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Thursday, February 26, 2026.

Met at five 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.

### *Distinguished Guests.*

There being no objection, the following guests were introduced:

The Chair (Mr. Brownsberger) handed the gavel to Ms. Lovely for the purpose of an introduction. Ms. Lovely then introduced, in the rear of the Chamber, a group of students from Salem State University. The students were visiting the State House to participate in State University Council of Presidents Advocacy Day. Among the group were: Nayla Brito, Haoxu Dong, James Mahoney, Jace Rosado and Amelia Wade. The students were accompanied by Senior Director of External Relations Adria Duijvesteijn. The Senate welcomed them with applause and they withdrew from the Chamber.

Salem State  
University  
students.

The Chair (Mr. Brownsberger) handed the gavel to Mr. Collins the purpose of an introduction. Mr. Collins introduced, in the rear of the Chamber, two groups of performers: the Maple Leaf Dance Troupe and the Tai Shan Community Association Dancers. The dancers were visiting the State House in recognition of Lunar New Year.

Maple Leaf Dance  
Troupe and the Tai  
Shan Community  
Association  
Dancers.

Mr. Collins then introduced, on the Rostrum, Hung Goon and Judy Wong. Mr. Goon was congratulated on his retirement after decades of distinguished service to the Commonwealth and in appreciation of his lifelong devotion to the Chinatown community and preserving the heritage and cultural traditions of Asian communities in Boston. Ms. Wong was recognized for her leadership in the Chinatown Community and for bringing the New England Kung Fu Dancers to the State House for a Lunar New Year Celebration. Mr. Goon and Ms. Wong were welcomed with applause, both briefly addressed the Senate, and they withdrew from the Chamber.

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

The Chair (Mr. Brownsberger) introduced, on the Rostrum, René Sylvestre, the current Québec Delegate to New England. Mr. Sylvestre was appointed to this position in September of 2024 and is based at the Québec Government Office in Boston. He leads efforts to strengthen economic, political, and cultural ties between Québec and the six New England states and works with local government officials to foster partnerships in sectors such as sustainable transportation, construction, and agrifood. The Senate welcomed him with applause, he addressed the Senate from the Rostrum, and he withdrew from the Chamber.

René Sylvestre.

The Chair (Mr. Collins) handed the gavel to Mr. Fernandes for the purpose of an introduction. Mr. Fernandes then introduced, in the rear of the Chamber, a group of college presidents who were visiting the State House in recognition of the passage of the BRIGHT Act, legislation to modernize and invest in public higher education facilities. Among the

Barry Maloney,  
Frederick Clark Jr.,  
Mary Grant, James  
Birge, Linda

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group were: President Barry M. Maloney, Worcester State University, President Frederick W. Clark Jr., Bridgewater State University, President Mary K. Grant, Massachusetts College of Art and Design (MassArt), President James F. Birge, Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts, President Linda Thompson, Westfield State University and President Francis X. McDonald, Massachusetts Maritime Academy. The Senate welcomed them with applause and they withdrew from the Chamber.

Thompson and  
Francis McDonald.

The Chair (Mr. Collins) handed the gavel to Mr. Driscoll for the purpose of an introduction. Mr. Driscoll then introduced, in the rear of the Chamber, Josue Castillo and Yashira DeOliveira, students from Bridgewater State University. Josue and Yashira are members of Student Government Association at Bridgewater State, serving as Senators who were elected by the student body. They were visiting the State House to participate in State University Council of Presidents Advocacy Day. They were accompanied by former Senator Vinny DeMacedo, who is a special advisor to the President of Bridgewater State University and were also guests of Senators Fernades and Rodrigues. The Senate welcomed them with applause and they withdrew from the Chamber.

Josue Castillo and  
Yashira  
DeOliveira.

*Report.*

Report of the Executive Office for Administration and Finance (pursuant to Chapter 88 of the Acts of 2024, Section 10 of Chapter 1 of the Acts of 2025, and Section 88 of Chapter 73 of the Acts of 2025) submitting its Emergency Housing Assistance Program bi-weekly report (a copy having been forwarded to the Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means) (received February 26, 2026),-- **was placed on file.**

A&F,-- EA  
Housing bi-weekly  
report.  
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*Order.*

Mr. Collins presented an Order relative to granting the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight until September 30, 2026, within which time to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 2111, 2112, 2113, 2165, and 2172, relative to state administration and regulatory oversight matters (Senate, No. 2977);

State  
Administration and  
Regulatory  
Oversight,--  
extension order.

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

*Reports of Committees.*

By Ms. Friedman, for the committee on Health Care Financing, on Senate, Nos. 251, 292, 537, 538, 699, 714, 738, 744, 745, 746, 755, 772, 773, 775, 781, 782, 800, 828, 1120, 1381, 1382, 1394, 1397, 1398, 1405, 1406, 1408, 1414, 1419, 1420, 1478, 1492, 1503, 1536, 1572, 1580, 1608, 1610, 1632, 1633, 1634, 1711, 2732, 2822, 2825, and 2884 relative to health care financing matter (Senate, No. 2972) [Senator Driscoll dissenting in so much as relates to Senate, Nos. 537, and 538, Senator Feeney dissenting in so much as relates to Senate, Nos. 745, 746, 1397, and 1536];

Health Care  
Financing,-- study.

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

By Ms. Edwards, for the committee on the Judiciary, on petition, a Bill relative to capacity determination (Senate, No. 1073);

Capacity  
determination.

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

By Ms. Edwards, for the committee on the Judiciary, on petition, a Bill relative to bonded warehouses (Senate, No. 288);

Bonded  
warehouses.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill improving juror compensation (Senate, No. 1028);

Jurors,--  
compensation.

