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Wednesday, April 1, 2026.

Met at seven minutes past ten o'clock A.M. (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.

Distinguished Guests.

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

The Chair (Mr. Brownsberger) handed the gavel to Mr. Payano for the purpose of an introduction. Mr. Payano then introduced, in the rear of the Chamber, a group of students that are associated with Family Services of the Merrimack Valley, a non-profit, social service organization that focuses on youth development, parent education and emotional health.. The students were visiting the State House to participate in Youth Mentoring Day, and to advocate for increased state investment and mentoring programs across the Commonwealth. The Senate welcomed them with applause and they withdrew from the Chamber.

Family Services of the Merrimack Valley.

The Chair (Mr. Brownsberger) handed the gavel to Mr. Collins for the purpose of an introduction. Mr. Collins and Ms. Miranda then introduced, on the Rostrum, Sir Marv Neal. Mr. Neal was recognized for his leadership as owner and operator of The Urban Heat 98.1 FM radio station and for his vital role in addressing political and social issues in urban communities and beyond. The Senate welcomed him with applause, he was presented with a Senate Citation and he withdrew from the Chamber.

Sir Marv Neal.

The Chair (Mr. Brownsberger) handed the gavel to Mr. Collins for the purpose of an introduction. Mr. Collins then introduced, in the rear of the Chamber, a group of youth community leaders and activists that were visiting the State House to participate in Youth Mentoring Day. The students were accompanied by Boston Project Ministry Leader Maridena Rojas. The Senate welcomed them with applause and they withdrew from the Chamber.

Boston Project.

The Chair (Mr. Brownsberger) handed the gavel to Ms. Miranda for the purpose of an introduction. Ms. Miranda then introduced, in the rear of the Chamber, the Holland Tech basketball team. The team was recognized for winning the Boston City League championship title and for their exceptional skill, leadership and perseverance throughout the season. The Bulldogs defeated Latin Academy with a score of 65-60 to capture the school's fourth title in the past five years. The team was accompanied by: Head Coach Joseph Chatman, Assistant Coaches George Chatman and Josh Bonnie, Athletic Director Greg Hill and Head of School, Dr. Artis Street. The Senate applauded their accomplishments, they were presented with Senate Citations on the Rostrum and they withdrew from the Chamber. They were also guests of Representative Worrel of Boston.

Holland Tech basketball team.

Reports.

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

Report of the Lowell Regional Transit Authority (pursuant to Section 8(g) of Chapter 161B of the General Laws) submitting its financial statements and supplementary

LRTA,-- auditors' FY25 report.

information for the year ended June 30, 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 Transportation) (received March 31, 2026);

SD3802

Report of the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (pursuant to Section 2 of Chapter 25 of the General Laws) submitting its Department of Public Utilities 2025 annual report (received March 31, 2026);

EOEEA,-- DPU
annual 2025 report.
SD3804

Report of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (pursuant to Section 8 of Chapter 90K of the General Laws) submitting its report concerning camera enforceable violations for calendar year 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 Transportation) (received March 31, 2026);

MBTA,-- Bus
Lane report.
SD3805

Report of the Office of the State Treasurer (pursuant to Section 38 of Chapter 10 of the General Laws) submitting its Massachusetts State Lottery Charitable Gaming 2025 annual report (received March 31, 2026); and

OST,-- FY25
MSLC charitable
gaming report.
SD3806

Report of the Department of Public Health (pursuant to 105 CMR 451.403) submitting the inspection report for Pondville Correctional Center, the Plan of Correction (POC) from the facility and the POC acceptance letter from the Division of Environmental Health Regulations and Standards (EHRS) (received March 31, 2026).

DPH,-- Pondville
Inspection report.
SD3810

Orders.

Mr. Crighton presented an Order relative to granting the committee on Transportation until July 31, 2026, within which time to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 2347, 2363, 2372, 2373, 2379, 2380, 2393, 2398, 2429, 2432 and 2905, relative to transportation matters (Senate, No. 3037); and

Transportation,--
extension order.

Mr. Eldridge presented an Order relative to granting the committee on Revenue until June 25, 2026, within which time to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 2004 and 2017, relative to revenue matters (Senate, No. 3039);

Revenue,--
extension order.

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

Reports of Committees.

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

Establishing a commission to study reparations in Massachusetts (Senate, No. 1181);

Reparations
commission.
Police officers,--
PTSD.

Establishing a commission to study post-traumatic stress disorder in law enforcement officers (Senate, No. 1669);

Creating an independent correctional oversight office to facilitate the recommendations of the Special Legislative Commission on Structural Racism in Correctional Facilities of the Commonwealth (Senate, No. 1725); and

Commission,--
structural racism in
correctional
facilities.
Firefighting water
supplies.

Relative to firefighting water supplies and a state cistern program (Senate, No. 2920);

Severally ought to pass

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

By Mr. Crighton, for the committee on Transportation, on Senate, Nos. 2343, 2345, 2346, 2353, 2411 and 2513, an Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on Transportation to make an investigation and study of certain current Senate documents relative to transportation matters (Senate, No. 3009); and

Transportation,--
study.

UNCORRECTED PROOF.

By Ms. Friedman, for the committee on Health Care Financing, on Senate, Nos 706, 763, 789, 810, 866, 1171 and 1484, an Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on Health Care Financing to make an investigation and study of certain current Senate documents relative to health care financing matters (Senate, No. 3038);

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

By Ms. Jehlen, for the committee on Aging and Independence, on petition, a Bill relative to disclosing continuing care retirement community entrance fees (Senate, No. 478, changed in line 9, by inserting after the word “provider, the following: “or at the time when a specific unit is reserved-whichever is earlier”);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on Senate, Nos. 486 and 469, a Bill to ensure resident safety within assisted living facilities (Senate, No. 486);

By Mr. Crighton, for the committee on Transportation, on Senate, Nos. 2448 and 2385, a Bill regarding right of way violations (CeCelia’s Law) (Senate, No. 2448);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill authorizing automated curb enforcement and improving parking violation procedures (Senate, No. 2639); and

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on Senate, Nos. 2438 and 2454, a Bill relative to unmanned aerial vehicles in the commonwealth (Senate, No. 3008);

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

By Ms. Rausch, for the committee on Environment and Natural Resources, on petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Grafton to prohibit or restrict the application of second-generation anticoagulant rodenticides (Senate, No. 2877) [Local approval received];

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Manchester-by-the-Sea to adopt a bylaw restricting the use of Second Generation Anticoagulant Rodenticides (SGARs) (Senate, No. 2896) [Local approval received];

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Billerica to ban second generation anticoagulant rodenticides within the town (Senate, No. 2933) [Local approval received]; and

By Mr. Driscoll, for the committee on Public Health, on petition, a Bill allowing the town of Somerset to prohibit water fluoridation (Senate, No. 2627) [Local approval received];

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

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

The Senate Bill relative to the Quabbin Watershed Advisory Committee (Senate No. 652);

The Senate Bill requiring automatic external defibrillators in Norfolk County public buildings (Senate No. 1473); and

The Senate Bill relative to maintenance of physical examinations records for public safety personnel (Senate No. 1851).

