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Friday, July 31, 2026.

Met at seven minutes past twelve o'clock noon (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.

Reports.

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

Report of the Executive Office for Administration and Finance (pursuant to Section 109 of Chapter 6A of the General Laws) submitting its 2026 annual report on the progress of data collection under the Data Equity Law (a copy having been forwarded to the Senate Chair of the Joint Committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight) (received July 31, 2026); and

A&F,-- Data Equity
Law 2026 annual
report.
SD4080

Report of the Department of Public Health (pursuant to Section 30 of Chapter 197 of the Acts of 2024) submitting its study and report on the Need and Feasibility of Qualified Professional Guardians (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 31, 2026).

DPH,--
Guardianship report.
SD4081

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Collins, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on Senate, No. 2111, an Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight to make an investigation and study of a certain current Senate document relative to authorizing the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to convey an easement across certain property in the Dorchester section of the city of Boston to the Boston Gas Company (Senate, No. 3243);

State
Administration and
Regulatory
Oversight,-- study.

By Mr. Crighton, for the committee on Transportation, on Senate, Nos. 2363, 2372, 2379, 2393, 2429 and 2905, an 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.

By Mr. Feeney, for the committee on Financial Services, on Senate, No. 688, an Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on Financial Services to make an investigation and study of a certain current Senate document relative to the interchange of fees on tax or gratuity (Senate, No. 3246);

Financial Services,--
study.

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

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 authorizing the city of Newton to issue pension obligation bonds or notes (Senate, No. 3092) [Local approval received].

Newton,-- pension
liability.

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 Education, to make an investigation and study of certain current Senate documents relative to education matters (Senate, No. 3238); and

Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight to make an investigation and study of a certain current Senate document relative to authorize the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to convey an easement across certain property in the Dorchester section of the city of Boston to the Boston Gas Company (Senate, No. 3243);

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

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

Education,-- study.

State
Administration and
Regulatory
Oversight,-- study.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Emergency Preamble Adopted.

An engrossed Bill authorizing the division of capital asset management and maintenance to take by eminent domain certain land in the town of Norwood (see House, No. 5553, 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 accordance with the requirements of Article LXVII of the Amendments to the Constitution, the preamble was adopted in concurrence, by a vote of 3 to 0.

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

Norwood,-- land.

Engrossed Bills.

The following engrossed bills (the first 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 (Ms. Brownsberger) and laid before the Governor for her approbation, to wit:

Further regulating insurance claims (see Senate, No. 785);

Authorizing the town of Conway to continue the employment of fire department member Howard Boyden (see House, No. 4506, amended); and

Authorizing the town of Conway to continue the employment of police department member Michael Habel (see House, No. 4525, amended).

Bills laid before the
Governor.

The House Bill promoting transparency and public access in state government (House, No. 5469),-- came from the House with the endorsement that the House had NON-concurred in the Senate amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 3244, and had asked for a committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches; and that Representatives Peisch of Wellesley, Vargas of Haverhill and Muradian of Grafton had been appointed the committee on the part of the House.

The rules were suspended on motion of Mr. Keenan and the matter was considered forthwith.

Government
transparency.

On motion of the same Senator, the Senate insisted on its amendment and concurred in the appointment of a committee of conference; and Senators Creem, Friedman and Dooner were appointed on the part of the Senate.

The bill was returned to the House endorsed accordingly.

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 House Bill providing for the terms of certain bonds for transportation purposes to be issued by the Commonwealth (House, No. 5568),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Terms of bonds.

The House Bill authorizing a change of use to a portion of James J. O'Neill Park in the city of Lawrence (House, No. 5531) (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.**

Lawrence,-- James J. O'Neill Park.

Recess.

There being no objection, at five minutes before one o'clock P.M., the Chair (Mr. Brownsberger) declared a recess, subject to the call of the Chair; and, at seventeen minutes past two o'clock P.M., the Senate reassembled, Mr. Brownsberger in the Chair.

Recess.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Emergency Preamble Adopted.

An engrossed Bill providing for the terms of certain bonds for transportation purposes to be issued by the Commonwealth (see House, No. 5568), 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 accordance with the requirements of Article LXVII of the Amendments to the Constitution, the preamble was adopted in concurrence, by a vote of 6 to 0.

