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Tuesday, April 22, 2025.

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

Tiger Cub Scout Mia Sharrah from the Heart of New England Council Pack 106 in Grafton, led the Chair (Mr. Collins), members, guests, staff and a group of Scouts from around the Commonwealth in the recitation of the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of allegiance.

Communications.

The following communications were severally received and placed on file, to wit: Communication from the Honorable Karen E. Spilka, President of the Senate, announcing the appointment of Senator Nick Collins (pursuant to Section 70 of Chapter 3 of the General Laws) to the Metropolitan Beaches Commission (received April 17, 2025); and

Metropolitan Beaches Commission.

Communication from the Honorable Karen E. Spilka, President of the Senate, announcing the appointment of Senator Barry R. Finegold (pursuant to Section 305 of Chapter 238 of the Acts of 2024) to the Special Working Group on Youth Sports (received April 17, 2025).

Special Working Group on Youth Sports.

Reports.

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

Report of the Dukes County Registry of Deeds (pursuant to Section 2KKK(a) of Chapter 29 of the General Laws) submitting its plan for expenditure from the Dukes County Registers Technological Fund report (copies having been forwarded to the Chairs of the Senate Committees on Ways and Means and Post Audit and Oversight) (received April 17, 2025);

Dukes County Registry of Deeds,-- tech fund report. SD2832

Report of the Department of Public Health (pursuant to 105 CMR 451.403) submitting the inspection report for Bridgewater Complex Food Services, the Plan of Correction (POC) from the facility and the POC acceptance letter from the Division of Environmental Health Regulations and Standards (received April 17, 2025);

DPH,-- Bridgewater Food Service Inspection report. SD2833

Report of the Nantucket County Registry of Deeds (pursuant to Section 2KKK(a) of Chapter 29 of the General Laws) submitting its plan for expenditure from the Nantucket County Registers Technological Fund report (copies having been forwarded to the Chairs of the Senate Committees on Ways and Means and Post Audit and Oversight) (received April 18, 2025);

Nantucket County Registry of Deeds,-- tech fund report. SD2836

Report of the Department of Public Health (pursuant to 105 CMR 451.403) submitting the inspection report for MCI Framingham, the Plan of Correction (POC) from the facility and the POC acceptance letter from the Division of Environmental Health Regulations and Standards (received April 18, 2025);

DPH,-- MCI Framingham Inspection report. SD2837

Report of the Department of Public Health (pursuant to 105 CMR 451.403) submitting the inspection report for the Northeastern 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 April 18, 2025);

DPH,-- Northeastern Correctional Facility Inspection report. SD2838

UNCORRECTED PROOF.

Report of the Executive Office for Administration and Finance (pursuant to Chapter 77 of the Acts of 2023 and Chapter 88 of the Acts of 2024) submitting its Emergency Housing Assistance Program bi-weekly report (a copy having been forwarded to the Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means) (received April 22, 2025); and

A&F,-- EA
Housing bi-weekly
report.
SD2840

Report of the Executive Office for Administration and Finance (pursuant to Chapter 88 of the Acts of 2024) submitting its monthly report on Temporary Respite Centers (a copy having been forwarded to the Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means) (received April 22, 2025).

A&F,-- temporary
respite centers.
SD2841

Committee Discharged.

Ms. Rausch, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, reported, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1474) of Bruce E. Tarr, David F. DeCoste, Colleen M. Garry and other members of the General Court for legislation to allow moveable tiny houses as permanent residential dwellings and accessory dwelling units,-- and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Housing.

Tiny houses,--
permanent
dwellings.

**Under Senate Rule 36, the report was considered forthwith and accepted.
Sent to the House for concurrence.**

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4033) of Erika Uytterhoeven (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to providing for legal voting rights in municipal elections for non-citizen residents of the city of Somerville; and

Somerville,--
municipal
elections.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4034) of Tommy Vitolo (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize ranked choice voting in the town of Brookline;

Brookline,--
ranked choice
voting.

Severally to the committee on Election Laws.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4035) of Christine P. Barber, Erika Uytterhoeven and Mike Connolly (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Somerville be authorized to establish a net zero emissions standard for zoning of new constructed buildings and major renovation projects; and

Somerville,-- zero
emissions
standards.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4036) of Tommy Vitolo (by vote of the town) that the town of Brookline be authorized to adopt green zoning by-laws and regulations in said town;

Brookline,-- green
zoning.

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Distinguished Guests.

There being no objection, the Chair (Mr. Collins) handed the gavel to the Minority Leader, Mr. Tarr, for the purpose of an introduction. After remarks, Mr. Tarr introduced in the rear of the Chamber, Scouts from around the Commonwealth. Mr. Tarr invited to the well of the Chamber Alexis Yates, Heart of New England Flag Bearer from Star Scout Troop 7123 in Shirley, Colton Craffey, Mayflower Flag Bearer from Scout Troop 9 in Plymouth, Josiah Ford, Narragansett Flag Bearer from Tenderfoot Scout Troop 40 in Taunton, Weston Rochon, Spirit of Adventure Flag Bearer from Webelos Cub Scout Pack 502 in Woburn and George Borden, Western Massachusetts Flag Bearer from Eagle Scout Troop 1774 in Ludlow.

Jimmy Poirier,--
and other scouts.

Mr. Tarr invited to the Rostrum, Casey Crannell, Troop 75 Chelmsford to recite the Scout Oath, and Hannah Borque, Bear Cub Scout, Narragansett Council, Pack 7

North Smithfield to recite the Scout Law. Mr. Tarr then invited to the Rostrum, Jimmy Poirier, Eagle Scout, from Spirit of Adventure Council Troop 79 in Andover. He was accompanied by Theodore Borden, Star Scout from Western Massachusetts Council Troop 1774 in Ludlow.

Jimmy addressed the Chamber on the importance of scouting and Theodore presented the Chair and Minority Leader with the 2024 Report on the State of Scouting in Massachusetts, as follows:

Membership

- 10,922 Cub Scouts
- 9,794 Scouts BSA
- 167 Venturing
- 18 Sea Scouts
- 568 Exploring
- 21,469 Total Members

Achievements

- 28,406 Merit Badges
- 689 New Eagles

Service to Community

- 200,098 Hours of Community Service

After remarks, the Senate welcomed them with applause and the scouts along with various troop leaders and parents withdrew from the Chamber.

On motion of Mr. Collins, the report was ordered printed in the Journal of the Senate.

Ordered printed.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Tarr,--

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

Time of meeting.

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