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Thursday, November 12, 2026.

Met at eight 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.

Communcation.

Communication of Office of Child Advocate (pursuant to Section 61 of Chapter 179 of the Acts of 2026) announcing the appointment of Holly Swan, Ph.D, Senior Policy and Implementation Manager, to serve on the Digital Education Portfolio System Commission (received November 6, 2026),-- **was placed on file.** OCA,-- DEPS Commission appt. SD4349

Reports.

The following reports were severally received and placed on file, to wit:

Report of the Executive Office for Administration and Finance (pursuant to Section 62 of Chapter 7 of the General Laws) submitting its Capital Spending fiscal year 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 Bonding, Capital Expenditures and State Assets) (received November 9, 2026); A&F,-- Capital Spending FY26 report. SD4350

Report of the Department of Public Health (pursuant to 105 CMR 451.403) submitting the inspection report for Pondville Correctional Center, the Plan of Correction (POC) from the facility and the POC acceptance letter from the Division of Environmental Health Regulations and Standards (EHRS) (received November 10, 2026); and DPH,-- Pondville Inspection report. SD4352

Report of the Department of Public Health (pursuant to 105 CMR 451.403) submitting the inspection report for the Essex County Correctional Alternative Center, the Plan of Correction (POC) from the facility and the POC acceptance letter from the Division of Environmental Health Regulations and Standards (EHRS) (received November 10, 2026). DPH,-- Essex Correctional Center Inspection report. SD4353

Petition.

Mr. Fattman presented a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Ryan C. Fattman for legislation relative to S corporation taxation,-- **and the same was referred, under Senate Rule 20, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.** S corporations,-- taxation. SD4351

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5716) of Rob Consalvo (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Boston be authorized to appoint Stephen Maguire as a firefighter in said city, notwithstanding the maximum age requirement; and Boston,-- Stephen Maguire.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5717) of Samantha Montaño (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Boston be authorized to appoint Haji- Boston,-- Haji-Mohamed Bayour.

Mohamed Bayour as a police officer in said city, notwithstanding the maximum age requirement;

Severally to the committee on Public Service.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5718) of Margaret R. Scarsdale, Danillo A. Sena and John J. Cronin (by vote of the town) that the town of Groton be authorized to establish a means-tested senior citizen property tax exemption in said town;

Groton,-- senior property tax exemption.

To the committee on Revenue.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Lovely) "congratulating Scouts BSA Troop 4 of the city of Beverly on its one hundredth anniversary."

Scouts BSA Troop 4.

Report of a Committee.

By Mr. Rodrigues, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Senate Bill relative to compensation for victims of wrongful conviction (Senate, No. 1132),-- ought to pass with an amendment substituting a new draft with the same title (Senate, No. 3300).

Wrongful conviction,-- compensation.

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

The bill (Senate, No. 3300) was then ordered to a third reading.

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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. Driscoll) and laid before the Governor for her approbation, to wit:

Releasing certain land use restrictions held by the commonwealth in a certain parcel of land in the city of Revere (see House, No. 5552); and

Relative to the department of public works in the town of Barre (see House, No. 5601).

Bills laid before the Governor.

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 designating April 5 as Okur-Chung Neurodevelopmental Syndrome Awareness Day (House, No. 3366),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Okur-Chung Awareness Day.

The House Bill authorizing the town of Shrewsbury to increase the value of estates eligible for certain abatements (House, No. 5515) (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.**

Shrewsbury,-- estate abatements.

Report of a 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 Mark C. Montigny and Christopher

Karrie Medeiros,-- sick leave. SD4340

Hendricks for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Karrie Medeiros, an employee of the department of transitional assistance.

Senate Rule 36 was suspended, on motion of Ms. Jehlen, 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.

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Jonathan Murphy,-- sick leave.

A Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Jonathan Murphy, an employee of the Human Resources Division (House, No. 5695,-- on petition),-- was read.

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

Order Adopted.

Time of meeting.

On motion of Mr. Collins,--

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 a quarter past eleven o'clock A.M., the Senate adjourned to meet again on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.