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By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to the integrity of state data systems (Senate, No. 1059);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill prohibiting deception in juvenile interrogations (Senate, No. 1065);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill providing for equity within the judicial branch (Senate, No. 1068, changed in line 68 by striking “2025” and inserting “2026”);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to caregiver authorization affidavits (Senate, No. 1133);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relating to threats of suicide while in court custody (Stavri’s Law) (Senate, No. 1238);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to hate crimes (Senate, No. 1262);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1138), a Bill clarifying a right of a durable power of attorney (Senate, No. 2969); and

By Mr. Oliveira, for the committee on Labor and Workforce Development, on petition, a Bill establishing protections and accountability for Delivery Network Company workers, consumers, and communities (Senate, No. 1305);

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

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE.

A report of the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy recommending that the communication from the Department of Energy Resources of the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (under the provisions of section 12 of Chapter 25A of the General Laws) submitting proposed amendments to regulations 225 CMR 29.00 – governing Small Clean Energy Infrastructure Facility Siting and Permitting (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4827) be placed on file,-- came up accepted by the House.

**Under Senate Rule 36, the report was considered forthwith and accepted in concurrence.**

*Recess.*

There being no objection, at six minutes past eleven o’clock A.M., the Chair (Mr. Brownsberger) declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair; and, at eight minutes before twelve o’clock noon, the Senate reassembled, Mr. Brownsberger in the Chair.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

*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:

Authorizing the appointment of retired police officers as special police officers in the town of Plainville (see Senate, No. 1898); and

Authorizing the town of Orange to increase the membership of the Board of Selectmen (see House, No. 4701).

*Reports of Committees.*

Immigration,--  
shared information.

Juvenile  
interrogations,--  
integrity.  
Judicial branch,--  
equity.

Caregiver,--  
affidavits.

Stavri’s Law.

Hate crimes,--  
intimidation.

Power of attorney.

Delivery drivers,--  
wages and  
regulations.

DOER,-- clean  
energy  
infrastructure.

Recess.

Bills laid before  
the Governor.

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By Mr. Rodrigues, for the committee on Senate Ways and Means, that the Senate Bill providing for the ownership and maintenance of the Town Line Brook and Linden Brook culverts and dams (Senate, No. 620),-- ought to pass with an amendment substituting a new draft with the same title (Senate, No. 2967).

Town Line/Linden Brook,-- flooding.

**There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. O'Connor and the bill was read a second time and was amended, as recommended by the committee on Ways and Means.**

**The bill (Senate, No. 2967) was then ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed.**

**Sent to the House for concurrence.**

By Mr. Rodrigues, for the committee on Senate Ways and Means, that the Senate Bill authorizing the reorientation and further lease of a parcel of land occupied by Riverside Boat Club of Cambridge (Senate, No. 2126),-- ought to pass with an amendment substituting a new draft with the same title (Senate, No. 2966).

Cambridge,-- Riverside Boat Club.

**There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mrs. Dooner, and the bill was read a second time and was amended, as recommended by the committee on Ways and Means.**

**The bill (Senate, No. 2966) was then ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed.**

**Sent to the House for concurrence.**

By Mr. Rodrigues, for the committee on Senate Ways and Means, that the Senate Bill authorizing the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, acting by and through its Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance, to grant permanent easements over certain land in the town of Milton for highway purposes (Senate, No. 2657),-- ought to pass with an amendment substituting a new draft with the same title (Senate, No. 2968).

Milton,-- intersection improvement project.

**There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Moore, and the bill was read a second time and was amended, as recommended by the committee on Ways and Means.**

**The bill (Senate, No. 2968) was then ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed.**

**Sent to the House for concurrence.**

By Ms. Lovely, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that the Senate Order, granting the committee on The Judiciary until April 2, 2026, within which time to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 1035, 1039, 1041, 1043, 1064, 1067, 1101, 1109, 1122, 1127, 1134, 1143, 1146, 1177, 1178, 1184, 1186, 1196, 1200, 1203, 1205, 1221, 1230, 1232, 1236, 1242, 1244, 1245, 1247, 1260, 1267, 1276, 1282, and 1284 relative to judiciary matters (Senate, No. 2971).

The Judiciary,-- extension order.

**The rules were suspended, on motion of Ms. Edwards and, after remarks, the order was considered forthwith and adopted.**

By Mr. Rodrigues, for the committee on Senate Ways and Means, that the House Bill authorizing the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to convey certain parcels of land in the city of Brockton (House, No. 4768),-- ought to pass; with an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text of Senate document numbered 2970.

Brockton,-- land.

**There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Brady, and the bill was read a second time and was amended, as recommended by the committee on Ways and Means.**

**UNCORRECTED PROOF.**

**The bill, as amended, was then ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with the amendment.**

**Sent to the House for concurrence in the amendment.**

By Mr. Rodrigues, for the committee on Senate Ways and Means, that the House Bill authorizing the Massachusetts Department of Transportation to convey a certain parcel of land in the town of Stoneham (House, No. 4643),-- ought to pass.

Stoneham,-- land.

**There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Rodrigues, and the bill was read a second time, ordered to a third reading read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

By Mr. Rodrigues, for the committee on Senate Ways and Means, that the Senate Bill updating the unit pricing exemption threshold (Senate, No. 267),-- ought to pass with an amendment substituting a new draft with the same title (Senate, No. 2965).

Unit pricing,--  
exemption  
threshold.

There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Moore, and the bill was read a second time.

Pending the question on adoption of the amendment recommended by the committee on Ways and Means, Mr. Moore moved to amend the proposed new draft by striking out the words “and (ii) prepaid gift cards or stored value cards, regardless of where any such card may be redeemed, which are sold to consumers at face value or a premium or discount thereto”, and inserting in place thereof the following words:- “(ii) prepaid gift cards or stored value cards, regardless of where any such card may be redeemed, which are sold to consumers at face value or a premium or discount thereto; and (iii) motor fuels”.

After remarks, the amendment was adopted.

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

The bill (Senate, No. 2965, amended) was then ordered to a third reading and read a third time.

