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Monday, November 9, 2026.

Met at two minutes past eleven o'clock A.M. (Ms. Jehlen in the Chair).

The Chair (Ms. Jehlen), 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 Health Policy Commission (pursuant to line-item 4000-0054 of Section 2 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting its Strengthening the Behavioral Health Workforce 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 Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery) (received November 5, 2026);

HPC,-- Behavioral Health Workforce report. SD4346

Report of the Department of Public Health (pursuant to line-item 4590-0915 of Section 2 of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting its Pappas Rehabilitation Hospital for Children July 2026 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 Health) (received November 5, 2026); and

DPH,-- Pappas July 2026 report. SD4347

Report of the Office of the Comptroller (pursuant to line item 1595-1068 of Section 2E of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting a revised fiscal year 2026 transfer schedule for the Medical Assistance Trust Fund (a copy having been forwarded to the Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means) (received November 6, 2026).

Comptroller,-- MATF FY26 revised report. SD4348

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5715) of Antonio F. D. Cabral, Christopher Hendricks and Mark C. Montigny (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to the recall of elected officers in the city of New Bedford,-- **was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Public Service.**

New Bedford,-- elected official recall.

Bills

Relative to recall elections in the town of Danvers (House, No. 5539,-- on petition) [Local approval received];

Danvers,-- recall elections.

Relative to the water and sewer commission of the town of Hopedale (House, No. 5611,-- on petition) [Local approval received]; and

Hopedale,-- water and sewer commission.

Authorizing the town of Webster to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 5689,-- on House, No. 5583) [Local approval received on House, No. 5583];

Webster,-- liquor licenses.

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

A Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Gina Dellagatta, an employee of the department of mental health (House, No. 5686,-- on petition),-- was read.

Gina Dellagatta,-- sick leave.

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.

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:

Public safety personnel,-- physical exams.

The Senate Bill providing for the maintenance of physical examinations records for public safety personnel (Senate, No. 1851) (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.

Princeton,-- Captain Christopher J. Sullivan bridge.

The Senate Bill designating a certain bridge in the town of Princeton as the Captain Christopher J. Sullivan memorial bridge (Senate, No. 2383),-- was read a third time.

Mr. DiDomenico, for the committee on Bills in the Third Reading, reported, recommending that the bill be amended by adding the following emergency preamble:

"Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to designate forthwith a certain bridge in the town of Princeton, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience."

The report was accepted.

The bill (Senate, No. 2383, amended) was then passed to be engrossed.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

Revere,-- land.

The House Bill releasing certain land use restrictions held by the commonwealth in a certain parcel of land in the city of Revere (House, No. 5552) (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.**

Barre,-- DPW.

The House Bill relative to the department of public works in the town of Barre (House, No. 5601),-- **was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Order Adopted.

Time of meeting.

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.

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