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Thursday, September 10, 2026.

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

Pledge of
allegiance.

Reports.

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

Report of the Department of Correction (pursuant to line item 8900-0001 of Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting its second quarter CY25 Corrections Data 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 Public Safety and Homeland Security) (received September 4, 2026);

DOC,-- CY25 Q2
Corrections Data
report.
SD4212

Report of the Department of Correction (pursuant to line item 8900-0001 of Section 2 of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting its third quarter CY25 Corrections Data 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 Public Safety and Homeland Security) (received September 4, 2026);

DOC,-- CY25 Q3
Corrections Data
report.
SD4213

Report of the Department of Correction (pursuant to line item 8900-0001 of Section 2 of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting its fourth quarter CY25 Corrections Data 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 Public Safety and Homeland Security) (received September 4, 2026);

DOC,-- CY25 Q4
Corrections Data
report.
SD4214

Report of the Department of Correction (pursuant to line item 8900-0010 of Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting its Correctional Industries Program 2025 report (copies having been forwarded to the Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Chairs of the Joint Committee on the Judiciary and the Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security) (received September 4, 2026);

DOC,--
Correctional
Industries 2025
report.
SD4215

Report of the Department of Correction (pursuant to Section 6A of Chapter 124 of the General Laws) submitting its Correctional Buildings Inventory 2023 second biannual report (copies having been forwarded to the Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Chairs of the Joint Committee on the Judiciary and the Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security) (received September 4, 2026);

DOC,-- 2023 2nd
biannual CBI report.
SD4216

Report of the Department of Correction (pursuant to Section 6A of Chapter 124 of the General Laws) submitting its Correctional Buildings Inventory 2024 first biannual report (copies having been forwarded to the Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Chairs of the Joint Committee on the Judiciary and the Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security) (received September 4, 2026);

DOC,-- 2024 1st
biannual CBI report.
SD4217

Report of the Department of Correction (pursuant to Section 6A of Chapter 124 of the General Laws) submitting its Correctional Buildings Inventory 2024 second biannual report (copies having been forwarded to the Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means

DOC,-- 2024 2nd
biannual CBI report.
SD4218

and the Senate Chairs of the Joint Committee on the Judiciary and the Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security) (received September 4, 2026);

Report of the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (pursuant to Section 92(p) of Chapter 71 of the General Laws) submitting a combined 2023 and 2024 report on the implementation and fiscal impact of innovation schools (copies having been forwarded to the Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Chair of the Joint Committee on Education) (received September 8, 2026);

Report of the Executive Office for Administration and Finance (pursuant to Chapter 88 of the Acts of 2024, Section 10 of Chapter 1 of the Acts of 2025, and Section 88 of Chapter 73 of the Acts of 2025) submitting its Emergency Housing Assistance Program September 3, 2026 bi-weekly report (a copy having been forwarded to the Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means) (received September 9, 2026);

Report of the Middlesex District Attorney (pursuant to Section 47(d) of Chapter 94C of the General Laws) submitting its fiscal year 2026 report relative to the use of monies in the law enforcement trust fund for the purposes of drug rehabilitation, drug education, and other anti-drug or neighborhood crime watch programs (a copy having been forwarded to the Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means) (received September 9, 2026);

Report of the Fall River County Registry of Deeds (pursuant to Section 2KKK(a) of Chapter 29 of the General Laws) submitting its plan for the expenditure from the County Registers Technological Fund (copies having been forwarded to the Chairs of the Senate Committees on Ways and Means and Post Audit and Oversight) (received September 9, 2026);

Report of the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (pursuant to line item 7061-9607 of Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts 2024) submitting its Recovery High Schools FY25 report (a copy having been forwarded to the Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means) (received September 9, 2026);

Report of the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (pursuant to line item 7061-9611 of Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting its After-School and Out-of-School Time Grants FY25 report (a copy having been forwarded to the Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means) (received September 9, 2026); and

Report of the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (pursuant to Section 18H(b) of Chapter 6A of the General Laws) submitting its State 911 annual report for calendar years 2023-2025 and Grant Expenditure fiscal year 2025 report (received September 10, 2026).