Health Care Financing,-- study.

Retirement communities,-- entrance fee.

Assisted living facilities,-- resident safety.
Right of ways,-- violations.

Automated curb enforcement.

Unmanned aerial vehicles.

Grafton,-- anticoagulant rodenticides.

Manchester-by-the-Sea,-- anticoagulant rodenticides.
Billerica,-- anticoagulant rodenticides.

Somerset,-- water fluoridation.

Quabbin Watershed,-- committee.
Norfolk County public buildings,-- AED’s.
Public safety personnel,-- physical exams.

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE.

A Bill authorizing the town of Marblehead to establish a means-tested senior citizen property tax exemption (House, No. 4225,-- on petition) [Local approval received],-- **was read and, under Senate Rule 26, placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session.**

Marblehead,--
senior tax
exemptions.

Reports of Committees.

By Ms. Lovely, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the Senate petition of Edward J. Kennedy for legislation to reimburse school districts of unforeseen busing costs.

School districts,--
busing costs.
SD2876

Senate Rule 36 was suspended, on motion of Mr. Tarr, and the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Education.

By Ms. Lovely, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the Senate petition of Ryan C. Fattman for legislation relative to insurance coverage.

Insurance
coverage,--
medical treatment.
SD3315

Senate Rule 36 was suspended, on motion of Mr. Tarr, and the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Financial Services.

By Ms. Lovely, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the Senate petition of Bruce E. Tarr, Ryan C. Fattman, Patrick M. O'Connor, Peter J. Durant and others for legislation to prevent false impersonation of a federal official.

Federal official,--
false
impersonation.
SD3101

Senate Rule 36 was suspended, on motion of Mr. Tarr, and the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. Lovely, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the Senate petition of Patricia D. Jehlen, Rebecca L. Rausch, James K. Hawkins, Jason M. Lewis and other members of the General Court for legislation to ensure law enforcement identification for public safety.

Law enforcement,-
- face coverings.
SD3574

Senate Rule 36 was suspended, on motion of Mr. Tarr, and the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. Lovely, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the Senate petition of Dylan A. Fernandes for legislation to support men's mental health.

Men's mental
health,-- support.
SD3556

Senate Rule 36 was suspended, on motion of Mr. Tarr, and the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery.

By Ms. Lovely, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the Senate petition of Patrick M. O'Connor for legislation to require local approval for battery storage facility permitting.

BSF,-- municipal
permitting.
SD3182

Senate Rule 36 was suspended, on motion of Mr. Tarr, and the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

By Ms. Lovely, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the Senate petition of Ryan C. Fattman for legislation to implement fines on motorboat operators engaged in wakesurfing activity in close proximity to the shoreline.

Wakesurfing
activity,--
motorboats.
SD3462

Senate Rule 36 was suspended, on motion of Mr. Tarr, and the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security.

By Ms. Lovely, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the Senate petition of Bruce E. Tarr, Kelly A. Dooner, Peter J. Durant, Ryan C. Fattman and other members of the General Court for legislation to promote emergency contract accountability and integrity.

Emergency contract,-- accountability and integrity. SD3285

Senate Rule 36 was suspended, on motion of Mr. Tarr, and the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

By Ms. Lovely, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the Senate petition of Michael J. Barrett for legislation to remove the 10 MW net metering cap on each municipality.

Net metering cap. SD3237

Senate Rule 36 was suspended, on motion of Mr. Tarr, and the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

By Ms. Lovely, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the Senate petition of Michael J. Barrett for legislation to exempt municipal solar facilities from regional limits on net metering.

Municipal solar facilities. SD3238

Senate Rule 36 was suspended, on motion of Mr. Tarr, and the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

By Ms. Lovely, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the Senate petition of Michael J. Barrett for legislation to add multi-family housing constructed in compliance with the state's transit-oriented development statute to the list of facilities exempted from the single-parcel rule.

Solar net-metering facilities,-- zoning. SD3240

Senate Rule 36 was suspended, on motion of Mr. Tarr, and the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

By Ms. Lovely, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the Senate petition of James Cooke for legislation to allow individuals convicted of a second offense of operating under the influence to apply for a hardship license under certain conditions.

Hardship license,-- 2nd offense. SD3176

Senate Rule 36 was suspended, on motion of Mr. Tarr, and the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Transportation.

Severally sent to the House for concurrence.

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE.

A Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Courtney Cochran, an employee of the Department of Children and Families (House, No. 5245,-- on petition),-- was read.

Courtney Cochran,-- sick leave.

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

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 Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure 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.

The rules were suspended on motion of Mr. Tarr, and, after remarks, the order was considered forthwith and adopted.

Orders of the Day.

The Orders of the Day were considered as follows:

Bills

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);

Second reading bills.

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);

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);

Providing for alcoholic beverage licenses in the town of Bolton (Senate, No. 2628);

Authorizing the town of Tewksbury to lease the North Street Elementary School for a term of years not exceeding 99 years (Senate, No. 2878);

Authorizing the town of Berkley to increase the membership of the board of selectmen (Senate, No. 2897);

Authorizing print-free digital legal notices in the city of Newton (Senate, No. 3004);

Directing the city of Boston police department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Edny Joseph (House, No. 4741); and

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);

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

The Senate Bill fostering agricultural resilience in Massachusetts (Senate, No. 2801),-- was read a second time.

Agricultural resilience.

