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Met at two minutes past twelve o'clock noon (Ms. Rausch in the Chair).

The Chair (Ms. Rausch), 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 MassHealth (pursuant to Section 80 of Chapter 118E of the General Laws) submitting its 2025 Sickle Cell legislative 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 August 6, 2026);

MassHealth,-- Sickle Cell 2025 report. SD4090

Report of the Department of Public Health (pursuant to Section 24N of Chapter 111 of the General Laws) submitting its Vaccine Purchase Trust Fund fiscal year 2024 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 Health Care Financing and the Joint Committee on Public Health) (received August 7, 2026);

DPH,-- Vaccine Purchase Trust Fund FY24 report. SD4091

Report of the Department of Public Health (pursuant to 105 CMR 451.403) submitting the inspection report for Bristol County Jail, Ash Street Facility, 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 7, 2026);

DPH,-- Bristol County Jail inspection report. SD4092

Report of the Department of Public Health (pursuant to 105 CMR 451.403) submitting the inspection report for Old Colony 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 7, 2026);

DPH,-- Old Colony CC inspection report. SD4093

Report of the Executive Office for Administration and Finance (pursuant to line-item 1595-6153 of Section 2E of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting its Communications Access Trust Fund Access Trust Fund FY26 report (a copy having been forwarded to the Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means) (received August 7, 2026);

A&F,-- Access trust fund FY26 report. SD4094

Report of the Department of Public Health (pursuant to Section 25A of Chapter 112 of General Laws) submitting its Investigatory & Disciplinary Actions Conducted by the Board of Registration in Pharmacy 2023 report (copies having been forwarded to the Senate Chairs of the Joint Committee on Health Care Financing and the Joint Committee on Public Health) (received August 7, 2026); and

DPH,-- Pharmacy Disciplinary 2023 report. SD4095

Report of the Department of Public Health (pursuant to 105 CMR 451.403) submitting the inspection report for Bridgewater Complex Food Services, the Plan of Correction (POC) from the facility and the POC acceptance letter from the Division of Environmental Health Regulations and Standards (received August 7, 2026).

DPH,-- Bridgewater Food Service inspection report. SD4096

Report of the Public Employee Retirement Administration Commission PERAC (under the provisions of Section 50 of Chapter 7 of the General Laws) submitting proposed amendments to the rules and regulations governing retirement of public employees in

PERAC,-- CMR amendments.

Massachusetts (840 CMR 6.00) (Senate, No. 3255) (received July 14, 2026),-- **was referred to the committee on Public Service**.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

Reports of Committees.

FFN Care commission.

By Mr. Lewis, for the committee on Education, on petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 341), a Bill establishing a special legislative commission to study and examine Family, Friend, and Neighbor-Provided Childcare in the Commonwealth (Senate, No. 3239);

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

Medical exams.

By Mr. Driscoll, for the committee on Public Health, on Senate, Nos. 1485 and 1491, a Bill relative to medical chaperones and medical exams (Senate, No. 3197);

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

Rideshare safety.

By Ms. Edwards, for the committee on the Judiciary, on petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1247), a Bill promoting rideshare safety (Senate No. 3232);

Worker protections.

By Mr. Oliveira, for the committee on Labor and Workforce Development, on Senate, Nos. 1355 and 1357, a Bill establishing protections for workers in extreme temperatures (Senate, No. 3240);

Kratom,-- regulations.

By Mr. Driscoll, for the committee on Public Health, on petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1609), a Bill relative to the regulation of Kratom (Senate No. 3198); and

Chapter 30B,-- procurement.

By Mr. Collins, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on petition, a Bill relative to Chapter 30B procurement (Senate, No. 2165);

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

Oakham annual election.

By Mr. Keenan, for the committee on Election Laws, on the message from Her Excellency the Governor, a Bill validating the 2026 annual election in the town of Oakham (printed in Senate, No. 3148);

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

Jessica Lynlee Ayala,-- sick leave. SD3744

By Ms. Lovely, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the Joint petition of Brendan P. Crighton and Donald H. Wong for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Jessica Lynlee Ayala, an employee of the department of corrections.

Senate Rule 36 was suspended, on motion of Mr. Tarr, 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:

Wrentham,-- surviving spouse tax exemption.

The House Bill authorizing the town of Wrentham to exempt from taxation certain real estate owned and occupied by the surviving spouse of deputy chief George C. Labonte (House, No. 4269) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Hopkinton,-- revenue account.

The House Bill establishing an economic development special revenue account for the town of Hopkinton (House, No. 4293),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Milford,-- town meeting.

The House Bill relative to the nomination process for candidates for town meeting in Milford (House, No. 4185),-- was read a third time.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Ms. Rausch moved to amend the bill by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text of Senate document numbered 3233.

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.

Report of Committee.

Hot works,-- penalties.

By Mr. Rodrigues, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the House Bill implementing the recommendations of the Walsh-Kennedy Commission Report (House, No. 5491),-- ought to pass with an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text of Senate document numbered 3251.

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

The bill, as amended, was then ordered to a third reading.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

Gardner,-- Robert L. Rice, Jr. Bridge.

A Bill designating a certain bridge in the city of Gardner as the Representative Robert L. Rice, Jr. Bridge (House, No. 5503, amended,-- on petition) [Local approval received],-- was read.

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

Bourne,-- liquor license.

A Bill authorizing the town of Bourne to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 5347,-- on House, No. 5084) [Local approval received on House, No. 5084],-- was read.

There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Tarr, 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:

Charity auctions,-- alcoholic beverages.

The House Bill authorizing charity alcohol auctions (House, No. 5351),-- was read a third time.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Payano moved to amend the bill by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text of Senate document numbered 3252.

After remarks, 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.

Credit union directors,-- compensation.

The House Bill allowing fair compensation of credit union directors (House, No. 1338, amended) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading),-- **was read a third time and, after remarks, passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Order Adopted.

Time of meeting.

On motion of Mr. Payano,--

Ordered, that when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn to meet again on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

On motion of the same Senator, at twenty-six minutes before one o'clock P.M., the Senate adjourned to meet again on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.