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Thursday, March 12, 2026.

Met at eighteen minutes past eleven o'clock A.M. (Ms. Creem 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. Creem), 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. Creem) handed the gavel to Ms. Rausch for the purpose of an introduction. Ms. Rausch then introduced, in the rear of the Chamber, the Tri-County Regional Vocational Technical High School football team and cross country team. The football team was recognized for winning the MVADA Medium-School Vocational state championship title. The cross country team was recognized for winning the Mayflower Athletic Conference Championship title. The athletes were also guests of Senator Feeney. The Senate applauded their accomplishments and they withdrew from the Chamber.

Tri-County
Regional
Vocational
Technical High
School football
team and cross
country team.

The Chair (Ms. Creem) handed the gavel to Mr. Rodrigues for the purpose of an introduction. Mr. Rodrigues then introduced, in the rear of the Chamber, members of the Fall River Boys and Girls Club. The Senate welcomed them with applause and they withdrew from the Chamber.

Fall River Boys
and Girls Club.

Reports.

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

Report of Office of the Commissioner of Probation (pursuant to Section 99F of Chapter 276 of General Laws) submitting its Massachusetts Probation Service 2025 annual 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 the Judiciary and the Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security) (received March 9, 2026);

OCP,-- MA
Probation Service
2025 annual report.
SD3750

Report of the Department of Revenue (pursuant to Section 1(e) of Chapter 207 of the Acts of 2018) submitting its updated Tax Expenditure Review Commission 2026 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 Revenue) (received March 6, 2026);

DOR,-- TERC-
2026- updated
report.
SD3752

Report of Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (pursuant to line item 8910-1000 of Section 2 of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting its Hampden County Sheriff's Office Prison Industries Retained Revenue FY25 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 the Judiciary and the Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security) (received March 9, 2026);

Hampden County
Prison Industries
Retained Revenue
FY25 report.
SD3753

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

A&F,-- EA
Housing bi-weekly
report.
SD3755

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report (a copy having been forwarded to the Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means) (received March 10, 2026);

Report of the Department of Public Health (pursuant to 105 CMR 451.403) submitting the inspection report for the MCI Norfolk, the Plan of Correction (POC) from the facility and the POC acceptance letter from the Division of Environmental Health Regulations and Standards (EHRS) (received March 10, 2026);

Report of the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development (pursuant line item 7003-0101 of Section 2 of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting its Shared Services FY26 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 Labor and Workforce Development) (received March 10, 2026); and

Report of the Office of the Comptroller (pursuant to line item 1595-1075 of Section 2E of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting its Workforce Competitiveness FY26 Trust Fund Transfer Schedule report (a copy having been forwarded to the Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means) (received March 10, 2026).

DPH,-- MCI
Norfolk Inspection
report.
SD3756

EOLWD,-- Shared
Services FY26
report.
SD3757

Comptroller,--
Workforce
Competitiveness
FY26 report.
SD3758

Petitions.

Petitions were severally presented and referred as follows:

Mr. Collins presented a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 3017) of Nick Collins (with approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to direct the city of Boston police department of waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Elijah George Osborne,-- **and the same was referred, under Senate Rule 20, to the committee on Public Service.**

Boston,-- Elijah
George Osborne.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

By Mr. Fattman, a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Ryan C. Fattman and John J. Marsi for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Stephanie Rivera, an employee of the Worcester County Sheriff's Office; and

Stephanie Rivera,--
sick leave.
SD3754

By Ms. Lovely, a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Joan B. Lovely for legislation relative to animal telehealth;

Veterinarians,--
animal telehealth.
SD3751

Severally, under Senate Rule 20, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Reports of Committees.

By Ms. Jehlen, for the committee on Aging and Independence, on Senate, No. 479, an Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on Aging and Independence to make an investigation and study of a certain current Senate document relative to improving transparency and accountability for residents of long-term care (Senate, No. 3012);

Aging and
Independence,--
study.

