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Met at seventeen minutes past eleven o'clock A.M. (Mr. DiDomenico 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. DiDomenico), 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 Massachusetts Gaming Commission (pursuant to Section 69 of Chapter 23K of the General Laws) submitting its Gaming Revenues April 2026 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 Economic Development and Emerging Technologies and the Joint Committee on Revenue) (received May 21, 2026);

MassGaming,-- Gaming Revenues April 2026 report. SD3926

Report of The Property and Casualty Initiative, LLC (pursuant to Section 3(e) of Chapter 259 of the Acts of 1998) submitting its 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 Financial Services and the Joint Committee on Revenue) (received May 22, 2026); and

PCI,-- FY25 annual report. SD3928

Report of the Office of the Child Advocate (pursuant to Section 10 of Chapter 18C of the General Laws) submitting its Fiscal Year 2025 annual data 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 Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities) (received May 26, 2026).

OCA,-- FY25 annual data report. SD3931

Communication.

Communication from the Honorable Michael O. Moore, in compliance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 268A (received Tuesday, May 26, 2026 at a half past three o'clock P.M.),-- **was placed on file.**

Senator Michael O. Moore,-- Chapter 268A.

Petition Returned by State Secretary.

The Senate petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rules 12 and 9) of Sal N. DiDomenico for legislation to provide for improved public access and climate resiliency on the Mystic River and increasing the utilization of the designated port area. (having been transmitted to the Secretary of the Commonwealth under the provisions of Section 5 of Chapter 3 of the General Laws and having been returned by the Secretary of the Commonwealth with memorandum relative thereto),-- **was referred, under Senate Rule 20, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.**

Mystic River,-- port area. SD3846

Reports of a Committee.

UNCORRECTED PROOF.

By Ms. Friedman, for the committee on Health Care Financing, that the Senate Bill protecting patient safety regarding non-FDA approved drugs (Senate, No. 1497),-- ought to pass with an amendment, substituting a new draft with the same title (Senate, No. 3068) [Estimated cost: greater than \$100,000];

Patient safety,--
non-FDA drugs.

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

By Ms. Friedman, for the committee on Health Care Financing, on petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 889), a Bill establishing a study of a public health insurance option in the Commonwealth (Senate No. 3071);

Single payer health
system.

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5448) of Patricia A. Duffy (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to modernizing financial departments in the city of Holyoke; and

Holyoke,--
financial
departments.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5449) of Kelly W. Pease (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to amending the traffic commission in the city of Westfield;

Westfield,-- traffic
commission.

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Bills

Relative to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund of the town of Edgartown (House, No. 4186,-- on petition) [Local approval received]; and

Edgartown,--
Affordable Housing
Trust.

Relative to the maintenance of pre-employment physical examination records for public safety personnel in the city of Quincy (House, No. 4890,-- on petition) [Local approval received];

Quincy,-- public
safety personnel.

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

Emergency Preamble Adopted.

An engrossed Bill financing long-term improvements to municipal roads and bridges (see House, No. 5375), having been certified by the Senate Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage and containing an emergency preamble,-- was laid before the Senate; and, a separate vote being taken in accordance with the requirements of Article LXVII of the Amendments to the Constitution, the preamble was adopted in concurrence, by a vote of 2 to 0.

Roads and bridges.

The bill was signed by the Acting President (Mr. DiDomenico) and sent to the House for enactment.

Matters Taken Out of the Orders of the Day.

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

The House Bill authorizing the town of Stoneham to waive the maximum age requirement for original appointment of police officers in the town (House, No. 2800) (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.**

Stoneham,-- public
safety.

UNCORRECTED PROOF.

The House Bill relative to the maximum age requirement for police officers in the city of Newton (House, No. 4718),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Newton,-- police officers.

The House Bill amending the town charter of the town of Plainville (House, No. 4805),- - was read a third time.

Plainville,-- charter.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Ms. Rausch presented an amendment in section 29, by inserting after the word “committee”, in line 100, the following words:- “, the select board”.

The amendment was adopted.

The bill, as amended, was then passed to be engrossed, in concurrence with the amendment.

Sent to the House for concurrence in the amendment.

The House Bill providing for the exchange of certain park land in the town of Lexington (House, No. 4843),-- **was read a second time, ordered to a third reading read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Lexington,-- land.

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE.

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5458) of Joshua Tarsky for legislation to authorize the establishment of a veterans’ suicide mortality review and prevention council within the Executive Office of Veterans’ Services,-- **was referred, in concurrence, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs.**

Veterans,-- suicide mortality review council.

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 the same Senator, at twenty-two minutes past eleven o’clock A.M., the Senate adjourned to meet again on Thursday next at eleven o’clock A.M.