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Met at fourteen minutes past eleven o'clock A.M. (Ms. Lovely in the Chair).

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

Pledge of
allegiance.

Distinguished Guests.

There being no objection, the Chair (Ms. Lovely) handed the gavel to Mr. O'Connor for the purpose of an introduction. Mr. O'Connor then introduced, in the rear of the Chamber, the Duxbury High School co-ed cheerleading team. The Duxbury Dragons were recognized for winning the 2024 MSAA state cheerleading championship title and for their hard work and dedication throughout the season. The team was accompanied by Coaches Jen Carley and Kayla Slocum and Representative Sweezey of Duxbury. The Senate applauded their accomplishments and they withdrew from the Chamber.

Duxbury High
School co-ed
cheerleading team.

Reports.

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

Report of the Department of Public Health (pursuant to 105 CMR 451.403) submitting the inspection report for the Western Massachusetts Women's 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 May 9, 2025);

DPH,-- Western
Mass Women's
Correctional Center
Inspection report.
SD2888

Report of the Department of Public Health (pursuant to 105 CMR 451.403) submitting the inspection report for the Western Massachusetts Recovery and Wellness 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 May 9, 2025);

DPH,-- Western
Mass Wellness
Center Inspection
report.
SD2889

Report of the Water Resources Commission (pursuant to Section 8C of Chapter 21 of the General Laws) submitting its findings, justifications, and decisions relating to the approval of the Lynnfield Center Water District's Interbasin Transfer report (received May 9, 2025); and

WRC,-- Lynnfield
Interbasin Transfer
report.
SD2890

Report of the Department of Revenue (pursuant to Section 5 of Chapter 62F, as amended by the Acts of 2023) submitting its March 2025 report on year-to-date net state tax revenue for the current fiscal year (copies having been forwarded to the Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Chair of the Joint Committee on Revenue) (received May 12, 2025).

DOR,-- net state tax
revenue March
FY25 report.
SD2892

Reports of a Committee.

By Mr. Moore, for the committee on Advanced Information Technology, the Internet and Cybersecurity Senate, Nos. 43 and 36, a Bill to protect personal biometric data (Senate, No. 43, changed in line 77, by inserting, after paragraph (f), the following 3 paragraphs:-

Biometric data,--
protect.

“(g) A private entity shall not use biometric data to help make decisions that produce legal effects or similarly significant effects concerning customers. Decisions that include legal effects or similarly significant effects concerning end users include, without limitation, denial or degradation of consequential services or support, such as financial or lending

services, housing, insurance, educational enrollment, criminal justice, employment opportunities, health care services, and access to basic necessities, such as food and water.(h) A private entity may not operate, install, or commission the operation or installation of equipment incorporating biometric recognition technology in any place, whether licensed or unlicensed, which is open to and accepts or solicits the patronage of the general public.

(i) A private entity shall not discriminate against a customer because of the withheld consent under this chapter, including, but not limited to: (i) denying goods or services to the customer; (ii) charging different prices or rates for goods or services, including through the use of discounts or other benefits or imposing penalties; (iii) providing a different level or quality of goods or services to the customer; (iv) suggesting that the customer will receive a different price or rate for goods or services or a different level or quality of goods or services.”);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on Senate, Nos. 39 and 49, a Bill relative to cybersecurity and artificial intelligence (Senate, No. 49);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, a Bill to protect safety and privacy by stopping the sale of location data (Senate, No. 197, changed by inserting, in line 29, after the word “from” the following words:- “technology, including but not limited to,”; and in line 184, by striking out the words “1 year” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- “six months”);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 47), a Bill relative to surveillance pricing in grocery stores (Senate No. 2515); and

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on Senate, Nos. 29, 33 and 45, a Bill to establish Massachusetts Data Privacy Protection Act (Senate, No. 2516);

Severally read and, under Senate Rule 27, referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

Notice was received from the House of Representatives announcing the following appointment by the Minority Leader:

Representative Kane of Shrewsbury has been appointed to serve as his designee on the special commission established (under Chapter 3 of the Resolves of 2016, as amended by Section 308 of Chapter 238 of the Acts of 2024) to the special commission on local and regional public health.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4089) of Richard G. Wells, Jr. (by vote of the town) that the town of Milton be authorized to grant five additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises in said town;

To the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4090) of Chynah Tyler (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to the office of district councilor in the city of Boston;

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4095) of Natalie M. Blais and Paul W. Mark (by vote of the town) that the town of Conway be authorized to provide legal voting rights in municipal elections for residents of said town aged 16 and 17 years old;

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4096) of Lindsay N. Sabadosa and Joanne M. Comerford (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to amending the charter of the city of Northampton to authorize residents sixteen years or age or older to vote in preliminary and city elections;

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4097) of Lindsay N. Sabadosa and Joanne

Cybersecurity and artificial intelligence.
Cell phone,-- location information.

