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Monday, June 2, 2025.

Met at thirteen 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.

Communication.

Communication from the Honorable Michael O. Moore, in compliance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 268A (received in the Office of the Clerk of the Senate on Monday June 2, 2025, at a quarter past ten o'clock A.M.),-- was placed on file.

Senator Michael O. Moore,-- Chapter 268A.

Report.

Report of the Department of Public Health (pursuant to Section 83 of Chapter 179 of the Acts 2022) submitting its Green Healthy Schools report (copies having been forwarded to the Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means, the Senate Chairs of the Joint Committee on Education, the Joint Committee on Public Health and Joint Committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy (received May 29, 2025),-- was placed on file.

DPH,-- Green & Healthy Schools report. SD2943

Petition.

Mr. Tarr presented a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2526) of Bruce E. Tarr, Kristin E. Kassner and Sally P. Kerans (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the town of Topsfield to convert 4 licenses for sale of wine and malt beverages not to be drunk on the premises to 4 licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises and to prohibit the sale of alcoholic beverages in the containers less than 200 milliliters. Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure [Local approval received];

Topsfield,-- liquor licenses.

Under Senate Rule 20, to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

Reports of a Committee.

By Mr. Collins, for the committee State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on petition, a Bill relative to authorizing the University of Massachusetts Building Authority to purchase and construct a hospital in the town of Norwood to be operated by UMass Memorial Health Care, Inc (Senate, No. 2216); and

UMass Building Authority,-- Norwood hospital.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2179), a Bill relative to sell naming rights to properties operated by the MCCA (Senate, No. 2524);

BCEC,-- naming rights.

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

UNCORRECTED PROOF.

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. 4162) of Rob Consalvo relative to insurance coverage for healthcare for ostomy patients;

Ostomy patients,--
healthcare.

To the committee on Financial Services.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4163) of Kristin E. Kassner relative to including accessory dwelling units in subsidized housing inventory;

ADU's,--
subsidized housing.

To the committee on Housing.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4164) of Rob Consalvo relative to lien exposure;

Liens,-- reform.

To the committee on the Judiciary.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4167) of Danillo A. Sena and Simon Cataldo (by vote of the town) that the town of Acton be authorized to establish a minimum charge for checkout bags in said town; and

Acton,-- checkout
bag charge.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4168) of Danillo A. Sena and Simon Cataldo (by vote of the town) that the town of Acton be authorized to increase the residency limit for members of the police and fire departments of said town;

Acton,-- residency
requirement.

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4165) of Lindsay N. Sabadosa and Erika Uytterhoeven relative to parent names on birth certificates;

Birth certificates.

To the committee on Public Health.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4166) of Michelle L. Ciccolo relative to climate adaptation and transportation infrastructure;

Transportation,--
climate adaptation.

To the committee on Transportation.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4169) of Brian W. Murray (by vote of the town) that the town of Milford be authorized to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be consumed on the premises in said town;

Milford,-- liquor
license.

To the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4170) of Danielle W. Gregoire and Carmine Lawrence Gentile (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to a vacancy in the office of ward 7 councilor in the city of Marlborough; and

Marlborough,-- city
council.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4171) of Brian W. Murray (by vote of the town) relative to vacancies among town meeting members in the town of Milford;

Milford,-- town
meeting members.

Severally to the committee on Election Laws.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4172) of Hadley Luddy and Julian Cyr (by vote of the town) that the town of Provincetown be authorized to prohibit use or sale of second generation anti-coagulant rodenticides;

Provincetown,--
rodenticides.

To the committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4173) of Danillo A. Sena (by vote of the town) for legislation to amend the special legislation establishing the Acton Memorial Library in the town of Acton;

Acton Memorial
Library.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4174) of Danillo A. Sena (by vote of the town) relative to the Ayer Library in the town of Ayer;

Ayer Library.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4175) of Hadley Luddy and Julian Cyr (by vote of the town) relative to fire department governance in the town of Provincetown; and

Provincetown,--
charter.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4176) of Hadley Luddy and Julian Cyr (by vote of the town) relative to town boards in the town of Provincetown;

Id.

