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Monday, December 1, 2025.

Met at twenty-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.

### *Reports.*

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

Report of the Department of Public Health (pursuant to Section 43 of Chapter 127 of the Acts of 2022) submitting its Abortion Desert and Maternity Care Desert 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 Health) (received November 26, 2025);

DPH,-- Abortion  
and Maternity Care  
Desert report.  
SD3412

Report of the Department of Correction (pursuant to item 8900-0001 of Section 2 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting its School Year 2023-2024 Educational Programming 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 November 26, 2025);

DOC,--  
Educational  
Programming  
SY23-24 report.  
SD3413

Report of the Department of Correction (pursuant to item 8900-0001 of Section 2 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting its Fiscal Year 2024 Objective Point Base Classification 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 November 26, 2025);

DOC,-- FY24 OPB  
Classification  
report.  
SD3414

Report of the Department of Correction (pursuant to line item 8900-0010 of Section 2 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting its Correctional Industries Program 2024 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 November 26, 2025);

DOC,--  
Correctional  
Industries Program  
2024 report.  
SD3415

Report of MassHealth (pursuant to Section 111 of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting its Personal Care Attendant Working Group November 2025 report (a copy having been forwarded to the Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means) (received November 26, 2025);

PCA Working  
Group Report  
November 2025  
report.  
SD3417

Report of the Department of Public Health (pursuant to 105 CMR 451.403) submitting the inspection report for the Bristol County Modular Building, the Plan of Correction (POC) from the facility and the POC acceptance letter from the Division of Environmental Health Regulations and Standards (EHRS) (received November 26, 2025); and

DPH,-- Bristol  
County Modular  
Building  
Inspection report.  
SD3418

Report of the Department of Public Health (pursuant to 105 CMR 451.403) submitting the inspection report for Bristol County Women's Center, the Plan of Correction (POC) from the facility and the POC acceptance letter from the Division of Environmental Health Regulations and Standards (EHRS) (received November 26, 2025).

DPH,-- Bristol  
County Jail  
Inspection report.  
SD3419

*Special Commission Report.*

Report of the Special Commission on Combating Antisemitism (pursuant to Section 201 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024, as amended by Section 129 of Chapter 248 of the Acts of 2024) submitting its final report (a copy having been forwarded to the Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means) (received November 28, 2025),-- **placed on file.**

SCCA,-- final  
report.  
SD3416

*Reports of a Committees.*

By Mr. Crighton, for the committee on Transportation, on petition, a Resolve establishing a special commission to investigate and study the protection of junior operators (Senate, No. 2427);

Junior operators,--  
commission.

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

By Ms. Rausch, for the committee on Environment and Natural Resources, on petition, a Bill to build resilience for Massachusetts communities (Senate, No. 2542) [Representative Gaskey of Carver dissenting];

Environmental  
bond bill.

**Referred, under Joint Rule 1F, to the committee on Bonding, Capital Expenditures and State Assets.**

By Mr. Mark, for the committee on Tourism, Arts and Cultural Development, on petition, a Bill defining agritourism (Senate, No. 2331);

Agritourism,--  
definition.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill establishing a program for local art and community engagement (Senate, No. 2332);

Community  
engagement,-- art.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to regional tourism councils (Senate, No. 2333);

Regional tourism  
councils,-- grants.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill to grow and maintain space in cities and towns for the creative economy (Senate, No. 2334);

Creative  
economy,-- space.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill to protect Native American heritage (Senate, No. 2335);

Native Americans,-  
- protections.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, Nos. 2327, 2329 and 2336), a Bill establishing a State House restoration and management commission (Senate, No. 2740);

Commission, --  
restoration and  
management.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2337), a Bill establishing a choreographer laureate of the commonwealth (Senate, No. 2741); and

Choreographer  
laureate.

By Mr. Crighton, for the committee on Transportation, on petition, a Bill relative to motorcycle permit requirements (Senate, No. 2430);

Motorcycle  
permits,--  
requirements

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

By Mr. Crighton, for the committee on Transportation, on petition, a Bill relative to billboard permitting (Senate, No. 2431);

Billboard,--  
permitting.

**Read and, under Senate Rule 26, referred to the committee on Rules.**

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4795) of Margaret R. Scarsdale and Danillo A. Sena (by vote of the town) for legislation to amend the charter of the town of Groton,-- **was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Municipalities and**

Groton,-- charter.