Terms of bonds.

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

Engrossed Bill.

An engrossed Bill regarding free expression (see Senate, No. 2726, 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. Brownsberger) and laid before the Governor for her approbation.**

Bill laid before the Governor.

Report of Committee.

Ms. Creem in the Chair, 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 prioritizing patient access to care (House, No. 5595).

Patient care,-- access.

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

The question on passing the bill to be engrossed was determined by a standing vote, on motion of Ms. Kennedy, and it was engrossed, in concurrence, by a vote of 15 to 4.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

The Senate Bill relative to primary care for you (Senate, No. 3141),-- came from the House passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, *with amendments* striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text of House document numbered 5630; and by striking out the title and inserting in place thereof the following title: "An Act strengthening primary care and advancing health care affordability."

Primary care.

The rules were suspended on motion of Mr. Brownsberger and the matter was considered forthwith.

Ms. Friedman moved that the Senate NON-concur in the House amendments and asked for a committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches; and Senators Friedman, Cronin and Tarr were appointed to the committee on the part of the Senate.

The bill was returned to the House endorsed accordingly.

Engrossed Bill.

Mr. Brownsberger in the Chair, an engrossed Bill providing for the terms of certain bonds for transportation purposes to be issued by the Commonwealth (see House, No. 5568) (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.

Reports of Committee.

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 allowing fair compensation of Massachusetts credit union directors (House, No. 1338) (also based on Senate, No. 821).

Credit union directors,-- compensation.

There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Brady, and the bill was read a second time, and was 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 House Bill authorizing charity alcohol auctions (House, No. 5351).

Charity auctions,-- alcoholic beverages.

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

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE

Committee of Conference Report.

A report of the committee of conference of the disagreeing votes of the two branches, with reference to the Senate amendments to the House Bill to improve Massachusetts home care (House, No. 4706, amended) (*amended by the Senate* by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 3183),-- reported, a "Bill to improve Massachusetts home care" (House, No. 5627),-- came from the House, and was read.

Home care.

After remarks, the question on acceptance of the report of the committee of conference was determined by a call of the yeas and nays, at seventeen minutes before four o'clock P.M., on motion of Ms. Jehlen as follows, to wit (yeas 40 – nays 0) **[Yeas and Nays No. 228]**:

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
Howard, Vanna
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. – **40.**

NAYS – 0.

The yeas and nays having been completed at seven minutes before four o'clock P.M., the report was accepted, in concurrence.

Reports of Committees.

By Ms. Lovely, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that the Senate Order, granting the committee on Financial Services until July 31, 2026, within which time to make its final report on a current Senate document numbered 688, relative to prohibiting card interchange fees on tax or gratuity (Senate, No. 3081),-- ought to be adopted.

Financial Services,--
extension order.

The rules were suspended on motion of Mr. Feeney and, after remarks, the order was considered forthwith and adopted.

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE

Engrossed Bill.

An engrossed Bill authorizing the division of capital asset management and maintenance to take by eminent domain certain land in the town of Norwood (see House, No. 5553, amended) (which originated in the House), **having been certified by the Senate Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, after remarks, 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.

Remarks of Senator Michael F. Rush.

Thank you, Mr. President,

I rise to speak today because two years ago we began a mission here in the commonwealth. It began with whispers. Rumbblings that staff was overburdened at hospitals within a certain network, articles in the Boston Globe that patients had died because necessary medical equipment had been repossessed, that Steward Healthcare was bankrupt.

When Steward filed for bankruptcy, they left behind a healthcare nightmare. Hospitals and staff gutted for parts, to benefit an insatiable corporate greed that didn't care about quality business or quality healthcare.

The Healey-Driscoll administration and the state legislature leapt into action to stabilize healthcare. The state took extraordinary and necessary action to find providers to operate many of the hospitals left in the lurch by Steward so as not to leave massive gaps in coverage. Even going so far as to take the former St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Brighton by eminent domain.

We in the legislature answered the call and passed laws to run out Steward and all private equity from the Massachusetts healthcare sector forever.