The question on passing the bill to be engrossed, was determined by a call of the yeas and nays, at a quarter past twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mr. Moore, as follows, to wit (yeas 38 to nays 0) **[Yeas and Nays 137]:**

**YEAS.**

Barrett, Michael J.  
Brady, Michael D.  
Brownsberger, William N.  
Collins, Nick  
Comerford, Joanne M.  
Creem, Cynthia Stone  
Crighton, Brendan P.  
Cronin, John J.  
Cyr, Julian  
DiDomenico, Sal N.  
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.

Friedman, Cindy F.  
Gómez, Adam  
Jehlen, Patricia D.  
Keenan, John F.  
Kennedy, Robyn K.  
Lewis, Jason M.  
Lovely, Joan B.  
Mark, Paul W.  
Miranda, Liz  
Montigny, Mark C.  
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-four minutes past twelve o'clock noon, the bill was passed to be engrossed. [For text of Senate bill, printed as amended, see S2978]

Sent to the House for concurrence.

*Orders of the Day.*

The Orders of the Day were considered as follows:

Bills

Directing the city of Boston police department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Rodney Alcindor (House, No. 4254);

Directing the city of Boston police department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Jonathan Telfort (House, No. 4255);

Directing the city of Boston Police Department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Jose Ortiz (House, No. 4256);

Directing the city of Boston Police Department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Luis Cabral (House, No. 4349);

Amending the town charter of the town of Plymouth (House, No. 4501, changed); and

Authorizing the town of Cohasset to grant five additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 4561).

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

Second reading bills.

The House Bill to build resilient infrastructure to generate higher-ed transformation (House, No. 4769),-- was read a second time.

Higher education,-- infrastructure.

There being no objection, the matter was temporarily laid aside, and the following matter was considered, as follows.

*Resolutions.*

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Brownsberger, Ms. Creem, Messrs. Barrett, Crighton, Collins, Cronin, Cyr, Driscoll, DiDomenico, and Durant, Ms. Edwards, Messrs. Fattman, Finegold, and Fernandes, Ms. Friedman, Ms. Gómez, Messrs. Keenan, Kennedy, and Lewis, Ms. Lovely, Messrs. Moore and Oliveira, Ms. Rausch, and Mr. Tarr) “honoring the longstanding partnership between the Province of Québec and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.”

Québec Partnership.

The Chair (Mr. Brownsberger) then read the following resolutions, as follows:

RESOLUTIONS HONORING THE LONGSTANDING PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE PROVINCE OF QUÉBEC AND THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

WHEREAS, THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS AND THE PROVINCE OF QUÉBEC SHARE A LONG HISTORY OF FRIENDSHIP, COOPERATION AND TRADE AND THE PROVINCE OF QUEBEC HAS MAINTAINED A PERMANENT PRESENCE IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS SINCE 1970; AND

WHEREAS, IN 2013, THE MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL COURT AND THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF QUÉBEC ESTABLISHED THE MASSACHUSETTS-QUÉBEC COOPERATION CONFERENCE AS A FORUM TO ENHANCE DIALOGUE AND REINFORCE THE BONDS OF FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE 2 PARTIES AND

THE PROVINCE OF QUÉBEC AND THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS ARE FOUNDING MEMBERS OF THE NEW ENGLAND GOVERNORS AND EASTERN CANADIAN PREMIERS, WHERE THEY WORK COOPERATIVELY TO ADDRESS THEIR SHARED INTERESTS, SUCH AS TRADE, ENERGY SECURITY AND AFFORDABILITY, ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND MODERNIZING TRANSPORTATION AND INDUSTRY AND PARTICIPATE IN THE ANNUAL NEG-ECP CONFERENCE; AND

*WHEREAS*, COMMON TRADITIONS AND VALUES HAVE EXISTED HISTORICALLY BETWEEN THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS AND THE PROVINCE OF QUÉBEC, INCLUDING ECONOMIC, EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL EXCHANGES ON BOTH SIDES OF THE BORDER AND IN 2024, TRADE BETWEEN THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS AND THE PROVINCE OF QUÉBEC REPRESENTED MORE THAN \$3.36 BILLION; AND

*WHEREAS*, THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS AND THE PROVINCE OF QUÉBEC SHARE PRIORITY COMMERCIAL SECTORS, INCLUDING LIFE SCIENCES, SUSTAINABLE TECHNOLOGIES, AND ADVANCED MANUFACTURING AND THE INTERCONNECTEDNESS OF THE MASSACHUSETTS AND QUEBEC ECONOMIES IS DEMONSTRATED BY THE ENERGY AND AGRI-FOOD PRODUCTS IMPORTED TO THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS FROM THE PROVINCE OF QUÉBEC; AND

*WHEREAS*, IT IS ABUNDANTLY FITTING AND PROPER THAT THIS REMARKABLE PARTNERSHIP BE APPROPRIATELY RECOGNIZED DURING THIS SPECIAL TIME; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

*RESOLVED*, THAT THE MASSACHUSETTS SENATE HEREBY HONORS THE LONGSTANDING PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE PROVINCE OF QUÉBEC AND THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, AND EXTENDS BEST WISHES FOR MANY MORE YEARS OF MUTUAL PROSPERITY AND GROWTH; AND BE IT FURTHER

*RESOLVED*, THAT A COPY OF THESE RESOLUTIONS BE TRANSMITTED FORTHWITH BY THE CLERK OF THE SENATE TO THE PREMIER OF QUÉBEC, FRANCOIS LEGAULT, THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF QUÉBEC AND THE QUÉBEC GOVERNMENT OFFICE IN BOSTON.

**The resolutions were then adopted.**

*Recess.*

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

Recess.

There being no objection, during consideration of the Orders of the Day, the Chair (Mr. Collins introduced, in the rear of the Chamber, the Boston International Newcomers Academy Soccer Team.

Boston International Newcomers Academy

*Remarks of Senator Nick Collins.*

Today we are honored to welcome to the Massachusetts State House the Boston Internation Newcomers Academy Boys soccer Team, along with their coaches, school leaders, families, and supporters.

