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Thursday, January 8, 2026.

Met at sixteen 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:

Public Employee Retirement Administration Commission (pursuant to Section 21(3)(f) of Chapter 32 of the General Laws) submitting its PERAC - annual COLA report (received January 7, 2026);

PERAC - COLA
annual report.
SD3560

Report of the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (see Section 9 of Chapter 149 of the Acts of 2014) submitting Department of Public Utilities Gas Leaks 2025 report (copies having been forwarded to the Senate Chairs of the Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security and the Joint Committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy) (received January 7, 2026); and

EOEEA,-- DPU
Gas Leaks 2025
report.
SD3561

Report of the Executive Office for Administration and Finance (pursuant to Section 2E(d) of Chapter 29 of the General Laws) submitting its Federal Match and Debt Reduction Fund December 2025 report (a copy having been forwarded to the Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means) (received January 7, 2026).

A&F, --Federal
Match Debt
Reduction Fund
report.
SD3562

Reports of Committees.

By Ms. Lovely, for the committee on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that the Senate Bills

Relative to increasing opportunities for employment in professional licensure (Senate, No. 198); and

Professional
licensure,--
employment.
Continuum of
care,--
commission.

Establishing a commission to study the availability of a continuum of care for persons with substance use disorder (Senate, No. 1412); and

The Senate Resolve

To ensure delivery of mental health services to adults with acute mental illness (Senate, No. 1407);

Mental health,--
commission.

Severally ought to pass;

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

By Mr. Feeney, for the committee on Financial Services, on petition, a Resolve creating a special commission on affordable housing insurance (Senate, No. 768); and

Affordable housing
insurance,-- special
commission.

By Mr. Driscoll, for the committee on Public Health, on petition, a Resolve establishing a Norwood Hospital working group (Senate, No. 1622);

Norwood hospital,-
- working group.

Severally referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two

branches, acting concurrently.

By Mr. Feeney, for the committee on Financial Services, on petition, a Bill ensuring access to fair and reasonable pharmacy networks (Senate, No. 687);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to unilateral contract changes (Senate, No. 699);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to the use of virtual credit cards by dental insurance providers (Senate, No. 704);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill to strengthen the control of contagious and infectious diseases in the Commonwealth (Senate, No. 714);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill ensuring access to specialty medications (Senate, No. 734);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill providing for a medical exemption for manufacturer coupons (Senate, No. 738);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to group insurance commission procurement (Senate, No. 744);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill limiting out of pocket health expenses (Senate, No. 745);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill to improve patient access to non-emergency medical transportation (Senate, No. 746);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill providing for prompt health insurance benefits for municipal employees (Senate, No. 755);

By Ms. Kennedy, for the committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery, on petition, a Bill expanding access to mental health services and strengthening risk assessment protocols (Senate, No. 1381);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill establishing a board of registration of licensed mental health counselors (Senate, No. 1382);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill establishing peer-run respite centers throughout the Commonwealth (Senate, No. 1383);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill to transfer Bridgewater State Hospital from the Department of Corrections to the Department of Mental Health (Senate, No. 1386);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill establishing alternative models for behavioral health transport (Senate, No. 1397);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill to create intensive stabilization and treatment units within the Department of Mental Health (Senate, No. 1398);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill to provide more timely treatment of inpatient mental health care (Senate, No. 1401);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill repealing the sunset date for drug stewardship (Senate, No. 1405);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill providing appropriate care for certain populations (Senate, No. 1408);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to protective custody (Senate, No. 1419);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1385), a Bill expanding loan repayment assistance for primary care physicians working in integrated primary and behavioral health care settings (Senate, No. 2884);

By Mr. Driscoll, for the committee on Public Health, on petition, a Bill prioritizing patient access to care (Senate, No. 1563);

Pharmacies,--
access.

Healthcare,--
contract changes.

Dental insurance,--
virtual credit cards.

Infectious diseases.

Medications,--
access.

Manufacturer
coupons,--
exemption.

GIC,-- proposals
and bids.

GIC,-- health
insurance plans.

Medical
transportation.

Municipal
employees,--
health insurance.
Mental health
services,-- access.

Mental health
counselors,--
registration.
Peer-run respite
centers.

Bridgewater State
Hospital,--
jurisdiction.

Behavioral health,--
transport.

