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Thursday, January 29, 2026.

Met at twenty-one minutes before twelve o'clock noon (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.

Distinguished Guests.

There being no objection, during consideration of the Orders of the Day, the following guests were introduced:

The Chair (Mr. Brownsberger) handed the gavel to Mr. Tarr for the purpose of an introduction. Mr. Tarr then introduced, in the rear of the Chamber, the Masconomet Regional High School varsity cheerleading team. The team was recognized for winning the Fall 2025 MSAA Small Co-ed Division Championship and for being named the MSAA Grand Champions. They were led by Head Coach Tracey Zimirowski, Junior Varsity Coach Jamie Clemens, and Assistant Coaches Spencer Holland and Faye McCarron. The team was accompanied by Representatives Kassner of Hamilton and Kerans of Danvers. The Senate applauded their accomplishments and they withdrew from the Chamber.

The Chair (Mr. Brownsberger) handed the gavel to Ms. Rausch for the purpose of an introduction. Ms. Rausch then introduced, in the rear of the Chamber, the Franklin High School girls volleyball team. The team was recognized for winning the 2025 Kelly-Rex Division Championship in the Hockomock League, defeating three-time defending champions Newton North High School. The team was also recognized for ending their season with a record of 23-2, winning their final 18 matches in a row. They were led by Coach Chris Ridolfi and accompanied by Representative Roy of Franklin. The Senate applauded their accomplishments and they withdrew from the Chamber.

The Chair (Mr. Brownsberger) then introduced, in the rear of the Chamber, Tri Tran the Director of Public Policy at Rosie's Place, Paul Lee of the Boston Foundation and Bethany Li of the Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund. The group was visiting the State House in recognition of passing legislation designating January 30 as Fred Korematsu Day of Civil Liberties and the Constitution. The Senate welcomed them with applause and they withdrew from the Chamber.

The Chair (Mr. Brownsberger) handed the gavel to Mr. Collins for the purpose of an introduction. Mr. Collins then introduced, in the rear of the Chamber, the President and CEO of the Metropolitan Council for Educational Opportunity (METCO), Dr. Kandice Sumner. The METCO program is a voluntary, state-funded grant program in Massachusetts, established to reduce racial isolation, increase school diversity, and provide enhanced educational opportunities for students. The Senate welcomed her with applause and she withdrew from the Chamber.

Masconomet Regional High School varsity cheerleading team.

Franklin High School girls volleyball team.

Tri Tran, Paul Lee and Bethany Li.

Dr. Kandice Sumner.

Reports.

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

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Report of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (pursuant to Section 30 of Chapter 285 of the Acts of 2024) submitting its report on the Plan to End Operations at MASAC - December 2025 (a copy having been forwarded to the Senate Chair of the Joint Committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery) (received January 28, 2026);

Report of the Plymouth District Attorney (pursuant to Section 47(d) of Chapter 94C of the General Laws) submitting its 2025 report relative to the use of monies in the law enforcement trust fund for the purposes of drug rehabilitation, drug education, and other anti-drug or neighborhood crime watch programs (a copy having been forwarded to the Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means) (received January 26, 2026);

Report of the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (pursuant to line item 8910-7110 of Section 2 of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting its MSA FY25 Grants Awarded report (a copy having been forwarded to the Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means) (received January 28, 2026);

Report of the Department of Public Health (pursuant to 105 CMR 451.403) submitting the inspection report for Old Colony Correctional 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 January 28, 2026); and

Report of the Office of the Comptroller (pursuant to line item 1595-4506 of Section 2E of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting its Fiscal Year 2026 transfer schedule for the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Trust Fund (a copy having been forwarded to the Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means) (received January 28, 2026).

Special Commission Report.

Report of the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (pursuant to Section 108 of Chapter 239 of the Acts of 2024) submitting its Extended Producer Responsibility Commission report (copies having been forwarded to the Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Chairs of the Joint Committee on Environment and Natural Resources and the Joint Committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy) (received January 27, 2026),-- **was placed on file.**

Petition.

Ms. Friedman presented a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2933) of Cindy F. Friedman and Marc T. Lombardo (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the town of Billerica to ban second generation anticoagulant rodenticides within the town,-- **and the same was referred, under Senate Rule 20, to the committee on Environment and Natural Resources.**

Sent to the House for concurrence.

Order.

Mr. Lewis presented an Order relative to granting the committee on Education until July 31, 2026, within which time to make its final report on current Senate document numbered 341, relative to expanding access to family, friend, and neighbor-provided childcare administered by the Department of Early Education and Care (Senate, No. 2934);

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

Reports of Committees.

By Ms. Edwards, for the committee on the Judiciary, on Senate, Nos. 1077, 1113, 1137, 1140, 1142, 1149, 1175, 1176, and 2446, an Order relative to authorizing the joint committee

EOHHS,--
December 2025
MASAC report.
SD3622

Plymouth DA,--
2025 forfeiture
report.
SD3623

MSA,-- FY25
Grants Awarded
report.
SD3625

DPH,-- Old
Colony
Correctional
Center Inspection.
SD3626
Comptroller,--
FY26 CLPP Trust
Fund transfer
schedule.
SD3628

EPR Commission
report.
SD3627

Billerica,--
anticoagulant
rodenticides.

Education,--
extension order.

Judiciary,-- study.

