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Thursday, October 16, 2025.

Met at eight minutes past eleven o'clock A.M. (Mr. Brownsberger 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. Brownsberger), members, guests and staff then recited the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of
allegiance.

Distinguished Guests.

There being no objection, during consideration of the Orders of the Day, the Chair (Mr. Brownsberger) handed the gavel to Mr. Collins for the purpose of an introduction. Mr. Collins then introduced, in the rear of the Chamber, Calogero Rocco LoGrasso of South Boston. Mr. LoGrasso was presented with a Senate Citation recognizing his career as the oldest professional boxer in New England and for winning best original screenplay at the Indie Vegas Film Festival. The Senate applauded his accomplishments, he addressed the Senate from the Rostrum, signed the guest book and he withdrew from the Chamber.

Calogero Rocco
LoGrasso.

Communication.

Communication from the Office of the Comptroller (pursuant to Section 12 of Chapter 7A of the General Laws) submitting its current status of the Fiscal Year 2025 Statutory Basis financial report (received October 14, 2025),-- **was placed on file.**

Comptroller,--
FY25 SBFR.
SD3286

Reports.

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

Report of the Office of the Comptroller (pursuant to Section 6B(b) of Chapter 29 of the General Laws) submitting its first quarter Federal Grants FY26 report (a copy having been forwarded to the Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means) (received October 15, 2025);

Comptroller,--
federal grants Q1
FY26 report.
SD3288

Report of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (pursuant to line item 1596-2405 of Section 2F of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting its MBTA Income Eligible Fare FY24 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 Transportation) (received October 15, 2025);

MBTA,-- Income
Eligible Reduced
Fares FY24 report.
SD3290

Report of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (pursuant to line item 1595-6369 of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting its Naloxone Pilot report (copies having been forwarded to the Chairs of the Senate Committees on Ways and Means and Post Audit and Oversight and the Senate Chairs of the Joint Committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery and the Joint Committee on the Transportation) (received October 15, 2025);

MBTA,--
Naloxone Pilot
report.
SD3291

Report of the Disabled Persons Protection Commission (pursuant to line item 1107-2501 of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting its DPPC first quarterly FY26 report for

DPPC,-- First
Quarterly FY26
report.
SD3292

the period of July to September 2025 (a copy having been forwarded to the Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means) (received October 15, 2025);

Report of the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds (pursuant to Section 2KKK(a) of Chapter 29 of the General Laws) submitting its plan for expenditure from the Norfolk County Registers Technological Fund report (copies having been forwarded to the Chairs of the Senate Committees on Ways and Means and Post Audit and Oversight) (received October 8, 2025);

Norfolk ROD
Technological
Fund report.
SD3293

Report of the Executive Office of the Trial Court (pursuant to Section 15(c) of Chapter 239 of the General Laws) submitting its report summary statistics on eviction filings, actions, and dispositions from January 2024 through September 2025 (copies having been forwarded to the Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Chairs of the Joint Committee on Housing and the Joint Committee on the Judiciary) (received October 15, 2025);

EOTC,-- rental
protections
September 2025
report.
SD3294

Report of the Department of Public Health (pursuant to 105 CMR 451.403) submitting the inspection report for the Essex County Correctional Alternative Center, Lawrence, the Plan of Correction (POC) from the facility and the POC acceptance letter from the Division of Environmental Health Regulations and Standards (EHRS) (received October 16, 2025);

DPH,-- Essex
Correctional
Lawrence
Inspection report.
SD3295
DER,-- UI trust
fund report.
SD3296

Report of the Department of Economic Research (pursuant to Section 14F of Chapter 151A of the General Laws) submitting the October 2025 Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund 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 Labor and Workforce Development) (received October 15, 2025); and

Report of the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (pursuant to Section 2(c) of Chapter 35 of the Acts of 2021) submitting its Sexual Assault Evidence Collection Kit (SAECK) 2025 second quarter report (a copy having been forwarded to the Senate Chair of the Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security) (received October 16, 2025).

EOPSS,-- SAECK
2025 Q2 report.
SD3297

Petitions.

Petitions were severally presented and referred as follows:

By Mrs. Dooner and Mr. Thurber of Somerset, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2652) of Kelly A. Dooner, Justin Thurber and Norman J. Orrall (with approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to authorize the city of Taunton to establish a separate billing rate for water supplied to manufactured housing communities [Local approval received];

Taunton,--
manufactured
homes water.