## Regional Government.

### Bills

Amending the charter of the city of Greenfield (House, No. 4379,-- on petition) [Local approval received]; and

Greenfield,--  
charter.

Authorizing the town of Ludlow to pay a certain unpaid bill (House, No. 4589,-- on petition) [Local approval received];

Ludlow,-- unpaid  
bill.

**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 establishing a sick leave bank for David A. Russell, an employee of the department of correction (see House, No. 4587), 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.

David Russell,--  
sick leave.

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

### *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 Senate Bill providing for the retirement of Greg Heath, a former firefighter of the city of Westfield (Senate, No. 1919) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.**

Westfield,-- Heath  
retirement.

**Sent to the House for concurrence.**

The House Bill authorizing the city known as the town of West Springfield to grant 4 additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 4287),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

West Springfield,--  
liquor licenses.

### *Moment of Silence.*

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Tarr), the members, guests and staff stood in a moment of silence and reflection in memory of State Representative Ann-Margaret Ferrante.

Moment of silence.

## PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

### *Engrossed Bills.*

The following engrossed bills (all of which originated in the House), 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:

Revising the charter of the city of Lynn (see House, No. 4149, amended);

Bills laid before  
the Governor.

Authorizing the town of Somerset to grant an additional license for the sale of wine and malt beverages not to be drunk on the premises (see House, No. 4286);

Providing a simplified procedure for the layout and acceptance of subdivision roads in the City of Marlborough (see House, No. 4439); and

Establishing a sick leave bank for David A. Russell, an employee of the department of

correction (see House, No. 4587).

*Order Adopted.*

On motion of Mr. Tarr,--

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

Time of meeting.

*Adjourn In Memory of State Representative Ann-Margaret Ferrante.*

The Senator from Essex and Middlesex, Mr. Tarr, moved that when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourns in memory of State Representative Ann-Margaret Ferrante.

Representative Ann-Margaret Ferrante passed away peacefully at her home in Gloucester on November 27, 2025, after a long journey with pancreatic cancer.

A lifelong resident of Gloucester, Ann-Margaret was born at Beverly Hospital on June 26, 1972, to Joseph and Frances (Giacalone) Ferrante. Her parents' Sicilian backgrounds and the jobs they held during her childhood had a big influence on Ann-Margaret; Joseph was a fisherman, and Frances was a school librarian.

Ann-Margaret's childhood was spent growing up in a tight-knit neighborhood of immigrant and immigrant-descended families and the kids of the "churchyard gang." After graduating from Gloucester High School as a member of the Class of 1990, she attended Tufts University, graduating with a double major in economics and international relations. She then earned her juris doctor at Suffolk Law School. Later, during her time as state representative, she attended the Harvard Kennedy School of Government and earned a Master's in Public Administration.

Ann-Margaret's legal and public service career prior to being elected began with working in State Senator Bruce Tarr's office. She practiced law on Pleasant Street, advocated for the Gloucester Seafood Auction, and served as the first Executive Director of the Massachusetts Fisheries Recovery Commission. In 2008, she was elected to the Massachusetts House of Representatives, where she rose to chair the Committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies, the Committee on Community Development and Small Businesses, and ultimately served as Vice Chair of House Ways and Means.

Throughout her legislative career, Ann-Margaret worked to ensure that Cape Ann always had a seat at the table in legislative matters. She was focused on her fishermen, jobs and economic development, and helping those in need.

Ann-Margaret's connection to the fishing industry through her father led her to be a lifelong advocate for the fishermen. Her mother's job as a school librarian instilled a lifelong love of reading in Ann-Margaret. This love resulted in her paying for books to be distributed by the First R Foundation, bringing Dolly Parton's Imagination Library to Cape Ann's children, and passing a law that would make a statewide Imagination Library possible.

One of Ann-Margaret's proudest achievements was the creation of the Gloucester Marine Genomics Institute and Gloucester Biotechnology Academy. GMGI is the prime example of her focus on economic development and job creation. She was delighted that cutting edge fisheries and life science research was being conducted on Cape Ann and that students from Cape Ann were being trained for well-paying careers in the field.

Ann-Margaret is survived by her mother Frances, aunt Grace Ann (Douponce) Giacalone, godparents John and Gerry Willette, many cousins and 14 godchildren. She was predeceased by her father Joseph, aunt Kathleen Giacalone, and uncle John Giacalone.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect to the memory of Ann-Margaret Ferrante, at twenty-four minutes before twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mr. Tarr, the Senate adjourned to

meet again on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.