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Met at eighteen minutes past eleven o'clock A.M. (Mr. Driscoll 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. Driscoll), 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 Technology Services & Security (pursuant to Section 11 of Chapter 7D of the General Laws) submitting its fiscal year 2026 annual report on data collection and reporting in the Massachusetts criminal justice system (received June 25, 2026);

JROB FY26
annual report.
SD4024

Report of the Massachusetts Health Connector (pursuant to Section 81 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting its ConnectorCare Expansion 2026 pilot 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 Health Care Financing and the Joint Committee on Public Health) (received June 29, 2026); and

MHC,-- 2026
ConnectorCare pilot
report.
SD4025

Report of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (pursuant to Section 30 of Chapter 285 of the Acts of 2024) submitting its report on the plan to end operations at the Massachusetts Alcohol and Substance Abuse Center (MASAC) (copies having been forwarded to the Senate Chair of the Joint Committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery) (received June 29, 2026).

EOHHS,-- End
Operations at
MASAC report.
SD4026

Petition.

Mr. Tarr and Ms. Kassner of Hamilton presented a joint petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 3147) of Bruce E. Tarr and Kristin E. Kassner (by vote of the town) for legislation to amend the town charter of Ipswich [Local approval received],-- **and the same was referred, under Senate Rule 20, to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.**

Ipswich,-- town
charter.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

Report of a Committee.

By Mr. Velis, for the committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery, on Senate, No. 1402, an Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery to make an investigation and study of a certain current Senate document relative to ensuring access to addiction services (Senate, No. 3151);

Mental Health,
Substance Use and
Recovery,-- study.

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

Placed on File.

By Mr. Payano, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, on the communication from the Massachusetts Gaming Commission (pursuant to Section 9B of Chapter 128A of the General Laws and Section 222 of Chapter 6 of the General Laws) submitting proposed regulations changes to 205 CMR 3.00: Harness Horse Racing (2026) (Senate, No. 3096);

MassGaming,-- 205
CMR 3.00.

By Mr. Brady, for the committee on Public Service, on the report of the Public Employee Retirement Administration Commission (pursuant to Section 50 of Chapter 7 of the General Laws) submitting amendments to the rules and regulations governing retirement of public employees in Massachusetts (840 CMR 28.00) (Senate, No. 2923); and

PERAC,-- CMR
amendments.

By Mr. Eldridge, for the committee on Revenue, on the report of the Massachusetts Capital Resource Company (under the provisions of Section 20 of Chapter 816 of the Acts of 1977) submitting its forty-eighth annual report (Senate, No. 28);

MCRC,-- 48th
annual report.

Reported recommending that the same be severally placed on file.

Severally, under Senate Rule 36, the reports were considered forthwith and were accepted.

Severally sent to the House for concurrence.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

Messages were severally referred, in concurrence, as follows:

A message from Her Excellency the Governor recommending legislation relative to providing for the terms of certain bonds to be issued by the Commonwealth (House, No. 5519);

Terms of bonds.

To the committee on Bonding, Capital Expenditures and State Assets.

A message from Her Excellency the Governor recommending legislation relative to exempting George Patrinos from the maximum age requirement age for the position of firefighter in the town of Dudley (House, No. 5520);

Dudley,-- George
Patrinos.

To the committee on Public Service.

Petitions were severally referred, in concurrence, as follows, to wit:

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5522) of Carmine Lawrence Gentile and Alice Hanlon Peisch (by vote of the town) relative to prohibiting anticoagulant rodenticides in the town of Lincoln;

Lincoln,--
rodenticides.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5523) of Edward R. Philips (by vote of the town) that the town of Sharon be authorized to prohibit the use of second-generation anticoagulants in said town;

Sharon,--
rodenticides.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5532) of Margaret R. Scarsdale (by vote of the town) that the town of Groton be authorized to prohibit the use of second generation anticoagulant rodenticides in said town; and

Groton,--
rodenticides.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5533) of Danillo A. Sena (by vote of the town) that the town of Boxborough be authorized to prohibit the use or sale of second-generation anti-coagulant rodenticides in said town;

Boxborough,--
rodenticides.

Severally to the committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5524) of Hadley Luddy (by vote of the town) relative to the membership of the conservation commission in the town of Chatham;

Chatham,--
Conservation
Commission.

To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5525) of Rob Consalvo (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the retirement board of the city of Boston be authorized to increase the disability pension of Leo J. Bracken, a firefighter of the city of Boston;

Boston,-- Leo J.
Bracken.

To the committee on Public Service.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5526) of James C. Arena-DeRosa (by vote of the town) that the town of Holliston be authorized to establish a means-tested senior citizen property tax exemption for debt exclusion construction projects;

Holliston,-- senior property tax exemption.