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on the Judiciary to make an investigation and study of certain current Senate documents relative to judicial matters (Senate, No. 2930); and

By Ms. Friedman, for the committee on Health Care Financing, on Senate, Nos. 111, 154, 168, 465, 472, 622, 679, 683, 692, 694, 695, 696, 698, 709, 712, 715, 716, 718, 724, 726, 728, 742, 756, 758, 759, 774, 776, 777, 778, 791, 792, 796, 798, 802, 805, 806, 809, 814, 818, 822, 823, 824, 827, 832, 839, 840, 841, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, 852, 853, 856, 859, 860, 861, 863, 864, 865, 871, 873, 874, 877, 878, 879, 880, 881, 883, 884, 885, 886, 888, 890, 891, 892, 893, 894, 896, 897, 898, 899, 902, 903, 905, 906, 907, 908, 910, 911, 912, 913, 914, 915, 916, 917, 1042, 1289, 1362, 1388, 1411, 1418, 1480, 1481, 1488, 1505, 1511, 1514, 1515, 1535, 1538, 1551, 1554, 1565, 1578, 1582, 1583, 1586, 1601, 1602, 1621, 1791, 1792, 1847, 2587, 2599 and 2600, an Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on Health Care Financing to make an investigation and study of certain current Senate documents relative to health care financing matters (Senate, No. 2931) [Senator Cyr dissenting in so much as relates to Senate, Nos. 715, 849, 859 and 860, Senator Feeney dissenting in so much as relates to Senate, Nos. 742, 809, 860, 907, 1535, 1792 and 1847];

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

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

To ensure a complete, accurate, and equitable census count (Senate, No. 533); and

To establish a November holiday honoring President John F. Kennedy, to promote increased voter participation and civic engagement (Senate, No. 2147); and

The Resolve

Establishing a special commission to investigate and study the protection of junior operators (Senate, No. 2427);

Severally ought to pass.

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

By Mr. Feeney, for the committee on Financial Services, on petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2738), a Bill addressing rising insurance costs for manufactured home residents (Senate, No. 2919); and

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2739), a Bill relative to firefighting water supplies and a state cistern program (Senate, No. 2920);

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 relative to direct primary care (Senate, No. 2732);

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

By Mr. Keenan, for the committee on Election Laws, on petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2742), a Bill enhancing safety and security for candidates and professionals (Senate, No. 2918);

By Ms. Edwards, for the committee on the Judiciary, on petition, a Bill to increase transparency in the Massachusetts land record systems to protect the property rights of homeowners and businesses (Senate, No. 1030);

Health Care Financing,-- study.

Census Equity Commission.
John F. Kennedy,-- holiday.

Junior operators,-- commission.

Manufactured and Mobile Homes Commission.

Firefighting water supplies.

Health care,-- payment denials.

Candidates,-- safety.

Residential property,-- mortgage records.

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By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to liability for accidents and collisions with vulnerable road users involving large motor vehicles and trailers (Senate, No. 1036);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to the protection of small businesses and workers (Senate, No. 1038);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to access to a decedent's electronic mail accounts (Senate, No. 1048);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill to enhance fairness and increase positive outcomes for children (Senate, No. 1050);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill promoting diversion of juveniles to community supervision and services (Senate, No. 1051);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill improving juvenile justice data collection (Senate, No. 1054);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to the victim compensation program (Senate, No. 1055);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill to amend the definition of hate crime (Senate, No. 1056);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to unlawful practices in the servicing and foreclosure of a subordinate mortgage (Senate, No. 1071);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill for the removal of void restrictive covenants (Senate, No. 1080);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to rape by an officer (Senate, No. 1083);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill promoting fairness in parole (Senate, No. 1084);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to civil remedies for sexual assault by an officer (Senate, No. 1085);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill to end lifetime parole for juveniles and emerging adults (Senate, No. 1087);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to the designation of Jury Clerk in the Haverhill District Court (Senate, No. 1107);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill clarifying the rights of fiduciaries to access digital assets (Senate, No. 1110);

By Mr. Collins, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on petition, a Bill relative to removing social security numbers from death certificates (Senate, No. 2106); and

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to unpaid student loans (Senate, No. 2139);

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

By Mr. Collins, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on petition, a Bill protecting the privacy of library user data (Senate, No. 2133);

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

Ms. Lovely, for the committee on Rules, reported that the following matters severally be placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session:

The Senate Bill clarifying call firefighter rights (Senate, No. 1915); and

Vulnerable road users,-- damages.

Small businesses,-- protection.

Decedent,-- e-mail accounts.

Juveniles,-- electronic monitoring.

Juveniles,-- supervision.

Juvenile justice,-- data.

Victims,-- compensation program.

Hate crimes.

Subordinate mortgage,-- unlawful practices.

Restrictive covenants,-- removal.

Police officer,-- rape.

Parole,-- fairness.

Law enforcement,-- sexual assault.

Juveniles,-- lifetime parole.

Haverhill District Court,-- jury clerk.

Digital assets,-- fiduciary access.

Death certificate,-- social security number.

Student loans,-- unpaid.

Library users,-- privacy.

Call firefighters.

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The Senate Bill establishing Building Trades Recovery Week (Senate, No. 2110).

Building Trades Recovery Week.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

A message from Her Excellency the Governor recommending legislation relative to financing long-term improvements to municipal roads and bridges (House, No. 4987),-- **was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Transportation.**

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5034) of Daniel J. Hunt (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to authorize the appointment of Matthew Cummings as a police officer in the city of Boston, notwithstanding the maximum age requirement;

To the committee on Public Service.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5035) of David K. Muradian, Jr. (by vote of the town) relative to the senior property tax exemption in the town of Grafton;

To the committee on Revenue.

