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Met at four minutes past twelve o'clock noon (Mr. Collins in the Chair) (having been appointed by the President, under authority conferred by Senate Rule 4, to perform the duties of the Chair).

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

Pledge of allegiance.

Reports.

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

Report of the Department of Public Health (pursuant to line-item 4590-0915 of Section 2 of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting its Pappas Rehabilitation Hospital for Children April 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 Public Health) (received May 7, 2026);

DPH,-- Pappas April 2026 report. SD3898

Report of the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (pursuant to Section 84 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting its School Meal Waste and Consumption 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 Education) (received May 8, 2026);

DESE,-- School Meal Waste FY24 report. SD3901

Report of the Department of Public Health (pursuant to 105 CMR 451.403) submitting the inspection report for Essex County Correctional Facility, the Plan of Correction (POC) from the facility and the POC acceptance letter from the Division of Environmental Health Regulations and Standards (EHRS) (received May 8, 2026);

DPH,-- Essex County Correctional Facility Inspection report. SD3903

Report of the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (pursuant to Section 47 of Chapter 260 of the Acts of 2014) submitting its State Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team 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 Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, the Joint Committee on the Judiciary and the Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security) (received May 8, 2026); and

EOPSS,-- Domestic Violence Fatality 2025 report. SD3904

Report of the Department of Revenue (pursuant to Section 6 of Chapter 14 of the General Laws) submitting its FY25 annual report (copies having been forwarded to the Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Chair of the Joint Committee on Revenue) (received May 11, 2026).

DOR,-- FY25 annual report. SD3905

Petitions.

Petitions were severally presented and referred as follows:

Mr. Driscoll presented a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 3084) of William J. Driscoll, Jr. (by vote of the town) for legislation to amend the charter of the city known as the town of Randolph regarding filling of vacancies, running for multiple offices, term of office for Stetson Trustees and three-month prohibition on work for the town after service in elected office,-- and the same was referred, under Senate Rule 20, to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Randolph,-- charter.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

Mr. Finegold presented a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Barry R. Finegold and Julian Cyr for legislation to authorize municipalities to opt-in to a temporary pilot to extend the hours of liquor licenses and to allow for public consumption in designated districts in summer,-- **and the same was referred, under Senate Rule 20, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.**

Liquor licenses,--
pilot program.
SD3902

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

A Bill designating a certain bridge in the town of Chelmsford as the Ferreira Brothers Bridge (House, No. 4723,-- on petition),-- **was read and, under Senate Rule 26, referred to the committee on Rules.**

Chelmsford,--
Ferreira Brothers
Bridge.

A Bill amending the means tested senior citizen property tax exemption in the town of Sudbury (House, No. 4755,-- on petition) [Local approval received],-- **was read and, under Senate Rule 26, placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session.**

Sudbury,-- senior
property tax.

The Senate Bill regulating the number of registered voters who may petition for a special town meeting in the town of Andover (Senate, No. 2544),-- came from the House passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, *with an amendment*, by adding the following section:-

Andover,-- special
town meetings.

“SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.”.

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Tarr, and the House amendment was considered forthwith and adopted, in concurrence.

Engrossed Bill.

An engrossed Bill to clarify the organization of the Lexington Housing Assistance Board (see House, No. 4842) (which originated in the House), **having been certified by the Senate Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be enacted and signed by the Acting President (Mr. Collins) and laid before the Governor for her approbation.**

Bill laid before the
Governor.

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5421) of Kip A. Diggs for legislation to further regulate the transportation of vessels in the villages of Marston Mills and Osterville in the town of Barnstable,-- **was referred, in concurrence, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Transportation.**

Barnstable,-- vessel
transportation.

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 Senate Bill authorizing the town of Berkley to increase the membership of the board of selectmen (Senate, No. 2897),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.**

Berkley,-- board of
selectmen.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

The House Bill amending the town charter of the town of Plymouth (House, No. 4501, changed),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Plymouth,-- charter.

The House Bill 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),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Pembroke,-- liquor
license.

UNCORRECTED PROOF.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Tarr,--

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

Time of meeting.

On motion of Mr. Tarr, at eight minutes past twelve o'clock noon, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.