To the committee on Revenue.

A Bill relative to the maximum age requirement for original appointment to the position of firefighter or police officer in the city of Haverhill (House, No. 4443,-- on petition) [Local approval received],-- **was read and, under Senate Rule 26, placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session.**

Haverhill,-- firefighter/police officer appointment.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Fattman and Durant) "congratulating Reverend Robert Grattaroti on the occasion of his ninetieth birthday."

Reverend Robert Grattaroti.

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 directing the city of Boston police department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Adam Watt (House, No. 3928) (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.**

Adam Watt,-- Boston police officer.

The House Bill directing the city of Boston police department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Rodney Alcindor (House, No. 4254),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Boston,-- Rodney Alcindo.

The House Bill directing the city of Boston police department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Jonathan Telfort (House, No. 4255),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Boston,-- Jonathan Telfort.

The House Bill amending the charter of the town of Hudson (House, No. 4782),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Hudson,-- charter.

The House Bill authorizing the town of Plymouth to establish a special revenue account for land acquisition (House, No. 4887),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Plymouth,-- revenue account.

The House Bill authorizing the town of Falmouth to expend funds to offset certain costs associated with the installation of low pressure pumps on private property in future sewer service areas (House, No. 5109),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Falmouth,-- sewer service pumps.

Report of Committees.

By Ms. Lovely, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the Senate petition of Cindy F. Friedman for legislation to authorize the Massachusetts Department of Transportation to take easements over certain land located in the city of Woburn and the town of Burlington held in trust by the city of Boston for the Mary P. C. Cummings Testamentary Trust.

DOT easements. SD3961

Senate Rule 36 was suspended, on motion of Mrs. Dooner, and the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Transportation.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

A Bill relative to James J. O'Neil Park (House, No. 5531,-- on House, No. 4614) [Local approval received on House, No. 4614],-- was read.

Lawrence,-- land.

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

A Bill relating to the transfer of interest in land in West Brookfield (House, No. 5379,-- on petition) [Local approval received],-- was read.

West Brookfield,-- land.

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

Engrossed Bills.

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

Authorizing the town of Berkley to increase the membership of the board of selectmen (see Senate, No. 2897);

Bills laid before the Governor.

Establishing a sick leave bank for Shannon Manning, an employee of the trial court of the commonwealth (see Senate, No. 2908);

Establishing a sick leave bank for Stephanie Rivera, an employee of the Worcester county sheriff's office (see Senate, No. 3031, amended);

Directing the city of Boston police department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Keny Gateau (see House, No. 3926)

Directing the city of Boston police department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Jean E. Roseney (see House, No. 3927); and

Authorizing the city known as the town of Bridgewater to amend its charter to include gender neutral language (see House, No. 4781).

Petitions were severally referred, in concurrence, as follows, to wit:

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5542) of Margaret R. Scarsdale and Vanna Howard for legislation to provide for the filling of a vacancy on the Groton-Dunstable School Committee;

Groton-Dunstable School Committee.

Under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Election Laws.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5543) of Dawne Shand and Barry R. Finegold for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Andrew Bartlett, an employee of the Department of Public Health;

Andrew Bartlett,-- sick leave.

Under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Public Service.

Recess.

There being no objection, at eight minutes before twelve o'clock noon, the Chair (Mr. Driscoll) declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair; and, at thirteen minutes past two o'clock P.M., the Senate reassembled, Ms. Lovely in the Chair.

Recess.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

A Bill making certain appropriations for fiscal year 2027 before final action on the General Appropriation Bill (printed in House, No. 5534,-- being a message from her Excellency the Governor),-- was read.

1/12th Budget.

There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mrs. Dooner, and the bill was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence

Engrossed Bills.

The following engrossed bills (all of which originated in the House), having been certified by the Senate Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, after remarks, were severally passed to be enacted and were signed by the Acting President (Ms. Lovely) (having been appointed by the President, under authority conferred by Senate Rule 4, to perform the duties of the Chair) and laid before the Governor for her approbation, to wit:

Bills laid before the Governor.

Amending the town charter of the town of Plainville (see House, No. 4805, amended);

Establishing a charter for the town of Orange (see House, No. 5053, amended); and

Making certain appropriations for fiscal year 2027 before final action on the General Appropriation Bill (see printed in, House, No. 5534).

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mrs. Dooner,--

Ordered, that when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn to meet again on Wednesday next at eleven o'clock A.M., in a full formal session with a calendar.

Time of meeting.

On motion of the same Senator, at twenty-eight minutes before three o'clock P.M., the Senate adjourned to meet again on Wednesday next at eleven o'clock A.M.