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Met at two minutes past eleven o'clock A.M. (Mr. Brownsberger 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. Brownsberger), members, guests and staff then recited the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of allegiance.

Reports.

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

Report of the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development (pursuant to line item 7003-0500 of Section 2 of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting its FY25 Department of Industrial Accidents: The Workplace Safety Training Grant Program report (a copy having been forwarded to the Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means) (received May 28, 2026);

DIA Workplace Safety FY25 report. SD3938

Report of the Office of the Comptroller (pursuant to line item 1595-6368 of Section 2E of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting its revised fiscal year 2026 transfer schedule for the Massachusetts Transportation Trust Fund (a copy having been forwarded to the Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means) (received May 28, 2026);

Comptroller,-- MTTF revised transfer schedule FY26 report. SD3940

Report of the Pension Reserves Investment Management Board (pursuant to Section 23(2A)(e)(xi) of Chapter 32 of the General Laws) submitting its PRIM quarterly report for period ending March 31, 2026 (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 Service) (received May 29, 2026);

PrimBoard,-- Q1 2026 report. SD3941

Report of the Department of Public Health (pursuant to Section 224 of Chapter 111 of the General Laws) submitting its Massachusetts Commission on Falls Prevention Phase Five report (a copy having been forwarded to the Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means) (received May 29, 2026);

DPH,-- MA Falls Commission Phase 5 report. SD3942

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 May 29, 2026);

DPH,-- MCI Norfolk Inspection report. SD3943

Report of the Health Policy Commission (pursuant to Chapter 343 of the Acts of 2024) submitting fifth report and recommendations to assess the impact of health plan design on patient access to primary care services (copies having been forwarded to the Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Chair of the Joint Committee on Health Care Financing) (received May 29, 2026); and

HPC,-- PCTF fifth report. SD3944

Report of the Office of the Inspector General (pursuant to Section 164 of Chapter 73 of the Acts of 2025 and Section 12 of Chapter 12A of the General Laws) submitting its final report on Sheriffs' Budgets and Expenditures (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 Safety and Homeland Security) (received June 1, 2026).

OIC,-- Sheriffs' Budgets and Expenditures final report. SD3946

Petition.

Mr. Finegold presented a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 3108) of Barry R. Finegold (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the town of Andover to exempt all Andover police officers from civil service,-- **and the same was referred, under Senate Rule 20, to the committee on Public Service.**

Andover,-- civil service exemption.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

Bills

Authorizing the town of Monterey to continue the employment of police officer Jennifer O. Brown (House, No. 4862,-- on House, No. 4387) [Local approval received on House, No. 4387];

Monterey,-- Jennifer O. Brown.

Authorizing the City of Westfield to establish an age limit for original appointment to the position of firefighter (House, No. 5288, amended-- on House, No. 4315) [Local approval received on House, No. 4315];

Westfield,-- firefighter appointment.

Authorizing the appointment of retired police officers as special police officers in the town of Norwood (House, No. 5289,-- on House, No. 4475) [Local approval received on House, No. 4475]; and

Norwood,-- special police officers.

Authorizing the town of Bridgewater to issue an additional license for the sale of all alcohol beverages not to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 5342,-- on House, No. 4748) [Local approval received on House, No. 4748];

Bridgewater,-- liquor license.

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

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Creem) “congratulating Joseph P. Nickerson, Senior on the occasion of his one hundredth birthday”; and

Joseph P. Nickerson, Senior.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Durant) “congratulating Andrew Labovitz on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout.”

Andrew Labovitz.

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 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 2026.

Liquor licenses,-- pilot program. SD3902

Senate Rule 36 was suspended, on motion of Mrs. Dooner, and the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

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 Joanne M. Comerford for legislation to authorize the South Deerfield Fire District to continue the employment of fire department member Steven Kolakoski.

Steven Kolakoski,-- South Deerfield Fire District. SD3936

Senate Rule 36 was suspended, on motion of Mrs. Dooner, and the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Public Service.

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 further regulating parking fines in the town of Scituate (Senate, No. 2577) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.**

Scituate,-- parking fines.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

The House Bill relative to parking enforcement in the city of Cambridge (House, No. 4231),-- was read a third time.

Cambridge,-- parking violations.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Brownsberger moved that the bill be amended by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text of Senate document numbered 3105.

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.

Reports of a Committee.

By Mr. Rodrigues, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Senate Bill Toxic-Free Medical Devices Act of 2025 (Senate, No. 2579),-- ought to pass, with an amendment substituting a new draft entitled "An Act relative to toxic-free medical devices" (Senate, No. 3106).

Toxic-free medical devices.

There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mrs. Dooner, and the bill was read a second time and was amended, as recommended by the committee on Ways and Means.

The bill (Senate, No. 3106), was then ordered to a third reading.

By Mr. Rodrigues, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Senate Bill relative to advancing the profession of commercial interior design (Senate, No. 2620),-- ought to pass, with an amendment substituting a new draft with the same title (Senate, No. 3107).

Interior design,-- board of registration.

There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mrs. Dooner, and the bill was read a second time and was amended, as recommended by the committee on Ways and Means.

The bill (Senate, No. 3107), was then ordered to a third reading.

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Engrossed Bills.

The following engrossed bills (the first of which originated in the Senate), 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 (Mr. Brownsberger) and laid before the Governor for her approbation, to wit:

Amending the charter of the town of Tewksbury to modify the residency requirement for the town manager (see Senate, No. 1446);

Bills laid before the Governor.

Exempting Nick Santos from the maximum age requirement for the position of police officer in the city of Haverhill (see House, No. 4390); and

Exempting Anthony Morales from the maximum age requirement for the position of police officer in the city of Haverhill (see House, No. 4442).

UNCORRECTED PROOF.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mrs. Dooner,--

Ordered, that when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn to meet again on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M., in a full formal session without a calendar.

Time of meeting.

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