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

By Ms. Lovely, for the committee on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that the Senate Bill addressing rising insurance costs for manufactured home residents (Senate, No. 2919),-- ought to pass.

Manufactured and
Mobile Homes
Commission.

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 Bills Establishing peer-run respite centers throughout the Commonwealth (Senate, No. 1383) [Estimated cost: greater than \$100,000];

Peer-run respite
centers.

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Relative to preventing overdose deaths and increasing access to treatment (Senate, No. 1393) [Estimated cost: greater than \$100,000];

Safeguarding victims of illicit drink spiking (Senate, No. 1537) [Estimated cost: greater than \$100,000];

To address conflicts of interest in the use of temporary nursing agencies at skilled nursing facilities (Senate, No. 1539, changed) [Estimated cost: greater than \$100,000];

Relative to the board of registration in naturopathy (Senate, No. 1547) [Estimated cost: greater than \$100,000];

Prioritizing patient access to care (Senate, No. 1563) [Estimated cost: greater than \$100,000];

Relative to newborn screenings for congenital cytomegalovirus (Senate, No. 1573) [Estimated cost: greater than \$100,000];

Enabling trained school personnel to administer life saving epinephrine treatment (Senate, No. 1595) [Estimated cost: greater than \$100,000];

Authorizing pharmacists to provide opioid use disorder treatment (Senate, No. 1635) [Estimated cost: greater than \$100,000];

To improve oral health for all Massachusetts residents (Senate, No. 2854) [Estimated cost: greater than \$100,000]; and

To ensure access to medical parole (Senate, No. 2857) [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 more timely treatment of inpatient mental health care (Senate, No. 1401),-- **ought to pass with an amendment, substituting a new draft with the same title (Senate, No. 2974) [Estimated cost: greater than \$100,000]**

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

Ms. Lovely, for the committee on Rules, to whom was referred the Senate Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight to make an investigation and study of a certain current Senate document relative to Massachusetts time zones and sunshine protection (Senate, No. 2850), reported, a “Bill relative to Massachusetts time zones and sunshine protection” (Senate, No. 2157);

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

By Mr. Cyr, for the committee on Housing, on petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 967), a Bill relative to housing in seasonal communities (Senate No. 2981);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 995), a Bill relative to the use of credit reporting for rent-subsidized tenants (Senate No. 2982);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on Senate, Nos. 994 and 1016, a Bill prohibiting algorithmic rent setting (Senate, No. 2983);

By Mr. Feeney, for the committee on Financial Services, on petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 722), a Bill to encourage retirement planning (Senate No. 2987); and

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 752), a Bill promoting financial literacy, wealth-building, and economic opportunity for all (Senate No. 2988);

Injection sites,--
pilot program.

Date rape drugs,--
testing.

Nursing care,--
conflicts of
interest.

Naturopathy,--
board of
registration.
Patient care.

Newborns,--
congenital
cytomegalovirus.
Epinephrine,--
school personnel.

Pharmacists,--
SUDS treatment.

Dental therapist
licensure.

Medical parole.

Mental health,--
treatment.

Atlantic standard
time.

Seasonal
communities.

Housing,-- credit
reporting.

Prohibit
algorithmic rent
setting.
Retirement
planning.

Financial literacy.

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

Committees Discharged.

Ms. Lovely, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, reported, asking to be discharged from further consideration

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);

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);

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);

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);

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); and

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);

And recommending that the same severally be referred to the committee on Rules.

Under Senate Rule 36, the reports were severally considered forthwith and accepted.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

Notice was received from the House of Representatives announcing the following appointment by the Minority Leader:

Representative Steven George Xiarhos of Barnstable has been appointed to serve as his designee (under Section 221 of Chapter 6 of the General Laws) to the Hate Crimes Task Force.

