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Met at twenty 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.

Communication.

Communication from the Federation for Children with Special Needs (pursuant to Section 2A of Chapter 71B of the General Laws) announcing the appointment of Emma Gregory as their representative on the Bureau of Special Education Appeals Advisory Council (received Friday, September 28, 2026),-- **was placed on file.**

BSEA Advisory
Council,-- appt.
SD4266

Reports.

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

Report of the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (pursuant to Section 63 of Chapter 42 of the Acts of 2022) submitting its Job Order Contracting FY2026 report (a copy having been forwarded to the Senate Chair of the Joint Committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight) (received September 24, 2026);

DCAMM,-- Job
Order Contracting
FY26 report.
SD4256

Report of the Essex County District Attorney (pursuant to Section 47(d) of Chapter 94C of the General Laws) submitting its 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 24, 2026);

Essex DA,-- 2026
forfeiture report.
SD4257

Report of the Norfolk District Attorney (pursuant to Section 24W(e) of Chapter 90 of the General Laws) submitting its fiscal year 2026 Motor Vehicle Forfeiture Funds (OUI Deterrent Trust Fund) report (a copy having been forwarded to the Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means) (received September 25, 2026);

Norfolk DA,-- OUI
Deterrent Trust
Fund FY26 report.
SD4258

Report of the Essex County District Attorney (pursuant to Section 24W(e) of Chapter 90 of the General Laws) submitting its fiscal year 2026 Motor Vehicle Forfeiture Funds (OUI Deterrent Trust Fund) report (a copy having been forwarded to the Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means) (received September 25, 2026);

Essex County DA,--
OUI Deterrent Trust
Fund FY26 report.
SD4259

Report of Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (pursuant to line item 0330-0613 of Section 2 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting its Department of Correction and Parole Board fiscal year 2024 Collaboration 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 the Judiciary) (received September 25, 2026);

EOPSS,-- DOC and
Parole Board FY24
report.
SD4260

Report of the Executive Office of Technology Services and Security (pursuant to line-item 1790-0100 of Section 2 of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting its report detailing an account of IT-related project expenditures over the previous 12-month period (copies having been forwarded to the Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means and the

EOTSS,-- FY26
250k report.
SD4261

Senate Chair of the Joint Committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight) (received September 25, 2026);

Report of the Office of the Comptroller (pursuant to line-item 1595-4512 Section 2E of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting its fiscal year 2026 transfer schedule report for the Behavioral Health Access Outreach and Support Trust (a copy having been forwarded to the Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means) (received September 25, 2026);

Report of the Office of the Comptroller (pursuant to line item 1599-6152 of Section 2E of Chapter 137 of the Acts of 2026) submitting its fiscal 2027 transfer schedule report for the State Retiree Benefits Trust Fund (a copy having been forwarded to the Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means) (received September 25, 2026); and

Report of the Norfolk District Attorney (pursuant to Section 47(d) of Chapter 94C of the General Laws) submitting its 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 28, 2026).

Report of a Committee.

By Mr. Brady, for the committee on Public Service, on petition, a Bill providing for the appointment of retired police officers as special police officers in the town of Acushnet (Senate, No. 3201) [Local approval received];

Read and, under Senate Rule 26, placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

A Bill relative to the department of public works in the town of Barre (House, No. 5601,-- on House, No. 5577) [Local approval received on House, No. 5577],-- **was read and, under Senate Rule 26, placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session.**

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 (Mr. Brownsberger) and laid before the Governor for her approbation, to wit:

Reclassifying fire alarm operators in the city of Beverly (see Senate, No. 1876);

Relative to the nomination process for candidates for town meeting in Milford (see House, No. 4185, amended); and

Amending the charter for the town of Groton (see House, No. 4795, amended).

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 violent act injury retirement benefits for retired police officer Leo MacAskill (House, No. 3915) (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.**

The House Bill designating a certain intersection in the town of Pembroke as the Lavina A. Hatch corner (House, No. 3790),-- was read a second time.

Comptroller,-- Behavioral Health FY26 transfer schedule report. SD4262

Comptroller,-- SRB FY27 trust fund schedule report. SD4263

Norfolk DA,-- 2026 forfeiture report. SD4264

Acushnet,-- special police officers.

Barre,-- DPW.

Bills laid before the Governor.

Revere,-- Leo MacAskill.

Pembroke,-- Lavina A. Hatch corner.

Pending the question on ordering the bill to a third reading, Mr. Fernandes presented an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text of Senate document numbered 3276.

The amendment was adopted.

The bill, as amended, was then ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence with the amendment.

Sent to the House for concurrence in the amendment.

Reports of a 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 designating a portion of state highway Route 7A in the town of Lenox as the Ross B. Dindio Memorial highway (House, No. 3645).

Lenox,-- Ross B.
Dindio Memorial
highway.

There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Durant and the bill was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in 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 House Bill designating a certain bridge in the town of Chelmsford as the Ferreira Brothers Bridge (House, No. 4723).

Chelmsford,--
Ferreira Brothers
Bridge.

There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Durant 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 designating a certain bridge in the town of Chelmsford as the Ferreira Brothers bridge".

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE.

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5681) of Sean Garballey, Cindy F. Friedman and David M. Rogers relative to the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority red line extension,-- **was referred, in concurrence, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Transportation.**

MBTA,-- red line
extension.

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.

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