After remarks, pending the question on adoption of the amendment previously recommended by the committee on Ways and Means substituting a new draft with the same title (Senate, No. 3029), and pending the main question on ordering the bill to a third reading, Ms. Creem moved that the proposed new draft be amended by inserting after section 15 the following section:-

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“SECTION 15A. The department of agricultural resources, in administering the climate smart agriculture program, may prioritize projects that incorporate carbon dioxide removal methods including, but not limited to, biochar, terrestrial enhanced weathering, and agricultural soils carbon sequestration. The department may, to the extent feasible, align the program’s standards for carbon dioxide removal with the United States Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service, conservation practice standards that are applicable to carbon dioxide removal.”

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Keenan moved that the proposed new draft be amended in section 2, by striking out, in line 29, the words “the number and names of farms”, and inserting in place thereof the following words:- “a breakdown of the number and names of farms, by their municipality,”.

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After remarks, the amendment was adopted.

Mr. Durant moved that the proposed new draft be amended by inserting the following two sections:-

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“SECTION X. Chapter 183 of the acts of 2022 is hereby amended by striking out section 4 and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

SECTION 4. The parcels of land that may be transferred to the department of agricultural resources pursuant to section 3 contain approximately 175 acres, and are shown as the agricultural fields numbered 4, 5, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14A, 14C, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 and 22 on the plan entitled “Plan of Land in Templeton, MA” prepared by Northeast Survey Consultants and dated July 27, 2017 on file with the division of capital asset management and maintenance, subject to modifications pursuant to section 3 and the parcel shown as AF 13 and the western portion of AF1 containing approximately 54 acres on the plan entitled “Plan of Land in Templeton, MA & Phillipston MA” prepared by Northeast Survey Consultants and dated March 18, 2025 and recorded in Worcester County Registry of Deeds Plan Book 983, Plan 11.

SECTION X. Said chapter 183 of the acts of 2022 is hereby further amended by striking out section 6 and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

SECTION 6. The agricultural fields and parcels that may be conveyed pursuant to section 5 are the agricultural fields numbered 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 14B and the parcels labeled LA 2, LA 3 and LA 4 on the plan entitled “Plan of Land in Templeton, MA” prepared by Northeast Survey Consultants and dated July 27, 2017 on file with the division of capital asset management and maintenance, subject to modifications pursuant to section 5, and the parcels shown as SP2, SP6 and the eastern portion of AF1 containing approximately 10 acres on the plan entitled “Plan of Land in Templeton, MA & Phillipston MA” prepared by Northeast Survey Consultants and dated March 18, 2025 and recorded in Worcester County Registry of Deeds Plan Book 983, Plan 11.”

The amendment was *rejected*.

Messrs. Mark and Fernandes moved that the proposed new draft be amended by inserting after section 15 the following sections:-

“SECTION 15A. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, a farmer or person harvesting agricultural or forest products operating multiple vehicles under a single farm registration issued pursuant to section 1 of chapter 90 shall be required to pay a single overweight permit fee covering all such vehicles; provided, that the fee shall be calculated based on the vehicle with the greatest difference between its registered weight and permitted weight. The registrar shall implement this section using existing farm registration classifications and shall not require separate permits for individual vehicles operating under a single farm registration.

SECTION 15B. Section 30A of chapter 85 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking the words ‘or any motor vehicle, trailer, semi-trailer or semi-trailer unit having five or more axles which with its load weighs not more than ninety-nine thousand pounds’ and inserting in place thereof the following:- or any motor vehicle, trailer, semi-trailer or semi-trailer unit having five or more axles or operating in combination with a detachable trailer which with its load weighs not more than ninety-nine thousand pounds.

SECTION 15C. Section 19A of chapter 90 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after the words ‘travel without such a permit’ the following words:- ; provided further, that a truck, motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, semitrailer unit or tandem unit in combination with a trailer weighing not more than ninety-nine thousand pounds may travel on a public way with such a permit.

SECTION 15D. Section 1 of Chapter 90 of the General Laws, as so appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following definitions:-

‘Truck-trailer unit’, a motor unit composed of a motor vehicle designed to carry a load and having a minimum of three axles, such as a dump truck, log truck, or other truck, paired with a trailer having a minimum of two axles.

SECTION 15E. Section 30A of Chapter 85 of the General Laws, as so appearing in the 2022 official edition, is hereby amended by striking the words ‘motor vehicle, trailer, semi-trailer or semi-trailer unit’ each time it appears, and inserting in place thereof, in each

instance, the words ‘motor vehicle, trailer, semi-trailer, semi-trailer unit, or truck-trailer unit’.

SECTION 15F. Section 30A of Chapter 85 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding at the end the following paragraph:-

Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the weight threshold for determination of a superload shall be those vehicles at or in excess of one hundred and ninety-nine thousand pounds gross vehicle weight. The department shall also implement an application and fee schedule for expedited superload permits authorized under this section. A superload permit may include conditions and terms as determined by the Administrator; provided further, that allowances shall be made for escort flexibility, where practicable, and engineering studies conducted not older than 12 months prior. For purposes of this section, a “superload” is defined as any vehicle or combination of vehicles which exceed 14 feet in width; or 14 feet in height or greater; or greater than 135 feet in length; or one hundred and ninety-nine thousand pounds or greater in gross vehicle weight; or a combination of the above.

Section 15G. Section 9 of chapter 90 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking the third sentence and inserting in place thereof the following:-

A tractor, trailer, truck or all-terrain vehicle may be operated without such registration upon any way for a distance not exceeding one-half mile, if said tractor, trailer, truck or all-terrain vehicle is used exclusively for agricultural purposes consistent with section 1A of the General Laws chapter 128, or between one-half mile and 10 miles if said tractor, trailer, truck or all-terrain vehicle is used exclusively for such agricultural purposes and the owner thereof maintains in full force a policy of liability insurance which conforms to the provisions of section 113A of the General Laws chapter 175, or for a distance not exceeding three hundred yards, if such tractor, trailer or truck is used for industrial purposes other than agricultural purposes, for the purpose of going from property owned or occupied by the owner of such tractor, trailer or truck to other property so owned or occupied.