Department of
Mental Health,--
treatment units.
Mental health,--
treatment.

Drug stewardship
program.

Hospitals,-- certain
populations.

Protective custody.

Physicians,-- loan
repayment.

Patient care.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to acute hospital governance (Senate, No. 1572);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on Senate, Nos. 1573, 1530 and 1552, a Bill relative to newborn screenings for congenital cytomegalovirus (Senate, No. 1573);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill ensuring access to a resident representative in long-term care facilities (Senate, No. 1580);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill enabling trained school personnel to administer life saving epinephrine treatment (Senate, No. 1595);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to physician assistant interstate compact (Senate, No. 1608);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill assessing healthcare access (Senate, No. 1610);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill providing safeguards for home healthcare workers (Senate, No. 1632);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to staffing at home health and hospice agencies (Senate, No. 1633);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill ensuring access to medical records (Senate, No. 1634); and

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill authorizing pharmacists to provide opioid use disorder treatment (Senate, No. 1635);

Severally referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

By Mr. Fernandes, for the committee on Agriculture and Fisheries, on petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 54), a Bill regulating the sale of hemp products to protect public health (Senate, No. 2800);

By Mr. Feeney, for the committee on Financial Services, on petition, a Bill to provide transparency in third party litigation financing (Senate, No. 680);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill to incentivize the adoption of local climate resilience policies (Senate, No. 686);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill appointing temporary qualified appraisers for damage covered by auto insurance policies (Senate, No. 702);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to private flood insurance (Senate, No. 719);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill to promote climate resilient homes (Senate, No. 720);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill providing a delivery network company surcharge for small businesses and EJ communities (Senate, No. 733);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill to promote economic mobility through matched savings (Senate, No. 737);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to access to paid family and medical leave and unemployment insurance for graduate student workers (Senate, No. 747);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill establishing uniform enforcement and confidentiality provisions relative to certain licensees under the jurisdiction of the division of banks (Senate, No. 750);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill enhancing homebuyer awareness by providing notice to persons purchasing property in a flood zone (Senate, No. 753);

Acute hospital governance.

Newborns,-- congenital cytomegalovirus.
Resident representative,-- care facilities.
Epinephrine,-- school personnel.

Physician Assistant,-- interstate compact.
Healthcare access.

Home healthcare workers,-- safeguards.
Healthcare agencies,-- staff.

Medical records,-- fees.

Pharmacists,-- SUDS treatment.

Sale of hemp products,-- regulations.

Third party financing.

Climate policies,-- adoption.

Auto insurance,-- appraisers.

Flood insurance,-- private.

Homes Program and Fund.

Delivery service,-- fees.

Matched savings account.

Graduate student workers,-- benefits.

Division of banks,-- license enforcement.

Flood zone,-- disclosure.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill allowing for the use of an online tool to change life insurance beneficiaries (Senate, No. 760);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill establishing a Massachusetts foreclosure prevention program (Senate, No. 765);

By Ms. Kennedy, for the committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery, on petition, a Bill enabling physician assistants to authorize psychiatric holds and ensure adequate training on their use (Senate, No. 1387);

By Mr. Driscoll, for the committee on Public Health, on petition, a Bill supporting survivors through financial assistance (Senate, No. 1562);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill for healthy kids, healthy futures (Senate, No. 1571);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to chemicals in food packaging (Senate, No. 1588);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to protecting air quality from carbon-emitting energy generators (Senate, No. 1599);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill ensuring home care patient safety (Senate, No. 1614);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to personal health information portability and accessibility (Senate, No. 1624);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to the theft of graves (Senate, No. 1629); and

By Mr. Eldridge, for the committee on Revenue, on petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2034), a Bill to promote healthy alternatives to sugary drinks (Senate, No. 2752);

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

By Ms. Rausch, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on petition, a Bill changing the board of selectmen in the town of Boylston to select board (Senate, No. 2648) [Local approval received];

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4909) of Manny Cruz (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to the reserve time of public safety personnel in the city of Salem,-- **was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Public Service.**

Emergency Preamble Adopted.

An engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Jeffrey Yacinthe, an employee of the department of elementary and secondary education (see Senate, No. 2799), 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.

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

Life insurance,--
beneficiary
updates.

Foreclosure,--
prevention
program.
Mental health
interventions,--
specialized
training.

Survivors of
violence,--
assistance.

