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Met at sixteen minutes before twelve o'clock noon (Mr. Brownsberger in the Chair).

The Chair (Mr. Brownsberger), members, guests and staff then recited the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of allegiance.

Reports.

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

Report of the Office of the Commissioner of Probation (pursuant to Section 5 of Chapter 211F of the General Laws) submitting the fiscal year 2025 annual report and Community Justice Support Centers statistical report (a copy having been forwarded to the Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means) (received March 4, 2026);

OCC,-- FY25 annual report. SD3737

Report of the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (pursuant to line item 2200-0100 of Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the Private Well Program 2025 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, the Joint Committee on Public Health and the Joint Committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy) (received March 5, 2026);

MassDEP,-- Private Well FY25 report. SD3743

Report of the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (pursuant to Section 2 of Chapter 258F of the General Laws) submitting its Certification for Violent Crime and Human Trafficking 2024 annual 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 5, 2026);

EOPSS,-- Victims of Violent Crime 2024 report. SD3745

Report of the Community Economic Development Assistance Corporation (pursuant to Section 6 of Chapter 40H of the General Laws) submitting its 2025 annual report (received March 5, 2026); and

CEDAC FY 2025 annual report. SD3746

Report of the Department of Public Health (pursuant to 105 CMR 451.403) submitting the inspection report for MCI Shirley, the Plan of Correction from the facility and the Plan of Correction acceptance letter from the Division of Environmental Health Regulations and Standards (EHRS) (received March 6, 2026).

DPH,-- MCI Shirley Inspection report. SD3749

Petition.

Mr. Fattman and Mr. Smola of Warren presented a joint petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Ryan C. Fattman and Todd M. Smola for legislation to authorize the commissioner of capital asset management and maintenance to grant an easement over certain land in the town of Sturbridge,-- and the same was referred, under Senate Rule 20, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Sturbridge,-- land. SD3747

Order.

Mr. Finegold presented an Order relative to granting the committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies until June 30, 2026, within which time to make

Economic Development and Emerging

its final report on a current Senate document numbered 300, relative to providing oversight of youth sports and combat sports in the Commonwealth (Senate, No. 3003).

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

Technologies,--
extension order.

Reports of Committees.

The following report was received the time within which the said committee was required to report having expired:

By Ms. Lovely, for the committee on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently (under Joint Rule 10), on Senate, Nos. 1997 and 2162, an Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently to make an investigation and study of certain current Senate documents relative to rules of the two branches, acting concurrently matters (Senate, No. 3002);

Rules of the two
branches, acting
concurrently,--
study.

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

By Mr. Payano, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, on Senate, Nos. 191, 225, 235, 268 and 290, an Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure to make an investigation and study of certain current Senate documents relative to consumer protection and professional licensure matters (Senate, No. 2996);

Consumer
Protection and
Professional
Licensure,-- study.

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

By Mr. Finegold, for the committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies, on petition, a Bill relative to economic development and infrastructure in the Stadium Area of Route 1 (Senate, No. 299);

Route 1
Infrastructure
Fund.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill addressing economic, health and social harms caused by sports betting (Senate, No. 302);

Sports betting,--
social harms.

By Mr. Feeney, for the committee on Financial Services, on petition, a Bill relative to travel insurance (Senate, No. 2921);

Travel insurance.

By Mr. Cyr, for the committee on Housing, on petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 965), a Bill promoting fair and affordable housing (Senate No. 2980) and

Affordable
housing.

By Ms. Edwards, for the committee on the Judiciary, on petition, a Bill to prevent child labor exploitation and trafficking (Senate, No. 1196);

Child labor
exploitation,--
prevention.

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

By Mr. Payano, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, on petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Topsfield to convert 4 licenses for sale of wine and malt beverages not to be drunk on the premises to 4 licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises and to prohibit the sale of alcoholic beverages in the containers less than 200 milliliters (Senate, No. 2526) [Local approval received];

Topsfield,-- liquor
licenses.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Walpole to grant up to 2 additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (Senate, No. 2532) [Local approval received];

Walpole,-- liquor
license.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Berkley to grant additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (Senate, No. 2553) [Local approval received];

Berkley,-- liquor
license.

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By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill providing for alcoholic beverage licenses in the town of Bolton (Senate, No. 2628) [Local approval received];

Bolton,-- liquor licenses.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill extending the time for the town of Boxford to grant 2 additional licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (Senate, No. 2913) [Local approval received];

Boxford,-- liquor licenses.

By Ms. Rausch, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Tewksbury to lease the North Street Elementary School for a term of years not exceeding 99 years (Senate, No. 2878) [Local approval received];

Tewksbury,-- land lease.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Berkley to increase the membership of the board of selectmen (Senate, No. 2897) [Local approval received];

Berkley,-- board of selectmen.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Milton to use certain land acquired for conservation purposes for school purposes (Senate, No. 2963) [Local approval received]; and

Milton,-- conservation land.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2894), a Bill authorizing print-free digital legal notices in the city of Newton (Senate No. 3004) [Local approval received on Senate, No. 2894];

Newton,-- digital legal notices.

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

Notice was received from the House of Representatives announcing the following appointments by the Speaker:

Representatives Fiola of Fall River and Gregoire of Marlborough have been appointed to serve as his designees (under Executive Order 647) to the Governor's Competitiveness Council established to advise the Governor on issues relating to business incentives, business regulation, support of innovation, talent, taxation, and other related factors that affect the Commonwealth's economic competitiveness, and to offer recommendations on potential actions to strengthen the Commonwealth's business climate and support growth in existing and emerging industries.

Governor's Competitiveness Council,-- appointments.

Bills

Directing the city of Boston police department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Ryan Cazeau (House, No. 4740,-- on petition) [Local approval received]; and

Boston,-- Ryan Cazeau.

Authorizing the town of Pembroke to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 4817,-- on House, No. 4570) [Local approval received on House, No. 4570];

Pembroke,-- liquor license.

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

A Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Sonia Felix, an employee of the Department of Transitional Assistance (House, No. 5014, amended-- on petition),-- was read.

Sonia Felix,-- 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.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Fattman,--

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

Time of meeting.

On motion of the same Senator, at fourteen minutes before twelve o'clock noon, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.