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Tuesday, August 4, 2026.

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

The Chair (Mr. Collins), 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 Department of Public Health (pursuant to 105 CMR 451.403) submitting the inspection report for Suffolk County House of Correction, the Plan of Correction (POC) from the facility and the POC acceptance letter from the Division of Environmental Health Regulations and Standards (EHRS) (received August 3, 2026);

DPH,-- Suffolk County HOC Inspection report. SD4083

Report of the Department of Public Health (pursuant to 105 CMR 451.403) submitting the inspection report for Suffolk County Jail, the Plan of Correction (POC) from the facility and the POC acceptance letter from the Division of Environmental Health Regulations and Standards (EHRS) (received August 3, 2026);

DPH,-- Suffolk County Jail Inspection report. SD4084

Report of the Department of Public Health (pursuant to 105 CMR 451.403) submitting the inspection report for Worcester County Jail and House of Corrections, the Plan of Correction from the facility and the Plan of Correction acceptance letter from the Division of Environmental Health Regulations and Standards (EHRS) (received August 3, 2026); and

DPH,-- Worcester County Jail Inspection report. SD4085

Report of the Department of Public Health (pursuant to 105 CMR 451.403) submitting the inspection report for Northeastern Correctional Center, the Plan of Correction (POC) from the facility and the POC acceptance letter from the Division of Environmental Health Regulations and Standards (EHRS) (received August 3, 2026).

Northeastern CCC Inspection report. SD4086

Petitions.

Petitions were severally presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Moore and Mr. Frost of Auburn, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 3234) of Michael O. Moore and Paul K. Frost (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the town of Millbury to grant additional liquor licenses [Local approval received];

Millbury,-- liquor licenses.

Under Senate Rule 20, to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

By Ms. Howard, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 3248) of Vanna Howard (with approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation relative to a certain parcel of land in the city of Lowell [Local approval received];

Lowell,-- parcel of land.

Under Senate Rule 20, to the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

Severally sent to the House for concurrence.

Ms. Edwards (by request) presented a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Edward Joseph Kennedy for legislation to amend the eligibility date for annuities for blind veterans, paraplegic veterans or veterans with disabilities,-- **and the same was**

Disabled veterans,-- annuities. SD3836

referred, under Senate Rule 20, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Reports of a Committee.

By Ms. Rausch, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on petition, a Bill providing for the filling of a vacancy on the Groton-Dunstable School Committee (Senate, No. 3118) [Local approval received]; Groton-Dunstable School Committee,-- vacancy.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Medfield to utilize alternative methods for notice of public hearings (Senate, No. 3138) [Local approval received]; and Medfield,-- public hearing notices.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill to amend the town charter of Ipswich (Senate, No. 3147) [Local approval received]; Ipswich,-- town charter.

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

Committees Discharged.

Ms. Lovely, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, reported, asking to be discharged from further consideration:

Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on Transportation to make an investigation and study of certain current Senate documents relative to transportation matters (Senate, No. 3245); and Transportation,-- study.

Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on Financial Services to make an investigation and study of a certain current Senate document relative to interchange fees on tax or gratuity (Senate, No. 3246); Financial Services,-- study.

And recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Rules.

Under Senate Rule 36, the reports were severally considered forthwith and accepted.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

Bills

Relative to educational requirements for class 2 motor vehicle licenses (House, No. 5623,-- on House, No. 3641); Class 2,-- license requirements.

Establishing a Medal of Fidelity license plate (House, No. 5624,-- on House, No. 3706); Medal of Fidelity,-- license plate.

Relative to the Massachusetts Credit Union Share Insurance Corporation (House, No. 5625,-- on House, No. 3933); Massachusetts Credit Union Share Insurance Corp.

To improve outcomes for persons with limb loss and limb difference (House, No. 5626,-- on House, No. 4549); Limb loss,-- coverage.

Mandating access to cancer screenings for firefighters through health care benefits plans or programs provided by the public employer (House, No. 5631,-- on House, No. 4946); and Firefighters,-- cancer screening.

Relative to school choice (House, No. 5632,-- on House, No. 5502);

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

A Bill updating postural screenings in schools (House, No. 2517,-- on House, No. 2412,-- **was read and, under Senate Rule 26, referred to the committee on Rules.**) Posture screening,-- schools.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Lovely) "congratulating Cherry Farm Creamery on its fiftieth anniversary." Cherry Farm Creamery.

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 directing the city of Boston police department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Elijah George Osborne (Senate, No. 3017),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.** Boston,-- Elijah George Osborne.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

The House Bill amending the charter of the city of Pittsfield (House, No. 4716),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.** Pittsfield,-- charter.

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 Lisa A. Gregorio. Moment of silence.

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE.

Bill authorizing the town of Marion to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 5451,-- on House, No. 5378) [Local approval received on House, No. 5378],-- was read. Marion,-- liquor license.

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

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. Time of meeting.

Adjournment in Memory of Ms. Lisa A. Gregorio.

The Senator from Suffolk, Mr. Collins, moved that when the Senate adjourns today, it do so in memory of Ms. Lisa A. Gregorio.

Lisa Gregorio devoted her career to serving the people of Boston as a Fire Alarm Operator with the Boston Fire Department, where her professionalism, composure, and commitment to public safety earned the respect of colleagues and first responders.

Serving as the critical link between residents in crisis and emergency personnel, Lisa approached every call with care, ensuring firefighters and other responders received the information they needed when it mattered most. Though much of her work took place behind the scenes, her dedication helped protect countless lives and made her an invaluable member of the Boston Fire Department family.

Beyond her distinguished career, Lisa will be remembered for her warmth, kindness, and unwavering compassion. Friends and coworkers recall her as someone who could always be counted on for support, encouragement, and a smile during even the most difficult days. She embodied the values of teamwork, selflessness, and service, leaving a lasting impression on everyone fortunate enough to know her both professionally and personally.

Lisa was deeply loved by her family, who will forever cherish her memory. She was the beloved daughter of Manny Gregorio and Mary Gregorio (Grealish); the devoted sister

of Beth (Andy) Halloran, Jill (Jimmy) Cox, Michael Gregorio (Debbie Deroche), and Amy Gregorio (Jay Allen); and a treasured aunt to Mikayla, Joe Cerilli, James Cox Jr., Molly Cox, and Devin Cox. She also leaves behind her great-nieces and great-nephews, Olivia Cerilli, Ava Cerilli, and Camron Cerilli; her uncle, Christopher Gregorio; and her beloved pet, Oreo.

Her love for her family was evident in every aspect of her life.

Ms. Lisa A. Gregorio will be missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing her.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect to the memory of Ms. Lisa A. Gregorio at twenty-one minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Tarr, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.