Under Senate Rule 20, to the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

By Mr. Moore, a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Michael O. Moore for legislation relative to firefighting water supplies and a state cistern program; and

Fire Suppression
Water Resource
Fund.
SD3287
Emergency
contract,--
accountability.
SD3285

By Mr. Tarr, a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Bruce E. Tarr, Kelly A. Dooner, Peter J. Durant, Ryan C. Fattman and other members of the General Court for legislation to promote emergency contract accountability and integrity;

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

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Keenan, for the committee on Election Laws, on Senate, No. 521, an Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on Election Laws, to make an investigation and

Election Laws,--
study.

study of a certain current Senate document relative to federal child labor constitutional amendment (Senate, No. 2650);

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. 476), a Bill establishing a special commission on a statewide long-term services and supports benefit program (Senate, No. 2645);

By Mr. Moore, for the committee on Advanced Information Technology, the Internet and Cybersecurity, on Senate Nos. 38 and 40, a Resolve establishing a special commission on blockchain and cryptocurrency technology (Senate, No. 38);

By Ms. Kennedy, for the committee on the Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, on petition, a Resolve to establish a commission to review Department of Developmental Services regulations and practices (Senate, No. 128); and

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Resolve establishing a special commission on the treatment of intellectually and developmentally disabled offenders in the criminal justice system (Senate, No. 156);

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

By Mr. Moore, for the committee on Advanced Information Technology, the Internet and Cybersecurity, on petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 46), a Bill relative to the use of artificial intelligence and other software tools in healthcare decision-making (Senate, No. 2632);

By Ms. Kennedy, for the committee on the Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, on petition, a Bill ensuring access to behavioral health services for children involved with state agencies (Senate, No. 111);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill to enhance standards of care for those with autism and intellectual and developmental disabilities (Senate, No. 149); and

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill to increase the safety of individuals with disabilities relying on life-support equipment (Senate, No. 168);

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

By Mr. Moore, for the committee on Advanced Information Technology, the Internet and Cybersecurity, on petition, a Bill establishing the Massachusetts open data standard (Senate, No. 34);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill fostering artificial intelligence responsibility (Senate, No. 35);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to social media, algorithm accountability, and transparency (Senate, No. 51);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 37), a Bill promoting economic development with emerging artificial intelligence models and safety (Senate, No. 2630);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 44), a Bill to protect against election misinformation (Senate, No. 2631);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 48), a Bill relative to AI-generated child sexual abuse material (Senate, No. 2633);

Long-term services,-- special commission.

Cryptocurrency,-- special commission.

DDS,-- commission.

Disabled offenders,-- commission.

Artificial intelligence,-- healthcare.

Behavioral health,-- access.

Autism,-- provider knowledge.

Disabled individuals,-- safety.

Open Data Standard.

Artificial intelligence.

Social media,-- transparency.

Artificial Intelligence Innovation Trust Fund.
Elections,-- misinformation.

AI,-- child sexual abuse material.

By Ms. Kennedy, for the committee on the Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, on petition, a Bill relative to assisting elders and people with disabilities in the Commonwealth (Senate, No. 138);

Emergency aid,--
elderly and
disabled.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to authorizing supported decision-making agreements for certain adults with disabilities (Senate, No. 155);

Adults with
disabilities,--
decision-making.
Diaper changing
station.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill providing for diaper changing stations in public buildings and accommodations (Senate, No. 170); and

Mandated
reporters,--
disabled persons.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to mandated reporters of disabled persons abuse (Senate, No. 172);

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4602) of Brian M. Ashe (by vote of the town) that the town of Monson be authorized to increase the membership of the select board of said town;

Monson,-- select
board.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4603) of Jessica Ann Giannino and Lydia Edwards (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Revere be authorized to establish penalties and liens for noise ordinance violations; and

Revere,-- noise
violations.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4614) of Estela A. Reyes and Frank A. Moran (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Lawrence be authorized to transfer a certain parcel of park land at the James J. O'Neil Park in said city;

Lawrence,-- land.

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4604) of Christopher J. Worrell (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to authorize the appointment of Luisa Fernandes as a police officer in the city of Boston, notwithstanding the maximum age requirement;

Boston,-- Luisa
Fernandes.

To the committee on Public Service.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4605) of James C. Arena-DeRosa (by vote of the town) that the town of Millis be authorized to establish a means-tested senior citizen property tax exemption for school building construction projects;

Millis,-- senior
property tax
exemption.