For the purposes of this section, an all-terrain vehicle shall include those vehicles known as a quad, quad bike, three-wheeler, four-wheeler, or quadricycle as defined by the American National Standards Institute. Persons utilizing all-terrain vehicles under these provisions shall annually notify the police department in the municipalities in which they are to operate of the public way and sections of public way on which they operate in the course of agricultural purposes. Failure to provide such notification may result in penalties pursuant to the General Laws chapter 90, section 20.

All-terrain vehicles operating under the provisions of this section shall be equipped with a safety flag of not less than 36 square inches in area which shall be elevated to no less than 6 feet from the ground. All-terrain vehicles must be equipped with a flashing red light mounted to the rear of the vehicle. If designed to travel at 25 miles per hour or less, the vehicle shall display a ‘slow moving vehicle emblem’ as governed by the General Laws chapter 90, section 7.

Vehicles traveling on a public way subject to this section, shall be operated by a licensed driver. No all-terrain vehicle may operate on a public way between sunset and sunrise. No all-terrain vehicle may be operated on a public way for recreational or other purposes except as authorized in this section and the General Laws chapter 90B, section 25, regarding crossing road at designated points.”

The amendment was *rejected*.

Mrs. Dooner and Mr. Tarr moved that the proposed new draft be amended by inserting after section _ the following 4 sections:-

“SECTION __. Section 3 of chapter 61A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2024 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the words ‘five acres’ and inserting in place thereof the following words:- 3 acres.

SECTION __. Said section 3 of said chapter, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out the words ‘more than five acres’ and inserting in place thereof the following words:- more than 3 acres.

SECTION __. Section 4 of said chapter 61A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out the words ‘not less than five acres in area’ and inserting in place thereof the following words:- not less than 3 acres in area.

SECTION __. Section 5 of said chapter 61A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out the words ‘five-acre minimum area requirements’ and inserting in place thereof the following words:- 3-acre minimum area requirements.”

The amendment was *rejected*.

Messrs. Montigny and Tarr and Mrs. Dooner moved that the proposed new draft be amended in section 1, by inserting after the words “department of agricultural resources,”, in line 6, the following words:- “the department of marine fisheries,”.

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After remarks, the amendment was adopted.

Ms. Lovely and Mr. Mark moved that the proposed new draft be amended in section 11, by striking out in lines 214 to 218, inclusive, the words:- “agricultural resources shall, in consultation with the department of revenue, shall establish and maintain a central registry of all agricultural and horticultural land in the commonwealth. The department of agricultural resources shall update the registry on a biennial basis or at such other frequency as determined by the commissioner of the department of agricultural resources, whichever is more frequent. The commissioner of agriculture” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- “revenue, in consultation with the department of agricultural resources, shall establish and maintain a central registry of all agricultural land in the commonwealth. The department of revenue shall update the registry on a biennial basis or at such other frequency as determined by the commissioner of revenue, whichever is more frequent. The commissioner of revenue”.

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After remarks, the amendment was adopted.

Mr. Fattman moved that the proposed new draft be amended by inserting after section x the following section:-

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“SECTION X. Chapter 252 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after section 2 the following section:-

Section 2A. (a) Upon the written determination of the commissioner of public health that an elevated risk of arbovirus exists or may exist for the current or following year, the board, in consultation with the department of public health, may engage in preventive, management and eradication methods as it deems necessary in any area of the commonwealth. The commissioner shall publish the determination on the department of public health’s website and include a summary of the data supporting the determination. Concurrently, the commissioner shall provide notice of the determination to the joint committee on public health, the joint committee on environment and natural resources, and the joint committee on agriculture. In carrying out its authority under this section, the board may act through any district or project duly organized under this chapter or another agency of the commonwealth or employ other professionals as the board deems necessary.

(b)(1) The board shall provide notice of the methods employed pursuant to subsection (a), including the locations, the particular product to be sprayed, any health risks associated with the product, and dates and times of aerial spraying or other wide-area emergency operations, not less than 48 hours before the application of such an operation to entities within the affected areas, including: (i) appropriate local and regional boards and commissions, including boards of health; (ii) property owners who have opted out of

spraying based on exclusions pursuant to applicable regulations governing pesticide application; (iii) agricultural entities, including beekeepers, cranberry growers, certified organic farms and aquaculture facilities; and (iv) any other person who informs the board through a form made available on the board's website that they wish to be informed of aerial spraying in their region.

The board shall provide notice to all entities within affected areas as provided in the Massachusetts emergency operations response plan for mosquito-borne illnesses, as amended from time to time, including integrated pest management standard written notices to schools, day care centers and school age child care programs. In addition, the board shall provide notice to such entities within the affected areas and to the general public by: (i) posting the notice to its website not less than 48 hours before the application; and (ii) informing local officials and the legislative representatives of the area being sprayed. Such notice shall also include the procedure for owners of property located within the spraying area, including those with property located outside of a mosquito control district, to opt out of aerial spraying or other wide area emergency operations and shall be consistent with applicable regulations governing pesticide application.

(2) The executive office of energy and environmental affairs shall develop a process for the board to permit municipalities, upon approval of the selectboard and local board of health, and agricultural entities to opt out of spraying conducted pursuant to subsection (a); provided, however, that any such process shall require municipalities and agricultural entities to have an alternative mosquito management plan approved by the executive office. The executive office shall also provide guidance to municipalities and agricultural entities on the formation of alternative mosquito management plans. Before approving an alternative mosquito management plan, the executive office may consider the plan's impact on regional mosquito control.

(c) Within 30 days after the application of any preventive, management or eradication methods employed pursuant to subsection (a), the board shall provide a report on its website summarizing the specific preventive, management or eradication method used, the areas that were sprayed, the number of applications, the products applied and the results of the actions.

(d) All actions taken under the authority of this section shall be designed to protect public health while minimizing, to the extent feasible, any adverse impact to the environment.

(e) If aerial spraying must be postponed due to weather conditions, notice provided before application shall remain in effect for 48 hours following the improvement of such weather conditions if postponement of aerial spraying would extend beyond the dates indicated in the initial notice; provided, however, that, to the extent reasonably possible, the board shall make a good faith effort to inform the public of any changes to the aerial spraying schedule.

(f) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the State Reclamation and Mosquito Control Board shall provide applications to private property owners to opt out of spraying pursuant to 333 CMR 13.03."

The amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Fattman moved that the proposed new draft be amended by inserting after section X the following section:-

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"SECTION X. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, any diesel powered farm vehicle used on land classified under chapter 61A of the General Laws shall not be subject to any purchasing or production requirements adopted to implement Chapter 8 of the Acts of 2021 or 310 CMR 7.40."

The amendment was *rejected*.

Messrs. Cyr and Tarr moved that the proposed new draft be amended by inserting after section 10 the following 2 sections:-

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“SECTION 10A. Section 12 of said chapter 61A, as so appearing, is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:-

For the purposes of this paragraph, ‘PFAS’ shall mean a class of fluorinated organic chemicals containing at least 1 fully fluorinated carbon atom.

No conveyance tax under this section shall be assessed on land removed from agricultural or horticultural or agricultural and horticultural use due to regulatory action based on the actual or suspected presence of PFAS in soil, water, livestock or agricultural products derived from such land; provided, however, that said regulatory action: (i) is not taken in response to a willful violation of law or regulation by the owner; and (ii) renders the continued use of such land economically infeasible. The commissioner of revenue, in consultation with the commissioner of agricultural resources and the commissioner of environmental protection, shall promulgate regulations to implement this paragraph.

SECTION 10B. Section 13 of said chapter 61A, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after the fourth paragraph the following paragraph:-

For the purposes of this paragraph, ‘PFAS’ shall mean a class of fluorinated organic chemicals containing at least 1 fully fluorinated carbon atom.

No roll-back tax imposed by this section shall be assessed on land that no longer meets the definition of land actively devoted to agricultural, horticultural or agricultural and horticultural use due to regulatory action regarding the actual or suspected presence of PFAS in soil, water, livestock or agricultural products derived from such land, provided that said regulatory action: (i) is not taken in response to a willful violation of law or regulation by the owner; and (ii) renders the continued use of such land economically infeasible. The commissioner of revenue, in consultation with the commissioner of agricultural resources and the commissioner of environmental protection, shall promulgate regulations to implement this paragraph.”.

After debate, the amendment was adopted.

Messrs. Tarr and Eldridge moved that the proposed new draft be amended by inserting after section 9 the following section:-

“SECTION 9A. Section 5 of chapter 59 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended adding the following clause:-

Fifty-ninth. (a) For the purposes of this clause, the following words shall have the following meanings unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

‘Agricultural’, the activity of raising, breeding and boarding of livestock, including, but not limited to, commercial horse boarding operations.

‘Structures and buildings’, structures and buildings or portions thereof used directly and exclusively in the raising and production for sale of agricultural and horticultural commodities or necessary for the storage thereof; provided, however, that a municipality may also vote to include as “structures and buildings” the following: (i) structures and buildings or portions thereof used for the processing of agricultural and horticultural commodities or the retail merchandising of such commodities produced or raised in the commonwealth; (ii) structures and buildings used to provide housing for regular and essential employees and their immediate families who are primarily employed in connection with the operation of lands actively devoted to agricultural and horticultural use, but not including structures and buildings occupied as a residence by the applicant and the applicant’s immediate family; (iii) structures and buildings used as indoor exercise arenas exclusively for training and exercising horses in connection with the raising and production for sale of agricultural and horticultural commodities or in connection with a commercial horse boarding operation; provided, however, that indoor exercise arenas shall not include a horse ranch offering guest lodging and services or a riding academy that solely provides equine riding lessons; (iv) structures and buildings used in the production of maple syrup;

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and (v) structures and buildings used in the production of honey and beeswax including those structures and buildings used for the storage of bees.

(b) A city or town that accepts this clause may exempt from taxation any increase in value that results from the construction or reconstruction of structures and buildings essential to the operation of land that is actively devoted to the primary purpose of commercial agriculture, aquaculture, silviculture, horticulture, floriculture or viticulture and that is used and occupied to carry out such operation consistent with section 1A of chapter 128 for a period of up to 5 years. A city or town may establish a limit on the value exempt from taxation.

(c) An exemption from taxation under this clause shall be granted only upon an application by the owner of the building or structure on a form prescribed by the commissioner. The applicant shall furnish such information as the municipality's board of assessors may require. Such application shall be filed with the assessor of the municipality having the power to assess property for taxation on or before the appropriate taxable status date of such municipality and not more than 1 year after the date of completion of construction or reconstruction of structures and buildings. The assessor of the municipality may approve an application upon a finding the applicant is entitled to an exemption. Structures or buildings that receive such approval shall be exempt from taxation as provided under this clause. The assessed value of any exemption granted under this clause shall be entered by the assessor on the portion of the assessment roll provided for property exempt from taxation. An exemption granted pursuant to this clause shall continue, for not more than 5 years, only while such buildings and structures are used and occupied as provided herein.

(d) In the event that land or buildings or structures in agricultural or horticultural use are converted to non-agricultural or non-horticultural use during the period of an exemption granted pursuant to this clause, the structures or buildings upon which the exemption was granted shall be subject to roll-back taxes for the period during which the exemption was operative. The assessors of the appropriate assessing unit shall enter on the taxable portion of the assessment roll of the current year the assessed valuation or valuations of the structures or buildings on which exemption was granted in any prior year or years at the assessed valuation or valuations as set forth on the exempt portion of the assessment roll. The amount of roll-back taxes for structures and buildings subject thereto pursuant to this clause shall be computed by the appropriate tax levying body by applying the applicable tax rate for each such prior year to the assessed valuation, as set forth on the exempt portion of the assessment roll, for such structures or buildings for each such prior year during such period of exemption. Such roll-back taxes shall be levied and collected in the same manner and at the same time as other taxes are imposed and levied under this chapter.”

After remarks, the question on adoption of the amendment was determined by a call of the yeas and nays at twenty-two minutes before twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mr. Tarr, as follows, to wit (yeas 38 – nays 0) **[Yeas and Nays No. 143]:**

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.

Friedman, Cindy F.
Gómez, Adam
Howard, Vanna
Jehlen, Patricia D.
Keenan, John F.
Kennedy, Robyn K.
Lewis, Jason M.
Lovely, Joan B.
Mark, Paul W.
Miranda, Liz

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

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. – **38.**

NAYS – 0.

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING.