Grocery stores,-- surveillance pricing.
MA,-- data privacy.

Local and regional public health commission,-- appointment.

Milton,-- liquor licenses.

Boston,-- office of district councilor.

Conway,-- municipal elections.

Northampton,-- municipal elections.

Id.

M. Comerford (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to amending the charter of the city of Northampton to authorize resident non-citizens to vote in preliminary and city elections; and

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4098) of Lindsay N. Sabadosa and Joanne M. Comerford (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to ranked choice voting in the city of Northampton;

Northampton,--
ranked choice
voting.

Severally to the committee on Election Laws.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4091) of Manny Cruz (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Salem be authorized to prohibit the use of second generation anti-coagulant rodenticides in said city;

Salem,--
rodenticides.

To the committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4099) of Lindsay N. Sabadosa and Joanne M. Comerford (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Northampton be authorized to prohibit landlords and brokers from requiring broker's commissions to be paid by tenants or prospective tenants;

Northampton,--
broker's
commissions.

To the committee on Housing.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4092) of Adrian C. Madaro (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to authorize the appointment of Chris Glaropoulos as a police officer in the city of Boston, notwithstanding the maximum age requirement; and

Boston,-- Chris
Glaropoulos.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4093) of Adrian C. Madaro (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to further regulate the appointment of police officers in the city of Boston, notwithstanding the maximum age requirements;

Boston Police
Academy.

Severally to the committee on Public Service.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4094) of Richard G. Wells, Jr. (by vote of the town) relative to the establishment of a means-tested senior property tax exemption in the town of Milton;

Milton,-- senior
property tax.

To the committee on Revenue.

Orders Adopted.

There being no objection, the following Orders were considered forthwith and adopted, as follows:

Ms. Comerford offered the following order, to wit:

Ordered, That the Senate hereby calls for a joint session of the two Houses, conformably to the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXXXI) of the amendments to the Constitution, to consider the following proposal:

Proposal for a legislative amendment to the Constitution relative to agricultural and horticultural lands (Senate, No. 11), with reference to which the committee on Revenue has reported, in accordance with Joint Rule 23, that the amendment ought to pass.

Agricultural and
horticultural land.
SD2891

Mr. Tarr offered the following order, to wit:

Ordered, That the Senate hereby calls for a joint session of the two Houses, conformably to the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXXXI) of the amendments to the Constitution, to consider the following proposal:

Proposal for a legislative amendment to the Constitution to cap the state income tax (Senate, No. 12), with reference to which the committee on Revenue has reported, in accordance with Joint Rule 23, that the amendment ought NOT to pass.

Income tax,-- cap.
SD2886

Mr. Tarr offered the following order, to wit:

Ordered, That the Senate hereby calls for a joint session of the two Houses,

conformably to the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXXXI) of the amendments to the Constitution, to consider the following proposal:

Proposal for a legislative amendment to the Constitution to require a supermajority vote for the utilization of rainy day funds (Senate, No. 13) with reference to which the committee on Revenue has reported, in accordance with Joint Rule 23, that the amendment ought NOT to pass.

Rainy day funds.
SD2885

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4101) of Colleen M. Garry for legislation to authorize the Dracut Water Supply District to sell water to certain communities,

Dracut Water
Supply District.

Under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4103) of Natalie M. Higgins and John J. Cronin for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Steven Forget, an employee of the Worcester County Sheriff's Office;

Steven Forget,--
sick leave.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4102) of Colleen M. Garry for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Mark Kratman, an employee of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation; and

Mark Kratman,--
sick leave.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4104) of Dawne Shand for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Daniel Yender, an employee of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation;

Daniel Yender,--
sick leave.

Severally, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Public Service.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4105) of Barbara Kellogg relative to the distribution of certain gaming revenue;

Gaming revenue,--
distribution.

Under suspension of Joint Rule 12, 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 Mr. Lewis) "congratulating Fire Chief Gregory Burns of the town of Reading on his retirement."

Fire Chief Gregory
Burns.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. O'Connor.--

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn to meet again on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M., and that the Clerk be directed to dispense with the printing of a calendar.

Time of meeting.

On motion of Mr. Fattman, at twenty-three minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., the Senate adjourned to meet again on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.