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Met at five minutes past eleven o'clock A.M. (Mr. DiDomenico 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. DiDomenico), 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 line item 1596-2429 of Section 2E of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting its fiscal year 2024 Capital Grant Programs 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 18, 2026); and

EEC,-- Capital Grant Programs FY24 report. SD4369

Report of the Department of Correction (pursuant to line item 8900-0010 of Section 2 of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting its 2026 Correctional Industries Program report (copies having been forwarded to the Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Chairs of the Joint Committee on the Judiciary and the Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security) (received November 20, 2026).

DOC,-- Correctional Industries Program 2026 report. SD4370

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5721) of Brian W. Murray (by vote of the town) relative to the capital expenditure fund in the town of Mendon;

Mendon,-- capital expenditure fund.

To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5722) of Brian M. Ashe (by vote of the town) that Michael Kane be authorized to continue serving as a reserve police officer in the town of Hampden, notwithstanding the maximum age requirement; and

Hampden,-- Michael Kane.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5723) of Mark J. Cusack and William J. Driscoll, Jr. (with the approval of the mayor and town council) relative to the retirement of Donald M. Delaney, a police officer in the city known as the town of Braintree;

Braintree,-- Donald Delaney.

Severally to the committee on Public Service.

A Bill authorizing the town of Wayland to grant additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 5688,-- on House, No. 5481) [Local approval received on House, No. 5481],-- **was read and, under Senate Rule 26, placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session.**

Wayland,-- liquor licenses.

Reports of a Committee.

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

Sunscreen application,-- students.

The Senate Bill relative to youth skin health (Senate, No. 334) (the committee on Rules recommending that the bill be amended by substituting a new draft entitled: "An Act promoting access to sunscreen in schools" (Senate, No. 3307).

There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mrs. Dooner, and the bill was read a second time and was amended, as recommended by the committee on Rules.

The bill (Senate, No. 3307) was then 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:

Board of registrars,-- appointments.

The Senate Bill relative to the board of registrars (Senate, No. 552).

There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mrs. Dooner, and the bill was read a second time, and was 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:

Disability comm.,-- meetings.

The Senate Bill to update disability commission chair requirements (Senate, No. 2161).

There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mrs. Dooner, and the bill was read a second time, and was 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:

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

The Senate 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).

There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mrs. Dooner, and the bill was read a second time, and was 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:

Margaret Connolly-Masson,-- sick leave.

The Senate Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Margaret Connolly-Masson, an employee of the Massachusetts Maritime Academy (Senate, No. 3279),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.**

Sent to the House for concurrence.

Ipswich,-- town charter.

The Senate Bill to amend the town charter of Ipswich (Senate, No. 3147),-- was read a second time.

Pending the question on ordering the bill to a third reading, Mr. Tarr presented an amendment substituting a new draft entitled: "An Act establishing an elected electric light commission in the town of Ipswich" (Senate, No. 3306).

The amendment was adopted.

The bill (Senate, No. 3306) was then ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

Webster,-- liquor licenses.

The House 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),-- **was read a**

second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5726) of James M. Murphy for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Dinamarie McCarthy, an employee of the Department of Children and Families,**-- was referred, in concurrence, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Public Service.**

Dinamarie McCarthy,-- sick leave.

The House Bill authorizing the town of Millis to establish a means-tested senior citizen property tax exemption for school building construction projects (House, No. 4605, amended),-- came from the House with the endorsement that the House had concurred in the Senate amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text of Senate document numbered 3274, *with a further amendment* by striking out section 5, as amended by the Senate, and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

"SECTION 5. No exemption shall be granted pursuant to this act until the department of revenue certifies a residential tax rate for the applicable tax year where the total exemption amount is raised by a burden shift within the entire tax levy."

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mrs. Dooner, and the further House amendment was considered forthwith and adopted, in concurrence.

Millis,-- senior property tax exemption.

A Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Monica C. Murphy, an employee of the department of children and families (House, No. 5707,**--** on petition),-- was read.

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.

Monica C. Murphy,-- sick leave.

A Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Julia Matthews, an employee of the department of public health (House, No. 5713,**--** on petition),-- was read.

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.

Julia Matthews,-- sick leave.

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

Directing the city of Boston police department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Constantinos Papadopoulos (see Senate, No. 4267); and

Directing the city of Boston police department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Luisa Fernandes (see House, No. 4604, amended).

Bills laid before the Governor.

Engrossed Bill.

An engrossed Bill updating the Move Over Law (see Senate, No. 2653, amended) (which originated in the Senate), **having been certified by the Senate Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, after remarks, was passed to be enacted and signed by the Acting President (Mr. DiDomenico) and laid before the Governor for her approbation.**

Bill laid before the Governor.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mrs. Dooner,--

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

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