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Monday, November 2, 2026.

Met at four minutes past eleven o'clock A.M. (Ms. Rausch 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 (Ms. Rausch), 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 Veterans Services (pursuant to Section 12 of Chapter 115A of the General Laws) submitting its Veterans Homes and Housing 2026 annual report (a copy having been forwarded to the Senate Chair of the Joint Committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs) (received October 30, 2026);

EOVS,-- Veterans Homes and Housing 2026 annual report. SD4331

Report of Executive Office of Veterans Services (pursuant to Section 2 of Chapter 115 of the General Laws) submitting its Executive Office of Veterans Services Fiscal Year 2026 annual 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 Veterans and Federal Affairs) (received October 30, 2026);

EOVS,-- FY26 annual report. SD4332

Report of the Department of Public Health (pursuant to 105 CMR 451.403) submitting the inspection report for Hampshire County Jail and House of Correction, the Plan of Correction from the facility and the Plan of Correction acceptance letter from the Division of Environmental Health Regulations and Standards (EHRS) (received October 30, 2026);

DPH,-- Hampshire County Jail Inspection report. SD4333

Report of the Department of Public Health (pursuant to 105 CMR 451.403) submitting the inspection report for Hampshire County Jail and House of Correction Pre-Release Center, the Plan of Correction from the facility and the Plan of Correction acceptance letter from the Division of Environmental Health Regulations and Standards (EHRS) (received October 30, 2026);

DPH,-- Hampshire County Pre-Release Center Inspection report. SD4334

Report of the Executive Office for Administration and Finance (pursuant to Section 2BBBBBB of Chapter 29 of the General Laws, as most recently amended by Section 19 of Chapter 9 of the Laws of 2025) submitting its Transportation Projects fiscal year 2026 report (a copy having been forwarded to the Senate Chair of the Joint Committee on Transportation) (received October 30, 2026);

A&F,-- Transportation Projects report. SD4335

Report of the Department of Youth Services (pursuant to Section 16 of Chapter 123A of the General Laws) submitting its 2026 annual report relative to sexually dangerous persons in the custody of the department (a copy having been forwarded to the Senate Chair of the Joint Committee on the Judiciary) (received October 30, 2026); and

DYS,-- 2026 annual report. SD4336

Report of the Executive Office of Veterans Services (pursuant to Section 18 of Chapter 115 of the General Laws) submitting its Women Veterans Network 2026 annual report (a copy having been forwarded to the Senate Chair of the Joint Committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs) (received October 30, 2026).

EOVS,-- Women Veterans Network 2026 report. SD4337

Placed on File.

MassGaming,-- 205 CMR 17.00 regulations.

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) submitting proposed regulations for 205 CMR 17.00 relative to transfer of interests in a racing meeting licensing (Senate, No. 3277),-- **reported that the same be placed on file.**

Under Senate Rule 36, the report was considered forthwith and was accepted.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

Holland,-- Barton Temple.

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5714) of Todd M. Smola (by vote of the town) that the town of Holland be authorized to continue the employment of Barton Temple as a firefighter in said town,-- **was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Public Service.**

Danvers,-- town manager.

A Bill amending the form of government in the town of Danvers (House, No. 5593, changed,-- on petition) [Local approval received],-- **was read and, under Senate Rule 26, placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session.**

Reports of Committees.

Thomas Ryan,-- sick leave bank. SD4308

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 Mark C. Montigny and Christopher Hendricks for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Thomas Ryan, an employee of the Department of Correction.

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 Public Service.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

Matter Taken Out of the Orders of the Day.

There being no objection, the following matter was taken out of the Orders of the Day and considered as follows:

Mystic River,-- port area.

The Senate Bill authorizing the relocation of a portion of a certain parcel of land within a designated port area in the Charlestown section of the city of Boston (Senate, No. 3137) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.**

Sent to the House for concurrence.

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE

Emergency Preamble Adopted.

Carla Johnson,-- sick leave.

An engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Carla Johnson, an employee of the department of unemployment assistance (see House, No. 5399), 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 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 (Ms. Rausch) and sent to the House for enactment.

Matter Taken Out of the Orders of the Day.

There being no objection, the following matter was taken out of the Orders of the Day and considered as follows:

Newton,-- municipal liens.

The House Bill authorizing the city of Newton to place municipal charges liens on property in the city of Newton for nonpayment of any local charge, fee or fine (House, No. 5358),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

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 (Ms. Rausch) and laid before the Governor for her approbation, to wit:

Bills laid before the Governor.

Further defining a quorum of the Worcester Regional Retirement System Board Advisory Council (see House, No. 2926); and

Establishing a sick leave bank for Carla Johnson, an employee of the department of unemployment assistance (see House, No. 5399).

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mrs. Dooner,--

Time of meeting.

Ordered, that when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn to meet again on Thursday next at one o'clock P.M. in a full formal session; and, pursuant to an order previously adopted, the Senate will consider matters authorized for consideration pursuant Joint Rule 12A.

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