy having been forwarded to the Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means) (received November 13, 2025);

EOPPS,-- MSPCL
Q3 2024 report.
SD3385

Report of the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (pursuant to line item 8100-1004 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting its Massachusetts State Police Crime Lab fourth quarter 2024 report (a copy having been forwarded to the Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means) (received November 13, 2025);

EOPPS,-- MSPCL
Q4 2024 report.
SD3386

Report of the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (pursuant to line item 8100-1004 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting its Massachusetts State Police Crime Lab first quarter 2025 report (a copy having been forwarded to the Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means) (received November 13, 2025);

EOPPS,-- MSPCL
Q1 2025 report.
SD3387

Report of the Committee for Public Counsel Services (pursuant to Section 17 of Chapter 211D of the General Laws) on the activities of the Children and Family Legal Representation Trust Fund administered by the committee (copies having been forwarded to the Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Chair of the Joint Committee on the Judiciary) (received November 13, 2025);

CPCS,-- Children
and Family Legal
Representation
Trust Fund.
SD3388

Report of the Office of the Comptroller (pursuant to line item 1599-3384 of Section 2 of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting its Settlements and Judgements report for the first quarter of Fiscal Year 2026 (a copy having been forwarded to the Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means) (received November 13, 2025);

Comptroller,--
Settlements and
Judgements Q1
FY26 report.
SD3389

Report of the Executive Office of the Trial Court (pursuant to Section 15(c) of Chapter 239 of the General Laws) submitting its report summary statistics on eviction filings, actions, and dispositions from January 2024 through October 2025 (copies having been forwarded to the Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Chairs of the Joint Committee on Housing and the Joint Committee on the Judiciary) (received November 14, 2025); and

EOTC,-- rental
protections
October 2025
report.
SD3390

Report of the Department of Economic Research (pursuant to Section 14F of Chapter 151A of the General Laws) submitting its Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund Data November 2025 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 Labor and Workforce Development) (received November 14, 2025).

DER,-- UI trust
fund report.
SD3391

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Keenan, for the committee on Election Laws, on Senate, Nos. 500, 511 and 523, an Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on Election Laws to make an investigation and study of certain current Senate documents relative to election matters (Senate, No. 2567) [Senator Creem dissenting in so much as relates to Senate, Nos. 500, 511 and 523 and Senator Eldridge dissenting in so much as relates to Senate, No. 511]; and

Election Laws,--
study.

By Ms. Rausch, for the committee on Environment and Natural Resources, on Senate, Nos. 562, 588, 593, 634, 645, 646, 649, and 661, an Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on Environment and Natural Resources to make an investigation and study of certain current Senate documents relative to environment and natural resources (Senate, No. 2728) [Senator Rush dissenting in so much as relates to Senate, No. 588 and Senator Tarr dissenting in so much as relates to Senate, Nos. 646 and 661];

Environment and
Natural
Resources,-- study.

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

By Ms. Friedman, for the committee on Health Care Financing, that the Senate Bills Relative to genetic counselors (Senate, No. 208) [Estimated cost: greater than \$100,000];

Genetic counselors.

Relative to assisted living and the frail elder waiver (Senate, No. 474) [Estimated cost: greater than \$100,000];

Assisted living,--
waiver.

Improving access to breast pumps (Senate, No. 682) [Estimated cost: greater than \$100,000];

Breast pumps,--
access.

Providing living organ donor protections (Senate, No. 727) [Estimated cost: greater than \$100,000];

Organ donor,--
protections.

Ensuring access to full spectrum pregnancy care (Senate, No. 761) [Estimated cost: greater than \$100,000];

Pregnancy,-- health
coverage.

Requiring mental health parity for disability policies (Senate, No. 780) [Estimated cost: greater than \$100,000];

Disability
policies,-- mental
health.

To improve sickle cell care (Senate, No. 788) [Estimated cost: greater than \$100,000];

Sickle cell care.

To improve outcomes for those with limb loss and limb difference (Senate, No. 811) [Estimated cost: greater than \$100,000];

Limb loss,--
prosthetic devices.

Relative to end of life options (Senate, No. 1486) [Estimated cost: greater than \$100,000];

End of life,--
options.

Relative to the definition of podiatry (Senate, No. 1542) [Estimated cost: greater than \$100,000];

Podiatry,--
definition.

