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Wednesday, November 26, 2025.

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.

Reports.

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

Report of the Department of Revenue (pursuant to Section 5 of Chapter 62F, as amended by the Acts of 2023) submitting its October 2025 report on year-to-date net state tax revenue for the current fiscal year (copies having been forwarded to the Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Chair of the Joint Committee on Revenue) (received November 25, 2025);

Report of the Office of the Comptroller (pursuant to line item 1595-7066 of Section 2E of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting its Fiscal Year 2026 transfer schedule for the STEM Pipeline Fund (a copy having been forwarded to the Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means) (received November 25, 2025); and

Report of the Office of the Comptroller (pursuant to Sections 1A and 1B of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting its report on the comparison of Actual Revenue Collections to Budget 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 25, 2025).

DOR,-- October
2025 Net State Tax
Revenue
Determination
report.
SD3406
Comptroller,--
STEM Pipeline
Fund FY26
Transfer Schedule.
SD3409
Comptroller,--
Actual Revenue
Collections FY26
Q1 report.
SD3410

Petitions.

Petitions were severally presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Rush, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2750) of Michael F. Rush (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to add certified emergency telecommunicators within the city of Boston to the Group 2 retirement classification [Local approval received];

Boston,--
emergency
telecommunicator.

**Under Senate Rule 20, to the committee on Public Service.
Sent to the House for concurrence.**

Mr. Fernandes presented a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Dylan A. Fernandes for legislation to include inflammatory breast cancer awareness in nursing education,-- **and the same was referred, under Senate Rule 20, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.**

Nursing
education,-- breast
cancer.
SD3404

Orders.

Mr. Eldridge presented an Order relative to granting the committee on Revenue until March 6, 2026, within which time to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 1933, 1935, 2004, 2017, 2027 and 2032, relative to revenue matters (Senate, No.

Revenue,--
extension order.

2758);

Mr. Eldridge presented an Order relative to granting the committee on Revenue until June 25, 2026, within which time to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 28, 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925, 1926, 1927, 1929, 1931, 1938, 1941, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1945, 1946, 1947, 1949, 1950, 1952, 1953, 1954, 1956, 1957, 1958, 1959, 1960, 1962, 1963, 1965, 1970, 1971, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1979, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1995, 1996, 1998, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2005, 2007, 2008, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2019, 2020, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026, 2028, 2029, 2030, 2031, 2033, 2035, 2038, 2039, 2040, 2041, 2042, 2043, 2044, 2045, 2047, 2050, 2051, 2053, 2054, 2055, 2056, 2058, 2059, 2060, 2064, 2066, 2068, 2074, 2075, 2076, 2077, 2078, 2079, 2080, 2081, 2082, 2083, 2084, 2085, 2086, 2087, 2088, 2089, 2090, 2091, 2095, 2098 and 2694, relative to revenue matters (Senate, No. 2759); and

Ms. Jehlen presented an Order relative to granting the committee on Aging and Independence until March 10, 2026, within which time to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 469, 478, 479 and 486, relative to aging and independence matters (Senate, No. 2760);

Severally referred, under Joint Rule 30, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Reports of Committees.

By Ms. Kenndy, for the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, on Senate, Nos. 103, 114, 121, 122, 123, 126, 140, 142 and 169, an Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities to make an investigation and study of certain current Senate documents relative to children, families and persons with disabilities matters (Senate, No. 2754); and

By Mr. Eldridge for the committee on Revenue, on Senate, Nos. 1928, 1961, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1978, 1980, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 2049, 2052, 2057, 2062 and 2063, an Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on Revenue to make an investigation and study of certain current Senate documents relative to revenue matters (Senate, No. 2757);

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

By Mr. Brady, for the committee on Public Service, on petition, a Bill relative to creditable service for elected officials (Senate, No. 1790);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill providing for fairness and equity for Massachusetts Water Resources Authority employees (Senate, No. 1800);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to veterans' buyback (Senate, No. 1828);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill further regulating the retirement rights of certain employees of Plymouth County (Senate, No. 1863);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to the creditable service of former employees of the Massachusetts Development Finance Agency (Senate, No. 1864);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill authorizing the State Board of Retirement to grant creditable service to Paul Lemelin (Senate, No. 1883);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to the timely and consistent payment of law enforcement personnel (Senate, No. 1885);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to firefighter training (Senate, No. 1896);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill regulating education

Id.