While we were able to stop much of the bleeding Steward caused by their exit, many communities were left in the lurch. Nashoba Valley was left with an uncertain future, Carney Hospital didn't reopen, and, most importantly to the constituents I represent, Norwood Hospital, which had previously been the crown jewel of the Steward Healthcare network before being forced to close due to a catastrophic flood.

Steward was in the process of rebuilding Norwood Hospital, which had always been profitable for them, when they went bankrupt. There were signs, pauses in construction due to unpaid work which we were led to believe was something other than what it was.

In the rush to stop the bleeding it's easy to see how Norwood got left behind. We had a lot of operational hospitals where patients were actively receiving care needed saving, and some of them weren't.

But Mr. President I am speaking today because we haven't completed the work and because my area of southeastern Massachusetts is still bleeding.

Norwood Hospital had a 12-town catchment area. Attleboro, Canton, Dedham, Dover, Foxborough, Franklin Mansfield, Medfield, Medway, Millis, Needham, Norfolk, North Attleborough, Norton, Norwood, Plainville, Sharon, Stoughton, Walpole, Westwood and Wrentham. 2500,00 people were left in a healthcare vacuum after Norwood Hospital shut its doors.

Even though their hospital closed, these patients did not disappear. They are now driving further, to Brockton, or Milford, or Boston. They are placing a burden on already overcrowded emergency rooms, and putting their health in jeopardy for time sensitive emergency and cardiac events.

Their care has languished. Languished behind construction delays and bad faith negotiations as Medical Properties Trust, the chief enabler of Steward Healthcare in the commonwealth and current owner of the Norwood Hospital Property has stonewalled finding a new operator for the site.

But no more

Every day I watch an ambulance from Norwood or Walpole drive past my house in West Roxbury, bound for a hospital in Boston, and I fear for the patient inside. Will they make it in time?

No more.

With this legislation we finish the work. The work of restoring healthcare equity for this region, of finally pushing out Steward and their accomplice Medical Properties Trust out of Massachusetts once and for all, and restoring trust in the commonwealth's healthcare infrastructure.

I am unendingly grateful to Representative John H. Roger's, with whom I co-petitioned the original legislation for his leadership on all things Norwood, to Senate President Karen Spilka and Speaker Mariano for loudly declaring that we will do right by patients in the commonwealth, to Senator Friedman for her guidance on all healthcare matters, to Senators Feeney, Collins, Driscoll and many more who have championed Norwood Hospital at every opportunity. To Congressman Stephen Lynch who has always been a critical partner on these issues, to the Healey-Driscoll administration and many other state and local officials, advocates and most importantly to the people of southeastern Massachusetts who have shouted everyday for the last six years "We NEED a hospital in Norwood again" to whom I can now answer "And We Will".

On motion of Mr. Feeney, under Senate Rule 6A, the above remarks were ordered printed in the Journal of the Senate.

Ordered printed.

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE

Committee of Conference Report.

A report of the committee of conference of the disagreeing votes of the two branches, with reference to the Senate amendments to the House Bill enhancing child welfare protections (House, No. 4646) (*amended by the Senate* by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 3121),-- reported, a "Bill enhancing child welfare protections" (House, No. 5629),-- came from the House, and was read.

Child welfare.

After remarks, the question on acceptance of the report of the committee of conference was determined by a call of the yeas and nays, at twenty-seven minutes past five o'clock P.M., on motion of Ms. Comerford as follows, to wit (yeas 40 – nays 0) [**Yeas and Nays No. 229**]:

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
Howard, Vanna
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. – **40.**

NAYS – 0.

The yeas and nays having been completed at twenty-six minutes before six o'clock P.M., the report was accepted, in concurrence.

Recess.

There being no objection, at twenty-five minutes before six o'clock P.M., the Chair (Mr. Brownsberger) declared a recess, subject to the call of the Chair; and, at three minutes before eight o'clock P.M., the Senate reassembled, the President in the Chair.

Recess.

Suspension of Senate Rule 38A.

Ms. Comerford moved that Senate Rule 38A be suspended to allow the Senate to meet beyond the hour of 8:00 P.M.; and the same Senator requested unanimous consent that the rules be suspended without a call of the yeas and nays. There being no objection, the motion was considered forthwith, and it was adopted.