Relative to updating the licensure of optometrists (Senate, No. 1592) [Estimated cost: greater than \$100,000];

Optometrist,--
regulations.

Relative to certified medication aides (Senate, No. 1623) [Estimated cost: greater than \$100,000];

Medication aides,--
long term care
facilities.
Diversity,--
healthcare.

Relative to culturally competent and effective health care (Senate, No. 2588) [Estimated cost: greater than \$100,000]; and

Establishing the hospital to home partnership program (Senate, No. 2607) [Estimated cost: greater than \$100,000];

H2H Program.

Severally ought to pass;

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

By Ms. Rausch, for the committee on Environment and Natural Resources, on petition, a Resolve to protect pollinator habitat (Senate, No. 628);

Pollinator habitat,--
protect.

Read and, under Joint Rule 29, referred to the committee on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

By Mr. Lewis, for the committee on Education, on petition, a Bill relative to food literacy (Senate, No. 392);

Food Literacy
Trust Fund.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on Senate, Nos. 322, 371, 412 and 444, a Bill to promote inclusive curriculum in schools (Senate, No. 2689);

Schools,--
inclusive
curriculum.
Vocational-
technical
education.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on Senate, Nos. 326, 329, 330, 332, 358 and 384, a Bill to improve access, opportunity, and capacity in Massachusetts vocational-technical education (Senate, No. 2690);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on Senate, Nos. 378, 389, 393, 402, 414, 452 and 2614, a Bill updating the charter net school spending cap (Senate, No. 2691);

Charter school
funding.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 406), a Bill relative to healthy school lunches (Senate No. 2692);

School lunches.

By Ms. Rausch, for the committee on Environment and Natural Resources, on petition, a Bill relative to the pesticide board (Senate, No. 567);

Pesticide board.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on Senate, Nos. 607 and 611, a Bill responding to the threat of invasive species (Senate, No. 607);

Invasive species,--
threat.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to the pesticide board (Senate, No. 617); and

Pesticide board.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill governing the use of pesticides containing the herbicide substance glyphosate in the Commonwealth (Senate, No. 625);

Pesticides,--
herbicide
substances.

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

By Mr. Brady, for the committee on Public Service, on petition, a Bill providing accidental death benefits for the surviving spouse of a former firefighter of the City of Boston (Senate, No. 2574) [Local approval received];

Firefighter Troy,--
accidental death
benefits.

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 considered forthwith and adopted, as follows:-

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Cyr and Brownsberger and Ms. Comerford) “commending the Transgender Day of Remembrance Planning Committee for its recognition of Transgender Day of Remembrance.”

Transgender Day of
Remembrance
Planning Committee.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Rodrigues, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the House Bill authorizing the town of Westford to release agricultural preservation restrictions over land owned by Westford Gateway, LLC (House, No. 4362),-- ought to pass with an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text of Senate document numbered 2723.

Westford,-- land.

There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Durant and the bill was read a second time and was amended, as recommended by the committee on Ways and Means.

The bill, as amended, was then ordered to a third reading.

By Mr. Rodrigues, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the House Bill authorizing the commissioner of capital asset management and maintenance to convey a certain parcel of land in the town of Wellesley (House, No. 4363),-- ought to pass with an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text of Senate document numbered 2724.

Wellesley,-- land.

There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Durant and the bill was read a second time and was amended, as recommended by the committee on Ways and Means.

The bill, as amended, was then ordered to a third reading.

By Mr. Rush, for the committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs, on petition, Resolutions rescinding previous Article V convention applications (Senate, No. 2684).

Article V applications,-- rescind.

There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Durant, and the resolutions were further considered.

Pending the question on adoption of the resolutions, on motion of Mr. Durant, the further consideration thereof was postponed until the next session.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

A Bill authorizing the town of Dartmouth to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 4006,-- on petition) [Local approval received],-- was read.

Dartmouth,-- liquor license.

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

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. Brownsberger) and laid before the Governor for her approbation, to wit:

Relative to affordable car rentals (see Senate, No. 2616, amended); and

Bills laid before the Governor.

Increasing the membership of the board of health of the town of Marblehead from three members to five (see House, No. 3912).

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Durant,--

Ordered, that when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn to meet again on Wednesday next at eleven o'clock A.M., in a full formal session with a calendar.

Time of meeting.

On motion of the same Senator, at twelve minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., the Senate adjourned to meet again on Wednesday next at eleven o'clock A.M.