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Thursday, March 5, 2026.

Met at five minutes past eleven o'clock A.M. (Ms. Lovely 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 (Ms. Lovely), 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 (Ms. Lovely) then introduced, in the rear of the Chamber, Michael Morrison, a senior at Salem State University who is currently interning in her office. Michael also served 6 years as a Petty Officer First Class in the United States Navy. The Senate welcomed him with applause and he withdrew from the Chamber.

Michael Morrison.

The Chair (Ms. Lovely) then introduced, in the Chamber, former Senator Richard T. Moore. The Senate welcomed him with applause and he withdrew from the Chamber.

Richard T. Moore.

Reports.

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

Report of the Pension Reserves Investment Management Board (pursuant to Section 23(2A)(e)(xi) of Chapter 32 of the General Laws) submitting its PRIM Quarterly report for the period ending December 31, 2025 (copies having been forwarded to the Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Chair of the Joint Committee on Public Service) (received February 28, 2026);

PRIM Board,-- quarterly FY25 report. SD3717

Report of the Unaccompanied Homeless Youth Commission (pursuant Section 16W of Chapter 6A of the General Laws) submitting its 2024 annual report of the Massachusetts Special Commission on Unaccompanied Homeless Youth (copy having been forwarded to the Senate Chair of the Joint Committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities) (received March 3, 2026);

UHYC,-- 2024 annual report. SD3719

Report of the Department of Revenue, on behalf of the Underground Storage Tank Petroleum Product Cleanup Fund Administrative Review Board (pursuant to line item 1232-0200 of Section 2 of the Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting its 2026 annual report of the Massachusetts Underground Storage Tank Petroleum Product Cleanup Fund (copies having been forwarded to the Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Chair of the Joint Committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy) (received March 3, 2026);

DOR,-- UST Program FY2026 annual report. SD3720

Report of the Department of Energy Resources (pursuant to Section 5 of Chapter 25A of the General Laws) submitting its FY25 annual report (copies having been forwarded to the Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Chair of the Joint Committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy) (received March 3, 2026);

DOER,-- FY25 annual report. SD3721

Report of the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (pursuant Section 40 of Chapter 126 of the General Laws) submitting its Barnstable County Sheriff's Office Third Quarter 2025

Barnstable County Sheriff,-- Q3 2025 population report.

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Population report (copies having been forwarded to the Senate Chairs of the Joint Committee on the Judiciary and the Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security) (received March 3, 2026);	SD3723
Report of the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (pursuant Section 40 of Chapter 126 of the General Laws) submitting its Worcester County Sheriff's Office Third Quarter 2025 Population report (copies having been forwarded to the Senate Chairs of the Joint Committee on the Judiciary and the Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security) (received March 3, 2026);	Worcester County Sheriff,-- Q3 2025 population report. SD3724
Report of the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (pursuant Section 40 of Chapter 126 of the General Laws) submitting its Berkshire County Sheriff's Office Third Quarter 2025 Population report (copies having been forwarded to the Senate Chairs of the Joint Committee on the Judiciary and the Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security) (received March 3, 2026);	Berkshire County Sheriff,-- Q3 2025 population report. SD3725
Report of the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (pursuant Section 40 of Chapter 126 of the General Laws) submitting its Suffolk County Sheriff's Office Third Quarter 2025 Population report (copies having been forwarded to the Senate Chairs of the Joint Committee on the Judiciary and the Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security) (received March 3, 2026);	Suffolk County Sheriff,-- Q3 2025 population report. SD3726
Report of the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (pursuant Section 40 of Chapter 126 of the General Laws) submitting its Plymouth County Sheriff's Office Third Quarter 2025 Population report (copies having been forwarded to the Senate Chairs of the Joint Committee on the Judiciary and the Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security) (received March 3, 2026);	Plymouth County Sheriff,-- Q3 2025 population report. SD3727
Report of the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (pursuant Section 40 of Chapter 126 of the General Laws) submitting its Norfolk County Sheriff's Office Third Quarter 2025 Population report (copies having been forwarded to the Senate Chairs of the Joint Committee on the Judiciary and the Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security) (received March 3, 2026);	Norfolk County Sheriff,-- Q3 2025 population report. SD3728
Report of the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (pursuant Section 40 of Chapter 126 of the General Laws) submitting its Middlesex County Sheriff's Office Third Quarter 2025 Population report (copies having been forwarded to the Senate Chairs of the Joint Committee on the Judiciary and the Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security) (received March 3, 2026);	Middlesex County Sheriff,-- Q3 2025 population report. SD3729
Report of the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (pursuant Section 40 of Chapter 126 of the General Laws) submitting its Bristol County Sheriff's Office Third Quarter 2025 Population report (copies having been forwarded to the Senate Chairs of the Joint Committee on the Judiciary and the Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security) (received March 3, 2026);	Bristol County Sheriff,-- Q3 2025 population report. SD3730
Report of the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (pursuant Section 40 of Chapter 126 of the General Laws) submitting its Hampshire County Sheriff's Office Third Quarter 2025 Population report (copies having been forwarded to the Senate Chairs of the Joint Committee on the Judiciary and the Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security) (received March 3, 2026);	Hampshire County Sheriff,-- Q3 2025 population report. SD3731
Report of the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (pursuant Section 40 of Chapter 126 of the General Laws) submitting its Hampden County Sheriff's Office Third Quarter 2025 Population report (copies having been forwarded to the Senate Chairs of the Joint Committee on the Judiciary and the Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security) (received March 3, 2026);	Hampden County Sheriff,-- Q3 2025 population report. SD3732
Report of the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (pursuant Section 40 of Chapter 126 of the General Laws) submitting its Franklin County Sheriff's Office Third Quarter 2025 Population report (copies having been forwarded to the Senate Chairs of the Joint Committee	Franklin County Sheriff,-- Q3 2025 population report.