Senate Rule 38A.

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE

Engrossed Bills.

The following engrossed bills (both of which originated in the House), 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 President and laid before the Governor for her approbation, to wit:

Prioritizing patient access to care (see House, No. 5595); and

To improve Massachusetts home care (see House, No. 5627).

Bills laid before the Governor.

Resolutions.

Mr. Brownsberger in the Chair, the following resolutions (having been filed with the Clerk) were severally considered forthwith and adopted, as follows:-

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Feeney) "commending the town of Foxborough and state agency partners for their diligence, commitment to public safety and playing host to the world during the Boston 2026 FIFA World Cup"; and

Town of Foxborough.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Fernandes) "commending the town of Plymouth on its recognition of the anniversary of National Purple Heart Day."

Town of Plymouth.

Reports of Committee.

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 Resolutions to embrace the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons and move the US back from the brink of nuclear war (Senate, No. 1649) (the committee on Rules having recommended that the resolutions be amended by substituting a new draft with the same title Senate, No. 3247).

Nuclear weapons,-- prohibition.

There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Ms. Comerford and the Resolutions were amended as recommended by the committee on Rules.

The Resolutions (Senate, No. 3247) were then adopted.

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 Lafayette Trail (Senate, No. 2382).

Lafayette Trail,-- designation.

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Engrossed Bill.

The President in the Chair, an engrossed Bill enhancing child welfare protections (see House, No. 5629) (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 President and laid before the Governor for her approbation.**

Bill laid before the Governor.

Mr. Brownsberger in the Chair, a Bill authorizing the town of Nantucket conservation commission to convey a certain parcel of land situated in the town for purposes of conveyance to the town of Nantucket under the care, custody, management and control of the select board and the town of Nantucket to convey certain land in the town of Nantucket held for open space, passive recreation or conservation purposes to the Nantucket Islands Land Bank for the purposes pursuant to its enabling legislation for open space, conservation and passive recreation purposes (House, No. 5639,-- on House, No. 4523) [Local approval received on House, No. 4523],-- was read.

Nantucket,-- land.

There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Barrett, and the bill was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to read as follows: “An Act authorizing the Nantucket conservation commission to convey a certain parcel of land to the Nantucket Islands Land Bank”.

A Bill authorizing the town of Hingham to grant to the commonwealth of Massachusetts certain parcels of land in the town of Hingham for highway purposes (House, No. 5640,-- on House, No. 5504) [Local approval received on House, No. 5504],-- was read.

Hingham,-- land.

There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Tarr, and the bill was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to read as follows: “An Act authorizing the town of Hingham to transfer to the commonwealth for highway purposes certain parcels of park land in the town of Hingham for highway purposes”.

The Senate Bill authorizing the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, acting by and through its Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance, to grant permanent easements over certain land in the town of Milton for highway purposes (Senate, No. 2968),-- came from the House passed to be engrossed, in concurrence *with amendments*, striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in House document numbered 5633; by inserting before the enacting clause the following emergency preamble:

Milton,-- land.

“Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to authorize forthwith the commissioner of capital asset management and maintenance, in consultation with the commissioner of conservation and recreation, to grant certain easements to the Massachusetts Department of Transportation for highway purposes to support the intersection improvement project being undertaken by the commonwealth at the intersection of Randolph avenue, state highway route 28, and Chickatawbut road, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public safety and convenience.”; and by striking out the title and inserting in place thereof the following title: “An Act authorizing the division of capital asset management and

maintenance to grant permanent easements over certain land in the town of Milton for highway purposes.”.

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Tarr, and the House amendments were considered forthwith and adopted, in concurrence.

The Senate Bill authorizing the Buzzards Bay Water District to convey non-exclusive easements over a certain parcel of land (Senate, No. 3188),-- 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 contained in House document numbered 5634.

Buzzards Bay Water District,-- land.

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mrs. Dooner, and the House amendment was considered forthwith and adopted, in concurrence.

The Senate Bill authorizing the Massachusetts Department of Transportation to acquire interests in certain portions of land owned by the town of Andover which were acquired by the town for Article XCVII purposes (Senate, No. 3230),-- came from the House passed to be engrossed, in concurrence *with amendments*, striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in House document numbered 5635; by inserting before the enacting clause the following emergency preamble:

Andover,-- land.