Sugary drinks,--
marketing.

Food packaging,--
chemicals.

Air quality plan,--
carbon-emitting
energy.

Home care,-- high
risk patients.

Health
information,--
accessibility.
Graves,-- theft.

Sugary drinks,--
healthy
alternatives.

Boylston,-- select
board.

Salem,-- public
safety personnel.

Jeffrey Yacinthe,--
sick leave.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (having been filed with the Clerk) were considered forthwith and adopted, as follows:-

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Oliveira) “congratulating the Warren Public Library on the occasion of the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of its establishment.”

Warren Public Library.

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 filling of vacancies in the office of mayor in the city of New Bedford (Senate, No. 2509) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.**

New Bedford,-- office of mayor.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

The House Bill further regulating vacancies among town meeting members in the town of Milford (House, No. 4171) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading),-- was read a third time.

Milford,-- town meeting members.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Ms. Rausch presented an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text of Senate document numbered 2904.

The amendment was adopted.

The bill, as amended, was then passed to be engrossed, in concurrence with the amendment.

Sent to the House for concurrence in the amendment.

Report of Committees.

By Ms. Lovely, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that the Senate Order, granting the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure be granted until March 5, 2026, within which time to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 189, 191, 193, 201, 221, 225, 235, 244, 262, 268, 282, 290, 2526, 2532, 2553, 2628, and 2636, relative to consumer protection and professional licensure matters (Senate, No. 2782),-- ought to be adopted.

Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure,-- extension order.

The rules were suspended on motion of Mrs. Dooner and, the order was considered forthwith and adopted.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4914) of Alice Hanlon Peisch relative to the Massachusetts Uniform Commercial Code,-- **was referred, in concurrence, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Financial Services.**

Uniform Commercial Code.

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:

Establishing a sick leave bank for Jeffrey Yacinthe, an employee of the department of elementary and secondary education (see Senate, No. 2799); and

Bills laid before the Governor.

Amending the charter of the city of Malden (see House, No. 4233, amended).

Recess.

There being no objection, at twenty-three minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., the Chair (Mr. Brownsberger) declared a recess, subject to the call of the Chair; and, at twenty minutes past four o'clock P.M., the Senate reassembled, Ms. Friedman in the Chair.

Recess.

Orders Adopted.

Mr. Rodrigues offered the following order, to wit:

Ordered, That notwithstanding Senate Rule 7 or any other rule to the contrary, the Senate Bill improving campaign finance reporting by state ballot question committees (Senate, No. 507) to be reported by the committee on Ways and Means with a recommended new draft (Senate, No. 2898) on Thursday, January 8, 2026, and read into the Senate Journal on Thursday, January 8, 2026, shall be placed in the Orders of the Day for a second reading for Thursday, January 15, 2026, for immediate consideration with the Ways and Means new draft pending.

Procedural order.
SD3563

All amendments shall be filed electronically in the office of the Clerk of the Senate by 3:30 P.M, on Monday, January 12, 2026. All such amendments shall be second reading-amendments to the proposed Senate Ways and Means new draft (Senate, No. 2898), but further amendments in the third degree to such amendments shall be in order. The Clerk shall further specify the procedure and format for filing all amendments, consistent with this order.

After the bill as amended is ordered to a third reading, it shall immediately be read a third time and the question shall then immediately be on passing it to be engrossed, and no amendments shall be in order at the third reading of the bill unless recommended by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mrs. Dooner, and the order was considered forthwith and adopted.

The bill will be placed in the Orders of the Day for Thursday, January 15, 2026, for a second reading with the amendment pending.

Mr. Rodrigues offered the following order, to wit:

Ordered, That notwithstanding Senate Rule 7 or any other rule to the contrary, the Senate Bill to prevent property tax bill shocks (Senate, No. 1933) to be reported by the committee on Ways and Means with a recommended new draft (Senate, No. 2899) on Thursday, January 8, 2026, and read into the Senate Journal on Thursday, January 8, 2026, shall be placed in the Orders of the Day for a second reading for Thursday, January 15, 2026, for immediate consideration with the Ways and Means new draft pending.

Procedural order.
SD3564

All amendments shall be filed electronically in the office of the Clerk of the Senate by 3:30 P.M, on Monday, January 12, 2026. All such amendments shall be second reading-amendments to the proposed Senate Ways and Means new draft (Senate, No. 2899), but further amendments in the third degree to such amendments shall be in order. The Clerk shall further specify the procedure and format for filing all amendments, consistent with this order.