Bills

Requiring automated external defibrillators at sporting events (House, No. 4993,-- on House, No. 2391); and

Relative to preparing apprentices in the commonwealth (House, No. 5032,-- on House, Nos. 2085, 2121, 2126 and 3375);

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

Bills

Designating Domestic Workers' Rights Day (House, No. 3417,-- on petition); and

Authorizing the Barnstable county and the town of Bourne to convey certain parcels of land and certain interests in land in the town of Bourne (House, No. 4992,-- on House, No. 2351) [Local approval received on House, No. 2351];

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

A Bill directing the city of Boston police department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Rodney Alcindor (House, No. 4254,-- on petition) [Local approval received],-- **was 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 Mr. Fernandes) "congratulating the town of Kingston on the three hundredth anniversary of its incorporation."

Transportation bond.

Boston,-- Matthew Cummings.

Grafton,-- senior tax exemption.

AED's,-- sporting events.

Apprentices,-- training.

Domestic workers' rights day. Bourne,-- land.

Boston,-- Rodney Alcindo.

Town of Kingston.

Reports of a Committee.

Ms. Lovely, for the committee on Rules, reported that the following matters severally be placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session:

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The Senate Bill providing for indigenous representation on the Martha's Vineyard Commission (Senate, No. 1431);

There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Cronin, and the bill was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to read as follows:- "An Act providing for tribal government representation on the Martha's Vineyard commission".

Sent to the House for concurrence.

Martha's Vineyard Commission,-- representation.

The House Bill relative to the Great Barrington Fire District (House, No. 924);

Great Barrington Fire District.

There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Lewis, and the bill was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to read as follows:- "An Act further regulating the Great Barrington fire district".

The House Bill relocating certain harbor lines in New Bedford Harbor (House, No. 4109);

New Bedford,-- harbor lines.

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

A Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Marnie Jean Goldstein, an employee of the Department of Children and Families (House, No. 4888, amended,-- on petition),-- was read.

Marnie Jean Goldstein,-- sick leave.

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

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5036) of Mindy Domb relative to the disclosure of consumer information related to tariffs,-- **was referred, in concurrence, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.**

Tariffs,-- consumer information.

Orders of the Day.

The Orders of the Day were considered as follows:

Bills

Authorizing the city of Somerville to regulate rent in residential dwelling units (Senate, No. 22, changed);

Second reading bills.

Authorizing the town of Marshfield to grant additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages (Senate, No. 274);

Authorizing the town of Cohasset to issue five additional licenses for the sale of alcohol to be drunk on the premises (Senate, No. 276);

Authorizing the town of Brookline to implement rent stabilization and tenant eviction protections (Senate, No. 960, changed);

Changing the board of selectmen in the town of Boylston to select board (Senate, No. 2648);

Authorizing the city of Taunton to establish a separate billing rate for water supplied to manufactured housing communities (Senate, No. 2652);

Regarding the recall of elected officers of the town of Sharon (House, No. 862);

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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);

Relative to the appointment of retired police officers as special police officers in the town of Fairhaven (House, No. 4234, amended);

Authorizing the select board of the town of Hull to establish a schedule of fines for parking violations (House, No. 4247);

Further amending the charter of the town of Middleton (House, No. 4399);

Amending the town manager act of the town of Arlington (House, No. 4502);

Making the charter of the county of Nantucket gender neutral (House, No. 4504);

Authorizing the county of Nantucket to convey School Street situated in the town and county of Nantucket for purposes of conveyance to the town of Nantucket (House, No. 4505);

Relative to Town Manager Powers of Appointment in the town of Bridgewater (House, No. 4579);

Relative to the Monson select board (House, No. 4602);

Permitting the city of Revere to establish penalties and liens for noise ordinance violations (House, No. 4603);

Establishing the city of Cambridge employment and job training trust (House, No. 4774);

Amending the charter of the town of Hudson (House, No. 4782); and

Amending the charter of the city known as the town of Randolph regarding compensation of town council and school committee members and meetings of multiple-member bodies (House, No. 4891);

Were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

Authorizing the town of Ludlow to pay a certain unpaid bill (House, No. 4589),-- **was read a second time and ordered to a third reading. There being no objection, the rules were suspended on motion of Mrs. Dooner and the bill was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Ludlow,-- unpaid bill.

The Senate Bill regulating certain insurance benefits for certain officials in the town of Blackstone (Senate, No. 1445) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.**

Blackstone,-- elected officials.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

The Senate Bill amending the charter of the town of Rockland (Senate, No. 2716),-- came from the House passed to be engrossed, in concurrence with *an amendment* striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text of House document numbered 4866.

Rockland,-- charter.

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

Mr. Keenan moved that the Senate concur with the House amendment with *a further amendment* striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text of Senate document numbered 2932.

The motion was accepted; and the further amendment was adopted.

Sent to the House for concurrence in the further amendment.

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Engrossed Bill.

An engrossed Bill further regulating vacancies among town meeting members in the town of Milford (see House, No. 4171, amended) (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 (Mr. Brownsberger) and laid before the Governor for her approbation.**

Bill laid before the Governor.

Orders of the Day.

The Orders of the Day were further considered as follows:

The House Bill relative to teacher preparation and student literacy (House, No. 4683),- was read a second time.

Student literacy.

Recess.

There being no objection, at twelve minutes before one o'clock P.M., the Chair (Mr. Brownsberger) declared a recess, subject to the call of the Chair; and, at seventeen minutes past one o'clock P.M., the Senate reassembled, Mr. Brownsberger in the Chair.

Recess.

Orders of the Day.

The Orders of the Day were further considered as follows:

The House Bill relative to teacher preparation and student literacy (House, No. 4683).

Student literacy.

