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

Pledge of
allegiance.

Distinguished Guests.

There beign no objection, the following guests were introduced:

The Chair (Mr. Feeney) introduced, in the rear of the Chamber, three state championship teams from Canton High School. The Canton High School golf team was recognized for winning the 2025 MIAA Division 2 State Championship title. The Bulldogs shot a team score of 40 over par 324 at the Fall State Championship to win their first ever state team title.

Canton High
School,-- golf team,
boys hockey team
and girls track and
field team.

Mr. Feeney then introduced the Canton High School boys hockey team. The team was recognized for winning the MIAA Division 2 State Championship title, edging out Tewksbury for the win at TD Garden. The team was accompanied by Coach Shuman, who was recognized for having brought home five MIAA titles for Canton High through his 23 seasons with the Canton boys hockey team. The Senate wished him well on his upcoming retirement.

The final team to be recognized was the Canton High School girls track and field team. The team was recognized for winning the Division III State Championship title this past May. Canton High School made history with its first-ever divisional championship, scoring 74 points at the finals at Merrimack College. The victory pushed Canton past runner-up Melrose, capping a historic season for the Bulldogs, having won their first Hockomock League crown in 43 years.

The teams were accompanied by Canton Athletic Director Danny Erickson, Superintendent Derek Folan, Canton High School Principal Jeffrey Sperling and were also guests of Represenatative Galvin of Canton. The Senate applauded their accomplishments and they withdrew from the chamber.

Communication.

Communication from the Honorable James B. Eldridge requesting the removal of David Emer (pursuant to Section 14 of Chapter 14 of the General Laws) as the Joint Committee on Revenue's designee to the Tax Expenditure Review Commission (received June 8, 2026),-- **was placed on file.**

Tax Expenditure
Review
Commission,--
designee.
SD3975

Report.

Report of the Office of the Comptroller (pursuant to line item 1599-3384 of Section 2 of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting its Settlements and Judgements quarter three FY26 report (a copy having been forwarded to the Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means) (received June 5, 2026),-- **was placed on file.**

Comptroller,--
Settlements and
Judgements Q3
FY26 report.
SD3969

Report of a Committee.

By Mr. Feeney, for the committee on Financial Services, on Senate, Nos. 766 and 837, an Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on Financial Services to make an investigation and study of certain current Senate documents relative to credit unions (Senate, No. 3113);

Financial Services,-- study.

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

Committee Discharged.

Mr. Payano, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, reported, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 3112) of Barry R. Finegold and Julian Cyr for legislation to authorize municipalities to opt-in to a temporary pilot to extend the hours of liquor licenses and to allow for public consumption in designated districts in summer 2026,-- and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies.

Liquor licenses,-- pilot program.

Under Senate Rule 36, the report was considered forthwith and accepted. Sent to the House for concurrence.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5476) of Hadley Luddy (by vote of the town) relative to the charter of the town of Provincetown;

Provincetown,-- charter.

To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5475) of Patricia A. Duffy (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Holyoke be authorized to prohibit use of second generation anti-coagulant rodenticides in said city;

Holyoke,-- rodenticides.

To the committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Bills

Authorizing the town of Reading to establish a means tested senior citizen property tax exemption (House, No. 5103) [Local approval received];

Reading,-- senior property tax exemption.

Removing the seating capacity requirements of licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises in the town of Belmont (House, No. 5344) [Local approval received]; and

Belmont,-- liquor licenses seating capacity.

Authorizing the town of Lynnfield to appropriate funds from the Golf Enterprise Fund to the Recreation Capital Trust Stabilization Fund (House, No. 5416) [Local approval received];

Lynnfield,-- fund appropriation.

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

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Fattman) "congratulating Douglas Fire Chief John J. Furno on his retirement."

Douglas Fire Chief John J. Furno.

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 establishing a sick leave bank for Shannon Manning, an employee of the trial court of the commonwealth (Senate, No. 2908) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading),-- was read a third time.

Shannon Manning,--
sick leave.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Ms. Rausch presented an amendment by inserting before the enacting clause, the following emergency preamble:-

“Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to establish forthwith a sick leave bank for a certain employee of the trial court of the commonwealth, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.”

The amendment was adopted.

The bill (Senate, No. 2908, amended) was then passed to be engrossed.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

The Senate Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Stephanie Rivera, an employee of the Worcester county sheriff’s office (Senate, No. 3031) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading),-- was read a third time.

Stephanie Rivera,--
sick leave.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Fattman presented an amendment by inserting before the enacting clause, the following emergency preamble:-

“Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to establish forthwith a sick leave bank for a certain employee of the Worcester county sheriff’s office, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.”

The amendment was adopted.

The bill (Senate, No. 3031, amended) was then passed to be engrossed.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

The House Bill further regulating special meetings of the Holyoke city council (House, No. 4738) (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 City
Council,-- special
meetings.