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

UNCORRECTED PROOF.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4177) of Meghan K. Kilcoyne and John J. Cronin (by vote of the town) that the town of Lancaster be authorized to exempt certain positions of the police department in said town from the civil service law; and

Lancaster,-- police department.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4178) of Andres X. Vargas (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to authorize Adam T. Jankowski to take the civil service examination for the position of police officer in the city of Haverhill, notwithstanding the maximum age requirement;

Haverhill,-- Adam T. Jankowski.

Severally to the committee on Public Service.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4179) of Christine P. Barber (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Somerville be authorized to employ automated enforcement of certain traffic violations in said city;

Somerville,-- traffic violations.

To the committee on Transportation.

A report of the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 377) of Jessica Ann Giannino relative to group therapeutic care services and the establishment of a board of certification of group therapeutic specialists, and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Public Health,-- **was considered forthwith, under Senate Rule 36, and accepted, in concurrence.**

Group therapeutic care.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Collin, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on petition, a Bill to designate June 7 as Tourette Syndrome Awareness Day (Senate, No. 2152);

Tourette Syndrome Awareness Day.

The bill was read. There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Durant, and the bill was read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

By Ms. Lovely, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the Senate petition of Elizabeth Bradt, Julie Breskin, Jeff Gross, Ian McLeod and others for legislation to establish offices of legislative research and fiscal analysis.

Research and analysis offices. SD2614

Senate Rule 36 was suspended, on motion of Mr. Tarr, and the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently. 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. 4180) of Colleen M. Garry that the Department of Developmental Services consider neuropsychological evaluations of certain persons with intellectual disabilities;

DDS services.

Under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4181) of Colleen M. Garry relative to the rights of pharmacists to participate as preferred health care providers;

Pharmacists,-- health care providers.

Under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Financial Services.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4182) of Adam J. Scanlon for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Jato Charlotin, an employee of Massachusetts Department of Transportation;

Jato Charlotin,-- sick leave.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4183) of Rodney M. Elliott that the commissioner of the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance be authorized to grant easements in certain parcels of land to the city of Lowell;

Lowell,-- land.

Under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

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 Ellen M. Morrell.

Moment of silence.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Durant,--

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.

Adjournment in Memory of Ellen M. Morrell.

The Senator from Suffolk, Mr. Collins, moved that when the Senate adjourns today, it does so in memory of Ellen M. Morrell.

Mrs. Ellen M. Morrell of Quincy, formerly of Dorchester and South Boston, died peacefully at her daughter's home after a long illness on May 26, 2025, at the age of 74 years.

Deeply loyal to her friends and family, full of grit and grace, and always eager to laugh or take a trip to the dance floor. In her own words, Ellen Morrell lived a "very rich life."

With many careers under her belt, she retired from Massport. She cherished time with her family and never missed an opportunity to spend time with her beloved grandchildren. Whether it was a birthday party, a trip to Dunkin, spontaneous parasailing in Key West, or water slides in New Hampshire, Ellen was vivacious, always present, and her grandchildren's number one cheerleader.

A devoted sports enthusiast, she was a proud and passionate fan of the Boston Red Sox.

Beloved wife of the late John F. Morrell, daughter of the late Michael and Helen O'Donnell, and loving niece of John "Dud" O'Donnell.

Ellen's spirit will remain with us through her daughter, Michele, and her husband, Jack Hart of South Boston/Braintree, and Sandra Morrell of Quincy.

Cherished "Nana" of Kathleen, Maggie, Emily, and MaryKate Hart, Casey and Morgan Perry, Dylan Rudolph, Austin Simone, Stephen, Mariah, and Jaylene Presente.

Sister of Kathleen O'Donnell and her partner Charlie Wilkins of Weymouth, Michael O'Donnell of Weymouth, Mary O'Donnell of Stoughton, and Judith O'Donnell of Maine.

Survived by many nieces and nephews.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect to the memory of Ellen M. Morrell, at twenty-three minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Durant, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.