There being no objection, during consideration of the Orders of the Day, the following matter was considered:

Report of a Committee.

Ms. Lovely, for the committee on Rules, reported that the following matter be placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session:

The Senate bill designating January 30 of each year as Fred Korematsu Day of Civil Liberties and the Constitution in Massachusetts (Senate, No. 2132).

Fred Korematsu Day.

There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Eldridge, and, after remarks, the bill was read a second time, ordered to a third reading and read a third time, its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to read as follows:- "An Act designating January 30 as Fred Korematsu Day of Civil Liberties and the Constitution."

The question on passing the bill to be engrossed was determined by a call of the yeas and nays, at a half past one o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Eldridge, as follows to wit (yeas 37 – nays 0) **[Yea and Nays No. 129]:**

YEAS.

Barrett, Michael J.	Friedman, Cindy F.
Brady, Michael D.	Gómez, Adam
Brownsberger, William N.	Jehlen, Patricia D.
Collins, Nick	Keenan, John F.
Comerford, Joanne M.	Kennedy, Robyn K.
Creem, Cynthia Stone	Lewis, Jason M.
Crighton, Brendan P.	Lovely, Joan B.
Cronin, John J.	Mark, Paul W.
Cyr, Julian	Miranda, Liz
DiDomenico, Sal N.	Montigny, Mark C.

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Dooner, Kelly A.
Driscoll, Jr., William J.
Durant, Peter J.
Edwards, Lydia
Eldridge, James B.
Fattman, Ryan C.
Feeney, Paul R.
Fernandes, Dylan A.
Finegold, Barry R.

Moore, Michael O.
O'Connor, Patrick M.
Oliveira, Jacob R.
Payano, Pavel
Rausch, Rebecca L.
Rodrigues, Michael J.
Rush, Michael F.
Tarr, Bruce E. – 37.

NAYS – 0.

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING.

Velis, John C. – 1.

The yeas and nays having been completed at twenty minutes before two o'clock P.M., the bill was passed to be engrossed.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

Orders of the Day.

The Orders of the Day were further considered as follows:

The House Bill relative to teacher preparation and student literacy (House, No. 4683).

Student literacy.

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After remarks, pending the question on adoption of the amendment, previously recommended by the committee on Ways and Means, striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text of Senate document numbered 2924, and pending the main question on ordering the bill to a third reading, Messrs. Fernandes and Collins, Ms. Miranda and Mr. O'Connor moved that the proposed new text be amended by inserting after the words "grade 3", in line 72, the following words:- "The department shall fully cover all costs to a district associated with the purchase, licensing, or other acquisition and implementation of high-quality curricula including through professional development".

The amendment was *rejected*.

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Messrs. Fernandes and Collins, Ms. Miranda and Mr. O'Connor moved that the proposed new text be amended by inserting after the words "grade 3", in line 72, the following words:- "The department shall fully cover all costs to a district associated with professional development aligned with evidence-based literacy instruction and scientifically-based reading research for literacy teachers, paraprofessionals, and reading specialists in grades pre-kindergarten through third grade".

The amendment was *rejected*.

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Messrs. Keenan, Collins, Montigny, Payano and O'Connor moved that the proposed new text be amended in section 10, by striking out the proposed first sentence of section 57A of chapter 71 of the General Laws, and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:- "Districts shall develop procedures or protocols to screen for students that demonstrate at least 1 potential indicator of a neurological learning disability including, but not limited to, dyslexia; provided, however, that the department of elementary and secondary education, in consultation with the department of early education and care, shall, subject to appropriation, issue guidelines to assist districts in developing such screening procedures or protocols and districts shall adhere to such guidelines when developing such procedures or protocols."

After remarks, the amendment was adopted.

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Mr. Fernandes moved that the proposed new text be amended by inserting after the word "department", in line 49, the following words:-

"(d) The department shall grant a waiver to a school or district to use a kindergarten through grade 3 curriculum that does not currently appear on the department's list of high-quality curricula provided one or more of the following: (i) The school or district in the

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preceding three years has been formally recognized for the quality of its English Language Arts achievement or English Language Arts progress by the department; (ii) The school or district is currently meeting or exceeding its English Language Arts targets and/or demonstrating moderate or substantial growth toward targets as measured by the current department accountability system”.

The amendment was *rejected*.

Messrs. Moore and O'Connor moved that the proposed new text be amended by inserting after section __ the following sections:-

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“SECTION __. Chapter 69 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2024 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after section 39 the following new section:-

Section 40. (a) As used in this section, the following terms shall, unless the context requires otherwise, have the following meanings:-

‘Student’, shall mean a child in an out-of-home placement under the custody or jurisdiction of the department of children and families or a young adult who has signed a voluntary placement agreement with the department of children and families.

‘Electronic file’, shall mean an electronic repository of all relevant data pertaining to a child or youth who is in an out-of-home placement under the custody or jurisdiction of the department of children and families educational records.

(b) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the department, in conjunction with the department of children and families, local education agencies, and public schools, shall establish, implement, and maintain an electronic centralized education records database, overseen by the executive office of education, to be used by the department for secure and streamlined access to academic records for students in an out-of-home placement foster care and to ensure compliance with Title I, Part A of the Every Student Succeeds Act.

The department shall enter a memorandum of understanding with the department of children and families, local education agencies, the district superintendent, and the building level clinical designee of the school in which a student in an out of home placement under the custody or jurisdiction of the department of children and families is enrolled for the purpose of sharing data relevant to the student’s electronic file. They shall establish a protocol for secure weekly electronic data-sharing to maintain accurate and current information and shall update the information provided in a student’s electronic file upon any change to their out-of-home placement status. Immediately upon a change in placement or school, and on a weekly basis, the department shall inform the district superintendent and the building level clinical designee of the school of any students enrolled who are in out-of-home placements and provide school districts with disaggregated data necessary to ensure the students receive appropriate educational instruction, supports, and services.