Remarks of Senator Nick Collins.

This remarkable team has made history as the first Boston Public Schools boys' soccer team to win a state championship, capturing the 2025 MIAA Division 5 State Title. This

victory is not only a milestone for BINCA, but a proud moment for the City of Boston and for the public education across the Commonwealth.

BINCA serves students from around the world—young people who bring resilience, determination, and extraordinary talent into every space they enter. This championship reflects not just athletic excellence, but power of opportunity, teamwork and belief in young people.

*Remarks of Senator Liz Miranda.*

After experiencing heartbreak just one year prior, this team returned to the field stronger and more focused, demonstrating grit, discipline, and unity. In the championship match, goals by Sylberto Brevil and Henrich Saint, along with the clutch penalty save by goalkeeper Jeffrey Louis, sealed a commanding 2--0 victory over Hopedale.

Remarks of Senator Liz Miranda.

But beyond the scoreline, what stands out most is the character of this team—their perseverance, their commitment to one another, and the pride they carry for their school and their communities.

Today, we proudly recognize the student-athletes, coaches, and the school leadership who made this historic achievement possible. You remind that when we invest in young people and believe in their potential, they will rise—often higher than we ever imagined.

Congratulations to the BINCA Boys Soccer Team, MIAA Division 5 State Champions. We are honored to welcome you here today.

**On motion of Mr. Eldridge, the above remarks were ordered printed in the Journal of the Senate.**

Ordered printed.

*Orders of the Day.*

Mr. Brownsberger in the Chair, the Orders of the Day were further considered as follows:

The House Bill to build resilient infrastructure to generate higher-ed transformation (House, No. 4769),-- was further considered, the main question being on ordering the bill to a third reading.

Higher education,-- infrastructure.

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 2962, and pending the main question on ordering the bill to a third reading, Messrs. Moore and Tarr moved that the proposed new text be amended in section 4, by inserting after the figure “29”, in line 220, the following words:- “; provided, however, that such proceeds realized from the conveyance, lease or other disposition of real property from a public institution of higher education pursuant to this section shall be made available to such institution”.

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The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Moore moved that the proposed new text be amended in section 2B by inserting after item 7009-2009 the following item:-

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“Department of Higher Education

7066-6829 For initiatives to improve the safety and security of public institutions of higher education, to be administered in coordination with the executive office of education and the executive office of public safety and security; provided, that funding may be used for multi-year grants to public institutions of higher education for school security and communications upgrades; provided further, that funding may be used to provide training for campus public safety officials; provided further, that funding from this item may be used to issue student identification cards to include sexual assault crisis information, including, but not limited to, rape crisis hotline phone numbers; provided further, that existing student identification cards shall not be required to be reprinted and reissued; provided further, that

funding may be used to provide upgrades of security cameras, door locks, active shooter detection systems, emergency communication systems, campus lighting and emergency call boxes; provided further, that funding may be used to provide upgrades of security cameras, door locks, active shooter detection systems, emergency communication systems, campus lighting and emergency call boxes; and provided further, that not less than \$10,000,000 shall be provided to community colleges... \$30,000,000.”

The amendment was *rejected*.

Messrs. Crighton and Tarr and Ms. Lovely moved that the proposed new text be amended in Section 2, in item 7066-8007, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$15,000,000 shall be expended for North Shore Community College for capital improvements to support academic expansion and program development at their campus in the city of Lynn”; and by striking out the figure “\$1,000,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$16,000,000”.

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The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Cronin moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 2, in item 7066-8007, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$20,000,000 shall be expended for Fitchburg State University for the renovation of the McKay complex”; and by striking out the figure “\$1,000,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$21,000,000”.

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After remarks, the amendment was adopted.

Mr. Cronin moved that the proposed new text be amended in Section 2, in item 7066-8001, by inserting the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$10,000,000 shall be expended for Conlon Hall at Fitchburg State University;” and further amend said item by striking out the figure “\$1,000,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$11,000,000”.

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The amendment was *rejected*.

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

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“SECTION XX. Chapter 15A of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 5B the following section:-

Section 5C. (a) Notwithstanding section 5, private nonprofit intuitions of higher education in the commonwealth with a federal minority serving institution designation and Quincy College, a municipal college and department within the city of Quincy, shall be part of the community college segment established in section 5 for purposes of programs offered by the department, including, but not limited to, the supporting urgent community college equity through student success program and the community college program offered pursuant to section 5B.

(b) The department may promulgate regulations for implementation of this section.”.

After remarks, the amendment was *rejected*.

Messrs. Finegold, Payano and Tarr moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 2, in item 7066-8007, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$30,000,000 shall be expended for Northern Essex Community College for facilities for high school career and technical education”; and by striking out the figure “\$1,000,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$31,000,000”.

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The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Driscoll moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 2, in item 7066-8007, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$20,000,000 shall be expended for Bridgewater State University for costs associated with renovations to Tillinghast Hall”; and by striking out the figure “\$1,000,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$21,000,000”.

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The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Creem moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 2, in item 7066-8007, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$2,200,000 shall be expended for Massachusetts Bay Community College for the replacement of its HVAC system”; and by striking out the figure “\$1,000,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$3,200,000”. 14

After remarks, the amendment was adopted.

Ms. Creem moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 2, in item 7066-8007, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$3,000,000 shall be expended for Massachusetts Bay Community College for window replacement at the Carey building”; and by striking out the figure “\$1,000,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$4,000,000”. 15

After remarks, the amendment was adopted.