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5227) of Danielle W. Gregoire and James B. Eldridge (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to further regulate the filling of vacancies on the city council relative to the office of ward councilor in the city of Marlborough,-- **was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Election Laws.**

A Bill directing the city of Boston police department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Edny Joseph (House, No. 4741,-- on petition) [Local approval received],-- **was read and, under Senate Rule 26, placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session.**

Judiciary,-- study.

Cannabis Policy,-- study.

State Administration and Regulatory Oversight,-- study.

Financial Services,-- study.

Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure,-- study.

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

Hate Crimes Task Force,-- appointment.

Marlborough,-- city council vacancies.

Boston,-- Edny Joseph.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Moore) “commending the town of Auburn and the Robert and Esther Goddard Centennial Committee for its recognition of the one hundredth anniversary of the historic launch of the world’s first liquid-fueled rocket.”

Auburn and the Robert and Esther Goddard Centennial Committee.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Engrossed Bills.

The following engrossed bills (all 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. Creem) and laid before the Governor for her approbation, to wit:

Authorizing the city of Revere to pay a certain sum of money to Denise Mattera (Condelli), widow of former school committee member Anthony Mattera (see House, No. 2275);

Bills laid before the Governor.

Authorizing the town of Wellesley to amend the income threshold for senior real property tax deferments (see House, No. 4143); and

Amending the charter of the town of Hopkinton to incorporate appointment powers of the board of library trustees (see House, No. 4292).

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5243) of Thomas M. Stanley, John J. Marsi and James C. Arena-DeRosa relative to medication administration in rest homes;

Rest homes,-- medication administration.

Under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Aging and Independence.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5244) of Lindsay N. Sabadosa and Jay D. Livingstone relative to the concealment of the death of child born out of wedlock;

Pregnancy,-- archaic laws.

Under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on The Judiciary.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5245) of John J. Marsi for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Courtney Cochran, an employee of the Department of Children and Families; and

Courtney Cochran,-- sick leave.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5246) of Lindsay N. Sabadosa that the State Board of Retirement be authorized to grant creditable service to Jason Patrissi, an employee of the probation service and a member of the state employees’ retirement system;

Jason Patrissi,-- creditable service.

Severally, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Public Service.

Reports of a Committee.

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

The House Bill relative to certain powers of the board of water commissioners of the Cotuit Fire District (House, No. 2258).

Cotuit Fire District.

There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Ms. Rausch, and the bill was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to read as follows: “An Act enhancing certain powers of the board of water commissioners of the Cotuit Fire District”.

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

The House Bill authorizing the Cotuit Fire District to raise and appropriate money for the Historical Society of Santuit and Cotuit (House, No. 2259).

Cotuit fire district,-
- funds.

There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Ms. Rausch, and the bill was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to read as follows: “An Act authorizing the Cotuit Fire District to raise and appropriate money for the Historical Society of Santuit and Cotuit, Inc.”.

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 further regulating the composition of the licensing board for the city of Salem (House, No. 4007) (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.**

Salem,-- licensing
board.

The House Bill validating the results of the annual election held in the town of Bourne on May 20, 2025 (printed in House, No. 4763),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Bourne,-- election
results.

Orders Adopted.

Ms. Friedman presented an Order requesting the opinions of the Honorable Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court on an important question of law relative to the House Bill (House, No. 5004) to improve access to public records (Senate, No. 3015).

Supreme Judicial
Court opinion.