Velis, John C. – **1.**

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

Mr. Tarr moved that the proposed new draft be amended by inserting in line 60 after the word “department” the following:-

“(xi) the parcel’s vulnerability to climate-related risks including flooding, drought, and extreme weather; and

(xii) the existence of a documented succession plan or demonstrated likelihood of continued agricultural use by a future operator.”

After remarks, the amendment was *rejected*.

Messrs. Tarr and Eldridge moved that the proposed new draft be amended by inserting after section _ the following section:-

“SECTION _ . Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary the department of agricultural resources, in coordination with the executive office of energy and environmental affairs, shall develop and maintain a unified online portal through which farmers may access all state-administered agricultural grants, permits, licenses, and technical assistance programs. The portal shall include application timelines, required documentation, expected response periods, and any other information the department deems necessary to streamline access to state agricultural resources.

The portal shall be fully operational not later than 6 months after the effective date of this act.”

After debate, the amendment was rejected.

Messrs. Tarr and Montigny moved that the proposed new draft be amended in section 11 by inserting after subsection (b)(v) the following subsection:-

“(vi) whether agricultural land or horticultural land is owned, directly or indirectly, by a foreign government, foreign state-owned enterprise, or foreign sovereign wealth fund, to the extent such information is ascertainable through public records or disclosures required under state or federal law.”; and

In said section 11 by adding the following subsection:-

“(d) The department shall annually publish a report summarizing the extent of agricultural and horticultural land ownership by foreign governments, foreign state-owned enterprises, and foreign sovereign wealth funds, including regional distribution and any changes in ownership over the preceding year. The report shall be filed with the clerks of the house of representatives and the senate and the joint committee on agriculture and fisheries.”

After debate, the amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Tarr moved that the proposed new draft be amended by adding the following section:-

“SECTION __ Section 2A of chapter 128 of the general laws is hereby repealed.”

After remarks, the amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Tarr moved that the proposed new draft be amended by adding the following section:- 19

“SECTION __. Section 2A of chapter 61A of the General Laws as appearing in the 2024 official edition is hereby amended in line 13 by striking out the words ‘125 percent’ and inserting in place thereof the following words:- ‘250 percent’.

After debate, the amendment was *rejected*.

Messrs. Mark and Eldridge moved that the proposed new draft be amended by inserting after section 1 the following section:- 20

“SECTION 1A. Chapter 23A of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 10A the following section:-

Section 10A1/2. (a) The MOBD shall establish a Massachusetts food tourism task force to identify, evaluate, make recommendations and implement such recommendations regarding the challenges and benefits of marketing, promoting and selling consumer food, farm and agricultural goods produced in the commonwealth.

(b) The task force shall consist of the director of MOBD or a designee, who shall serve as chair; the secretary of the executive office of economic development or a designee; the director of the office of real estate and economic development of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation or a designee; the chief executive officer of the Massachusetts Port Authority or a designee; the chair of the board of higher education at the department of higher education or a designee; the commissioner of the department of agricultural resources or a designee; and the executive director of the office of travel and tourism or a designee.

(c) The task force shall: (i) identify and assess state-operated and state-owned locations suitable for marketing, promoting or selling consumer food, farm and agriculture goods produced in the commonwealth; (ii) provide information to businesses that produce consumer food, farm and agricultural goods in the commonwealth about state-operated and state-owned locations where these businesses may sell their goods; (iii) develop and maintain a public list of businesses or vendors of consumer food, farm and agriculture goods produced in the commonwealth; and (iv) develop and implement a brand to identify consumer food, farm and agriculture goods produced in the commonwealth for purposes of promoting and marketing said goods.

(d) The MOBD may expend such funds as may be appropriated therefor, and may accept federal funds or private gifts and grants to assist it in carrying out the purposes of this section.

(e) Annually, not later than November 1, the task force shall report to the clerks of the senate and house of representatives and the joint committee on tourism, arts and cultural development on the activities of the task force, including, but not limited to: (i) any challenges identified to the marketing, promotion and selling of consumer food, farm and agricultural products produced in the commonwealth; (ii) actions taken or recommended to address such challenges; (iii) an assessment of the effectiveness of connecting businesses that produce consumer food, farm and agricultural goods with state-operated and state-owned locations where such businesses can sell such goods; and (iv) any other factors as determined by the MOBD.

(f) The MOBD shall promulgate regulations to implement this section.”; and

By inserting after section 16 the following section:-

“SECTION 16A. Not later than 120 days following the effective date of this act, the Massachusetts department of business development shall promulgate regulations to implement section 10A1/2 of chapter 23A of the General Laws.”

After remarks, the amendment was adopted.

Mr. Tarr moved that the proposed new draft be amended by adding the following section:- 25

“SECTION __. Section 3 of chapter 40A of the General Laws as appearing in the 2024 official edition is hereby amended by inserting in line 32 after the word, ‘viculture’ the following:- ‘; provided, however, that the commissioner of agricultural resources may, upon written application by a farm, grant a waiver from the percentage requirements set forth in this section if the farm demonstrates that it is unable to meet such requirements due to weather events, market conditions, supply chain disruptions, or other documented hardships. Any waiver issued under this proviso shall certify that the primary use of the property remains agriculture and that the farm stand continues to operate in a manner consistent with the purposes of this section’.”

After debate, the amendment was *rejected*.

Messrs. Tarr and Montigny moved that the proposed new draft be amended by inserting in section 11 after subsection (c) the following subsection:-

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“(d) Upon Agricultural land or horticultural land listed in the registry established under this section becoming the subject of an option agreement, purchase-and-sale agreement, right of first refusal, or any other contractual arrangement that contemplates the sale, transfer, or conversion of the land for a non-agricultural use, the owner shall provide written notice of such agreement to the department and to the municipality in which the land is located not less than 120 days prior to the anticipated date of sale or transfer.

For purposes of this subsection, ‘non-agricultural use’ shall include, but not be limited to, industrial, commercial, or energy-related development, including but not limited to: AI data centers; cloud computing campuses; crypto mining facilities; high-density server farms; substation expansions; battery storage installations; utility-scale solar or wind facilities; and any other development that would materially remove the land from agricultural production. The department may promulgate regulations to implement this subsection.”

After remarks, the amendment was *rejected*.