Messrs. Fernandes and Cyr moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 2, in item 7066-8007, by adding the following words:- “; provided, that not less than \$20,000,000 shall be expended for the Massachusetts Maritime Academy to expand and renovate the student wellness, recreation, and workforce development center; provided further, that the first phase of said project shall be the expansion of the center, which shall be sequenced prior to renovations to the existing structure”; and by striking out the figure “\$1,000,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$21,000,000”. 18

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Oliveira moved that the proposed new text be amended by inserting after section \_\_\_ the following section:- 19

“SECTION \_\_\_. To support the Commonwealth’s sustainability and public health goals, the Department of Higher Education, in consultation with the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, shall establish a Sustainable Hand Hygiene Incentive Program. The program will support human health and wellness and advance decarbonization, waste reduction, and operational efficiency in public higher education facilities by prioritizing projects that install touchless fixtures to reduce touchpoints and the potential transfer of germs and energy-efficient, eHEPA-filtered electric hand dryers or integrated sink systems to reduce or eliminate the use of single use paper towels. These technologies not only reduce paper towel waste and energy usage but also enhance hygiene and public health outcomes on campuses . Preference will also be given to projects that utilize products manufactured by companies with a demonstrated commitment to environmental stewardship, including those that produce hand dryers and integrated sink systems domestically or within the Commonwealth.

To be eligible, institutions must install Environmental Product Declaration (EPD) certified systems and demonstrate measurable reductions in paper towel consumption, solid waste generation, and maintenance costs. Installations should be part of broader sustainability efforts aligned with LEED, WELL, or other recognized green building certifications. Participating institutions may receive priority consideration for BRIGHT Act grants or related sustainability funding and be recognized as “Single-Use-Free Campus Leaders” by the Commonwealth’s Office of Environmental Stewardship—contributing to the state’s climate targets while promoting cleaner, healthier learning environments.”

The amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Gómez moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 2, in item 7066-8007, by adding the following:- “; provided further, that not less than \$20,000,000 shall be expended to Springfield Technical Community College for infrastructure updates and facility improvements”; and by striking out the figure “\$1,000,000” and inserting in place thereof the figure “\$21,000,000”. 21

After remarks, the amendment was adopted.

Mr. Cyr moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 2, in item 7066-8007, by adding the following words:- “; provided, that not less than \$20,000,000 shall be expended to Cape Cod Community College for costs relating to the construction of a student-centered facility that allows for the expansion of nursing and allied health programs and provides additional school convening space”; and by striking out the figure “\$1,000,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$21,000,000”. 22

After remarks, the amendment was adopted.

Ms. Kennedy and Mr. Moore moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 2, in item 7066-8007, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that funds shall be expended for Worcester State University for the consolidation of the Learning Resource Center and the Student Center”. 24

After remarks, the amendment was adopted.

Ms. Kennedy and Mr. Moore moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 2, in item 7066-8007, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$14,200,000 shall be expended for Quinsigamond Community College for campuswide HVAC repairs and for accessibility and life safety upgrades to the administration building and child study center”; and by striking out the figure “\$1,000,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$15,200,000”. 25

The amendment was adopted.

Messrs. Cyr and Fernandes moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 2, in item 7066-8002, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that funds shall be expended by the division of capital asset management and maintenance to assess the development of student, seasonal and year-round workforce housing on real property at Cape Cod Community College deemed surplus to the current and foreseeable needs of Cape Cod Community College pursuant to section 34A of chapter 7C of the General Laws; provided further, that the division shall prepare a report which shall include, but not limited to, a plan for the construction of such housing, including projected units, infrastructure needs, necessary funding, identification of funding sources and appropriate reuse restrictions; and provided further, that not later than June 30, 2027, the division shall submit the report to the clerks of the senate and house of representatives, the house and senate committees on ways and means and the joint committee on housing”. 26

After remarks, the amendment was adopted.

Mr. Finegold moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 2, in item 7066-8007, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$20,000,000 shall be expended for Middlesex Community College for infrastructure improvements including, but not limited to, Americans with Disabilities Act upgrades and modernization at the Cowan Center and the implementation of geothermal energy technology for energy optimization and decarbonization at the Lowell campus”; and by striking out the figure “\$1,000,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$21,000,000”. 27

After remarks, the amendment was adopted.

Ms. Lovely and Messrs. Tarr and Crighton moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 2, in item 7066-8007, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$30,000,000 shall be expended for the renovation of the Sullivan building at Salem State University”; and by striking out the figure “\$1,000,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$31,000,000”. 31

After remarks, the amendment was adopted.

Messrs. Cyr and Fernandes moved that the proposed new text be amended in section 4, by adding after the word “restriction”, in line 177, the following words:- “; provided, that said reuse restrictions shall permit the construction or rehabilitation of housing”. 35

The amendment was *rejected*.

Ms. Miranda moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 2, in item 7066-8007, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$12,000,000 shall be expended for capital construction, renovation, restoration and related infrastructure improvements associated with the rehabilitation and adaptive reuse of the David Dudley house at Roxbury Community College for the center for economic and social justice which may include, but shall not be limited to, costs related to design, construction, accessibility upgrades, building systems modernization, historic preservation, workforce training space development and associated site improvements”; and by striking out the figure “\$1,000,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$13,000,000”. 36

After remarks, the amendment was adopted.

Ms. Miranda and Mr. Collins moved that the proposed new text be amended in Section 2, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$350,000 shall be expended for the University of Massachusetts Boston to support the renaming of the Center for African, Caribbean & Community Development as the Senator Bill Owens Center, including installation of markers and commemorative programming”; and by striking out the figure “\$1,000,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$1,350,000”. 37

The amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Collins moved that the proposed new text be amended by adding the following section:- 41

“SECTION X. Chapter 15A of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 5B the following section:-

Section 5C. (a) Notwithstanding section 5, private nonprofit institutions of higher education in the commonwealth with a federal minority serving institution designation shall be part of the community college segment established in section 5 for purposes of programs offered by the department, including, but not limited to, the supporting urgent community college equity through student success program and the community college program offered pursuant to section 5B.

(b) The department may promulgate regulations for implementation of this section.”

The amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Rush moved that the proposed new text be amended by striking section 12. 50

The amendment was *rejected*.

