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Thursday, August 6, 2026.

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

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

Pledge of allegiance.

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*Reports.*

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

Report of the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (pursuant to Section 6A of Chapter 124 of the General Laws) submitting its January 1 - June 30, 2026 Operational Capacity 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 the Judiciary and the Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security) (received August 6, 2026); and

MSA Operational Capacity report. SD4087

Report of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (pursuant to Section 15 of Chapter 118I of the General Laws) submitting its Health Information Technology Council 2024 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 Economic Development and Emerging Technologies and the Joint Committee on Health Care Financing) (received August 6, 2026).

EOHHS,-- HIT Council 2024 annual report. SD4088

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

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

A joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5641) of Leigh Davis (by vote of the town) that the town of Becket be authorized to establish a temporary moratorium on large scale photovoltaic installations and battery energy storage systems in said town;

Becket,-- photovoltaic installations.

**To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.**

petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5642) of Michael J. Finn (with the approval of the mayor and town council) relative to the disability retirement of Michael D. Chapdelaine, a police officer in the city known as the town of West Springfield.

Michael Chapdelaine,-- disability retirement.

**To the committee on Public Service.**

*Report of a Committee.*

By Mr. Brady, for the committee on Public Service, on petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Edward Suber, an employee of the department of youth services (Senate, No. 3120).

Edward Suber,-- sick leave.

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

*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:

Walpole,-- liquor license.

The Senate Bill authorizing the town of Walpole to grant up to 2 additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (Senate, No. 2532),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.**

**Sent to the House for concurrence.**

Newton,-- pension liability.

The Senate Bill authorizing the city of Newton to issue pension obligation bonds or notes (Senate, No. 3092),-- was read a second time.

Pending the question on ordering the bill to a third reading, Ms. Creem presented an amendment substituting a new draft with the same title (Senate, No. 3249).

**The amendment was adopted.**

**The bill (Senate, No. 3249) was then ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed.**

**Sent to the House for concurrence.**

Foxborough,-- liquor licenses.

The Senate Bill authorizing the town of Foxborough to grant three additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (Senate, No. 3094),-- **was read a second time and ordered to a third reading.**

Petersham,-- Richard D. Cooley, Jr. and David A. Shoemaker.

The House Bill authorizing the town of Petersham to continue the employment of police department members Richard D. Cooley Jr. and David A. Shoemaker (House, No. 5110),-- **was read a second time and ordered to a third reading.**

*Order Adopted.*

Time of meeting.

On motion of Mr. Durant,--

*Ordered*, that when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn to meet again on Monday next at twelve o'clock noon.

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