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

The Chair (Mr. Brownsberger), members, guests and staff then recited 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 Michael Vaughan (pursuant to Section 305 of Chapter 238 of the Acts of 2024) to the special working group on youth sports to conduct an investigation and study the current state of youth sports (received May 19, 2025);

Youth Sports
Working Group.
SD2905

Communication from the Honorable Karen E. Spilka, President of the Senate, announcing the appointment of Senator Dylan Fernandes (pursuant to Section 1 of Chapter 277 of the Acts of 2010) to the Food Policy Council (received May 15, 2025); and

Food Policy
Council.
SD2908

Communication from the Honorable Peter J. Durant, in compliance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 268A (received in the Office of the Clerk of the Senate on Monday, May 19, 2025, at a half past ten o'clock A.M.).

Senator Peter J.
Durant,-- Chapter
268A.

Reports.

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

Report of the Department of Correction (pursuant to Item 8900-0001 of Section 2 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting its Quarterly Corrections Data calendar year 2024 first quarter 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 Public Safety and Homeland Security) (received May 15, 2025);

DOC,-- Quarterly
Corrections Data
CY24 Q1 report.
SD2901

Report of the Department of Economic Research (pursuant to Section 14F of Chapter 151A of the General Laws) submitting its May 2025 Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund Data 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 Labor and Workforce Development) (received May 15, 2025); and

DER,--
Unemployment
Insurance Trust
Fund Data May
FY25 report.
SD2902

Report of the Bureau of Special Investigations (pursuant to line item 0710-0200 Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting its third quarter fiscal year 2025 report (a copy having been forwarded to the Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means) (received May 16, 2025).

BSI,-- FY25 Q3
report.
SD2903

Report of a Committee.

Mr. Rush, for the Senate Committee on Personnel and Administration, reported that the seating of the Senate be in the following order:

Arrangement of
seats.

Honorable Karen E. Spilka, President of the Senate.

On the President's Left.

1. Hon. Cynthia Stone Creem
2. Hon. William N. Brownsberger

On the President's Right.

1. Vacant
2. Hon. Michael D. Brady

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| 3. Hon. Michael J. Rodrigues | 3. Hon. John C. Velis |
| 4. Hon. Joanne M. Comerford | 4. Hon. Patrick M. O'Connor |
| 5. Hon. Paul R. Feeney | 5. Hon. Bruce E. Tarr |
| 6. Hon. Cindy F. Friedman | 6. Hon. Kelly A. Dooner |
| 7. Hon. Joan B. Lovely | 7. Hon. Peter J. Durant |
| 8. Hon. Michael J. Barrett | 8. Hon. Ryan C. Fattman |
| 9. Hon. Sal N. DiDomenico | 9. Hon. John J. Cronin |
| 10. Hon. Michael F. Rush | 10. Hon. Jacob R. Oliveira |
| 11. Hon. Julian Cyr | 11. Hon. Barry R. Finegold |
| 12. Hon. Jason M. Lewis | 12. Hon. Pavel Payano |
| 13. Hon. Brendan P. Crighton | 13. Hon. William J. Driscoll, Jr. |
| 14. Hon. Mark C. Montigny | 14. Hon. Dylan A. Fernandes |
| 15. Hon. James B. Eldridge | 15. Hon. Rebecca L. Rausch |
| 16. Hon. Lydia Edwards | 16. Hon. John F. Keenan |
| 17. Hon. Nick Collins | 17. Hon. Liz Miranda |
| 18. Hon. Robyn K. Kennedy | 18. Hon. Adam Gomez |
| 19. Hon. Michael O. Moore | 19. Hon. Patricia D. Jehlen |
| 20. Hon. Paul W. Mark | 20. Hon. Edward J. Kennedy |

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

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

Marci Bailey of Rockport has been appointed to serve as his designee (under Section 35000 of Chapter 10 of the General Laws) to the Opioid Recovery and Remediation Fund Advisory Council.

Opioid Recovery and Remediation Fund Advisory Council appointment.

A message from Her Excellency the Governor recommending legislation relative to energy affordability, independence and innovation (House, No. 4144),-- **was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.**

Energy,-- affordability.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4145) of Mike Connolly (with the approval of the city council) relative to broker fees in the city of Cambridge;

Cambridge,-- broker fees.

To the committee on Housing.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4146) of Paul J. Donato, Christine P. Barber and Sean Garballey (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to the charter of the city of Medford;

Medford,-- charter.

To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4147) of Kathleen R. LaNatra and Patrick M. O'Connor that the Massachusetts State Board of Retirement be authorized to credit Joseph Suppa with certain creditable service,-- **was referred, in concurrence, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Public Service.**

Joseph Suppa,-- retirement.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Crighton, Barrett, Brady, Brownsberger and Collins, Ms. Comerford, Messrs. Cyr and DiDomenico, Ms. Edwards, Messrs. Fattman, Fernandes, Finegold and Gomez, Ms. Jehlen, Mr. Keenan, Ms. Kennedy, Mr. Lewis, Ms. Lovely, Mr.

National Brain Tumor Society Inc.

Mark, Ms. Miranda and Messrs. Montigny, Moore, O'Connor and Oliveira) “commending the National Brain Tumor Society Inc. for its recognition of May 2025 as Brain Tumor Awareness Month.”

Recess.

There being no objection, at ten minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., the Chair (Mr. Brownsberger) declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair; and, at fourteen minutes before two o'clock P.M., the Senate reassembled, Mr. Brownsberger in the Chair

Recess.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Lovely) “congratulating Rinus Oosthoek on his retirement from the Salem Chamber of Commerce.”

Rinus Oosthoek.

Remarks on the General Appropriations Bill.

There being no objection, several members offered remarks relative to the pending House bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2026 for the maintenance of the departments, boards, commissions, institutions, and certain activities of the Commonwealth, for interest, sinking fund, and serial bond requirements, and for certain permanent improvements (House, No. 4001) (the committee on Ways and Means having recommended that the bill be amended by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text of Senate document numbered 3).

General
Appropriations bill.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Keenan.--

Ordered, That, pursuant to an order previously adopted, and, under the provisions of Senate Rule 38B, when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn to meet again tomorrow at ten o'clock A.M., in a full formal session and that the only matter to be placed on the calendar will be the general appropriation bill.

Time of meeting.

On motion of Mr. Tarr, at seven minutes before four o'clock P.M., the Senate adjourned to meet again tomorrow at ten o'clock A.M.