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Thursday, November 20, 2025.

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

Pledge of
allegiance.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Eldridge, for the committee on Revenue, on petition, a Bill relative to funding of the Massachusetts State House police memorial (Senate, No. 1934);

Police memorial,--
funding.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill maintaining the state disaster relief and resiliency trust fund (Senate, No. 1936);

Disaster Relief and
Resiliency Trust
Fund.
State-owned land,--
payments.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill to reform payments in lieu of taxes for state-owned land (Senate, No. 1939);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to embarkation fees (Senate, No. 1951);

Embarkation fees.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relating to improvements to residential properties (Senate, No. 1969);

Residential property,--
- improvements.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to regional transportation ballot initiatives (Senate, No. 2009);

Transportation ballot
initiatives.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on Senate, Nos. 2036, 2021, 2048, 2071 and 2096, a Bill authorizing the establishment of a mean tested senior citizen property tax exemption (Senate, No. 2036);

Property tax
exemption,-- senior
citizens.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to home modifications for seniors (Senate, No. 2069); and

Seniors,-- home
modifications.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on Senate, Nos. 2018 and 2022, a Bill relative to senior property tax deferral (Senate, No. 2713);

Senior,-- property
tax deferral.

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

By Mr. Eldridge, for the committee on Revenue, on petition, a Bill increasing volunteer service property tax benefits for veterans (Senate, No. 1932);

Veterans,-- property
taxes.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to veteran property tax work-off (Senate, No. 1948); and

Veterans,--
property tax.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill incentivizing veterans to reside in the Commonwealth (Senate, No. 2072);

Veterans,-- reside
in MA.

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

By Mr. Keenan, for the committee on Election Laws, being a message from Her Excellency the Governor, a Bill validating the proceedings at the Millbury annual town meeting (printed in Senate, No. 2678);

Millbury town
meeting.

The bill was read. 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.

By Mr. Keenan, for the committee on Election Laws, being a message from Her Excellency the Governor, a Bill relative to elected and appointed officials of the town of Plymouth (printed in Senate, No. 2679);

Plymouth,--
validate
proceedings.

The bill was read. 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.

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 relative to trafficking and abuse survivors.

Trafficking,--
survivors.
SD3394

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 the Judiciary.

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 Ryan C. Fattman for legislation relative to diaper product ingredient disclosure.

Diaper disclosure.
SD3313

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 Public Health.

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 Ryan C. Fattman for legislation to exempt Software as a Service (SaaS) products from sales taxes.

Tax exemption,--
Software as a
Service.
SD3302

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 Revenue.

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 Ryan C. Fattman for legislation relative to driving a motor vehicle with an expired inspection sticker.

Motor vehicle,--
inspection stickers.
SD3320

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.

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE.

Engrossed Bill.

An engrossed Bill authorizing the continued employment of Steven A. Hilliger as a firefighter in the town of Lancaster (see, House, No. 2879) (which originated in the House), **having been certified by the Senate Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be enacted and signed by the Acting President (Ms. Comerford) and laid before the Governor for her approbation.**

Bill laid before the
Governor.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Durant,--

Ordered, that when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn to meet again on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

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 Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.