To the committee on Revenue.

A Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2025 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (House, No. 4615,-- on House, No. 4429, in part),-- **was read and, under Senate Rule 27, referred to the committee on Ways and Means.**

Supplemental
appropriations.

A Bill dedicating certain park and field space in the South Boston section of the city of Boston (House, No. 899, amended,-- on petition),-- **was read and, under Senate Rule 26, referred to the committee on Rules.**

South Boston,--
park dedication.

Emergency Preamble Adopted.

An engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Ana C. Contreras, an employee of the trial court of the commonwealth (see House, No. 1596, amended), having been certified by the Senate Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage and containing an emergency preamble,-- was laid before the Senate; and, a separate vote being taken in

Ana C. Contreras,-
- sick leave.

accordance with the requirements of Article LXVII of the Amendments to the Constitution, the preamble was adopted in concurrence, by a vote of 7 to 0.

The bill was signed by the Acting President (Mr. Brownsberger) and sent to the House for enactment.

Engrossed Bill.

An engrossed Bill re-authorizing the town of Swansea to issue additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (see House, No. 4276) (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 and signed by the Acting President (Mr. Brownsberger) and laid before the Governor for her approbation.**

Bill laid before the Governor.

Matter Taken Out of the Orders of the Day.

There being no objection, the following matter was taken out of the Orders of the Day and considered as follows:

The House Bill relative to non-civil service public safety personnel in the town of Wellesley (House, No. 4140),-- **was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, it's title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to read as follows:- "An Act authorizing the town of Wellesley to increase the residency limits for members of the police and fire departments".**

Wellesley,-- public safety personnel.

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 Michael O. Moore for legislation to prohibit denials of certain payments for health care service.

Health care,-- payment denials. SD3282

Senate Rule 36 was suspended, on motion of Mrs. Dooner, and the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Financial Services.

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 Nick Collins for legislation relative to discharges from sober homes.

Sober homes,-- discharges. SD3281

Senate Rule 36 was suspended, on motion of Mrs. Dooner, and the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery.

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 Nick Collins for legislation relative to the training, certification, and recognition of constables and civil deputy sheriffs.

Constables and deputy sheriffs,-- certification. SD3218

Senate Rule 36 was suspended, on motion of Mrs. Dooner, and the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security.

Severally sent to the House for concurrence.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4622) of Thomas P. Walsh and Sally P. Kerans for legislation to authorize electrocardiogram screenings prior to participation in interscholastic athletic competitions;

MIAA events,-- electrocardiogram screenings.

Under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Financial Services.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4623) of Sean Garballey relative to Medicaid coverage for autism treatment and assistive technologies;

Medicaid,-- ABA services.

Under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4624) of Rob Consalvo for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Jeanne McCarron, an employee of the Registry of Motor Vehicles;

Jeanne McCarron,-
- sick leave.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4625) of Michelle L. Badger for the issuance of an annual proclamation by the Governor to designate October 15th as lobular breast cancer awareness day;

Lobular Breast
Cancer Awareness
Day.

Under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

A Bill providing for the terms of certain bonds to be issued by the Commonwealth (printed in House, No. 4413,-- being a message from Her Excellency the Governor),-- was read.

Bonds and notes,--
terms.

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

Orders of the Day.

The Orders of the Day were considered as follows:

Bills

Relative to the preparation of bilingual ballots in English and Haitian Creole in the city known as the town of Randolph (Senate, No. 509);

Second reading
bills.

Regulating certain insurance benefits for elected officials in the town of Blackstone (Senate, No. 1445);

Relative to the dissolution of the Holmes Park Water District (Senate, No. 2505);

Relative to vacancies in the office of the mayor in the city of New Bedford (Senate, No. 2509);

Relative to the election of the mayor, city councilor and school committee in the city of Brockton (Senate, No. 2510);

Relative to the office of the district councilor in the city of Boston (Senate, No. 2511, changed);

Dissolving the North Carver water district (Senate, No. 2517);

Amending the town charter of Wareham (Senate, No. 2527);

Relative to special town meetings petitioned for by residents of the town of Andover (Senate, No. 2544);

Establishing a special fund for the festival of the hill receipts for the town of Conway (House, No. 2251);

Authorizing the city of Revere to pay a certain sum of money to Denise Mattera (Condelli), widow of school committee member Anthony Mattera (House, No. 2275);

Amending the charter of the town of Sandwich (House, No. 2357);