“*Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to authorize forthwith the Massachusetts Department of Transportation to acquire certain portions of land owned by the town of Andover which were acquired by the town of Andover for Article XCVII purposes, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public safety and convenience.”; and by striking out the title and inserting in place thereof the following title: “An Act authorizing the Massachusetts Department of Transportation to acquire interests in certain portions of land owned by the town of Andover.”.

The rules were suspended, on motion of Ms. Edwards, and the House amendments were considered forthwith and adopted, in concurrence.

The Senate Bill authorizing the division of capital asset management to enter into a lease with the town of Plymouth for purposes of maintaining Pilgrim Memorial park in the town of Plymouth (Senate, No. 3235),-- came from the House passed to be engrossed, in concurrence *with amendments*, striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in House document numbered 5636; and by striking out the title and inserting in place thereof the following title: “An Act authorizing the division of capital asset management and maintenance to enter into a lease with the town of Plymouth for purposes of maintaining the Pilgrim Memorial state park in the town of Plymouth.”.

Plymouth,-- land.

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Fernandes, and the House amendments were considered forthwith and adopted, in concurrence.

The Senate Bill authorizing the Massachusetts Department of Fish and Game to convey easements over certain parcels of land (Senate, No. 3236),-- came from the House passed to be engrossed, in concurrence *with amendments*, striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in House document numbered 5637; and by striking out the title and inserting in place thereof the following title: “An Act authorizing the department of fish and game to convey easements over certain parcels of land in the town of Bourne.”.

Bourne,-- land.

The rules were suspended, on motion of Ms. Howard, and the House amendments were considered forthwith and adopted, in concurrence.

The Senate Bill authorizing the town of Bourne to convey a right-of-way and easement (Senate, No. 3237),-- 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 contained in House document numbered 5638.

Id.

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Feeney, and the House amendment was considered forthwith and adopted, in concurrence.

Moment of Silence.

At the request of the Chair (Ms. Lovely), the members, guests and staff stood in a moment of silence and reflection in memory of Jacqueline Boeggeman Lamb.

Moment of silence.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Emergency Preambles Adopted.

An engrossed Bill authorizing the division of capital asset management and maintenance to grant permanent easements over certain land in the town of Milton for highway purposes (see Senate, No. 2968, 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 accordance with the requirements of Article LXVII of the Amendments to the Constitution, the preamble was adopted in concurrence, by a vote of 5 to 0.

Milton,--
intersection
improvement
project.

The bill was signed by the Acting President (Mr. Brownsberger) (having been appointed, by the President, under authority conferred by Senate Rule 4, to perform the duties of the Chair) and sent to the House for enactment.

An engrossed Bill authorizing the Massachusetts Department of Transportation to acquire interests in certain portions of land owned by the town of Andover (see Senate, No. 3230, 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 accordance with the requirements of Article LXVII of the Amendments to the Constitution, the preamble was adopted in concurrence, by a vote of 6 to 0.

Andover,--
easements.

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

An engrossed Bill authorizing the town of Bourne to convey a right-of-way and easement (see Senate, No. 3237, 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 accordance with the requirements of Article LXVII of the Amendments to the Constitution, the preamble was adopted in concurrence, by a vote of 3 to 0.

Bourne,-- land.

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

Engrossed Bills—Land Takings for Conservation Etc.

An engrossed Bill authorizing a change of use to a portion of James J. O'Neill Park in the city of Lawrence (see House, No. 5531) (which originated in the House), having been certified by the Senate Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage,-- was put upon its final passage; and, this being a bill providing for the taking of land or other easements used for conservation purposes, etc., as defined by Article XCVII of the

Lawrence,-- James
J. O'Neill Park.

Amendments to the Constitution, the question on passing it to be enacted was determined by a call of the yeas and nays, at twelve minutes before eleven o'clock P.M., as follows, to wit (yeas 39 - nays 0) **[Yeas and Nays No. 230]:**

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
Howard, Vanna
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.
Tarr, Bruce E.
Velis, John C. – **39.**

NAYS – 0.

