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Met at eight minutes past eleven o'clock A.M. (Mr. Driscoll in the Chair).

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

Pledge of allegiance.

Distinguished Guests.

There being no objection, the Chair (Mr. Driscoll) introduced, in the rear of the Chamber, two dignitaries from Lajes das Flores in the Azores, Portugal. President of the Municipal Council Beto Vasconcelos and President of the Assembly Rigoberto Gomes were visiting the State House in recognition of Lajes das Flores, Azores, Portugal as being a sister city to the town of Stoughton. During their visit they had the honor of attending Stoughton's 300th Celebration Block Party and to celebrate the Portuguese heritage shared between the two communities. The Senate welcomed them with applause, they signed the guest book and they withdrew from the Chamber.

President Beto Vasconcelos and President Rigoberto Gomes.

Report.

Report of the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (pursuant to Section 1P(g) of Chapter 69 of the General Laws) submitting its 2024 Safe and Supportive Schools Commission eleventh 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 Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, the Joint Committee on Education and the Joint Committee on the Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery) (received June 11, 2026), - was placed on file.

DESE,-- SSS Commission 11th annual report. SD3998

Order.

Mr. Feeney presented an Order relative to granting the committee on Financial Services until July 10, 2026, within which time to make its final report on a current Senate document numbered 705, relative to home equity investments (Senate, No. 3123);

Financial Services,-- extension order.

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

Reports of Committees.

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

Establishing a commission to investigate auto insurance discrimination (Senate, No. 3046) (ought to pass);

Commission,-- auto insurance.

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

By Ms. Friedman, for the committee on Health Care Financing, on Senate, No. 2928, an Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on Health Care Financing, to make an

Health Care Financing,-- study.

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investigation and study of a certain current Senate document relative to establish a celiac disease screening pilot program (Senate, No. 3124);

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 (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 3056), a Bill establishing a task force relative to medication administration in rest homes (Senate, No. 3122);

RHTF-- medication administration.

Read and, under Joint Rule 29, referred to the committee on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

By Ms. Jehlen, for the committee on Aging and Independence, on petition, a Bill relative to assisted living residences in the Commonwealth (Senate, No. 3057);

Housing access-- assisted living

Referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

By Ms. Rausch, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on petition, a Bill clarifying the operation of the Franklin Regional Council of Governments (Senate, No. 3055);

Franklin Regional Council of Governments.

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5497) of Michelle L. Badger (by vote of the town) relative to the date of the town meeting in the town of Plymouth,-- **was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Public Service.**

Plymouth,-- charter.

Bills

Amending the charter of the city of Pittsfield (House, No. 4716,-- on petition) [Local approval received]; and

Pittsfield,-- charter.

Authorizing the city of Newton to place municipal charges liens on property in the city of Newton for nonpayment of any local charge, fee or fine (House, No. 5358,-- on petition) [Local approval received];

Newton,-- municipal liens.

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

Resolutions.

Mr. Collins in the Chair, the following resolutions (having been filed with the Clerk) were considered forthwith and adopted, as follows:-

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Fattman) “congratulating Tri-Valley, Inc. on the fiftieth anniversary of its establishment.”

Tri-Valley, Inc.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Engrossed Bills.

An engrossed Bill validating certain actions taken at the special town meeting held in the town of Stow (see House Bill, printed in House, No. 5129) (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, two-thirds of the members present having voted in the affirmative, and signed by the Acting President (Mr. Collins) (having been appointed by the President, under authority conferred by Senate Rule 4, to perform the duties of the Chair) and laid before the Governor for her approbation.**

Bill laid before the Governor.

The following engrossed bills (the first two 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. Collins) and laid before the Governor for her approbation, to wit:

Facilitating better interactions between police officers and persons with autism spectrum disorder (see Senate, No. 2565, amended);

Id.

Providing accidental death benefits for the surviving spouse of a former firefighter of the city of Boston (see Senate, No. 2574);

Amending the charter of the town of Longmeadow (see House, No. 4312); and

Authorizing the town of Reading to establish a means tested senior citizen property tax exemption (see House, No. 5103);

Providing for the appointed position of town clerk in the town of Falmouth (see House, No. 5412); and

Relative to certain affordable housing and cultural space in the Brighton section of the city of Boston (see House, No. 5442).

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5506) of John J. Lawn, Jr. for legislation to establish contract and coverage standards for health care worker platforms;

Long term care,-- workers.

Under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Labor and Workforce Development.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5507) of John Barrett, III relative to authorizing the firefighters of the Adams Fire District to continue service past the age of 65;

Adams Fire District.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5508) of Tara T. Hong for legislation to establish a veteran rental assistance bridge program;

Veterans,-- housing stability.

Under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs.

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 Elaine Donlan.

Moment of Silence.

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 with a calendar.

Time of meeting.

Adjournment in Memory of Elaine M. Donlan.

The Senator from Suffolk, Mr. Collins, moved that when the Senate adjourns today, it does so in memory of Elaine McGuire Donlan.

Elaine M. Donlan of South Boston passed away on June 1, 2026. She was born in South Boston on November 11, 1949, to the late Edward "Red" and Elaine (Sweeney) McGuire.

Beloved wife of the late Francis X. Donlan. Devoted mother of Lanie, Tori and Ali and her husband Matt Reynolds. Loving grandmother of MacKenzie Donlan, Madison, Francis and Arthur Reynolds. Cherished sister of Maureen and Ted O'Brien, Bernice and Tom Irwin, Margie and John Shaughnessy, Donald and Nancy McGuire, John McGuire, Kathleen and

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the late John Watts, Matthew and Ann Marie McGuire, Monica and Daniel Bombard and the late Edward and Beverly McGuire.

Also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

Ms. Elaine McGuire Donlan will be missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing her.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect to the memory of Elaine M. Donlan, at twenty-one minutes before twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mrs. Dooner, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.
