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Met at twenty-four minutes past eleven o'clock A.M. (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.

Distinguished Guests.

There being no objection, the following guests were introduced:

The Chair (Mr. Collins) handed the gavel to Mr. O'Connor for the purpose of an introduction. Mr. O'Connor then introduced, in the rear of the Chamber, a group of local high school students who will be spending the week interning at the State House. This intern program started three years ago to allow high school students to learn about the legislature and the First Plymouth and Norfolk District. Among the group were: Huck Shaunnassy, Lily Christopher, Mackenzie Zoltowski, Abby Quinn, Tucker Hollis, William Hine, Izzy-Mae Adams, Henry Jacobs, Madison Williams, Nicholas Carrano, Guin Mills and Mae Pike. The Senate welcomed them with applause and they withdrew from the Chamber.

High school intern
program.

The Chair (Mr. Collins) then introduced, in the rear of the Chamber, Representative John Moran of Boston. Representative Moran was accompanied by his husband Michael, brother, Marty and his wife, Kathy. The Senate welcomed them with applause and they withdrew from the Chamber.

Representative John
Moran.

Reports.

Report of MassHealth (pursuant to Section 2KKKKK of Chapter 29 of the General Laws) submitting its Ambulance Assessment 2025 report (a copy having been forwarded to the Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means) (received July 9, 2026); and

MassHealth,--
Ambulance
Assessment 2025
report. SD4052
HPC,-- PCTF
seventh report.
SD4053

Report of the Health Policy Commission (pursuant to Chapter 343 of the Acts of 2024) submitting its Primary Care Access, Delivery, and Payment Task Force seventh 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 Health Care Financing) (received July 10, 2026).

Petition.

Mr. Moore and Mr. Frost of Auburn present a joint petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Michael O. Moore and Paul K. Frost for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Timothy Cluett, an employee of the Worcester county sheriff's office, -
- and the same was referred, under Senate Rule 20, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Timothy Cluett,--
sick leave.
SD4047

Order.

Mr. Feeney presented an Order relative to granting the committee on Financial Services until December 15, 2026, within which time to make its final report on a current Senate document numbered 3091, relative to crumbling concrete relief for homeowners (Senate, No. 3174);

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 task force relative to medication administration in rest homes (Senate, No. 3122) (ought to pass);

RHTF-- medication
administration.

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

By Ms. Edwards, for the committee on The Judiciary, on petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1205), a Bill controlling and abusive litigation (Senate No. 3158);

Abusive litigation.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1221), a Bill strengthening GPS tampering Laws (Senate No. 3159);

GPS tampering.

By Ms. Rausch, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on petition, a Bill enabling cities and towns to stabilize rents and protect tenants (Senate, No. 1447);

Rent stabilization,--
municipal
limitations.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1433), a Bill relative to zoning for housing production (Senate No. 3157); and

Housing production.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1430), a Bill to promote Yes in God's Back Yard (Senate No. 3161);

God's Back Yard,--
housing.

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

By Ms. Rausch, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on petition, a Bill authorizing the city of Newton to issue pension obligation bonds or notes (Senate, No. 3092) [Local approval received];

Newton,-- pension
liability.

Read and, under Senate Rule 26, referred to the committee on Rules.

By Ms. Rausch, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on petition, a Bill relative to amending 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(Senate, No. 3084) [Local approval received];

Randolph,-- charter.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to the creation of a sewer and water advisory board in the town of Walpole (Senate, No. 3087) [Local approval received];

Walpole,-- sewer
and water advisory
board.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill authorizing a certain employment contract for the town of Boylston (Senate, No. 3088) [Local approval received];

Boylston,--
employment
contract.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill amending the waterways capital improvement fund for the town of Dennis (Senate, No. 3097) [Local approval received]; and

Dennis,-- waterways
capital
improvement.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Dennis to publish legal notices digitally (Senate, No. 3098) [Local approval received];

Dennis,-- digital
legal notices.

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

Placed on File.

By Mr. Eldridge, for the committee on Revenue, on the report of the Massachusetts Capital Resource Company (under the provisions of Section 20 of Chapter 816 of the Acts of 1977) submitting its forty-ninth annual report (printed in Senate, No. 2994),-- **reported that the same be placed on file.**

Massachusetts
Capital Resource
Company.

**Under Senate Rule 36, the report was considered forthwith and was accepted.
Sent to the House for concurrence.**

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE.

A Bill relative to economic development in the commonwealth (House, No. 5576,-- on House, No. 5386),-- **was read and, under Senate Rule 27, referred to the committee on Ways and Means.**

Economic
development.

The Senate Bill honoring Blue Star Families (Senate, No. 2903),-- came from the House passed to be engrossed, in concurrence *with an amendment* striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text of House document numbered 5439.

Blue Star Families.

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. O'Connor, and the House amendment was considered forthwith.

Messrs. Tarr and Rodrigues presented a request that the Senate concur with the House amendment *with a further amendment* by striking out the last sentence and inserting in place thereof the following:- "A law enforcement officer shall be deemed to have been killed in the line of duty for purposes of this paragraph if, while in the performance of their duties and as a result of incident, accident or violence, the law enforcement officer was killed or sustained injuries which were a direct and proximate cause of their death." (as corrected BTR).

The motion was accepted; and the Senate concurred in the House amendment *with a further amendment.*

Sent to the House for concurrence in the further amendment.

Engrossed Bills.

The following engrossed bills (both 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:

Regulating the issuance of licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages in the town of Bolton (see Senate, No. 2628, amended); and

Bills laid before the
Governor.