*Recess.*

At twenty-one minutes past two o'clock P.M., at the request of Mr. Tarr, for the purpose of a minority caucus, the Chair (Mr. Brownsberger) declared a recess; and, at nine minutes before three o'clock P.M., the Senate reassembled, Mr. Brownsberger in the Chair. Recess.

*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 Luke Hamburger. Moment of silence.

*Orders of the Day.*

The Orders of the Day were further considered as follows:

The House Bill to build resilient infrastructure to generate higher-ed transformation (House, No. 4769),-- was again considered, the main question being on ordering the bill to a third reading. Higher education,-- infrastructure.

Mr. Tarr moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 2, in item 7066-8007, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$5,000,000 shall be expended to the University of Massachusetts at Amherst marine station in the city of Gloucester to support the development of housing for students at the station; provided 29

further, that such housing may be developed in collaboration with other educational institutions”; and by striking out the figure “\$1,000,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$6,000,000”.

After remarks, the amendment was adopted.

Mr. Tarr moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 2, in item 7066-8007, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$10,000,000 shall be expended for the University of Massachusetts at Amherst marine station in the city of Gloucester for the planning, design and construction of facilities that increase access to water and coastal resources and laboratory and classroom space and facilitate the development, research and analysis of structures, mechanisms and technologies to capture carbon and counteract erosion and other adverse impacts of coastal storms and sea level rise”; and by striking out the figure “\$1,000,000” and inserting place thereof the following figure:- “\$11,000,000”.

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After remarks, the amendment was adopted.

Mr. Tarr, Mrs. Dooner and Messrs. Fattman and O'Connor moved that the proposed new text be amended by inserting in section 7 of the proposed new text, in section 2BBBBBB of chapter 29, after the definition of “Dedicated higher education income surtax revenue amount”, the following definition:-

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“Dedicated K–12 education income surtax revenue amount”, the amount of not less than \$300,000,000 for each fiscal year, to be credited to the Commonwealth K–12 Education Fund established in section 2PPPPPP.”;

In said section 2BBBBBB in the definition of “Remaining income surtax revenue” by inserting after the words “the dedicated higher education income surtax revenue amount” the following words:- “, the dedicated K–12 education income surtax revenue amount”;

In said section 2BBBBBB by inserting after subsection (a<sup>1/2</sup>) the following subsection:-  
“(a<sup>3/4</sup>) The dedicated K–12 education income surtax revenue amount shall be credited to the Commonwealth K–12 Education Fund established in section 2PPPPPP. Amounts credited to said fund shall be expended, subject to appropriation, for public elementary and secondary education, including but not limited to programs, services, operations, supports, and improvements that advance educational quality, equity, access, and student success in the commonwealth.”; and

By inserting after Section 7 the following section:-

“SECTION \_ . Chapter 29 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 2000000 the following section:-

Section 2PPPPPP. Commonwealth K–12 Education Fund.

There shall be established and set up on the books of the commonwealth a separate fund to be known as the Commonwealth K–12 Education Fund. The fund shall be credited with: (i) the dedicated K–12 education income surtax revenue amount as defined in section 2BBBBBB; (ii) appropriations or other money authorized or transferred by the general court for the purposes of this fund; (iii) funds from public and private sources, including, but not limited to, gifts, grants and donations; and (iv) any interest earned on the assets of the fund.

Amounts credited to the fund shall be expended, subject to appropriation, for public elementary and secondary education, including but not limited to initiatives, programs, services, operations, supports, and improvements that further the educational mission of the commonwealth’s public schools.

The unexpended balance in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall remain available for expenditure in subsequent fiscal years. The fund shall not be subject to section 5C. No expenditure made from the fund shall cause the fund to be in deficit at any point.”

**UNCORRECTED PROOF.**

After debate, the question on adoption of the amendment was determined by a call of the yeas and nays at twenty-one minutes before four o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Tarr, as follows, to wit (yeas 6 – nays 31) [**Yeas and Nays No. 138**]:

**YEAS.**

Dooner, Kelly A.  
Durant, Peter J.  
Fattman, Ryan C.

Finegold, Barry R.  
O'Connor, Patrick M.  
Tarr, Bruce E. – **6.**

**NAYS.**

Barrett, Michael J.  
Brady, Michael D.  
Brownsberger, William N.  
Collins, Nick  
Comerford, Joanne M.  
Creem, Cynthia Stone  
Crighton, Brendan P.  
Cronin, John J.  
Cyr, Julian  
DiDomenico, Sal N.  
Driscoll, Jr., William J.  
Edwards, Lydia  
Eldridge, James B.  
Feeney, Paul R.  
Fernandes, Dylan A.  
Friedman, Cindy F.

Gómez, Adam  
Jehlen, Patricia D.  
Keenan, John F.  
Kennedy, Robyn K.  
Lewis, Jason M.  
Lovely, Joan B.  
Mark, Paul W.  
Miranda, Liz  
Montigny, Mark C.  
Moore, Michael O.  
Oliveira, Jacob R.  
Payano, Pavel  
Rausch, Rebecca L.  
Rodrigues, Michael J.  
Rush, Michael F. – **31.**

**ABSENT OR NOT VOTING.**

Velis, John C. – **1.**

The yeas and nays having been completed at ten minutes before four o'clock P.M., the amendment was *rejected*.

Messrs. Montigny and Fernandes moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 2, in item 7066-8007, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$20,000,000 shall be expended for the Massachusetts Maritime Academy to provide the capital needs and equipment necessary to maintain the schooner SSV Ernestina-Morrissey for educational programming including, but not limited to: (i) infrastructure needs to maintain the vessel in its homeport of the city of New Bedford; and (ii) an education center adjacent to the vessel’s berthing space at the New Bedford state pier for cadets and students to explore the vessel’s Cape Verdean heritage and immigration routes, the history of the local working waterfront and sail training with an emphasis on maritime career pathways”; and by striking out the figure “\$1,000,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$21,000,000”.