DESE,-- Innovation Schools FY23-FY24 report.
SD4219

A&F,-- EA Housing bi-weekly 9/3/26 report.
SD4220

Middlesex DA,-- FY26 forfeiture report.
SD4221

Fall River ROD Technological Fund report.
SD4222

DESE,-- Recovery High Schools FY25 report.
SD4223

DESE,-- School Time Grants FY25 report.
SD4224

EOPSS,-- State 911& Grant Expenditure reports.
SD4227

Petitions.

Petitions were severally presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Mark, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 3269) of Paul W. Mark (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the town of Charlemont to continue the employment of fire department members Douglas Annear and Barry Purinton,-- **and the same was referred, under Senate Rule 20, to the committee on Public Service.**

Sent to the House for concurrence.

By Mr. Montigny and Mr. Sylvia of Fairhaven, a joint petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Mark C. Montigny and Mark D. Sylvia for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Margaret Connolly-Masson, an employee of the Massachusetts Maritime Academy,-- **and the same was referred, under Senate Rule 20, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.**

Charlemont,-- fire department members.

Margaret Connolly-Masson,-- sick leave.
SD4225

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5667) of Andres X. Vargas (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to authorize John M. Roche to take the civil service examination for the position of firefighter in the city of Haverhill, notwithstanding the maximum age requirement,-- **was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Public Service.**

Haverhill,-- John M. Roche.

A Bill providing for tenant representation on the Great Barrington Housing Authority board (House, No. 5554,-- on petition),-- **was read and, under Senate Rule 26, referred to the committee on Rules.**

Great Barrington Housing Authority board.

A Bill authorizing the continued employment of Michael Marchand, the fire chief in the town of Upton (House, No. 5389,-- on petition) [Local approval received],-- **was read and, under Senate Rule 26, placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session.**

Upton,-- Michael Marchand.

Moment of Silence.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Eldridge), the members, guests and staff stood in a moment of silence and reflection to the memory of Mr. Steven Prakash.

Moment of silence.

PAPERS 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 Acting President (Mr. Eldridge) and laid before the Governor for her approbation, to wit:

Authorizing the town of Raynham to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (see House, No. 5099); and
Amending the traffic commission in the city of Westfield (see House, No. 5449).

Bills laid before the Governor.

Matters Taken Out of the Orders of the Day.

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

The Senate Bill authorizing the town of Medfield to continue the employment of David O'Toole as deputy fire chief (Senate, No. 3139),-- **was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed.**

Medfield,-- David O'Toole.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

The House Bill revising the term length of certain members of the board of library trustees of the town of Williamstown (House, No. 4347) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading),-- was read a third time.

Williamstown,-- library trustees.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Mark presented an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text of Senate document numbered 3264.

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.

The House Bill authorizing the city of Salem to convert seasonal licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises to annual licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 5097),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Salem,-- liquor licenses.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Fattman,--

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

Time of meeting.

Adjournment in Memory of Mr. Steven Prakapas.

The Senator from Suffolk, Mr. Collins, moved that when the Senate adjourns today, it do so in memory of Mr. Steven Prakapas.

Steven Prakapas, 43, of Medway, formerly of South Boston, passed away on August 31, 2026.

Born on April 22, 1983 in Boston, Steven was the son of Edward and Lorraine Prakapas.

Steven was a graduate of South Boston High School and pursued his career in the plumbing industry shortly after. Steven was a family oriented man; he loved skiing, spending time at the family house, going to sports games, going out with friends, being a jokester, and was always the life of the party.

Steven is survived by daughter Fiona Prakapas; parents Edward and Lorraine Prakapas; his siblings Lorraine Gwynn and Eric Prakapas husband of Melissa Prakapas; nephews Edward (Eddy) Gwynn, Eric Prakapas, Jason Prakapas; nieces Abigail (Abby) Gwynn and Alexis (Lexi) Prakapas; his uncle Walter Junkins; aunts Mary Kozlowski and Ruth Hartkoph; and his beloved dog Bowie. Steven was preceded in death by his loving brother, Eddie and sister, Annmarie along with many other aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Though he is no longer with us, his memory will live on in the hearts of many friends and family.

He will be missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing him.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect to the memory of Mr. Steven Prakapas, at twenty-three minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Fattman, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.