The House Bill amending the charter of the town of Reading (House, No. 5102) (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.**

Reading,-- charter.

The House Bill authorizing the town of North Attleborough to establish a means-tested senior citizen property tax exemption (House, No. 5392),-- **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 authorizing the city known as the town of North Attleborough to establish a means-tested senior citizen property tax exemption”.**

North
Attleborough,--
senior property tax
exemption

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A Bill relative to authorizing the conveyance of certain parcels of land in the city of Fall River (House, No. 5473,-- on House, No. 4071),-- was read.

Fall River,-- 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.

Liquor licenses,--
extended hours.

A Bill authorizing municipalities to opt-in to a temporary pilot to extend the hours of liquor licenses and to allow for public consumption in designated districts in summer 2026 (House, No. 5478),-- was read.

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

Pending the question on ordering the Bill to a third reading, Mr. Cyr presented an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text of Senate document numbered 3114.

Pending the adoption of the amendment, Mr. Tarr moved to amend the proposed new text by adding the following section:-

“SECTION __. The executive office of economic development, in consultation with the alcoholic beverages control commission, the executive office of public safety and security, and the department of revenue, shall report on the implementation and outcomes of the pilot program established by this act. The report shall include, but not be limited to: (i) the number and location of districts designated by municipalities; (ii) the number of communities authorizing establishments to sell alcoholic beverages for off premises consumption in approved districts; (iii) the number of communities authorizing establishments for extended hours of on premises sales; and (iv) any evidence of increased public safety incidents as a result of extended hours of on premise sales. The report shall evaluate any notable changes or observations relative to the pilot and economic development, public safety, and revenue and sales during the pilot, and may make any recommendations to improve outcomes. The executive office shall file a report not later than December 31, 2026 containing its findings and recommendations with the clerks of the senate and house of representatives.”

After remarks, the further amendment (Tarr) was adopted.

The pending amendment (Cyr) was then adopted, as amended.

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 [For text of Senate amendment, see Senate, No. 3115, printed as amended].

Sent to the House for concurrence in the amendment.

Communication.

The following communication was received on June 9, 2026, and, upon the motion of Mr. Montigny during the Senate Session on June 11, 2026, was directed to be printed in the Journal of the Senate dated June 8, 2026.

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
MASSACHUSETTS SENATE

June 9, 2026

Senator Mark C.
Montigny.

To: The Honorable Clerk of the Massachusetts Senate, Michael D. Hurley

Re: Statement of opposition to H.5748

Dear Mr. Clerk:

I wish to have the following statement included in the journal for the June 8th, 2026 session of the Senate:

Had a recorded vote been taken on engrossing and enacting H.5478, An Act authorizing municipalities to opt-in to a temporary pilot to extend the hours of liquor licenses and to

allow for public consumption in designated districts in summer 2026, I would have voted in the negative based on a concern for public health and safety.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,
Mark Montigny
SENATOR

Recess.

There being no objection, at nineteen minutes past twelve o'clock noon, the Chair (Mr. Feeney) declared a recess, subject to the call of the Chair; and, at eleven minutes before three o'clock P.M., the Senate reassembled, Mr. Feeney in the Chair.

Recess.

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE.

A Bill authorizing municipalities to opt-in to a temporary pilot to extend the hours of liquor licenses and to allow for public consumption in designated districts in summer 2026 (House, No. 5478, amended),-- came from the House with the endorsement that the House had concurred in the Senate amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text of Senate document numbered 3115, *with a further amendment* striking out all after the enacting clause (inserted by amendment by the Senate) and inserting in place thereof the text contained in House document numbered 5284.

Liquor licenses,--
extended hours.

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mrs. Dooner, and the further House amendment was adopted, in concurrence.

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 (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 3092) of Cynthia Stone Creem and Amy Mah Sangiolo (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to authorize the city of Newton to issue pension obligation bonds or notes.

Newton,-- pension
liability.

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 Municipalities and Regional Government.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mrs. Dooner,--

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

Time of meeting.

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE

Emergency Preamble Adopted; Engrossed Bill Enacted.

An engrossed Bill authorizing municipalities to opt-in to a temporary pilot to extend the hours of liquor licenses and to allow for public consumption in designated districts in summer 2026 (see House, No. 5478, amended), having been certified by the Senate Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage and containing an emergency preamble,-- was laid before the Senate; and, a separate vote being taken in accordance with the requirements

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extended hours.

of Article LXVII of the Amendments to the Constitution, the preamble was adopted, in concurrence, by a vote of 2 to 0.

The bill was signed by the Acting President, (Mr. Feeney) and sent to the House for enactment.

Subsequently, the bill, which originated in the House, came from the House with the endorsement that it had been enacted in that branch.

The Senate then passed the bill to be enacted; and it was signed by the Acting President (Mr. Feeney) and laid before the Governor for her approbation.

Order Adopted.

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