After the bill as amended is ordered to a third reading, it shall immediately be read a third time and the question shall then immediately be on passing it to be engrossed, and no amendments shall be in order at the third reading of the bill unless recommended by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mrs. Dooner, and the order was considered forthwith and adopted.

The bill will be placed in the Orders of the Day for Thursday, January 15, 2026, for a second reading with the amendment pending.

Mr. Rodrigues offered the following order, to wit:

Ordered, That notwithstanding Senate Rule 7 or any other rule to the contrary, the Senate Bill relative to municipal tax relief (Senate, No. 1935) to be reported by the committee on Ways and Means with a recommended new draft (Senate, No. 2900) on Thursday, January 8, 2026, and read into the Senate Journal on Thursday, January 8, 2026, shall be placed in the Orders of the Day for a second reading for Thursday, January 15, 2026, for immediate consideration with the Ways and Means new draft pending.

All amendments shall be filed electronically in the office of the Clerk of the Senate by 3:30 P.M., on Monday, January 12, 2026. All such amendments shall be second reading-amendments to the proposed Senate Ways and Means new draft (Senate, No. 2900), but further amendments in the third degree to such amendments shall be in order. The Clerk shall further specify the procedure and format for filing all amendments, consistent with this order.

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The rules were suspended, on motion of Mrs. Dooner, and the order was considered forthwith and adopted.

The bill will be placed in the Orders of the Day for Thursday, January 15, 2026, for a second reading with the amendment pending.

Mr. Rodrigues offered the following order, to wit:

Ordered, That notwithstanding Senate Rule 7 or any other rule to the contrary, the Senate Bill relative to senior property tax deferral (Senate, No. 2713) to be reported by the committee on Ways and Means with a recommended new draft (Senate, No. 2901) on Thursday, January 8, 2026, and read into the Senate Journal on Thursday, January 8, 2026, shall be placed in the Orders of the Day for a second reading for Thursday, January 15, 2026, for immediate consideration with the Ways and Means new draft pending.

All amendments shall be filed electronically in the office of the Clerk of the Senate by 3:30 P.M., on Monday, January 12, 2026. All such amendments shall be second reading-amendments to the proposed Senate Ways and Means new draft (Senate, No. 2901), but further amendments in the third degree to such amendments shall be in order. The Clerk shall further specify the procedure and format for filing all amendments, consistent with this order.

After the bill as amended is ordered to a third reading, it shall immediately be read a third time and the question shall then immediately be on passing it to be engrossed, and no amendments shall be in order at the third reading of the bill unless recommended by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mrs. Dooner, and the order was considered forthwith and adopted.

The bill will be placed in the Orders of the Day for Thursday, January 15, 2026, for a second reading with the amendment pending.

Mr. Rodrigues offered the following order, to wit:

Ordered, That notwithstanding Senate Rule 7 or any other rule to the contrary, the Senate Bill authorizing the establishment of a mean tested senior citizen property tax exemption (Senate, No. 2036) to be reported by the committee on Ways and Means with a recommended new draft (Senate, No. 2902) on Thursday, January 8, 2026, and read into the Senate Journal on Thursday, January 8, 2026, shall be placed in the Orders of the Day for a second reading for Thursday, January 15, 2026, for immediate consideration with the Ways and Means new draft pending.

Procedural order.
SD3565

Procedural order.
SD3566

Procedural order.
SD3567

All amendments shall be filed electronically in the office of the Clerk of the Senate by 3:30 P.M., on Monday, January 12, 2026. All such amendments shall be second reading-amendments to the proposed Senate Ways and Means new draft (Senate, No. 2902), but further amendments in the third degree to such amendments shall be in order. The Clerk shall further specify the procedure and format for filing all amendments, consistent with this order.

After the bill as amended is ordered to a third reading, it shall immediately be read a third time and the question shall then immediately be on passing it to be engrossed, and no amendments shall be in order at the third reading of the bill unless recommended by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mrs. Dooner, and the order was considered forthwith and adopted.

The bill will be placed in the Orders of the Day for Thursday, January 15, 2026, for a second reading with the amendment pending.