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The amendment was adopted.

Messrs. Tarr and Montigny, Mrs. Dooner and Messrs. Durant and Fattman moved that the proposed new text be amended in section 7, in section 2BBBBBB of chapter 29, by inserting after subsection (a<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>) the following subsection:-

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(a<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, if in any fiscal year total income surtax revenue is more than 10 per cent below the total income surtax revenue collected in the immediately preceding fiscal year, the dedicated transportation income surtax revenue amount and the dedicated higher education income surtax revenue amount shall, for that fiscal year, be credited on a proportional basis equal to each amount’s share of the total income surtax revenue amounts established in subsection (a). Amounts credited

pursuant to this subsection shall be deemed to satisfy the requirements of this section for that fiscal year.

After remarks, the amendment was *rejected*.

Messrs. Tarr and Fattman moved that the proposed new text be amended in section 7, in section 2BBBBBB of chapter 29, by inserting after subsection (b) the following subsection:-

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(b½) Annually, not later than December 31, the secretary of administration and finance shall submit to the clerks of the senate and house of representatives, the senate and house committees on ways and means, and the joint committee on education an equity impact analysis of income surtax revenue allocations made pursuant to this section. The analysis shall include, but not be limited to: (i) the distribution of surtax-supported expenditures by region, school district, and institution type; (ii) the extent to which surtax-supported investments advance educational equity, transportation equity, and access to opportunity; and (iii) identification of disparities in the allocation or impact of surtax-supported expenditures and recommendations to address such disparities.

After remarks, the amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Tarr, Mrs. Dooner and Messrs. Durant, Fattman and O'Connor moved that the proposed new text be amended in section 6 by striking out clause (iii) and inserting in place thereof the following clause:-

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(iii) so long as such revenues are necessary, as determined by the state treasurer in accordance with any applicable trust agreement or credit enhancement agreement, for the purposes for which they have been pledged, the commonwealth shall ensure that amounts sufficient to pay the principal and interest on any outstanding bonds or notes secured by income surtax revenue shall be made available; provided, however, that nothing in this clause shall be construed to require the maintenance of any particular tax rate or the continuation of the income surtax beyond the period necessary to satisfy such outstanding obligations.

The amendment was *rejected*.

Messrs. Tarr and Durant, Mrs. Dooner and Messrs. Fattman and O'Connor moved that the proposed new text be amended in section 7 by striking out subsection (d) in its entirety.

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After debate, the question on adoption of the amendment was determined by a call of the yeas and nays at nine minutes past four o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Tarr, as follows, to wit (yeas 5 – nays 32) [**Yeas and Nays No. 139**]:

**YEAS.**

Dooner, Kelly A.  
Durant, Peter J.  
Fattman, Ryan C.

O'Connor, Patrick M.  
Tarr, Bruce E. – 5.

**NAYS.**

Barrett, Michael J.  
Brady, Michael D.  
Brownsberger, William N.  
Collins, Nick  
Comerford, Joanne M.  
Creem, Cynthia Stone  
Crighton, Brendan P.  
Cronin, John J.  
Cyr, Julian  
DiDomenico, Sal N.  
Driscoll, Jr., William J.  
Edwards, Lydia  
Eldridge, James B.

Friedman, Cindy F.  
Gómez, Adam  
Jehlen, Patricia D.  
Keenan, John F.  
Kennedy, Robyn K.  
Lewis, Jason M.  
Lovely, Joan B.  
Mark, Paul W.  
Miranda, Liz  
Montigny, Mark C.  
Moore, Michael O.  
Oliveira, Jacob R.  
Payano, Pavel

Feeney, Paul R.  
Fernandes, Dylan A.  
Finegold, Barry R.

Rausch, Rebecca L.  
Rodrigues, Michael J.  
Rush, Michael F. – 32.

**ABSENT OR NOT VOTING.**

Velis, John C. – 1.

The yeas and nays having been completed at sixteen minutes past four o'clock P.M., the amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Collins moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 2, in item 7066-8007, by adding the following words:- “; provided further that not less than \$20,000,000 shall be expended for the Manning College of Nursing & Health Sciences at the University of Massachusetts at Boston for the development of a new facility on the Columbia Point campus and the acquisition or lease of a new satellite campus in the Dorchester section of the city of Boston”; and by striking out the figure “\$1,000,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$21,000,000”.

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After remarks, the amendment was adopted.

Mr. Tarr, Mrs. Dooner and Messrs. Durant, Fattman and O'Connor moved that the proposed new text be amended in section 7 by striking out subsection (e) in its entirety.

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The amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Rush moved that the proposed new text be amended by inserting after section 12 the following section:-

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“SECTION 12A. Said section 2 of said chapter 703 of the acts of 1963, as so amended, is hereby further amended by striking out the following paragraph:-

Before the issuance of any bonds under the provisions of this act the secretary-treasurer and the assistant secretary-treasurer, if any, of the Authority shall each execute a surety bond in the penal sum of fifty thousand dollars, such surety bond to be conditioned upon the faithful performance of the duties of his office, to be executed by a surety company authorized to transact business in the commonwealth as surety and to be approved by the attorney general and filed in the office of the secretary of the commonwealth.”

After remarks, the amendment was adopted.

Mr. Rush moved that the proposed new text be amended by inserting after section 13 the following section:-

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“SECTION 13A. Section 4 of said chapter 703 of the acts of 1963, as most recently amended by section 50 of chapter 122 of the acts of 2006, is hereby further amended by striking out paragraph (c) and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:-

(c) To maintain an office in the commonwealth.”

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Rush moved that the proposed new text be amended by inserting after section 13 the following section:-

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“SECTION 13A. The first paragraph of section 7 of said chapter 703 of the acts of 1963 is hereby amended by striking out the words “; provided, however, that the Authority shall not issue such notes or bonds until a majority of the members of the Authority shall certify in writing to the secretary of administration and finance: (1) that they have notified all qualified managing underwriters based in the commonwealth of the Authority’s intention to issue such notes or bonds; and (2) that such underwriters have been given equal opportunity to submit proposals”, as appearing in section 3 of chapter 290 of the acts of 1998.”

