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Met at nine minutes past eleven o'clock A.M. (Mr. Collins in the Chair).

The Chair (Mr. Collins) members, guests and staff then recited the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of
allegiance.

Distinguished Guests.

There being no objection, the Chair (Mr. Collins) introduced, in the rear of the Chamber, a group of students and teachers from the Kingsley Montessori School in Boston. The group was on a field trip to the State House learning about the different aspects of state government. The teachers were presented with a Senate Citation on the Rostrum, the group was welcomed with applause and they withdrew from the Chamber.

Kingsley
Montessori
School.

Reports.

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

Report of the Massachusetts District Attorneys Association (pursuant to Section 20D of Chapter 12 of the General Laws) submitting its Department of Children and Families Referrals FY2024 report (copies having been forwarded to the Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means, the Senate Chairs of the Joint Committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities and the Joint Committee on the Judiciary) (received April 10, 2025); and

MDAA,-- DCF
Referrals FY2024
report.
SD2818

Report of the Department of Revenue (pursuant line item 1232-0200 of Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts 2024) submitting its Underground Storage Tank Petroleum Product Cleanup Fund FY25 report (a copy having been forwarded to the Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means) (received April 11, 2025).

UST FY2025
report.
SD2819

Petition.

By Mr. Montigny, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2509) of Mark C. Montigny and Antonio F. D. Cabral (with approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation relating to vacancies in the office of mayor in the city of New Bedford [Local approval received];

New Bedford,--
office of the mayor
vacancies.

**Referred, under Senate Rule 20, to the committee on Election Laws.
Sent to the House for concurrence.**

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

The following petitions, having been timely filed by five o'clock P.M. on January 17, 2025, were referred in concurrence as follows:

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4011) of Michelle L. Badger and James C. Arena-DeRosa for legislation to establish a school transportation commission;

School
transportation
commission.

To the committee on Education.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4012) of Bruce J. Ayers relative to access to neurological disorder screenings for firefighters;

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4013) of Carmine Lawrence Gentile, Mike Connolly and James B. Eldridge relative to for-profit health care and insurance; and

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4014) of Carmine Lawrence Gentile relative to insurance coverage for pharmacists providing opioid use disorder treatment;

Severally to the committee on Financial Services.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4015) of Shirley B. Arriaga and others relative to expanding a short-term housing bridge pilot program;

To the committee on Housing.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4016) of Russell E. Holmes relative to neuroscience in criminal proceedings;

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4017) of Russell E. Holmes relative to parents involved in custody disputes; and

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4018) of Tram T. Nguyen relative to assault survivors;

Severally to the committee on the Judiciary.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4019) of Shirley B. Arriaga relative to compensation for warranty service labor;

To the committee on Labor and Workforce Development.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4020) of Patrick Joseph Kearney relative to owner occupancy requirement for accessory dwelling units; and

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4021) of Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr., and others relative to municipal housing zoning requirements;

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4022) of James C. Arena-DeRosa for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to the rabies vaccine laws and exempting certain pets with illness from said vaccine;

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4023) of Bruce J. Ayers relative to mold inspection standards;

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4024) of Bruce J. Ayers that the Department of Public Health be authorized to study mold and mold spores in multi-unit dwellings; and

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4025) of John Barrett, III and others for legislation to establish a special commission to study the effectiveness of the executive office of health and human services;

Severally to the committee on Public Health.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4026) of Russell E. Holmes relative to the powers of certain employees of the parole board and correctional institutions;

To the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4027) of Bruce J. Ayers relative to motor vehicle excise tax exemptions for persons with disabilities;

To the committee on Revenue.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4028) of Russell E. Holmes for an investigation and study by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to transferring the Department of Correction and the Parole Board from the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security to the Executive Office of Health

Firefighters,—
neuro screenings.

Healthcare,— cost
reduction.

Pharmacists,—
insurance
coverage.

Housing stability,—
- older adults.

Criminal
proceedings,—
neuroscience.
Custody disputes,—
- parents.

Assault survivors.

Warranty service
labor,—
compensation.

ADU's,— occupancy
requirement.

Municipal housing,—
- requirements.

Rabies Vaccine
Laws Commission.

Mold inspection
standards.

Multi-unit
dwellings,— mold
study.

EOHHS,— study.

Police reform.

Disabled persons,—
- excise tax.

DOC and Parole
Board,— EOHHS.

and Human Services;

To the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4029) of Bruce J. Ayers relative to the use of tinted license plate covers;

To the committee on Transportation.

Tinted license plate covers,-- ban.

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4030) of Mark D. Sylvia and Michael J. Rodrigues (by vote of the town) relative to the organization and governance structure of the town of Rochester,-- **was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.**

Rochester,-- governance structure.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Lovely, Mr. Crighton and Ms. Friedman) “commemorating the two hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the Battle of Menotomy and honoring the sacrifice of the men of the town of Danvers, the city of Peabody and surrounding communities who answered the call to action.”

Battle of Menotomy.

Petition.

On motion of Ms. Dooner, Senate Rule 20 and Joint Rule 12 were suspended on the petition, presented by Cindy F. Friedman, (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Cindy F. Friedman and Andrea Joy Campbell, Attorney General for legislation to strengthen health care protections in the Commonwealth,-- **and the same was referred to the committee on Health Care Financing.**

Health care access rights.
SD2808

Sent to the House for concurrence.

Moment of Silence.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Collins), the members, guests and staff stood in a moment of silence and reflection to the memory of Ann Theresa Dwyer.

Moment of silence.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Ms. Dooner,--

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn to meet again on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Time of meeting.

Adjournment in Memory of Mrs. Ann Theresa Dwyer.

The Senator from Suffolk, Mr. Collins, moved that when the Senate adjourns today, it does so in memory of Mrs. Ann Theresa Dwyer.

Mrs. Dwyer, of South Boston, passed away peacefully at home, surrounded by family on April 4, 2025.

Beloved wife and best friend of Lawrence Dwyer. Devoted mother of Kaitlyn Weafer and her husband, Jason of South Boston. Loving “Nana Annie” to Emma and Grace Elizabeth. Cherished daughter of the late Anna Viani. Sister of the late Donna “Auntie Ducky” McIntosh and her surviving husband, Robert and the late Patricia. Ann Theresa became the eighth Dwyer sibling 55 years ago and will be deeply missed by Mary Ellen Sinkiewicz and her husband, Kenneth, Gerard Dwyer and his wife, Cynthia Strout, Kathleen Dwyer, Daniel Dwyer and his wife, Anne, Suzanne Dwyer

and her partner, Eric Carlyle and Brian Dwyer and his wife, Janis. Predeceased by her treasured parents-in-law, Lawrence, Sr. and Eileen Dwyer; brothers-in-law, Kevin Dwyer and Jack McDonough; and niece, Catherine McDonough. Also survived by many nieces and nephews.

A 1973 graduate of Gate of Heaven High School and UMass Boston, 1981. Longtime employee of Mayor Ray Flynn and later the Boston Redevelopment Authority. Ann Theresa had a love of education, so it was with tremendous pride that she watched her daughter become a teacher. Best friend of Louise Malone and the Gatey Girls.

Lawrence and Ann Theresa shared a profound devotion to one another that was a true example of unconditional love. Nothing brought her greater joy than being a mother. She radiated kindness and warmth. To know her was to love her.

Mrs. Dwyer will be missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing her.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect to the memory of Ann Theresa Dwyer, at eighteen minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Ms. Dooner, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.