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Thursday, October 15, 2026.

Met at twenty-one minutes past eleven o'clock A.M. (Mr. Crighton 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. Crighton), 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 Early Education and Care (pursuant to Section 188 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting its fiscal year 2025 report on the impact and utilization of operational grant funding program (copies having been forwarded to the Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Chair of the Joint Committee on Education) (received October 13, 2026);

EEC,-- Cares for Children FY25 report. SD4301

Report of the Disabled Persons Protection Commission (pursuant to Section 15 (f) of Chapter 19C of the General Laws) submitting its fiscal year 2026 annual audit of the abuser registry (copies having been forwarded to the Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Chair of the Joint Committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities) (received October 14, 2026); and

CPPD,-- Summary of Abuser Registry FY26 report. SD4302

Report of the Plymouth County Sheriff (pursuant to Section 84 Chapter 69 of the Acts 2018) submitting its third quarter Criminal Justice Reform 2026 report (copies having been forwarded to the Senate Chairs of the Joint Committee on the Judiciary and Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security) (received October 15, 2026).

PCS,-- Criminal Justice Reform 3Q 2026 report. SD4303

Petition.

Mr. Brady and Mrs. Sullivan-Almeida of Abington presented a joint petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 3286) of Michael D. Brady and Alyson M. Sullivan-Almeida (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the town of East Bridgewater to place municipal charge liens on certain properties in the town of East Bridgewater for nonpayment of any local charges, fee or fine,-- **and the same was referred, under Senate Rule 20, to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government**.

East Bridgewater,-- municipal charge liens.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Brady, for the committee on Public Service, on Senate, No. 3044, an Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on Public Service to make an investigation and study of a certain current Senate document relative to retirement benefits for Alec Ciminello (Senate, No. 3285);

Public Service,-- study.

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

Foxborough,-- sewer services.

By Ms. Rausch, for the committee on Environment and Natural Resources, on petition, a Bill authorizing the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority to provide sewer services to a certain parcel of land in the town of Foxborough (Senate, No. 3267); and

Montague Center/Turners Falls Fire Districts,-- membership.

By Mr. Brady, for the committee on Public Service, on petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 3268), a Bill authorizing the Montague Center Fire District and the Turners Falls Fire District to continue the membership of members John Annear, Lawrence William Peters Jr., David Rehorka, Richard Sawin and Sallie Sawin (Senate No. 3283);

Severally read and, under Senate Rule 26, referred to the committee on Rules.

Dighton,-- community impact linkage fees.

By Ms. Rausch, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Dighton to impose community impact linkage fees (Senate, No. 3262) [Local approval received];

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Engrossed Bills.

The following engrossed bills (both of which originated in the House), 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. Crighton) and laid before the Governor for her approbation, to wit:

Bills laid before the Governor.

Amending the charter of the city of Holyoke (see House, No. 5171); and

Extending the timeframe for the issuance of licenses granted pursuant to Chapter 46 of the Acts of 2020 in the city of Easthampton (see House, No. 5547).

Resolutions.

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

National Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Day.

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Feeney Payano and Mark, Ms. Kennedy, Ms. Edwards, Messrs. DiDomenico, Gómez, Oliveira, Keenan, Moore and Crighton, Ms. Comerford, Messrs. Velis, Rush and Montigny, Ms. Creem, Messrs. Rodrigues, Fattman, and Cronin, Ms. Miranda and Mr. Cyr) "commending Allpaths Family Building, Empty Arms Bereavement Support and Propa City Community Outreach for recognizing October 15, 2026 as National Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Day."

Reports of Committees.

Timothy Cluett,-- sick leave.

By Mr. Brady, for the committee on Public Service, on petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Timothy Cluett, an employee of the Worcester county sheriff's office (Senate, No. 3263);

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

Ms. Lovely, for the committee on Rules, reported that the following matter be placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session:

Breast Cancer Awareness Day.

The Senate Bill establishing Lobular Breast Cancer Awareness Day (Senate, No. 2666).

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, its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third

Reading to read as follows:- "An Act designating October 15 as lobular breast cancer awareness day".

Sent to the House for 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 Senate Bill authorizing the South Deerfield Fire District to continue the employment of fire department member Steven Kolakoski (Senate, No. 3155).

Steven Kolakoski,-- South Deerfield Fire District.

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.

Sent to the House for 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 the Hyannis Transportation Center in the town of Hyannis as the Thomas S. Cahir Cape Cod Transportation Center (House, No. 5430) (also based on Senate, No. 3089).

Hyannis,-- Thomas S. Cahir Cape Cod Transportation Center.

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 relative to the transportation of vessels in the villages of Marston Mills and Osterville in the city known as the town of Barnstable (House, No. 5421).

Barnstable,-- vessel transportation.

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

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 establishing a board of election commissioners in the city of Salem (House, No. 3907),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Salem,-- board of election commissioners.

The House Bill authorizing the town of Auburn to offer expanded senior property tax abatements (House, No. 4585),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Auburn,-- senior tax abatements.

The House Bill exempting George Patrinos from the maximum age requirement age for the position of firefighter in the town of Dudley (printed in House, No. 5520),-- **was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Dudley,-- George Patrinos.

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A Bill establishing a sick leave bank for David Gilman, an employee of the department of correction (House, No. 5677,-- on petition),-- was read.

David Gilman,-- sick leave.

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

Carry Shulock-Sexton,-- sick leave.

A Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Carry Shulock-Sexton, an employee of the department of agricultural resources (House, No. 5685,-- on petition),-- was read.

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

Report of a Committee.

Firefighters,-- cancer screening.

By Mr. Rodrigues, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the House Bill mandating access to cancer screenings for firefighters through health care benefits plans or programs provided by the public employer (House, No. 5631),-- ought to pass with an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text of Senate document numbered 3284.

There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Ms. Lovely and the bill was read a second time and was amended, as recommended by the committee on Ways and Means.

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.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Durant,--

Time of meeting.

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

On motion of the same Senator, at eight minutes before twelve o'clock noon, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.