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on the Judiciary and the Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security) (received March 3, 2026);

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Report of the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (pursuant Section 40 of Chapter 126 of the General Laws) submitting its Essex County Sheriff's Office Third Quarter 2025 Population report (copies having been forwarded to the Senate Chairs of the Joint Committee on the Judiciary and the Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security) (received March 3, 2026);

Essex County Sheriff,-- Q3 2025 population report. SD3734

Report of the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (pursuant Section 40 of Chapter 126 of the General Laws) submitting its Dukes County Sheriff's Office Third Quarter 2025 Population report (copies having been forwarded to the Senate Chairs of the Joint Committee on the Judiciary and the Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security) (received March 3, 2026);

Dukes County Sheriff,-- Q3 2025 population report. SD3735

Report of the Bristol District Attorney (pursuant to Section 99R of Chapter 272 of the General Laws) submitting its annual report of wiretap interceptions for the 2025 calendar year (received March 4, 2026);

Bristol DA,-- 2025 wiretap report. SD3738

Report of the Executive Office of Technology Services & Security (pursuant to line item 1790-0100 of Section 2 of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting its 2026 annual report (copies having been forwarded to the Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Chair of the Joint Committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight); (received March 4, 2026);

EOTSS,-- 2026 annual report. SD3740

Report of the Office of the Commissioner of Probation (pursuant to line item 0339-1003 of Section 2 of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting its Community Justice Support Centers 2026 report (a copy having been forwarded to the Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means) (received March 4, 2026); and

OCP,-- CJSC FY26 report. SD3741

Report of MassHealth (pursuant to Section 111 of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting its Personal Care Attendant Working Group March 2026 Implementation Plan report (a copy having been forwarded to the Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means) (received March 4, 2026).

PCA Working Group March 2026 report. SD3742

Report of the Massachusetts Capital Resource Company (under the provisions of Section 20 of Chapter 816 of the Acts of 1977) submitting its forty-nine annual report (Senate, No. 2994) (received March 3, 2024),-- **was referred to the committee on Revenue. Sent to the House for concurrence.**

MCRC,-- annual report.

*Petition.*

Ms. Rausch presented a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Rebecca L. Rausch for legislation to repeal archaic laws criminalizing pregnancy,-- **and the same was referred, under Senate Rule 20, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.**

Pregnancies,-- archaic laws. SD3722

*Order.*

Mr. Payano presented an Order relative to granting the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensures until April 22, 2026, within which time to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 189, 262, and 2636, relative to consumer protection and professional licensure matters (Senate, No. 2995);

Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure,-- extension order.

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

*Reports of Committees.*

The following reports were received the time within which the said committees were required to report having expired:

By Ms. Edwards, for the committee on the Judiciary (under Joint Rule 10), on Senate, No. 1579, an Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on the Judiciary to make an investigation and study of a certain current Senate document relative to eliminating barriers and expanding abortion access for patients under the age of 16 (Senate, No. 2984);

Judiciary,-- study.

By Mr. Gómez, for the committee on Cannabis Policy (under Joint Rule 10), on Senate, No. 85, an Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on Cannabis Policy to make an investigation and study of a certain current Senate document relative to enabling private donations to the cannabis social equity trust fund (Senate, No. 2985); and

Cannabis Policy,-- study.

By Mr. Collins, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight (under Joint Rule 10), on Senate, Nos. 2117, 2138, 2140, 2158, 2170, and 2204, an Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight to make an investigation and study of certain current Senate documents relative to state administration and regulatory oversight matters (Senate, No. 2986);

State Administration and Regulatory Oversight,-- study.

**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 Senate, Nos. 676, 700, 736, and 767, an Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on Financial Services to make an investigation and study of certain current Senate documents relative to financial services matters (Senate, No. 2989) [Senator Driscoll dissenting in so much as relates to Senate, Nos. 736 and 767];

Financial Services,-- study.

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

By Ms. Friedman, for the committee on Health Care Financing, that the Senate Bills Further defining eligibility for medical use marijuana (Senate, No. 79) [Estimated cost: greater than \$100,000];

Medical marijuana,-- eligibility. Dental insurance,-- virtual credit cards.