The yeas and nays having been completed at five minutes before eleven o'clock P.M., the bill was passed to be enacted, two-thirds of the members present having agreed to pass the same, and it was signed by the Acting President (Mr. Brownsberger) and laid before the Governor for her approbation.

An engrossed Bill authorizing the Nantucket conservation commission to convey a certain parcel of land to the Nantucket Islands Land Bank (see House, No. 5639) (which originated in the House), having been certified by the Senate Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage,-- was put upon its final passage; and, this being a bill providing for the taking of land or other easements used for conservation purposes, etc., as defined by Article XCVII of the Amendments to the Constitution, the question on passing it to be enacted was determined by a call of the yeas and nays, at four minutes before eleven o'clock P.M., as follows, to wit (yeas 39 - nays 0) **[Yeas and Nays No. 231]:**

Nantucket,-- land.

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.

Gómez, Adam
Howard, Vanna
Jehlen, Patricia D.
Keenan, John F.
Kennedy, Robyn K.
Lewis, Jason M.
Lovely, Joan B.
Mark, Paul W.
Miranda, Liz
Montigny, Mark C.

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.

Moore, Michael O.
O'Connor, Patrick M.
Oliveira, Jacob R.
Payano, Pavel
Rausch, Rebecca L.
Rodrigues, Michael J.
Rush, Michael F.
Tarr, Bruce E.
Velis, John C. – 39.

NAYS – 0.

The yeas and nays having been completed at one minute before eleven o'clock P.M., the bill was passed to be enacted, two-thirds of the members present having agreed to pass the same, and it was signed by the Acting President (Mr. Brownsberger) and laid before the Governor for her approbation.

An engrossed Bill authorizing the town of Hingham to transfer to the commonwealth for highway purposes certain parcels of park land in the town of Hingham for highway purposes (see House, No. 5640) (which originated in the House), having been certified by the Senate Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage,-- was put upon its final passage; and, this being a bill providing for the taking of land or other easements used for conservation purposes, etc., as defined by Article XCVII of the Amendments to the Constitution, the question on passing it to be enacted was determined by a call of the yeas and nays, at eleven o'clock P.M., as follows, to wit (yeas 39 - nays 0) [**Yeas and Nays No. 232**]:

Hingham,-- land.

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
Howard, Vanna
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.
Tarr, Bruce E.
Velis, John C. – 39.

NAYS – 0.

The yeas and nays having been completed at two minutes past eleven o'clock P.M., the bill was passed to be enacted, two-thirds of the members present having agreed to

pass the same, and it was signed by the Acting President (Mr. Brownsberger) and laid before the Governor for her approbation.

An engrossed Bill authorizing the Buzzards Bay Water District to convey non-exclusive easements over a certain parcel of land (see Senate, No. 3188, amended) (which originated in the Senate), having been certified by the Senate Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage,-- was put upon its final passage; and, this being a bill providing for the taking of land or other easements used for conservation purposes, etc., as defined by Article XCVII of the Amendments to the Constitution, the question on passing it to be enacted was determined by a call of the yeas and nays, at four minutes past eleven o'clock P.M., as follows, to wit (yeas 38 - nays 1) **[Yeas and Nays No. 233]:**

Buzzards Bay Water District,-- land.

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.
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
Howard, Vanna
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.
Tarr, Bruce E.
Velis, John C. – **38.**

NAYS.

Driscoll, Jr., William J. – **1.**

The yeas and nays having been completed at five minutes past eleven o'clock P.M., the bill was passed to be enacted, two-thirds of the members present having agreed to pass the same, and it was signed by the Acting President (Mr. Brownsberger) and laid before the Governor for her approbation.

An engrossed Bill authorizing the division of capital asset management and maintenance to enter into a lease with the town of Plymouth for purposes of maintaining the Pilgrim Memorial state park in the town of Plymouth (see Senate, No. 3235, amended) (which originated in the Senate), having been certified by the Senate Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage,-- was put upon its final passage; and, this being a bill providing for the taking of land or other easements used for conservation purposes, etc., as defined by Article XCVII of the Amendments to the Constitution, the question on passing it to be enacted was determined by a call of the yeas and nays, at six minutes past eleven o'clock P.M., as follows, to wit (yeas 39 - nays 0) **[Yeas and Nays No. 234]:**

Plymouth,-- Pilgrim Memorial Park.