(b) The department, in conjunction with local education agencies, the district superintendent, and the building level clinical designee of the school where the student is enrolled, shall provide to the electronic centralized education records database information including, but not limited to, the (a) the student’s name, race/ethnicity, age; (b) the student’s current grade level, any prior grade retentions, and listing of all schools attended; (c) the student’s most recent previous placement type, location, and name of guardian/primary caregiver; (d) the student’s current placement type, location, and name of guardian/ primary caregiver; (e) if the student has a disability, section 504, or individualized education plan; and (f) the student’s academic history to ensure academic continuity. The department of children and families shall provide to the electronic centralized education records database information pertaining to a student’s placement including, but not limited to, (a) their guardian/primary caregiver placement; (b) when they enter or re-enter an out-of-home placement; (c) change placements; (d) return from emergency short term placements; (e) any other short term placements with DYS or law enforcement or behavioral or health care

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facility; (f) are reunified with their family; (g) and any changes to disability status and supports.

Upon receiving notice, the department shall immediately notify the local education agency, the district superintendent, and the building level clinical designee of the school the student is currently attending.

(c) The department shall routinely analyze the data within the electronic centralized education records database to monitor the educational stability and outcomes of students in out-of-home placements.

SECTION ___. Chapter 69 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after section 40 the following section:-

40A. (a) For the first academic year this act is implemented, the department, the department of children and families, and the director of office of student and family support, shall meet monthly to identify areas of improvement, create and implement recommendations to fix delays or problems regarding the electronic file system. For sequential academic years, all parties shall meet bi-annually.

On or before the end of each academic year, the department shall submit, and make public, an electronic report created by the department, the department of children and families, district superintendents, and local education agencies to the clerks of the house and senate, juvenile court, the governor, the executive office of education, the attorney general civil rights unit, the safe and supportive schools commission, Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents, Massachusetts Teachers Association, Massachusetts School Mental Health Consortium, bryt team of the Brookline Center for Community Mental Health, and the parent professional advocacy league. This report shall include, but is not limited to, (a) individual school-level outcome data for each local education agency enrolling at least 15 students in out-of-home placements; (b) number of students in out-of-home placements statewide and within each local education agency; (c) suspension and expulsion rates for students in out-of-home placements; (d) truancy, attendance, and dropout rates for students in out-of-home placements; (e) number of school changes for students in out-of-home placements; and (f) number of years behind grade level for students in out-of-home placements.

Within 30 days of receiving the report for the academic year, the department, the executive office of education, the safe and supportive schools commission, bryt team of the Brookline Center for Community Mental Health, and the parent professional advocacy league shall review the data to identify any areas of concern or improvement and provide evidence-based recommendations to address them. Any recommendations provided by the department, the executive office of education, and the safe and supportive schools commission within this report shall be implemented within 14 days. Upon the implementation of these recommendations, a meeting will be held between the department, the department of children and families, the executive office of education, and the safe and supportive schools commission to review the updated system and to establish up with plan for the coming academic year.

SECTION ___. This act shall take effect on January 1, 2027."

The amendment was *rejected*.

Moment of Silence.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Brownsberger), the members, guests and staff stood in a moment of silence and reflection to the memory of Donna Jean Goldstein.

Moment of silence.

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Recess.

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

Recess.

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE.

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5047) of John H. Rogers and others that the commissioner of the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance be authorized to take by eminent domain a certain parcel of land in the town of Norwood,-- **was referred, in concurrence, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.**

Norwood,-- land.

Orders of the Day.

The Orders of the Day were further considered as follows:

The House Bill relative to teacher preparation and student literacy (House, No. 4683),- the main question being on ordering the bill to a third reading.

Messrs. Tarr and O'Connor moved that the proposed new text be amended in section 10, in line 117, by inserting after the word "dyslexia" the following words:- "provided further, that the department of elementary and secondary education shall provide funding, subject to appropriation, sufficient to cover the costs incurred by school districts to implement the screening assessments and progress monitoring required under this section, including but not limited to costs associated with assessment tools, data management, staff training, and parent communications".

Student literacy.

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Ms. Creem in the Chair, after remarks, the amendment was *rejected*.

Messrs. Tarr and O'Connor moved that the proposed new text be amended by inserting after section the following new section:-

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"SECTION_. Section 38G of chapter 71 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after the word 'personnel', in line 281, the following words:- '; and provided further, that educator preparation programs and licensure standards shall include demonstrated competency in evidence-based literacy instruction for candidates preparing to teach kindergarten through grade 3'.

The commissioner shall require that, as a condition of program approval and as a condition of initial licensure for candidates assigned to kindergarten through grade 3, candidates demonstrate competency in evidence-based literacy instruction as defined in section 1E ½ of chapter 69 by one or more department-approved methods, which may include a pedagogy examination, a performance assessment, or a portfolio. The department shall promulgate regulations establishing assessment content, passing standards, portfolio and performance assessment requirements and scoring rubrics, accommodations for candidates with documented disabilities, procedures for review and appeal of assessment results, and a phased implementation schedule not to exceed three years from the effective date of such regulations. The department shall publish preparatory resources and may use amounts in the Early Literacy Fund established in section 2000000 of chapter 29 to support preparatory courses, assessments, and technical assistance. The department may establish limited alternative demonstration pathways or temporary exemptions for candidates in exceptional circumstances, including but not limited to candidates teaching in designated shortage areas or candidates with documented hardship, provided that any alternative pathway shall require a documented plan for achieving full competency within a timeline established by the department. The department shall report annually to the clerks of the senate and house of representatives and to the joint committee on education on

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implementation progress, including the number of candidates assessed, pass rates by pathway, use of alternative pathways or exemptions, preparatory resources provided, and any recommendations for legislative changes.”

