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Tuesday, September 8, 2026.

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

Pledge of  
allegiance.

### *Reports.*

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

Report of the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (pursuant to line-item 8000-0105 of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting its Fiscal Year 2025 Office of the Chief Medical Examiner annual report (received September 3, 2026);

EOPSS,-- Chief  
Medical Examiner  
FY25 report.  
SD4199  
EOPSS,--  
Compliant Cigarette  
2025 report.  
SD4200

Report of the Executive Office of Public Safety & Security (EOPSS) and the Department of Fire Services (DFS) (pursuant to Section 2B(F) of Chapter 64C of the General Laws) submitting its Fire Standard Compliant Cigarette 2025 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 3, 2026);

Report of the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (pursuant to Section 131Q of Chapter 140 of the General Laws) submitting its Crime Gun 2025 report (received September 3, 2026);

EOPSS,-- Crime  
Gun 2025 report.  
SD4201

Report of the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (pursuant to line item 8200-0222 of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting its Municipal Police Training Committee (MPTC) FY25-FY26 report (a copy having been forwarded to the Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means) (received September 3, 2026);

EOPSS,-- MPTC  
FY25-FY26 report.  
SD4202

Report of the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (pursuant to Section 183/4 (8) of Chapter 6A of the General Laws) submitting its Massachusetts Fire Incident Reporting System (MFIRS) 2024 annual 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 Financial Services, the Joint Committee on the Judiciary and the Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security) (received September 3, 2026);

EOPSS,-- MFIRS  
2024 annual report.  
SD4204

Report of the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (pursuant to Section 5(d) of Chapter 276B of the General Laws) submitting its Restorative Justice Advisory Committee (RJAC) 2025 annual report (copies having been forwarded to the Senate Chairs of the Joint Committee on the Judiciary and the Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security) (received September 3, 2026);

EOPSS,-- RJAC  
2025 annual report.  
SD4205

Report of the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (pursuant to Section 67 of Chapter 77 of the Acts of 2023) submitting its Municipal Police Training Committee (MPTC) Scholarship Expense FY25 report (a copy having been forwarded to the Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means) (received September 3, 2026);

EOPSS,-- MPTC  
Scholarship  
Expense FY25  
report.  
SD4207

Report of the Department of Public Health (pursuant to 105 CMR 451.403) submitting the inspection report for Western Massachusetts Women's Correctional Center, the Plan of

DPH,-- Western  
Mass Women's

Correction (POC) from the facility and the POC acceptance letter from the Division of Environmental Health Regulations and Standards (EHRS) (received September 4, 2026);

Report of the Department of Public Health (pursuant to 105 CMR 451.403) submitting the inspection report for Essex County Women in Transition, the Plan of Correction from the facility and the Plan of Correction acceptance letter from the Division of Environmental Health Regulations and Standards (EHRS) (received September 4, 2026);

Report of the Disabled Persons Protection Commission (pursuant to line item 1107-2501 of Chapter 137 of the Acts of 2026) submitting its Fiscal Year 2026 annual report (a copy having been forwarded to the Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means) (received September 4, 2026); and

Report of the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (pursuant to Section 67 of Chapter 77 of the Acts of 2023) submitting its Municipal Police Training Committee (MPTC) Scholarship Expense FY26 report (a copy having been forwarded to the Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means) (received September 4, 2026).

Correctional Center  
Inspection report.  
SD4208  
DPH,-- Essex  
County Women in  
Transition  
Inspection report.  
SD4209  
DPPC,-- FY26  
annual report.  
SD4210

EOPSS,-- MPTC  
Scholarship  
Expense FY26  
report.  
SD4211

*Petition.*

Mr. Cyr presented a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Julian Cyr for legislation relative to designating September 25th as 9 to 5 Day in honor of Dolly Parton,-- **and the same was referred, under Senate Rule 20, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.**

Dolly Parton,-- 9 to  
5 Day.  
SD4203

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

Notice was received from the House of Representatives announcing the following appointment by the Minority Leader:

Representative Marsi of Charlton has been appointed to serve as his designee on the special commission established (under Section 109 of Chapter 137 of the Acts of 2026) on special education transitional planning services.

Special education  
transitional planning  
services,-- appt.

A Bill amending the town charter in the town of Oxford (House, No. 5261,-- on petition) [Local approval received],-- **was read and, under Senate Rule 26, placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session.**

Oxford,-- charter.

*Resolutions.*

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Brownsberger) “honoring the memory of Wilbur F. Wood.”

Wilbur F. Wood.

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE.

An engrossed Bill regulating elections in the town of Conway (see House, No. 4498) (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. Collins) and laid before the Governor for her approbation.**

Bill 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 Tewksbury to lease the North Street elementary school for a term of not more than 99 years (Senate, No. 2878) (its title having been changed

Tewksbury,-- land  
lease.

by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.**

**Sent to the House for concurrence.**

The Senate Bill amending the Waterways Capital Improvement Fund in the town of Dennis (Senate, No. 3097) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.**

**Sent to the House for concurrence.**

Dennis,-- waterways capital improvement.

The House Bill authorizing the town of Raynham to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 5099),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Raynham,-- liquor license.

The House Bill amending the traffic commission in the city of Westfield (House, No. 5449) (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.**

Westfield,-- traffic commission.

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE.

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5666) of Michael J. Soter, Joseph D. McKenna and Ryan C. Fattman that the Massachusetts Department of Transportation be authorized to designate the roundabout at the intersection of state highways Routes 146 and 16 in the town of Uxbridge as the Officer Stephen A. LaPorta memorial roundabout,-- **was referred, in concurrence, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Transportation.**

Uxbridge,-- Stephen LaPorta roundabout.

*Moments of Silence.*

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Collins), all members, guests and staff stood for a moment of silence for the people of Fogo, Cape Verde. This weekend they suffered a devastating tragedy that left dozens dead and others injured. Many family members that live here in the commonwealth, including in my district, the First Suffolk, the Second Suffolk, the city of Brockton, the city of Fall River and New Bedford, are grieving today and we grieve with them. I ask for a moment of silence for the people of Fogo, Cape Verde.

Moment of silence.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Collins), the members, guests and staff stood in a moment of silence and reflection to the memory of Madeline J. LaMonica.

Id.

*Order Adopted.*

On motion of Mr. Durant,--

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

Time of meeting.

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*Adjournment in Memory of Mrs. Madeline (Orton) LaMonica.*

The Senator from Suffolk, Mr. Collins, moved that when the Senate adjourns today, it do so in memory of Mrs. Madeline (Orton) LaMonica.

Mrs. Madeline (Orton) LaMonica of South Boston passed away on August 18, 2026. She was born in South Boston on December 31, 1952 to the late James and Mary (Keeley) Orton. Beloved wife of Frank LaMonica. Devoted mother of Amy O'Neil and her husband Shawn of Braintree, Frank LaMonica Jr and his wife Corde of South Boston, Anthony

LaMonica and his wife Jill of Dorchester, Robert LaMonica and his wife Kristen of Braintree, Gina Belmonte and her husband Richard of South Boston. Loving grandmother of Alexis, Anthony, Aidan, Dante, Marianna, Frankie, Ava, Jake, Aubrey, Louie, Mason, Ethan, Amabella, Lorenzo and Elliana. Cherished sister of Mary Hamilton, Judith McGann, Gail Orton, James Orton, Teresa Flaherty, John Orton, Clare Dhimitri, Nancy Bolstad and the late Robert Orton. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. She will be missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing her.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect to the memory of Mrs. Madeline (Orton) LaMonica, at twenty-five minutes past eleven o'clock A.M, on motion of Mr. Durant, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

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