Mr. Rodrigues offered the following order, to wit:

Procedural order.
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Ordered, That notwithstanding Senate Rule 7 or any other rule to the contrary, the Senate Bill honoring Blue Star Families (Senate, No. 2903) to be reported from the committee on Ways and Means on Thursday, January 8, 2026, and read into the Senate Journal on Thursday, January 8, 2026, shall be placed in the Orders of the Day for a second reading for Thursday, January 15, 2026, for immediate consideration.

All amendments shall be filed electronically in the office of the Clerk of the Senate by 3:30 P.M., on Monday, January 12, 2026. All such amendments shall be second reading-amendments. The Clerk shall further specify the procedure and format for filing all amendments, consistent with this order.

After the bill as amended is ordered to a third reading, it shall immediately be read a third time and the question shall then immediately be on passing it to be engrossed, and no amendments shall be in order at the third reading of the bill unless recommended by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mrs. Dooner, and the order was considered forthwith and adopted.

The bill will be placed in the Orders of the Day for Thursday, January 15, 2026, for a second reading.

Reports of a Committee.

By Mr. Rodrigues, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Senate Bill improving campaign finance reporting by state ballot question committees (Senate, No. 507),-- ought to pass, with an amendment substituting a new draft with the same title (Senate, No. 2898);

Ballot question
committees.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, that the Senate Bill to prevent property tax bill shocks (Senate, No. 1933),-- ought to pass, with an amendment substituting a new draft with the same title (Senate, No. 2899);

Property,-- tax bill
shocks.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, that the Senate Bill relative to municipal tax relief (Senate, No. 1935),-- ought to pass, with an amendment substituting a new draft with the same title (Senate, No. 2900);

Municipalities,--
tax rebate.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, that the Senate Bill relative to senior property tax deferral (Senate, No. 2713),-- ought to pass, with an amendment substituting a new draft with the same title (Senate, No. 2901); and

Senior,-- property
tax deferral.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, that the Senate Bill authorizing the establishment of a mean tested senior citizen property tax exemption (Senate, No. 2036),-- ought to pass, with an amendment substituting a new draft with the same title (Senate, No.

Property tax
exemption,-- senior
citizens.

2902);

In accordance with the orders previously adopted, the bills were placed in the Orders of the Day for Thursday, January 15th, for a second reading with the amendments pending.

By Mr. Rodrigues, for the committee on Ways and Means, on Senate No. 1719, reported, in part, a “Bill honoring Blue Star Families (Senate, No. 2903) (also based on Senate, No. 2449).

Blue Star Families.

In accordance with the order previously adopted, the bill was placed in the Orders of the Day for Thursday, January 15th, for a second reading.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mrs. Dooner,--

Ordered, that when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M., and that the Clerk be directed to dispense with the printing of a calendar.

Time of meeting.

Adjournment in Memory of Ms. Mary Ann Lomba.

The Senator from Suffolk, Mr. Collins, the Senator from Second Suffolk, Ms. Miranda, the Senator from Second Bristol and Plymouth, and the Senator from First Bristol and Plymouth, presented a request that when the Senate adjourns today, it do so in memory of Ms. Mary Ann Lomba.

Mary Ann Lomba, 83, of Dorchester, passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, December 28, 2025.

Born and raised in New Bedford, daughter of the late Antonio Joaquim Lomba and Isabella Victorina (Pina) Lomba, she lived in Boston most of her life.

Mary Ann was an active member of her local community. She was a past president of the Massachusetts Alliance of Portuguese Speakers, Executive Director of CVC Unido, now Cape Verdean Association of Boston, Lector at St. Gregory Parish in Dorchester, and active in her Ashmont Community. Mary Ann was a great cook and the center of her extended family. Everyone would gather at her house and would look forward to her annual Mardi Gras party.

Mary Ann graduated from UMass Dartmouth and received her MBA from Northeastern University. She worked at Digital Computers for many years as a financial analyst.

She is survived by her sister, Naomi J. Gomes; her niece, Adrianna Gomes; her nephews, Jerome Lomba Jr. and Nicholas Lomba; her sister-in-law Grace Lomba; her great-nieces Noelle and Joia; and great-nephew Jacob. She is predeceased by her brother Jerome Lomba Sr.; and her brother-in-law Manuel S. Gomes.

Ms. Lomba will be missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing her.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect to the memory of Ms. Mary Ann Lomba, at twenty-eight minutes before five o'clock P.M, on motion of Mrs. Dooner, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.