After remarks, the amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Tarr moved that the proposed new text be amended by inserting after section _ the following section:-

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“SECTION_. Section 38 of chapter 71 is hereby amended by inserting at the end thereof the following:- ‘provided further, that said regulations shall require that educator evaluation frameworks for teachers assigned to kindergarten through grade 3 include specific literacy indicators and that districts provide required supports to ensure teacher effectiveness in evidence-based literacy instruction’.”

After remarks, the amendment was *rejected*.

Messrs. Tarr and O'Connor moved that the proposed new text be amended by inserting in line 16 after the word, “curricula” the following: - “(iv) not less than ten percent of the total amounts credited to the fund for that fiscal year to support teacher capacity and improvement in evidence-based literacy instruction for kindergarten through grade 3”.

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After remarks, the amendment was *rejected*.

Messrs. Tarr, O'Connor and Montigny and Mrs. Dooner moved that the proposed new text be amended in section 1, in proposed section 2OOOOOO of chapter 29 of the General laws, by inserting the following subsection:-

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“(d) Annually, not later than December 31, the department shall submit a report on the receipts and expenditures of the fund and file the report with the clerks of the senate and the house of representatives, the senate and house committees on ways and means and the joint committee on education. The department shall make the report publicly available on the department’s website.”;

In section 3, by inserting after the word “teachers”, in line 72, the words:- “, special education teachers”; and

In section 11, by inserting after the word “benchmark, in line 134, the following words:- “; provided, however, that said screening procedures and protocols shall account for the needs of English language learners”.

After remarks, the amendment was adopted.

Ms. Comerford, Mr. Collins, Ms. Jehlen, Messrs. Payano and O'Connor, Ms. Rausch and Mr. Tarr moved that the bill be amended in section 1, by striking out proposed subsection (b) of proposed section 2OOOOOO of chapter 29 of the General Laws and inserting in place thereof the following subsection:-

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“(b) Amounts credited to the fund shall be expended, without further appropriation, to: (i) develop a free, complete high-quality curriculum for kindergarten through grade 3 that meets frameworks established in section 1E of chapter 69; (ii) implement section 1E ½ of said chapter 69; and (iii) provide grants to school districts to support: (1) updating curricula to meet the curriculum frameworks established in said section 1E ½ of said chapter 69; (2) purchasing materials related to such curricula; (3) providing professional development to educators to support implementation of the new curricula; and (4) meeting the reporting and assessment requirements established in sections 57A to 57C, inclusive, of chapter 71. The department shall create and maintain grant eligibility and application criteria for the distribution of the grant funds pursuant to clause (iii) of the first sentence; provided, however, that the criteria shall prioritize districts that are not in substantial compliance with such requirements established in section 1E ½ of said chapter 69 at the time of application and shall prioritize achieving geographic and funding equity; provided further, that the department shall hold at least 1 hearing in western Massachusetts prior to creating such criteria; and provided further, that the department shall provide technical assistance for grant

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applications for districts that are eligible for funding under item 7061-9813 of section 2 of chapter 9 of the acts of 2025.”

After remarks, the amendment was adopted.

Messrs. Tarr and O'Connor moved that the bill be amended by inserting after the word “curricula”, the following:- “(4) training for teachers in evidence-based small-group literacy instruction”.

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After remarks, the amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Tarr moved that the bill be amended by inserting after section the following section:-

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“SECTION . Notwithstanding any special or general law to the contrary the department of elementary and secondary education shall develop and implement a specialty certification in evidence-based literacy instruction for educators serving kindergarten through grade 3. The certification shall include demonstrated competency in the five research-based areas in reading instruction, structured literacy practices, and the delivery of targeted small-group interventions, as determined by the department.”

The amendment was *rejected*.

Messrs. Cronin, O'Connor, Payano and Tarr moved that the bill be amended by striking out section 17 and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

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“SECTION 17. Not later than 6 months following passage of this act, the department of elementary and secondary education shall: (i) develop the list of high-quality curricula for kindergarten through grade 3 required pursuant to subsection (b) of section 1E ¾ of chapter 69 of the General Laws; and (ii) notify school districts that the free, complete high-quality curriculum for kindergarten through grade 3 required pursuant to subsection (d) of section 1E ½ of said chapter 69 will be available prior to the 2027-2028 school year, including, but not limited to, the program components, scope, sequence, design specification and core topics and texts on said curriculum.”

After remarks, the amendment was adopted.

Messrs. Tarr and O'Connor moved that the bill be amended by striking out section 16 and inserting in place there the following section:-

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“SECTION 16. Section 3 of this act shall take effect on August 1, 2028.”

The amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Tarr moved that the bill be amended in line 69 by inserting the following:- “(e) Annually, not later than October 31, each school district shall report to the department the number of reading specialists, reading interventionists, literacy coordinators, school librarians, library aides, education support professionals and other staff employed by the district that directly support student reading and literacy development.”

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The amendment was *rejected*.