Whereas, Initiative Petition 25-14 has been filed and certified, in accordance with Article XLVIII of the Amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth, seeking passage of legislation, House, No. 5004 entitled “An Act to improve access to public records,” hereinafter referred to as “the petition,” which is pending before the General Court; and

Whereas, The petition purports to amend certain provisions of the General Laws to extend application of Chapter 66 of the General Laws, hereinafter referred to as “the public records law,” to the General Court and the office of the Governor; and

Whereas, The petition seeks to supersede the authority granted by the Constitution of the Commonwealth to each house of the General Court to make its own rules and manage its own proceedings, including the authority to manage and maintain its records; and

Whereas, By extending application of the public records law to the General Court, the petition purports to grant the Secretary of the Commonwealth and the Attorney General the authority to oversee and direct the General Court’s compliance with the public records law; and

Whereas, By extending application of the public records law to the General Court, the petition purports to grant the judicial branch new and unprecedented authority to review and invalidate determinations made by the General Court concerning the management and maintenance of its own records and order relief, including, but not limited to, injunctions, attorneys’ fees and costs and punitive damages, against the General Court in such matters; and

Whereas, By extending application of the public records law to the General Court, the petition imposes duties on the General Court that may violate or intrude upon rights granted to members and staff of the General Court pursuant to Part I, Article XXI of the Constitution of the Commonwealth, namely freedom of deliberation, speech and debate; and

Whereas, Grave doubt exists as to whether the petition proposes a law within the meaning of Article XLVIII, The Initiative, Part II, Section 3 of the Amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth; and

Whereas, Grave doubt further exists as to whether the petition relates “to the powers of courts,” which is an excluded subject matter under Article XLVIII, The Initiative, Part II, Section 2 of the Amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth; and

Whereas, Grave doubt further exists as to whether the petition, if enacted, would comply with certain provisions of the Constitution of the Commonwealth, including, but not limited to, the Senate’s constitutional authority to make its own rules and manage its own proceedings, separation of powers and legislative immunity and privilege; now therefore be it

Ordered, That the opinions of the Honorable Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court be required by the Senate on the following important questions of law:-

1. Does the petition, which proposes statutory changes relating to the retention of and access to records of the General Court, propose a rule relating to internal legislative procedures, not a law, and is, therefore, not properly introduced and pending before the General Court under Article XLVIII, The Initiative, Part II, Section 3 of the Amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth?

2. Does the petition relate “to the powers...of courts,” insofar as it grants the judicial branch new and unprecedented authority to review, decide and order relief in challenges to records determinations made by the General Court, and is thus excluded from the initiative process under Article XLVIII, The Initiative, Part II, Section 2 of the Amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth?

3. If the petition is properly introduced and pending, does the petition, by amending the public records law to include the General Court within its ambit, violate or intrude upon the Senate’s authority to “determine its own rules of proceedings” for its records under Part II, Chapter 1, Section 2, Article VII of the Constitution of the Commonwealth?

4. If the petition is properly introduced and pending, does the petition’s grant of authority over the records of the General Court—and to supersede legislative rules and proceedings related to those records—to the judicial branch and to executive branch officers, including the Secretary of the Commonwealth and Attorney General, violate Part I, Article XXX of the Constitution of the Commonwealth?

5. If the petition is properly introduced and pending, does the petition violate or intrude upon rights granted to members and staff of the General Court pursuant to Part I, Article XXI of the Constitution of the Commonwealth, namely freedom of deliberation, speech and debate?

There being no objection, the rules were suspended on motion of Mr. Feeney, and the order was considered forthwith; and, after remarks, the Order (Senate, No, 3015) was adopted.

Ms. Friedman presented an Order requesting the opinions of the Honorable Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court on an important question of law relative to the House Bill (House, No. 5010) to reform and regulate legislative stipends (Senate, No. 3016).

Id.