Relative to the assessment of local property taxes in the city of Springfield (House, No. 3213);

Relative to the organization and governance structure of the town of Rochester (House, No. 4030);

Relative to the Lanesborough Select Board (House, No. 4056);

To increase the membership of the Haverhill board of health from 3 members to 5 members (House, No. 4057);

Authorizing the town to establish a millennium fund of the Wayland Free Public Library (House, No. 4137);

Amending the special legislation establishing the Acton Memorial Library (House, No. 4173);

Relative to the Ayer Library (House, No. 4174); and

Amending the charter of the town of Seekonk (House, No. 4459);

Were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The Senate Bill relative to amending certain use restrictions for the Foxborough State Hospital (Senate, No. 2141),-- was read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

Foxborough State Hospital.

There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Tarr, and the bill was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The Senate Bill to increase access to disposable menstrual products (Senate, No. 2546),- - was read a second time and, was amended, as previously recommended by the committee on Senate Ways and Means substituting a new draft with the same title (Senate, No. 2640).

Menstrual products,-- access.

After remarks, the bill (Senate, No. 2640) was then ordered to a third reading and read a third time.

The question on passing the bill to be engrossed was determined by a call of the yeas and nays, at twenty-four minutes before twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Ms. Comerford, as follows to wit (yeas 39 – nays 0) **[Yeas and Nays No. 72]:**

YEAS.

Barrett, Michael J.
Brady, Michael D.
Brownsberger, William N.
Collins, Nick
Comerford, Joanne M.
Creem, Cynthia Stone
Crichton, Brendan P.
Cronin, John J.
Cyr, Julian
DiDomenico, Sal N.
Dooner, Kelly A.
Driscoll, Jr., William J.
Durant, Peter J.
Edwards, Lydia
Eldridge, James B.
Fattman, Ryan C.
Feeney, Paul R.
Fernandes, Dylan A.
Finegold, Barry R.
Friedman, Cindy F.

Gómez, Adam
Jehlen, Patricia D.
Keenan, John F.
Kennedy, Robyn K.
Lewis, Jason M.
Lovely, Joan B.
Mark, Paul W.
Miranda, Liz
Montigny, Mark C.
Moore, Michael O.
O'Connor, Patrick M.
Oliveira, Jacob R.
Payano, Pavel
Rausch, Rebecca L.
Rodrigues, Michael J.
Rush, Michael F.
Spilka, Karen E.
Tarr, Bruce E.
Velis, John C. – **39.**

NAYS – 0.

The yeas and nays having been completed at seventeen minutes before twelve o'clock noon, the bill was passed to be engrossed.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE

Engrossed Bill.

An engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Ana C. Contreras, an employee of the trial court of the commonwealth (see House, No. 1596, amended) (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 and signed by the Acting President (Mr. Brownsberger) and laid before the Governor for her approbation.**

Bill laid before the Governor.

Orders of the Day.

The Orders of the Day were further considered as follows:

The Senate Bill relative to menstrual product ingredient disclosure (Senate, No. 1483),-- was read a second time and, was amended, as previously recommended by the committee on Senate Ways and Means substituting a new draft with the same title (Senate, No. 2641).

Menstrual product,-- ingredient disclosure.

After remarks, the bill (Senate, No. 2641) was then ordered to a third reading and read a third time.

The question on passing the bill to be engrossed was determined by a call of the yeas and nays, at three minutes before twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Ms. Comerford, as follows to wit (yeas 39 – nays 0) [**Yeas and Nays No. 73**]:

YEAS.

Barrett, Michael J.
Brady, Michael D.
Brownsberger, William N.
Collins, Nick
Comerford, Joanne M.
Creem, Cynthia Stone
Crichton, Brendan P.
Cronin, John J.
Cyr, Julian
DiDomenico, Sal N.
Dooner, Kelly A.
Driscoll, Jr., William J.
Durant, Peter J.
Edwards, Lydia
Eldridge, James B.
Fattman, Ryan C.
Feeney, Paul R.
Fernandes, Dylan A.
Finegold, Barry R.
Friedman, Cindy F.

Gómez, Adam
Jehlen, Patricia D.
Keenan, John F.
Kennedy, Robyn K.
Lewis, Jason M.
Lovely, Joan B.
Mark, Paul W.
Miranda, Liz
Montigny, Mark C.
Moore, Michael O.
O'Connor, Patrick M.
Oliveira, Jacob R.
Payano, Pavel
Rausch, Rebecca L.
Rodrigues, Michael J.
Rush, Michael F.
Spilka, Karen E.
Tarr, Bruce E.
Velis, John C. – **39.**

NAYS – 0.