Relative to the use of virtual credit cards by dental insurance providers (Senate, No. 704) [Estimated cost: greater than \$100,000];

Dental insurance,-- protection.

Relative to dental insurance consumer protections (Senate, No. 808) [Estimated cost: greater than \$100,000]; and

Mental health,-- necessary care.

To further define medical necessity determinations (Senate, No. 835) [Estimated cost: greater than \$100,000];

**Severally ought to pass;**

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

By Ms. Friedman, for the committee on Health Care Financing, that the Senate Bill to provide continuum of care for severe mental illness (Senate, No. 1115),-- **ought to pass with an amendment, substituting a new draft with the same title (Senate, No. 2973) [Estimated cost: greater than \$100,000]**

Mental health,-- community based.

**Referred, under Senate Rule 27, to the committee on Ways and Means.**

*Placed on File.*

By Mr. Payano, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, on the communication from the Massachusetts Gaming Commission (pursuant to Section 9B of Chapter 128A of the General Laws and Section 222 of Chapter 6 of the General Laws)

Mass. Gaming Commission,-- regulations.

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proposed amendments to regulations for 205 CMR 149.00: Race Horse Development Fund (Senate, No. 2951),-- **reported that the same be placed on file.**

**Under Senate Rule 36, the report was considered forthwith and was accepted.  
Sent to the House for concurrence.**

*Moment of Silence.*

At the request of the Chair (Ms. Lovely), the members, guests and staff stood in a moment of silence and reflection to the memory of Helen Reilly Curtin.

Moment of silence.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

*Engrossed Bills.*

The following engrossed bills (both of which originated in the House), having been certified by the Senate Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, were severally passed to be enacted and were signed by the Acting President (Ms. Lovely) and laid before the Governor for her approbation, to wit:

- Amending the charter of the town of Natick (see Senate, No. 3898, amended); and
- Amending the town manager act of the town of Arlington (see House, No. 4502).

Bills laid before the Governor.

*Matters Taken Out of the Orders of the Day.*

There being no objection, the following matters were taken out of the Orders of the Day and considered as follows:

The House Bill authorizing the city of Revere to pay a certain sum of money to Denise Mattera (Condelli), widow of former school committee member Anthony Mattera (House, No. 2275) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Revere,-- Denise Mattera payments.

The House Bill amending the charter of the town of Hopkinton to incorporate appointment powers of the board of library trustees (House, No. 4292),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Hopkinton,-- charter.

The House Bill relative to real property tax deferrals in the town of Wellesley (House, No. 4143),-- **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 authorizing the town of Wellesley to amend the income threshold for senior real property tax deferments".**

Wellesley,-- property tax.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

A Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Sally Desrosiers, an employee of the Department of Correction (House, No. 4962, amended,-- on petition),-- was read.

Sally Desrosiers,-- sick leave.

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

A Bill validating the results of the annual election held in the town of Bourne on May 20, 2025 (printed in House, No. 4763,-- being a message from Her Excellency the Governor),-- was read.

Bourne,-- election results.

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

*Order Adopted.*

On motion of Mr. Fattman,--

*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 Helen Reilly Curtin.*

The Senator from Essex, Ms. Lovely, moved that when the Senate adjourns today, it does so in memory of Helen Reilly Curtin.

Helen Reilly Curtin, fondly known as “Muffet”, passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on December 19, 2025. Helen was married to Dr. Patrick H. Curtin, and they shared sixty-one beautiful years of marriage together.

Helen was born at the Mary Alley Hospital in Marblehead, daughter of the late Mary Dooling Reilly and John F. Reilly of Marblehead. She was a graduate of St. James High School, Merrimack College with a BA in Early Education, and a Master’s degree in Education from Salem State College.

A beloved teacher in the Peabody Public School district for 40 years, Helen spent most of her years at the Carroll School alongside exceptional teachers, many of whom became life-long friends.

Helen possessed a deeply compassionate spirit and found her greatest joy in the company of her family and friends. The Curtin home was “Party Central” for countless social events and the door was always open to everyone.

A woman of strong faith, Helen volunteered and supported many charitable organizations and was always ready to help people in need. She had a passion for literature and enjoyed many “book chats” with her grandchildren, in addition to the friendship of her book club ladies. She never missed a game, match, or performance of one of her children and, later, grandchildren along with their many graduation ceremonies from kindergarten to graduate school.

Helen is survived by her husband Dr. Patrick Curtin of Salem, their three children Tim Curtin and wife Jody of Danvers, Mary Jackson and husband Brad of Beverly, and Dr. Matt Curtin and wife Laurie of Beverly, brother Joseph Reilly, sister Maryann “Penny” Lemelin and brother-in-law Robert, and sister-in-law Gail Reilly as well as her grandchildren Andrew and Carolyn Curtin, Ryan, Mia, and Owen Jackson, Emma, Meghan, and Annie Curtin, and many nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews. She was predeceased by her brother Jack Reilly, sister-in-law Judy Reilly, and nephew Jeffrey Reilly.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect to the memory of Helen Reilly Curtin, at twenty minutes before twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mr. Fattman, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

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