Messrs. Tarr and O'Connor moved that the bill be amended by inserting after section the following section:-

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“SECTION . Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary the department of elementary and secondary education, in coordination with the executive office of education, shall submit annually for the next 5 fiscal years the cost of compliance for each school district following the implementation of this act. The department shall file the report with the clerks of the senate and the house of representatives, the senate and house committees on ways and means, and the joint committee on education, and shall make the cost of compliance publicly available on its website.”

The amendment was *rejected*.

Messrs. Tarr and O'Connor moved that the bill be amended by striking out in subsection (a) the definition of “high-quality curriculum” and inserting place thereof the following definition:-

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“High-quality curriculum”, a curriculum reviewed and approved by the standing commission on early literacy practices established in subsection (e).

And by adding in section 1E1/2, as inserted by section 3, the following subsection:-

(e) (1) There shall be a standing commission on early literacy practices to determine high-quality curriculum for early literacy, as described in this section. The department shall be within but not subject to the department.

(2) The standing commission established herein shall consist of 9 members, who shall include public school teachers, public school administrators, parents or guardians of students enrolled in a Massachusetts public school, early literacy experts, and faculty members at institutions of higher education in the commonwealth whose fields of study include education, literacy, linguistics, statistics, cognitive science, or neurology. Membership shall reflect a balance of practitioner experience, academic expertise, and family representation

(3) the standing commission established herein shall annually establish on June 1, for the academic year after the ensuing academic year, the curriculum materials that are high-quality curriculum.

(4) Annually by no later than December 31 shall submit a report on the commissions activities to the clerks of the house and senate.

The amendment was *rejected*.

Messrs. Tarr and O'Connor and Mrs. Dooner moved that the bill be amended in section 3, in proposed subsection (c) of proposed section 1E ½ of chapter 69 of the General Laws by adding the following paragraph:-

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“(6) The department shall provide a denial of a waiver requested pursuant to this subsection in writing to the district that applied for the waiver and provide an opportunity for appeal.”.

After remarks, the question on adoption of the amendment was determined by a call of the yeas and nays at twenty minutes before six o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Tarr, as follows, to wit (yeas 37 – nays 0) **[Yeas and Nays No. 130]**:

YEAS.

Barrett, Michael J.	Friedman, Cindy F.
Brady, Michael D.	Gómez, Adam
Brownsberger, William N.	Jehlen, Patricia D.
Collins, Nick	Keenan, John F.
Comerford, Joanne M.	Kennedy, Robyn K.
Creem, Cynthia Stone	Lewis, Jason M.
Crighton, Brendan P.	Lovely, Joan B.
Cronin, John J.	Mark, Paul W.
Cyr, Julian	Miranda, Liz
DiDomenico, Sal N.	Montigny, Mark C.
Dooner, Kelly A.	Moore, Michael O.
Driscoll, Jr., William J.	O'Connor, Patrick M.
Durant, Peter J.	Oliveira, Jacob R.
Edwards, Lydia	Payano, Pavel
Eldridge, James B.	Rausch, Rebecca L.
Fattman, Ryan C.	Rodrigues, Michael J.
Feeney, Paul R.	Rush, Michael F.
Fernandes, Dylan A.	Tarr, Bruce E. – 37.
Finegold, Barry R.	

NAYS – 0.

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING.

Velis, John C. – 1.

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The yeas and nays having been completed at twelve minutes before six o'clock P.M., the amendment was adopted.

Messrs. Tarr and O'Connor moved that the bill be amended in line 43 after the word, "instruction" the following words:- "provided, however, that if the department uses any third-party for recommendations of evidence-based literacy instruction, that third-party must demonstrate its reliance on methods backed by scientific research and its findings of demonstrated records of success in increasing student competency".

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The amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Brownsberger in the Chair, Mr. Rodrigues moved that the bill be amended by striking out, in line 173, the word "free" and inserting in place thereof the following words:- "freely available".

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The amendment was adopted.

The Ways and Means amendment, as amended was then adopted.

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

After remarks, the question on passing the bill to be engrossed was determined by a call of the yeas and nays, at fourteen minutes past six o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. DiDomenico, as follows, to wit (yeas 38 – nays 0) **[YeaS and NayS No. 131]**:

YEAS.

Barrett, Michael J.	Friedman, Cindy F.
Brady, Michael D.	Gómez, Adam
Brownsberger, William N.	Jehlen, Patricia D.
Collins, Nick	Keenan, John F.
Comerford, Joanne M.	Kennedy, Robyn K.
Creem, Cynthia Stone	Lewis, Jason M.
Crighton, Brendan P.	Lovely, Joan B.
Cronin, John J.	Mark, Paul W.
Cyr, Julian	Miranda, Liz
DiDomenico, Sal N.	Montigny, Mark C.
Dooner, Kelly A.	Moore, Michael O.
Driscoll, Jr., William J.	O'Connor, Patrick M.
Durant, Peter J.	Oliveira, Jacob R.
Edwards, Lydia	Payano, Pavel
Eldridge, James B.	Rausch, Rebecca L.
Fattman, Ryan C.	Rodrigues, Michael J.
Feeney, Paul R.	Rush, Michael F.
Fernandes, Dylan A.	Spilka, Karen E.
Finegold, Barry R.	Tarr, Bruce E. – 38.

NAYS – 0.

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING.

Velis, John C. – 1.

The yeas and nays having been completed at twenty minutes past six o'clock P.M., the bill was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with the amendment [For text of Senate amendment, printed as amended, see Senate, No. 2940.]

Sent to the House for concurrence in the amendment.

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE

Engrossed Bill— Land Taking for Conservation Etc.