The yeas and nays having been completed at three minutes past twelve o'clock noon, the bill was passed to be engrossed.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

Moment of Silence.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Brownsberger), the members, guests and staff stood in a moment of silence and reflection to the memory of Senator Edward J. Kennedy.

Moment of silence.

Orders of the Day.

Mr. Creem in the Chair, the Orders of the Day were further considered as follows:

The Senate Bill relative to the Move Over Law (Senate, No. 2547),-- was read a second time.

Move Over Law.

After remarks, pending the question on adoption of the amendment, previously recommended by the committee on Ways and Means, substituting a new draft with the same title (Senate, No. 2642), and pending the main question on ordering the bill to a third reading, Mr. Keenan moved to amend the proposed new draft in line 14 by inserting before the word “operated” the following words:- “owned or “;

In line 14 by inserting after the word "operated" the following words:- “ by a county, a municipality or any political subdivision thereof or”; and

In line 14 by inserting after the word “with” the following words:- “a county, a municipality or any political subdivision thereof or”.

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Tarr moved to amend the proposed new draft by inserting after section _ the following section:-

“SECTION _ . Chapter 90, of the General Laws shall be amended by adding after section 63 the new section 64, the following:-

‘Section 64. (a) When a motor vehicle is stopped by a police officer as defined in section 98 of chapter 41 of the general laws, the operator shall immediately activate interior cabin lighting if present and operational and illuminate the inside of the vehicle.

(b) If the operator does not immediately activate interior cabin lighting, the officer may order the operator to comply with this requirement. Noncompliance with such an order shall be considered a violation of section 25 of this chapter.’.”

After remarks, the amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Tarr moved to amend the proposed new draft by striking out section 6 in its entirety and inserting in place thereof the following:-

“SECTION 6. Section 7C of chapter 89 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out subsection 2(c) in its entirety and inserting in place thereof:-

(c) Violation of this section may be punished by a fine of \$250 for a first offense, by a fine of \$500 for a second offense, and by a fine of \$1,000 for a third or subsequent offense; provided that any violation that results in injury to another person may be punished by a fine of \$2,500 or up to one year in jail or house of correction.”

After remarks, the amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Tarr moved to amend the proposed new draft by inserting after section _ the following section:-

“SECTION _ . Notwithstanding chapter 81 of the acts of 2022 or any general or special law to the contrary, a specifically named individual’s driving record shall be a public record, provided that disclosure is subject to all applicable statutory and common law exemptions, including redacting or withholding any information relating to the specifically named individual the disclosure of which may constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, including but not limited to an individual’s personal address or social security number under subclause (c) of clause 26 of section 7 of chapter 4 of the General Laws.

For purposes of this section, “driving record” shall mean the record maintained by the registry of motor vehicles that lists all civil and criminal violations incurred by a specifically named individual under section 27 of chapter 90 of the General Laws or as the result of any administrative action taken by the registrar of motor vehicles; provided, that “driving record” shall not include any other information, correspondence, or source materials provided by or

relating to an applicant for a Massachusetts license under section 8 of chapter 90 of General Laws or a learners permit under section 8B of said chapter 90, except as otherwise provided by law.”

After remarks, the amendment was *rejected*.

The Ways and Means amendment, as amended, was then adopted.

After remarks, the bill (Senate, No. 2642, amended) was then ordered to a third reading and was read a third time.

The question on passing the bill to be engrossed was determined by a call of the yeas and nays, at three minutes past one o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Crighton, as follows to wit (yeas 39 – nays 0) [**Yeas and Nays No. 74**]:

YEAS.

Barrett, Michael J.
Brady, Michael D.
Brownsberger, William N.
Collins, Nick
Comerford, Joanne M.
Creem, Cynthia Stone
Crighton, Brendan P.
Cronin, John J.
Cyr, Julian
DiDomenico, Sal N.
Dooner, Kelly A.
Driscoll, Jr., William J.
Durant, Peter J.
Edwards, Lydia
Eldridge, James B.
Fattman, Ryan C.
Feeney, Paul R.
Fernandes, Dylan A.
Finegold, Barry R.
Friedman, Cindy F.