Whereas, Initiative Petition 25-37 has been filed and certified, in accordance with Article XLVIII of the Amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth, seeking passage of legislation, House No. 5010 entitled “An Act to reform and regulate legislative stipends,” hereinafter referred to as “the petition,” which is pending before the General Court; and

Whereas, The petition purports to amend certain provisions of Chapter 3 of the General Laws, which currently govern additional regular compensation for members; that

compensation is in addition to the base compensation calculated pursuant to Article CXVIII of the Amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth; and

Whereas, The petition purports to condition a member's receipt of additional regular compensation on legislative "compliance" with a number of procedural requirements also set forth in the petition; and

Whereas, Senate, House and joint rules govern the same procedures set forth in the petition; and

Whereas, Grave doubt exists as to whether the petition fails to propose a law within the meaning of Article XLVIII, The Initiative, Part II, Section 3 of the Amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth by mandating changes to internal legislative procedures that are within the constitutional unicameral powers of the Senate and House of Representatives; and

Whereas, Grave doubt further exists as to whether the petition, if enacted, would violate and intrude upon the ability of the Senate and House of Representatives to set their own rules of proceedings; now therefore be it

Ordered, That the opinions of the Honorable Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court be required by the Senate on the following important questions of law:-

1. Does the petition—which has been filed and certified in accordance with Article XLVIII, The Initiative, Part II, Section 3 of the Amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth ("art. 48"), seeking passage of legislation entitled "An Act to reform and regulate legislative stipends," and which is pending before the General Court—violate art. 48 by making changes to internal legislative procedures that are within the constitutional unicameral powers of the Senate, thus failing to propose a law, where:

a. The petition reshapes and codifies existing legislative rules on how and when bills are heard and reported out of legislative committees, setting specific procedures for bill hearings and reporting;

b. The petition assigns additional duties to the Clerks of the House of Representatives and Senate, who are officers of those bodies and whose duties are set by internal rule by the respective bodies;

c. The petition makes the rate of pay for Senators dependent, in part, on "compliance" by the House of Representatives with the petition's procedural requirements, thus interfering with the independence of both bodies; or where

d. The petition supplants and codifies existing legislative rules on compensation, ensuring that members of the House of Representatives and members of the Senate are compensated differently?

2. If the answer to question 1 and all its subparts is in the negative, does the petition, if enacted, intrude on the Senate's ability to set its own rules of proceedings in violation of Part II, Chapter 1, Section 2, Article VII of the Constitution of the Commonwealth, where:

a. The petition reshapes and codifies existing legislative rules on how and when bills are heard and reported out of legislative committees, setting specific procedures for bill hearings and reporting;

b. The petition assigns additional duties to the Clerks of the House of Representatives and Senate, who are officers of those bodies and whose duties are set by internal rule by the respective bodies;

c. The petition makes the rate of pay for Senators dependent, in part, on "compliance" by the House of Representatives with the petition's procedural requirements, thus interfering with the independence of both bodies; or where

d. The petition supplants and codifies existing legislative rules on compensation, ensuring that members of the House of Representatives and members of the Senate are compensated differently?

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There being no objection, the rules were suspended on motion of Mr. Feeney, and the order was considered forthwith; and, after remarks, the Order (Senate, No, 3016) was adopted.

Report of a Committee.

By Mr. Rodrigues, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Senate Bill banning the retail sale of dogs, cats, and rabbits in pet shops (Senate, No. 2720),-- ought to pass with an amendment substituting a new draft entitled:-- “An Act promoting pet equity, treatment and safety” (Senate, No. 3014).

Pet shops,-- animal sales.

Orders Adopted.

Mr. Rodrigues offered the following order, to wit:

Ordered, That notwithstanding Senate Rule 7 or any other rule to the contrary, the Senate Bill banning the retail sale of dogs, cats, and rabbits in pet shops (Senate, No. 2720) shall be placed in the Orders of the Day for a second reading on Thursday, March 19, 2026, for immediate consideration with the Ways and Means amendment (Senate, No. 3014) pending; and be it further ordered that all amendments to the proposed new draft shall be second-reading amendments, but further amendments in the third-degree to such amendments shall be in order.

Procedural Order
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The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Rodrigues, and the order was considered forthwith and adopted.

The bill will be placed in the Orders of the Day for Thursday, March 19, 2026, for a second reading with the amendment pending.

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.

On motion Mr. Rodrigues, at twelve o'clock noon, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.