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An engrossed Bill allowing the town of Hingham to use municipal property as the location for a center for active living (see House, No. 4314) (which originated in the House), having been certified by the Senate Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage,-- was put upon its final passage; and, this being a bill providing for the taking of land or other easements used for conservation purposes, etc., as defined by Article XCVII of the Amendments to the Constitution, the question on passing it to be enacted was determined by a call of the yeas and nays, at twenty-one minutes past six o'clock P.M., as follows, to wit (yeas 37 - nays 0) [Yea^s and Nay^s No. 132]:

Hingham,--
municipal property
use.

YEAS.

Barrett, Michael J.	Friedman, Cindy F.
Brady, Michael D.	Gómez, Adam
Brownsberger, William N.	Jehlen, Patricia D.
Collins, Nick	Keenan, John F.
Comerford, Joanne M.	Kennedy, Robyn K.
Creem, Cynthia Stone	Lewis, Jason M.
Crighton, Brendan P.	Lovely, Joan B.
Cronin, John J.	Mark, Paul W.
Cyr, Julian	Miranda, Liz
DiDomenico, Sal N.	Montigny, Mark C.
Dooner, Kelly A.	Moore, Michael O.
Driscoll, Jr., William J.	O'Connor, Patrick M.
Durant, Peter J.	Oliveira, Jacob R.
Edwards, Lydia	Payano, Pavel
Eldridge, James B.	Rausch, Rebecca L.
Fattman, Ryan C.	Rodrigues, Michael J.
Feeney, Paul R.	Rush, Michael F.
Fernandes, Dylan A.	Tarr, Bruce E. - 37.
Finegold, Barry R.	

NAYS - 0.

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING.

Velis, John C. - 1.

The yeas and nays having been completed at twenty-seven minutes past six o'clock P.M., the bill was passed to be enacted, two-thirds of the members present having agreed to pass the same, and it was signed by the Acting President (Mr. Brownsberger) and laid before the Governor for her approbation.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Tarr,--

Ordered, that when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn to meet again 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 Donna Jean Goldstein.

The Senator from Bristol and Norfolk, Mr. Feeney, moved that when the Senate adjourns today, it do so in memory of Donna Jean Goldstein.

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Donna Jean Goldstein of Attleboro and West Yarmouth passed away on Saturday, March 22, 2025 at the age of 62. She passed away unexpectedly after a recurrence of breast cancer.

Donna was born in Providence, Rhode Island to Jeanne (Dunford) DeSimone on August 22, 1962 and grew up on Parkway Drive in Warwick, Rhode Island along with her sister Cathleen and brother Peter.

Donna spent her early life in Rhode Island, where she graduated from Salve Regina University in 1984 with a Bachelor's degree in English and was the first in her family to go to college. Rhode Island is also where she met her husband Todd, her life-partner of 36 years with whom she built a warm and loving home in Attleboro.

Together, they created what Donna lovingly called "Team 5," comprised of her, her husband, and her three daughters—Sydney, Madison, and Abigail—who were the center of Donna's world.

After raising her beloved girls full-time for 15 years, Donna felt a calling to continue her passion for early literacy through teaching. Donna returned to school, earning her Master's of Education from Lesley University, and went on to share her passion for reading in her community of Attleboro.

Donna, aka "Mrs. Goldstein", was beloved and known across Attleboro as a literacy champion for kids, the ultimate educator and a transformative force for a better world. Her students knew her for her compassion and dedication to their learning, and to her colleagues, as an extraordinary professional and exceptional human being.

As an ELA teacher, Literacy Coach and K-12 Humanities Coordinator for the Attleboro Public Schools system, Donna understood that early literacy is the foundation for all learning, not only in the classroom but through all facets of life, and embodied this truth with compassion, humor, authenticity and deep care for the students she educated.

Donna dreamed of taking this work Statewide to make an even greater impact on students. She was currently serving at the Department of Elementary and Secondary education as an English Language Arts and Literacy Content Support Lead at the time of her passing. She spent many long hours and nights coaching numerous district leadership teams to improve their literacy curriculum and instruction through programs she helped shape such as the Massachusetts Literacy Institute, and helped design programs that are central to DESE today, such as Curriculum Ratings by Teachers (CURATE) and the Mass Literacy Guide, which Donna co-authored.

At the recent DESE awards ceremony last November, Donna was posthumously recognized for her trailblazing contributions to education and early literacy in the Commonwealth. During the awards ceremony, her supervisor shared:

"As an ELA and Literacy Content Lead, Donna's fingerprints can be found on nearly every major literacy initiative in Massachusetts. She was a leader in the creation and the revisions to the Mass Literacy Guide, making sure it centered culturally and linguistically sustaining practices and reflected her deep belief that literacy belongs to all students....Donna's legacy lives on through every project she helped build...but more than that, through the colleagues, educators, and students whose lives she changed. She modeled what it means to do public service with both intellect and heart...She showed us that literacy is not just about reading and writing – it's about belonging. Donna believed in the brilliance of every child and in the power of every educator. And through her work, and through all of us who were lucky enough to know her, that belief continues to shine."

Donna will be deeply missed by her colleagues at DESE and Attleboro Public Schools; and more deeply still as mother, wife, daughter, family member, and friend to many.

Her legacy will live on through the success of her students, her enduring work at DESE, and the lasting policy changes she championed—helping to affirm Massachusetts as a national leader in early literacy education. Though her loss was unexpected, her impact

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continues, fittingly reflected in the bill the Senate adopts today which codifies many of the early literacy accomplishments and practices she lived for.

May her memory be a blessing; and may it live on in those early readers whom her life's work will continue to shape.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect to the memory of Donna Jean Goldstein, at twenty-eight minutes past six o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. DiDomenico, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.