Gómez, Adam
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Keenan, John F.
Kennedy, Robyn K.
Lewis, Jason M.
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Mark, Paul W.
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Montigny, Mark C.
Moore, Michael O.
O'Connor, Patrick M.
Oliveira, Jacob R.
Payano, Pavel
Rausch, Rebecca L.
Rodrigues, Michael J.
Rush, Michael F.
Spilka, Karen E.
Tarr, Bruce E.
Velis, John C. – **39**.

NAYS – 0.

The yeas and nays having been completed at ten minutes past one o'clock P.M., the bill was 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 updating the Move Over Law” [For text of Senate bill, printed as amended, see Senate, No. 2653].

Sent to the House for concurrence.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Rush,--

Ordered, that when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn to meet again on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M., and that the Clerk be directed to dispense with the printing of a calendar.

Time of meeting.

Adjournment in Memory of Senator Edward J. Kennedy.

The Senate President, Ms. Spilka, and the entire Senate, moved that when the Senate adjourns today it do so in memory of Senator Edward J. Kennedy of Lowell.

Senator Edward J. Kennedy died peacefully on October 1, 2025. Ed was a lifelong resident of Lowell, a city he loved deeply and served for the entirety of his adult life. He began his political career on the Lowell City Council in 1977 at the age of 26. Following four terms on the council, he was elected as a Middlesex County Commissioner, serving there until 1996. Ed returned to the Lowell City Council for another four terms in 2012 and served as Mayor of Lowell from 2016 to 2017. He was first elected to the Massachusetts Senate in November of 2018; he proudly served the First Middlesex Senate District for the remainder of his life.

Senator Kennedy's list of achievements in public service is long and noteworthy, and at the heart of it all was his steadfast commitment to his constituents and community.

Senator Kennedy joined the Senate in 2019, and it was halfway through his first term that the world was disrupted by the global COVID-19 pandemic. Immediately his focus shifted towards helping people through the fallout of the pandemic and the lockdown. As the Senate Chair of the Joint Committee on Tourism, Arts, and Cultural Development, he helped lead the COVID-19 Cultural Impact Commission. The work of the Commission and that of Senator Kennedy were instrumental in securing the state's largest-ever investments in the cultural sector.

One of his proudest achievements was supporting the construction of a brand-new Lowell High School in the heart of downtown Lowell, a cause he championed as a councilor, mayor, and senator. When the COVID-19 pandemic led to cost pressures threatening the project, he fought tirelessly as a state senator for an influx of funds to the Massachusetts School Building Authority to ensure that project and others similarly affected throughout the commonwealth remained on track.

Senator Kennedy was a steadfast advocate for the construction of a permanent Rourke Bridge across the Merrimack River, a cause that dates back to when he first served on the Lowell City Council in the 1970s and 80s. He fought for its inclusion in transportation bond bills and was very proud to see ground finally be broken this past summer after four decades of advocacy. He was also an advocate for the water quality of the Merrimack and co-founded the Merrimack River Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) Working Group, which brings together federal and state officials from Massachusetts and New Hampshire to address the impact of CSOs.

In addition to his legislative accomplishments, he valued excellent constituent service for all who came to him with a request, knowing that a senator's office was often a last resort for people in need.

Ed was an avid outdoorsman and a proud member of the Sierra Club and the Appalachian Mountain Club. He enjoyed hiking, camping, rafting, and spending time on the beach with his family and friends. One of his happiest accomplishments was hiking the northern and southern Presidential Range with his cousin, Frank, in 1975. Ed loved music and was proud to have attended a record number of 27 Rolling Stones concerts, in addition to many other live music events. He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, and cousin, and was happiest when spending time with his family. He attended nearly all of his grandchildren's sporting events and never missed a family gathering. Perhaps most of all, he was a storyteller. He loved to share tales of Lowell and Massachusetts political history to any and all who would listen—and the listeners would always enjoy.

Senator Kennedy leaves behind many loved ones, including his wife, Susan; his daughter, Christina, and her husband, Matthew; his son, Eddie, and his wife, Ashley; and three beloved grandchildren: Jackson, Brayden, and Ellis. He also leaves behind his two brothers, Dan and John Kennedy, and his wife, Helen; his sister-in-law, Judith, and her husband, Andrew; and his brother-in-law, John, and his wife, Doreen.

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Accordingly, as a mark of respect to the memory of Senator Edward J. Kennedy, at nineteen minutes past one o'clock P.M., on motion of Ms. Rausch, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M
