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Tuesday, October 13, 2026.

Met at eighteen 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.

Reports.

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

Report of the Department of Mental Health (pursuant to line item 5042-5000 of Section 2 of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting its Strengthening Public Access to Mental Health Services for Children and Youth fiscal year 2026 report (a copy having been forwarded to the Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means) (received October 8, 2026);

DMH,-- MHS for
Children & Youth
FY26 report.
SD4289

Report of the Department of Mental Health (pursuant to line item 5046-0000 of Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting its Enhanced Outpatient Treatment Pilot fiscal year 2025 report (a copy having been forwarded to the Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means) (received October 8, 2026);

DMH,-- Outpatient
Treatment FY25
report.
SD4290

Report of the Cannabis Control Commission (pursuant to Section 4(h) of Chapter 94G of the General Laws) submitting its ninth annual activities 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 Cannabis Policy) (received October 8, 2026);

CCC,-- 2026 annual
report.
SD4291

Report of the Pioneer Valley Transit Authority (pursuant to Section 8(g) of Chapter 161B of the General Laws) submitting its fiscal year 2026 financial statements (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 8, 2026);

PVTA,-- 2026
Audited financial
statements.
SD4292

Report of the Pioneer Valley Transit Authority (pursuant to Section 8(g) of Chapter 161B of the General Laws) submitting its fiscal year 2026 audit management letter (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 8, 2026);

PVTA, -- 2026
Management letter.
SD4293

Report of the Department of Public Health (pursuant to 105 CMR 451.403) submitting the inspection report for the Western Massachusetts Recovery and Wellness Center, 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 9, 2026);

DPH,-- Western
MA Wellness
Center Inspection
report.
SD4296

Report of the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (pursuant to Section 18 3/4 of Chapter 6A of the General Laws) submitting its Firearm-Related Activity in Massachusetts 2024-2025 biennial 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 October 9, 2026);

EOPSS,-- Firearms
Activity 2024-2025
report.
SD4297

Report of the Division of Insurance (pursuant to Section 117C(b) of Chapter 175 of the General Laws) submitting its 2025 Credit Insurance report (a copy having been forwarded

DOI,-- Credit
Insurance 2025
report. SD4299

to the Chair of the Joint Committee on Financial Services) (received September 30, 2026); and

Report of the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (EOPSS) and the Massachusetts State Police Crime Lab (pursuant to line item 8100-1004 of Section 2 of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting the Massachusetts State Police Crime Lab (MSPCL) first quarter calendar year 2026 report (a copy having been forwarded to the Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means) (received October 9, 2026).

EOPSS,-- MSPCL
Q1 2026 quarterly
report.
SD4300

Petitions.

Petitions were severally presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Mark, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 3280) of Paul W. Mark (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the town of Heath to continue the employment of the fire chief [Local approval received]; and

Heath,-- Anzuoni
fire chief.

By Mr. Mark, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 3281) of Paul W. Mark (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the town of Heath to continue the employment of a call member of the Heath fire department [Local approval received];

Heath,-- Emmet fire
department call
member.

Severally, under Senate Rule 20, to the committee on Public Service.

Severally sent to the House for concurrence.

By Mr. Rush, a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Michael F. Rush for legislation to authorize modernizing parking enforcement notice procedures under section 20A 1/2,-- **and the same was referred, under Senate Rule 20, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.**

Parking
enforcement,--
notice procedures.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

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:

Directing the city of Boston police department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Elijah George Osborne (see Senate, No. 3017);

Bills laid before the
Governor.

Authorizing the Provincetown Year-round Market Rate Rental Housing Trust to acquire year-round housing occupancy restrictions (see House, No. 3909);

Relative to increasing the membership of the select board of the town of Berlin (see House, No. 4580); and

Amending the means tested senior citizen property tax exemption in the town of Sudbury (see House, No. 4755, amended).

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Fernandes) “recognizing the town of Plymouth and the Plymouth 250th Commemoration Committee for honoring the historic Parting Ways Black Revolutionary War Veterans”;

Town of Plymouth
and 250th
Commemoration
Committee.
Hope And Comfort,
Inc.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Rausch, Mr. Oliveira, Ms. Jehlen, Messrs. DiDomenico, Cyr, and Brady, Ms. Kennedy, Ms. Edwards, Messrs. Moore, Gómez, O'Connor, Fernandes, and Velis, Ms. Lovely, Ms. Comerford, and Messrs. Payano, Driscoll, Crighton, Eldridge, and

Keenan) “commending Hope and Comfort, Inc. on its observation of the week of October 17 through October 23, 2026 as Hygiene Insecurity Awareness Week”; and

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Rausch, Ms. Kennedy, Mr. Keenan, Ms. Jehlen, Ms. Lovely, Messrs. Crighton, Finegold, DiDomenico, Payano, Brownsberger, O'Connor, Velis and Driscoll, Ms. Edwards, Ms. Howard, Ms. Miranda, Messrs. Barrett, Brady and Collins, Ms. Comerford, Ms. Creem, Messrs. Cronin and Cyr, Mrs. Dooner, Messrs. Durant, Eldridge, Fattman, Feeney, Fernandes, Gómez, Lewis, Mark, Montigny, Moore and Rush, Ms. Spilka, and Mr. Tarr) “commending the Lobular Breast Cancer Alliance Inc. for its recognition of October 15, 2026 as Lobular Breast Cancer Awareness Day.”

Lobular Breast
Cancer Alliance Inc.

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 providing for the filling of a vacancy on the Groton-Dunstable School Committee (Senate, No. 3118),-- **was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, it's title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to read as follow:- “An Act providing for the filling of a vacancy on the school committee for the Groton-Dunstable regional school district”.**

Groton-Dunstable
School Committee,-
- vacancy.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

The House Bill amending the charter of the city of Holyoke (House, No. 5171) (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.**

Holyoke,-- acting
mayor.

The House Bill extending the timeframe for the issuance of licenses granted pursuant to Chapter 46 of the Acts of 2020 in the city of Easthampton (House, No. 5547),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Easthampton,--
liquor licenses.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

A Bill directing the city of Boston Police Department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Jorge Enriquez (House, No. 5514,-- on petition) [Local approval received],-- was read.

Boston,-- Jorge
Enriquez.

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

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5695) of Patricia A. Duffy for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Jonathan Murphy, an employee of the Human Resources Division,-- **was referred, in concurrence, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Public Service.**

Jonathan Murphy,--
sick leave.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Fattman,--

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-three minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., the Senate adjourned to meet again on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.