YEAS.

Barrett, Michael J.

Gómez, Adam

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.

Howard, Vanna
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.
Tarr, Bruce E.
Velis, John C. – 39.

NAYS – 0.

The yeas and nays having been completed at nine minutes past eleven o'clock P.M., the bill was passed to be enacted, two-thirds of the members present having agreed to pass the same, and it was signed by the Acting President (Mr. Brownsberger) and laid before the Governor for her approbation.

An engrossed Bill authorizing the department of fish and game to convey easements over certain parcels of land in the town of Bourne (see Senate, No. 3236, amended) (which originated in the Senate), having been certified by the Senate Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage,-- was put upon its final passage; and, this being a bill providing for the taking of land or other easements used for conservation purposes, etc., as defined by Article XCVII of the Amendments to the Constitution, the question on passing it to be enacted was determined by a call of the yeas and nays, at ten minutes past eleven o'clock P.M., as follows, to wit (yeas 39 - nays 0) **[Yeas and Nays No. 235]:**

Mass DFG,--
conveyed
easements.

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.

Gómez, Adam
Howard, Vanna
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.

Fattman, Ryan C.
Feeney, Paul R.
Fernandes, Dylan A.
Finegold, Barry R.
Friedman, Cindy F.

Rodrigues, Michael J.
Rush, Michael F.
Tarr, Bruce E.
Velis, John C. – 39.

NAYS – 0.

The yeas and nays having been completed at eleven minutes past eleven o'clock P.M., the bill was passed to be enacted, two-thirds of the members present having agreed to pass the same, and it was signed by the Acting President (Mr. Brownsberger) and laid before the Governor for her approbation.

An engrossed Bill authorizing the division of capital asset management and maintenance to grant permanent easements over certain land in the town of Milton for highway purposes (see Senate, No. 2968, amended) (which originated in the Senate), having been certified by the Senate Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage,-- was put upon its final passage; and, this being a bill providing for the taking of land or other easements used for conservation purposes, etc., as defined by Article XCVII of the Amendments to the Constitution, the question on passing it to be enacted was determined by a call of the yeas and nays, at twelve minutes past eleven o'clock P.M., as follows, to wit (yeas 39 - nays 0) [Yeas and Nays No. 236]:

Milton,-- land.

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
Howard, Vanna
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.
Tarr, Bruce E.
Velis, John C. – 39.

NAYS – 0.

The yeas and nays having been completed at thirteen minutes past eleven o'clock P.M., the bill was passed to be enacted, two-thirds of the members present having agreed to pass the same, and it was signed by the Acting President (Mr. Brownsberger) and laid before the Governor for her approbation.

An engrossed Bill authorizing the Massachusetts Department of Transportation to acquire interests in certain portions of land owned by the town of Andover (see Senate, No.

Andover,-- land.

3230, amended) (which originated in the Senate), having been certified by the Senate Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage,-- was put upon its final passage; and, this being a bill providing for the taking of land or other easements used for conservation purposes, etc., as defined by Article XCVII of the Amendments to the Constitution, the question on passing it to be enacted was determined by a call of the yeas and nays, at fourteen minutes past eleven o'clock P.M., as follows, to wit (yeas 39 - nays 0) [**Yeas and Nays No. 237**]:

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
Howard, Vanna
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.
Tarr, Bruce E.
Velis, John C. – **39**.

NAYS – 0.

The yeas and nays having been completed at sixteen minutes past eleven o'clock P.M., the bill was passed to be enacted, two-thirds of the members present having agreed to pass the same, and it was signed by the Acting President (Mr. Brownsberger) and laid before the Governor for her approbation.

An engrossed Bill authorizing the town of Bourne to convey a right-of-way and easement (see Senate, No. 3237, amended) (which originated in the Senate), having been certified by the Senate Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage,-- was put upon its final passage; and, this being a bill providing for the taking of land or other easements used for conservation purposes, etc., as defined by Article XCVII of the Amendments to the Constitution, the question on passing it to be enacted was determined by a call of the yeas and nays, at a seventeen minutes past eleven o'clock P.M., as follows, to wit (yeas 39 - nays 0) [**Yeas and Nays No. 238**]:

YEAS.