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Mark moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 2, in item 7066-8007, by adding the following words:- “; provided, that not less than \$5,000,000 shall be expended for Berkshire Community College for maintenance, modernization and critical

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system upgrades at the Koussevitzky arts center”; and by striking out the figure “\$1,000,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$6,000,000”.

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Mark moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 2, in item 7066-8007, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$15,000,000 shall be expended for the Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts for the renovation of Mark Hopkins hall and the demolition of Eldridge hall”; and by striking out the figure “\$1,000,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$16,000,000”.

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The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Rodrigues moved that the proposed new text be amended in section 2, in item 7066-8007, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than \$20,000,000 shall be expended for the University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth for costs associated with the construction of a wellness and safety complex; provided further, that not less than \$30,000,000 shall be expended for Framingham State University for capital improvements and expansion at the Henry Whittemore library; provided further, that not less than \$20,000,000 shall be expended for Greenfield Community College for capital investments to promote collaboration with vocational technical and career technical schools; provided further, that not less than \$20,000,000 shall be expended for Bristol Community College for costs associated with improvements and renovations to the Commonwealth College Center building; provided further, that not less than \$20,000,000 shall be expended for Holyoke Community College for deferred maintenance and capital projects; provided further, that not less than \$15,000,000 shall be expended for Mount Wachusett Community College for capital improvements and deferred maintenance; provided further, that not less than \$10,000,000 shall be expended for renovation of the Bunker Hill Community College auditorium which may include, but shall not be limited to, improved accessibility, modernized seating and modernized systems including, but not limited to, electrical and lighting, audio and visual technology and backstage areas to increase functionality for a diversity of uses for the college and the community in the Charlestown section of the city of Boston”;

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In said section 2, in said item 7066-8007, by striking out the figure “\$1,000,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$436,400,000”;

In section 7, by inserting after the word “the”, in line 362, the following words:- “Education and Transportation”;

In section 9, by striking out, in line 387, the word “public”;

In section 9, by striking out, in line 406, the words “shall be” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- “are hereby”;

In section 14, by striking out, in line 570, the figure “\$3,106,000,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “\$3,541,400,000”;

In section 14, by striking out, in line 576, the words “Education and Transportation Fund established in section 2BBBBBB” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- “Commonwealth Public Higher Education Capital Projects Fund established in section 2000000”; and

In section 15, by striking out, in line 592, the words “Education and Transportation Fund established in section 2BBBBBB” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- “Commonwealth Public Higher Education Capital Projects Fund established in section 2000000”.

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.

**UNCORRECTED PROOF.**

The question on passing the bill to be engrossed, was determined by a call of the yeas and nays, at twenty-six minutes past four o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Rodrigues, as follows, to wit (yeas 38 to nays 0) [**Yeas and Nays 140**]:

**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. – <b>38.</b>

**NAYS – 0.**

**ABSENT OR NOT VOTING.**

Velis, John C. – **1.**

**The yeas and nays having been completed at twenty-eight minutes before five 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. 2993].**

*Reports of Committees.*

By Ms. Lovely, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that the Senate Order, granting the committee on Environment and Natural Resources be granted until June 30, 2026, within which time to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 547, 549, 551, 560, 606, 608, and 669, relative to environment and natural resources (Senate, No. 2733).

Environment and  
Natural  
Resources.--  
extension order.

**The rules were suspended, on motion of Ms. Rausch and, after remarks, the order was considered forthwith and adopted.**

By Ms. Lovely, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that the Senate Order, granting the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government be granted until June 30, 2026, within which time to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 1430, 1433, 1447, and 1456, relative to municipalities and regional government (Senate, No. 2734).

Municipalities and  
Regional  
Government.--  
extension order.

**The rules were suspended, on motion of Ms. Rausch and, after remarks, the order was considered forthwith and adopted.**

By Ms. Lovely, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that the Senate Order, granting the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government

Id.

be granted until March 31, 2026, within which time to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 2878, 2894, and 2897, relative to municipalities and regional government late files (Senate, No. 2950).

**The rules were suspended, on motion of Ms. Rausch and, after remarks, the order was considered forthwith and adopted.**

*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.

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*Adjournment in Memory of Luke Hamburger.*

The Senator from Worcester, Ms. Kennedy, and the Senator from Middlesex and Worcester, Mr. Cronin, moved that when the Senate adjourns today, it does so in honor of Bolton's Chief of Police Luke Hamburger.

Luke Hamburger, 49, of Bolton, passed away unexpectedly on October 5, 2025. A man defined by service, faith, and kindness, Chief Hamburger led with integrity and compassion throughout his many years in law enforcement

Raised and educated in Lancaster and a resident of Lunenburg, Luke graduated from Nashoba Regional High School and UMass Amherst. Luke proudly served as a full-time member of the US Army National Guard and led a drug enforcement unit as a Staff Sergeant until being honorably discharged.

Luke began his distinguished law enforcement career as a dispatcher in Shrewsbury and rising through the ranks to become Bolton's Chief of Police in 2024, Luke earned the respect of his colleagues and the trust of the community through his steady leadership and quiet humility. He was known not only for his professionalism but for his generosity, humor, and genuine care for others.

Luke approached every role in life—with his family, his department, and his town—with honor and devotion. He was a man of deep faith whose strength came from his belief in service to others.

Chief Hamburger's loss is deeply felt across Bolton and beyond. His legacy of kindness, fairness, and dedication will endure in the lives of those he protected, mentored, and loved.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth; their son, Ethan; his mother, Brenda; and his extended family and friends who will forever carry his memory forward.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect to the memory of Luke Hamburger, at seventeen minutes before five o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Tarr, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

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