Aging and
Independence,--
extension order.

Children, Families
and Persons with
Disabilities,--
study.

Revenue,-- study.

Elected officials,--
creditable service.

MWRA
employees,--
equity.
Veterans' buyback.

Plymouth County,-
- retirement.

MDFA,-- former
employees.

Paul Lemelin,--
retirement.

Police details,--
payment.

Firefighter,--
training.

School

administrator retirement (Senate, No. 1913);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Resolve creating a special commission on additional regular compensation for certain members and annual expenses for members of general court (Senate, No. 2100);

By Mr. Crighton, for the committee on Transportation, on petition, a Bill setting deadlines for school bus and public fleet electrification, and programs to encourage electrification of private fleets (Senate, No. 2358);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to setting deadlines to electrify the MBTA commuter rail (Senate, No. 2359);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to human trafficking awareness (Senate, No. 2365);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill to provide identification to youth and adults experiencing homelessness (Senate, No. 2399);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to commuter rail pedestrian safety (Senate, No. 2412);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to an interstate compact for western MA rail service (Senate, No. 2416);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill to authorize Massachusetts Fallen Firefighter Memorial motorcycle license plates (Senate, No. 2421); and

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to child passenger safety Senate, No. 2422);

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 relative to veteran inclusion (Senate, No. 1795);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill clarifying constitutional officer employers for collective bargaining purposes (Senate, No. 1850);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill clarifying call firefighter rights (Senate, No. 1915); and

By Mr. Crighton, for the committee on Transportation, on petition, a Bill relative to naming the Winchester center station after Governor John A. Volpe (Senate, No. 2407);

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4784) of Brian W. Murray (by vote of the town) relative to the town administrator in the town of Hopedale,-- **was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.**

Bills

Authorizing Adam T. Jankowski to take the civil service examination for the position of police officer in the city of Haverhill or the position of uniformed member of the state police notwithstanding the maximum age requirement (House, No. 4178, amended,-- on petition) [Local approval received]; and

Amending the charter of the town of Hudson (House, No. 4782,-- on House, No. 4503) [Local approval received on House, No. 4503];

Were severally read and, under Senate Rule 26, placed in the Orders of the Day

administrators,--
retirement.
General Court,--
compensation.

Public vehicles,--
electrification.

Public transit,--
electrification.

Human
trafficking,--
awareness.

Real ID,--
homeless
individuals.

Commuter rail,--
pedestrian safety.

Western MA,-- rail
compact.

Fallen firefighters,-
- memorial plates.

Child passengers,--
motor vehicles.

National Guard,--
civil service.

Collective
bargaining,--
employees.
Call firefighters,--
creditable service.

Winchester,--
Volpe station.

Hopedale,-- town
administrator.

Haverhill,-- Adam
T. Jankowski.

Hudson,-- charter.

for the next session.

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 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 (House, No. 4286) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Somerset,-- liquor license.

The House Bill providing a simplified procedure for the layout and acceptance of subdivision roads in the City of Marlborough (House, No. 4439),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Marlborough,-- roads subdivision.

The House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for David A. Russell, an employee of the department of correction (House, No. 4587) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

David Russell,-- sick leave.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4796) of Paul J. Donato for legislation to regulate organ transport vehicles;

Organ transplant,-- vehicles.

Under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Public Health.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4797) of Danielle W. Gregoire relative to the recording of a confirmatory deed by the Commonwealth of a certain parcel of land in the city of Marlborough to Louis G. Monti, Jr., of said city;

Marlborough,-- land.

Under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

Emergency Preamble Adopted.

An engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Jeanne McCarron, an employee of the Registry of Motor Vehicles (see House, No. 4624, 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.

Jeanne McCarron,-- sick leave.

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

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

Extending residency requirements for members of the regular police and fire departments and fire alarm and wires division of the city of Newton (see House, No. 2335);

Bills laid before the Governor.

Authorizing certain investments for the town of Richmond Free Public Library (see House, No. 4154);

Authorizing the town of Acton to increase the residency limit for members of its police

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and fire departments (see House, No. 4168); and

Establishing a sick leave bank for Jeanne McCarron, an employee of the Registry of Motor Vehicles (see House, No. 4624, amended).

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 twenty-one minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., the Senate adjourned to meet again on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.