Moment of Silence.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Collins), the members, guests and staff stood in a moment of silence and reflection to the memory of Marrk K. Harris.

Moment of silence.

Orders of the Day.

The Orders of the Day were further considered as follows:

The Senate Bill fostering agricultural resilience in Massachusetts (Senate, No. 2801),-- was further considered, the main question being on ordering the bill to a third reading.

Messrs. Fattman and Tarr moved that the proposed new draft be amended by inserting after section 15 the following section:-

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“SECTION 15A. The department of elementary and secondary education, in consultation with the department of agricultural resources, shall conduct a study and make recommendations on the feasibility of establishing additional county agricultural schools under chapter 74 of the General Laws.

The study shall: (i) assess the statewide and regional demand for agricultural and agricultural technical education pathways; (ii) evaluate the workforce needs across agricultural and other related sectors; and (iii) identify potential sites or host districts for new or expanded agricultural schools.

The department of elementary and secondary education and the department of agricultural resources shall solicit public input and hold not less than 4 public hearings to collect public comment for the study, one of which shall be in Worcester county. Notice of said public hearings shall be provided to the Massachusetts association of school committees, Massachusetts association of school superintendents and Massachusetts municipal association. The department of elementary and secondary education shall post on

their website a draft report not later than December 31, 2026 and hold 1 additional public hearing to solicit comment on said draft report. The department shall submit a final report with their findings and recommendations, including any regulatory or legislative changes that may be necessary to implement the recommendations, not later than July 1, 2027, to the clerks of the house of representatives and senate, the joint committee on education, the joint committee on agriculture and fisheries and the senate and house committees on ways and means.”.

After remarks, the question on adoption of the amendment was determined by a call of the yeas and nays at twenty minutes before one o’clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Fattman, as follows, to wit (yeas 37 – nays 0) **[Yeas and Nays No. 144]:**

YEAS.

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

NAYS – 0.

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING.

Barrett, Michael J.	Velis, John C. – 2.
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The yeas and nays having been completed at ten minutes before one o’clock P.M., the amendment was adopted.

Mr. Tarr moved that the proposed new draft be amended by inserting in section 9 in line 174 after the word, “viticulture” the following:- “For purposes of this section, agritourism shall include, but not be limited to, health and wellness programming and activities, including but not limited to equine therapy, therapeutic riding, animal-assisted wellness programs, nutritional education programs, and other similar activities conducted in connection with and supportive of agricultural operations.”

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After remarks, the amendment was rejected.

Mr. Rodrigues moved that the proposed new draft be amended by striking out section 1;

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In section 4, by striking out, in line 69, the word “section” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- 2 sections;

In said section 4, by inserting after proposed section 34 of chapter 20 of the General Laws the following section:-

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“Section 35. The department shall develop and maintain a plan to support agricultural, seafood and processed food production in the commonwealth to mitigate the impacts of food supply chain disruptions. The plan shall be developed in coordination with the Massachusetts emergency management agency, the division of marine fisheries, the department of public health and the department of transitional assistance and shall include consideration for food production, transportation, storage and distribution. The plan shall be reviewed and updated every 5 years. The commissioner shall submit the plan, along with any updates made pursuant to this section, to the clerks of the house of representatives and the senate, the joint committee on agriculture and fisheries and the joint committee on emergency preparedness and management.”;

In section 5, by striking out, in lines 84 and 85, the words “Registration statements and permits for withdrawals for use in cranberry production may be transferred to and used for mitigation by other permitted or registered users” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- “(a) Registration statements and permits for withdrawals for use in cranberry production may be transferred to and used for mitigation by other permitted or registered users if such statement and permits were valid from January 1, 2003 through December 31, 2005. The portion of water lost to the basin may be eligible for use as mitigation by such permitted users.

(b) Consumptive loss to the basin shall be determined based on industry-wide water use standards”;

In section 13, by striking out, in line 265, the figure “3” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “4”;

In said section 13, by inserting after the word “federation”, in line 267, the following words:- “, 1 of whom shall represent cranberry producers”; and

In section 15 , by striking out, in lines 311 to 315, inclusive, the words “Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits, established pursuant to the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008, 7 U.S.C. section 2011 hereinafter referred to as SNAP, redeemed for fruit and vegetable purchases, either fresh, canned, dried or frozen, by a SNAP recipient at a participating vendor, shall entitle the recipient to receive a matching benefit reimbursed on the recipient’s electronic benefit transfer card, within limits” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- “recipients actively receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits, established pursuant to the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008, 7 U.S.C. section 2011, hereinafter referred to as SNAP, shall be entitled to an additional benefit via their electronic benefit transfer card redeemable for eligible fruit and vegetable purchases at participating vendors in an amount”.

The amendment was adopted.

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

The bill (Senate, No. 3029, amended) was then ordered to a third reading and was read a third time.

The question on passing the bill to be engrossed was determined by a call of the yeas and nays, at seven minutes before one o’clock P.M., on motion of Ms. Comerford, as follows to wit (yeas 39 – nays 0) [**Yeas and Nays No. 145**]:

YEAS.

Barrett, Michael J.
Brady, Michael D.
Brownsberger, William N.
Collins, Nick
Comerford, Joanne M.
Creem, Cynthia Stone
Crighton, Brendan P.

Gómez, Adam
Howard, Vanna
Jehlen, Patricia D.
Keenan, John F.
Kennedy, Robyn K.
Lewis, Jason M.
Lovely, Joan B.

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.

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.
Spilka, Karen E.
Tarr, Bruce E. – 39.

NAYS – 0.

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING.

Velis, John C. – 1.

The yeas and nays having been completed at two minutes before one o'clock P.M., the bill was passed to be engrossed [For text of Senate bill, printed as amended, see Senate, No. 3040].

Sent to the House for concurrence.

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 Revenue until June 25, 2026, within which time to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 28, 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925, 1926, 1927, 1929, 1931, 1938, 1941, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1945, 1946, 1947, 1949, 1950, 1952, 1953, 1954, 1956, 1957, 1958, 1959, 1960, 1962, 1963, 1965, 1970, 1971, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1979, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1995, 1996, 1998, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2005, 2007, 2008, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2019, 2020, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026, 2028, 2029, 2030, 2031, 2033, 2035, 2038, 2039, 2040, 2041, 2042, 2043, 2044, 2045, 2047, 2050, 2051, 2053, 2054, 2055, 2056, 2058, 2059, 2060, 2064, 2066, 2068, 2074, 2075, 2076, 2077, 2078, 2079, 2080, 2081, 2082, 2083, 2084, 2085, 2086, 2087, 2088, 2089, 2090, 2091, 2095, 2098, and 2694, relative to revenue matters (Senate, No. 2759).