Barrett, Michael J.
Brady, Michael D.
Brownsberger, William N.
Collins, Nick
Comerford, Joanne M.
Creem, Cynthia Stone

Gómez, Adam
Howard, Vanna
Jehlen, Patricia D.
Keenan, John F.
Kennedy, Robyn K.
Lewis, Jason M.

Bourne,-- land.

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.

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.
Tarr, Bruce E.
Velis, John C. – 39.

NAYS – 0.

The yeas and nays having been completed at eighteen minutes past eleven o'clock P.M., the bill was passed to be enacted, two-thirds of the members present having agreed to pass the same, and it was signed by the Acting President (Mr. Brownsberger) and laid before the Governor for her approbation.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Tarr,--

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

Time of meeting.

Adjournment in Memory of Jacqueline Boeggeman Lamb.

The Senator from Essex, Ms. Lovely, moved that when the Senate adjourns today, it does so in memory of Jacqueline Boeggeman Lamb.

Jacqueline Lamb, 72, of Manchester-by-the-Sea, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, September 9, 2025, surrounded by her loving family.

Born on December 14, 1952, in Darby, Pennsylvania, Jacqie was the daughter of the late Joseph and Joan (Geary) Boeggeman. She was the beloved wife of Dr. Lawrence Lamb, DVM, with whom she shared a marriage of 47 years marked by devotion, humor, and enduring partnership.

Jacqie spent her early childhood in Magnolia, falling in love with the seaside village that would always hold her heart and ultimately become her forever home. She graduated from the University of New Hampshire with a BA in Zoology and went on to teach a pre-veterinary program at Essex Agricultural & Technical Institute. It was at this time that she met her husband at a veterinary meeting, moving then to Waterbury Center, Vermont, where they ran Beaver Pond Animal Hospital from their farmhouse.

Over the course of their marriage, Jacqie and Larry built and operated three veterinary practices, including designing and building a first-of-its-kind veterinary facility called Ani-Mall in Montpelier, Vermont, which offered advanced surgery, a pet shop, and the first veterinary specialist services in Vermont. In 1993, she and Larry built the Manchester Animal Hospital, where, for over 30 years, she worked side-by-side with her husband, caring for the community's animals with compassion and offering her unique ability to research medical cases.

During this time, Jackie helped revitalize the Veterinary Association of the North Shore (VANS), breathing new life into the regional veterinary medical association that supports local veterinary professionals with monthly continuing-education meetings, networking, and scholarships.

A lifelong lover of nature and animals, Jackie found joy in her garden—tending to her flowers, feeding the birds and squirrels, and creating beauty in the everyday. She was also a poet and a painter, drawing inspiration from the natural world and the people she loved.

Jacqie delighted in travel and discovery. She and Larry explored Africa on safari, ventured through India and Europe, and returned often to the Caribbean, where they spent extended time on Jost Van Dyke and Water Island. She cherished time in Scotland, walking with dear friends along the lochs and hills, enjoying the simple life and peaceful landscapes that spoke to her soul.

At home, she was a member of the Manchester Bath & Tennis Club for more than 30 years, where she enjoyed tennis and built a circle of lasting friendships. Magnolia, where she lived both as a child and later in life, remained her place of deepest connection—the beach, the sea air, and the community she loved.

Jacqie is survived by her husband, Lawrence, of Manchester-by-the-Sea; her son, Alexander Lamb and his wife Natasha of Manchester-by-the-Sea; her grandsons, James and Jonathan Lamb, who adored their “Nani.”; and her step-daughter Leah Lamb of Hawaii; Her siblings also survive her:

David Boeggeman and his wife Mary of Beverly; Joan Lovely and her husband Stephen of Salem; Joseph Boeggeman of Nebraska; and Susan Comeau and her husband Rodney of Beverly. She also leaves behind nieces and nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews, extended family, and dear friends.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect to the memory of Jacqueline Boeggeman Lamb, at nineteen minutes past eleven o’clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Tarr the Senate adjourned to meet again on Tuesday next at eleven o’clock A.M.