Further regulating the amendment of a conservation restriction in the town of Hanson (see Senate, No. 2895, amended).

Orders Adopted.

Mr. Payano presented an Order relative to granting the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure until July 20, 2026, within which time to make its final report on a current Senate document numbered 3090, relative to consumer connected devices (Senate, No. 3172).

Consumer
Protection and
Professional
Licensure,--
extension order.

There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. O'Connor, and, after remarks, the order was adopted.

Mr. Eldridge presented an Order relative to granting the committee on Revenue until July 20, 2026, within which time to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 1947 and 1971, relative to revenue matters (Senate, No. 3173).

Revenue,--
extension order.

There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. O'Connor, and, after remarks, the order was adopted.

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 James B. Eldridge for legislation to conform with the electoral count reform act of 2022 and ensure uniform faithful presidential electors.

Electoral reform,--
faithful electors.
SD3816

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

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 Liz Miranda for legislation relative to transit planning and anti-displacement protections.

Anti-displacement
protections,-- transit
planning.
SD3841

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

Severally sent to the House for concurrence.

By Ms. Rausch, for the committee on the Environment and Natural Resources, on petition, a Bill providing for improved public access and climate resiliency on the Mystic River and increasing the utilization of the designated port area (Senate, No. 3137).

Mystic River,-- port
area.

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

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

The Senate Bill updating the juvenile justice policy and data board (Senate, No. 116).

JJPAD board.

There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. O'Connor, and the bill was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

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

The Senate Bill designating a certain promenade in the town of Clinton as the Honorable Harold P. Naughton, Jr. Promenade (Senate, No. 564).

Clinton,-- Hon.
Harold P. Naughton,
Jr. Promenade.

There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. O'Connor and the bill was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

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

The Senate Bill relative to insurance claims (Senate, No. 785).

Insurance claims,--
regulations.

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

passed to be engrossed, it's title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to read as follows: "An Act further regulating insurance claims".

Sent to the House for concurrence.

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

The Senate Bill relative to the Ware River watershed advisory committee (Senate, No. 2570).

Ware River,--
watershed advisory
committee.

There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. O'Connor, and the bill was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, it's title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to read as follows: "An Act changing the membership of the Ware river watershed advisory committee".

Sent to the House for concurrence.

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

The House Bill dissolving the Whately Water District (House, No. 2250).

Whately Water
District.

There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. O'Connor, and the bill was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Moment of Silence.

At the request of Mr. Collins the members, guests and staff stood in a moment of silence and reflection to the memory of Dave Gilmartin.

Moment of silence.

Engrossed Bill.

An engrossed Bill honoring Blue Star Families (see Senate, No. 2903, amended) (which originated in the Senate), **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.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. O'Connor,--

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 Dave Joseph Gilmartin

The Senator from Suffolk, Mr. Collins moves that when the Senate adjourns today, it do so in memory of Mr. Dave Joseph Gilmartin.

Dave Joseph Gilmartin, of Dorchester, Massachusetts, passed away on July 8, 2026. Born on December 9, 1939, Dave lived a full and generous life defined by his devotion to family, his community, and his work in the Boston leather and shoe trade.

Dave built a distinguished career in the leather industry, serving as an executive at McCarthy Sole and Leather Co. and later as President of Boston Shoe Associates. He was also a former President of the Boston Leather Trade Benevolent Society, a Lifetime Member of the 210 Associates, and a former member of the Boston Boot and Shoe Club. He was a

graduate of Newbury Junior College.

A proud veteran of the United States Navy, Dave served aboard the USS Northampton (CLC-1) from 1958 to 1960. He was a member of the John P. McKeon Post, AMVETS 146, honoring his service and his lasting connection to fellow veterans.

Dave was a founding member of The Line Club from 1961 to 1998, and he gave generously of his time to young people in his community. He served as Treasurer of the St. Williams CYO Band under Manager Bob Powers, and as a coach for St. Williams CYO Basketball and the BNBL. His commitment to youth extended further as he served as a former President of the Board of Directors of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Dorchester.

An avid golfer, Dave had been a member of Captains Golf Course in Brewster, Massachusetts, since 1990, where he spent many happy hours with his wife Rose on the course. He was also a remarkable cancer survivor, crediting the miracle of immunotherapy and the care he received at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and Brigham and Women's Hospital for the additional years he was given.

Above all, Dave cherished his family. He was the beloved husband of Rosemary (McCarthy) Gilmartin, the love of his life, to whom he was married for 61 years. He was a devoted and loving father to his five children, Debbie, Dianne, Karen, Julie, David, their spouses, Matt Collins, Ron Lescinkas, Chris Campbell, and Griffin Creech, along with his favorite daughter-in-law, Cara Gilmartin. He took great pride and joy in his six grandsons, Brett, Colin, Emmett, Liam, Gus, and Boone, and his six granddaughters, Alexa, Meghan (and her husband, Sam Robinson), Ella, Rose, Caroline, and Audrey, all of whom brought immeasurable happiness to his life.

He is also survived by his brother, James Gilmartin, and his wife, Pat, of Millis, Massachusetts, and his sister, Mary Gilmartin, of Vero Beach, Florida; and many nephews and nieces.

Dave loved his Savin Hill, Dorchester roots, and he treasured his time spent in Brewster on Cape Cod and Marco Island, Florida, where he made countless cherished memories with his family as well as many dear friends.

He leaves behind a legacy of service, kindness, and unwavering devotion that will be carried on by all who knew and loved him.

Mr. Dave Joseph Gilmartin will be missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing him.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect to the memory of Dave Gilmartin, at seven minutes past one o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. O'Connor, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.