Revenue,--
extension order.

The rules were suspended on motion of Mr. Eldridge, and, after debate, 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 Revenue until June 25, 2026, within which time to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 2004 and 2017, relative to revenue matters (Senate, No. 3039).

Id.

The rules were suspended on motion of Mr. Eldridge, and, 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 Financial Services until April 6, 2026, within which time to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 707, 749, 757, 790, 804, and 820, relative to financial services matters (Senate, No. 2795).

Financial
Services,--
extension order.

The rules were suspended on motion of Mr. Feeney, 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 Financial Services until April 6, 2026, within which time to make its final report on current Senate document numbered 725, relative toto financial technology services (Senate, No. 2990).

Id.

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

Matters Taken Out of the Orders of the Day.

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

The House Bill designating a certain overpass in the town of Sandwich as the United States Marine Corps Staff Sergeant Raymond G. Tourville Veterans Memorial Overpass (House, No. 4374) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading),-- was read a third time.

Sandwich,-- U.S. Marine Staff Sgt Raymond G. Tourville Veterans Memorial Overpass.

Remarks of Senator Dylan A. Fernandes.

I rise today in support of House Bill 4374, An Act designating a certain overpass in the Town of Sandwich as the U.S. Marine Staff Sergeant Raymond G. Tourville Veterans Memorial Overpass.

Remarks of Senator Dylan A. Fernandes.

I want to thank my colleague, Representative Xiarhos – a devoted Gold Star Father and steadfast advocate for our military service members – for his work in introducing this legislation.

Born and raised in Sandwich, Staff Sergeant Tourville knew from an early age that he wanted to serve his country, joining the Corporal Nicholas Xiarhos Young Marines at age 11.

He enlisted in the Marines during his senior year at Sandwich High School, and after graduating in 2015, he shipped off to Parris Island, the Marine Corps training base in South Carolina.

For the next 9 years, his military service took him across the globe to Africa, Japan, Indonesia, the Philippines, Timor-Leste, and Thailand.

Throughout these missions, his courage, dedication, and sacrifice exemplified the best qualities of a Marine.

Tragically, Staff Sergeant Tourville’s life was cut short at age 27 after succumbing to hidden wounds while serving at Camp Pendleton.

Like so many of our brave and selfless service members, his time in the military left him with severe PTSD and other invisible scars.

Staff Sergeant Tourville was a hero in life, and his legacy lives on as his loved ones work through the Raymond G. Tourville Memorial Foundation to spread awareness of the mental health challenges facing service members and their families.

Since his passing, the Foundation has raised tens of thousands of dollars to benefit organizations offering mental health and suicide prevention services for veterans and active duty service members.

By designating the U.S. Marine Staff Sergeant Raymond G. Tourville Veterans Memorial Overpass, we honor Staff Sergeant Tourville’s heroism and powerful legacy.

On behalf of the Senate, we extend our deepest gratitude to Staff Sergeant Tourville for his sacrifice and his service to this Commonwealth and our great Nation.

I respectfully ask for a favorable vote.

On motion of Mr. Tarr, under the provisions of Senate Rule 6, the above remarks were printed in the Journal of the Senate

After remarks, the bill was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The Senate 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),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.**

Sent to the House for concurrence.

Topsfield,-- liquor licenses.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Tarr,--

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

Time of meeting.

Adjournment in Memory of Mr. Marrk K. Harris.

The Senator from First Suffolk, Mr. Collins and the Senator from Second Suffolk, Ms. Miranda moved that when the Senate adjourns today, it do so in memory of Mr. Marrk K. Harris.

Marrk Harris was born in Boston on February 3, 1964. His late parents, Frank and Moene Harris raised him in Dorchester, and he spent many years blazing trails in Four Corners and playing basketball at Madison Park High School. After graduation, Marrk attended Northeastern University where his love for radio took hold.

He started his career at Northeastern's radio station WRBB where he was an announcer and DJ. He worked as on-air personality at WILD radio with some of the greats in Boston radio lore. For the past decade, Marrk joined Urban Heat, 98.1 FM, and created the Bomb Squad and the Souls Place music shows every week. He will forever be known as The Voice.

Marrk was not just a local celebrity, he also did voice-over work for Coca-Cola, Al Haymon, Calloway Entertainment and Gurk McGurk Entertainment. He also hosted on stations in New York and Detroit. Over the years, Marrk's community involvement earned him recognition for Youth In Crisis intervention from Mayor Marty Walsh, Governor Charlie Baker, and Massachusetts State Representative Jeffrey Sanchez.

Marrk was reliable, hardworking, and quietly gave his all every day. He took pride in being someone others could count on. When he wasn't working, he loved fishing, grilling, trying out new restaurants, and spending time with the people he cared about most. Marrk's work included Beth Israel Hospital as a teen, and he also worked for the MDC for a few years. However, his main source of joy was the Boston Housing Authority since 1985. He made so many good friends there and is well-loved by the residents whom he served.

Marrk was blessed with a son, Marrk Harris II, with Andrea Small, and a daughter, Elizabeth Harris, with Carletta Davis Harris.

Marrk is preceded in death by his parents, Frank Harris and Ethel Moene Harris, and his siblings: Glenda Paige, Velma Shane, Laureen Harris all of Boston, Frank Harris, Jr. and Larry Harris of Virginia. His memory will be cherished by his children: Marrk Harris II and Elizabeth Harris, his siblings: Myra Shane, Henrice Brown and Brothers-In-Law Adam Brown and Van Shane and all of his beloved nieces and nephews and a host of family, friends, and co-workers.

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Mr. Marrk K. Harris will be missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing him.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect to the memory of Mr. Marrk K. Harris, at twenty-two minutes past one o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Feeney, the Senate adjourned to meet again on tomorrow at eleven o'clock A.M.
