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Thursday, November 19, 2026.

Met at sixteen 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 the Trial Court (pursuant to Section 15(c) of Chapter 239 of the General Laws) submitting its report summary statistics on eviction filings, actions, and dispositions from January 2025 through October 2026 (copies having been forwarded to the Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Chairs of the Joint Committee on Housing and the Joint Committee on the Judiciary) (received November 16, 2026);

EOTC,-- rental protections October 2026 report. SD4360

Report of the Department of Early Education and Care (pursuant to line item 3000-6025 and line item 1596-2410 of Section 2 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting its Commonwealth Preschool Partnership Initiative (CPPI) Grant fiscal year 2024 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 Education) (received November 17, 2026);

EEC,-- CPPI FY24 report. SD4361

Report of the Department of Early Education and Care (pursuant to line item 3000-6025 and line item 1596-2410 of Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting its Commonwealth Preschool Partnership Initiative (CPPI) Grant fiscal year 2025 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 Education) (received November 17, 2026);

EEC,-- CPPI FY25 report. SD4362

Report of the Department of Early Education and Care (pursuant to outside Section 182 of section 3 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting its report detailing the proposed methodology to calculate and assess the cost of providing high-quality early education and care across the commonwealth (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 November 17, 2026);

EEC ,-- Care Cost Methodology report. SD4363

Report of the Department of Public Health (pursuant to 105 CMR 451.403) submitting the inspection report for MCI Shirley, 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 November 18, 2026);

DPH,-- MCI Shirley Inspection report. SD4365

Report of the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (pursuant to Section 220 of Chapter 6 of the General Laws) submitting its Facial Recognition September 2024 - October 2025 annual report (received November 19, 2026); and

EOPSS,-- Facial Recognition 2024-2025 annual report. SD4367

Report of the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (pursuant to Section 220 of Chapter 6 of the General Laws) submitting its Facial Recognition September 2025 - October 2026 annual report (received November 19, 2026).

EOPSS,-- Facial Recognition 2025-2026 annual report. SD4368

Commission Report.

Report of the Data Advisory Commission (pursuant to section 12(b) Chapter 15D of the General Laws) submitting its fiscal year 2025 report includes an overview of the commission's charge and composition, a synthesis of the group's first meeting, and summarizes the commission's planned next steps (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 November 17, 2026),-- **was placed on file.**

Data Advisory Commission FY25 report. SD4364

Petition.

Mr. Fernandes presented a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Dylan A. Fernandes for legislation to authorize the division of capital asset management and maintenance to convey easements to Boston Gas Company over a certain parcel of land in the town of Bourne,-- **and the same was referred, under Senate Rule 20, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.**

Bourne,-- Boston Gas Company easements. SD4366

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4963) of Margaret R. Scarsdale and Vanna Howard (by vote of the town) that the town of Pepperell be authorized to establish a Patriot Regional Emergency Communications Center enterprise fund in said town,-- **was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.**

Pepperell,-- Patriot Regional Emergency Communications Fund.

Bills

Authorizing the town of Avon to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 5692,-- on House, No. 5656) [Local approval received on House, No. 5656]; and

Avon,-- liquor license.

Amending the town charter of the town of Falmouth to create the Falmouth Licensing Commission (House, No. 5720,-- on House, No. 5365) [Local approval received on House, No. 5365];

Falmouth,-- charter.

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

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 directing the city of Boston police department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Constantinos Papadopoulos (House, No. 4267) (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.**

Boston,-- Constantinos Papadopoulos.

The House Bill directing the city of Boston police department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Luisa Fernandes (House, No. 4604),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Boston,-- Luisa Fernandes.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

The Senate Bill updating the Move Over Law (Senate, No. 2653),-- came from the House passed to be engrossed, in concurrence *with an amendment* striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text of House document numbered 5622.

Move Over Law.

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Crighton, and the House amendment was considered forthwith.

The same Senator moved that the Senate concur with the House amendment *with a further amendment* striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place there of the text of Senate document numbered 3305.

After remarks, the motion was accepted; and the Senate concurred in the House amendment *with a further amendment.*

Sent to the House for concurrence in the further amendment.

Emergency Preambles Adopted.

Timothy Cluett,-- sick leave.

An engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Timothy Cluett, an employee of the Worcester county sheriff's office (see Senate, No. 3296), 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.

Gina Dellagatta,-- sick leave.

An engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Gina Dellagatta, an employee of the department of mental health (see House, No. 5686), 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 3 to 0.

The bill was signed by the Acting President (Ms. Rausch) and sent to the House for enactment.

Engrossed Bills.

The following engrossed bills (the first of which originated in the Senate), 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.

Establishing a sick leave bank for Timothy Cluett, an employee of the Worcester county sheriff's office (see Senate, No. 3296);

Directing the city of Boston police department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Edny Joseph (see House, No. 4741); and

Establishing a sick leave bank for Gina Dellagatta, an employee of the department of mental health (see House, No. 5686).

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mrs. Dooner,--

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 twenty-four minutes before twelve o'clock noon, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.