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Met at ten 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 following guests were introduced:

The Chair (Mr. Collins) introduced, in the rear of the Chamber, Katie Lee, an acupuncturist for more than 10 years and the business owner of Balance Acupuncture. A lifelong Dorchester resident, it has been a dream for Katie to work and serve the neighborhood that she lives in. The Senate welcomed Katie with applause and she withdrew from the Chamber.

Katie Lee.

The Chair (Mr. Collins) introduced, in the rear of the Chamber, Ambassador of Grenada Tearily Francis, Ambassador of Antigua and Barbuda H.E. Dr. Walton Aubrey Webson and Consulate General of Saint Lucia Jermiah Hyacinth. The delegation was at the State House participating in the Caribbean American Leaders Forum. The Senate welcomed them with applause, Ambassadors Francis and Aubrey Webson and Counsel General Hyacinth each signed the guest book and withdrew from the Chamber.

Caribbean delegation.

Reports.

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

Report of MassHealth (pursuant to Section 10F of Chapter 118E of the General Laws) submitting its Children's Medical Security Plan first quarterly FY25 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 Health Care Financing) (received June 5, 2025);

MassHealth,-- CMSP 1st quarterly FY25 report. SD2959

Report of the Department of Mental Health (pursuant to line item 5042-5000 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting its FY23-FY24 Massachusetts Child Psychiatry Access Project (MCPAP) Service report (received June 5, 2025);

DMH,-- MCPAP FY23-FY24 final report. SD2960

Report of Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (pursuant to Section 1S of Chapter 132 of the Acts of 2019) submitting its Student Opportunity Act Three-Year Evidence-Based Plans (2022-2023 and 2023-2024) report (received June 6, 2025); and

DESE,-- SOA three year plans report. SD2961

Report of the Department of Public Health (pursuant to 105 CMR 451.403) submitting the inspection report for Worcester County Jail and House of Corrections, the Plan of Correction from the facility and the Plan of Correction acceptance letter from the Division of Environmental Health Regulations and Standards (EHRS) (received June 9, 2025).

DPH,-- Worcester County Jail Inspection report. SD2963

Petitions.

Petitions were severally presented and referred as follows:

Mr. Crighton and Ms. Balinsky presented a joint petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2528) of Brendan P. Crighton and Jennifer Balinsky Armini (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the town of Marblehead to amend chapter 37 of the acts of 2004: Parking violations in the town of Marblehead [Local approval received];

Marblehead,-- town charter.

Under Senate Rule 20, to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

By Mr. Collins, a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Nick Collins for legislation relative to the safer treatment of acupuncture;-- **and the same was referred, under Senate Rule 20, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.**

Acupuncture,--
safer treatment.
SD2964

Reports of a Committee.

By Mr. Collins, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on petition, a Bill authorizing the reorientation and further lease of a parcel of land occupied by Riverside Boat Club of Cambridge (Senate, No. 2126); and

Cambridge,--
Riverside Boat
Club.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to a transfer of a certain parcel of land in Hyde Park (Senate, No. 2213);

Hyde Park,-- land
transfer.

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

Committee Discharged.

Mr. Crighton, for the committee on Transportation, reported, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2446) promoting motor vehicle safety,-- and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Motor vehicle,--
safety.

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. 4201) of Shirley B. Arriaga (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to changing the two-year elected term for the office of mayor of in the city of Chicopee to a four-year elected term;

Chicopee,-- mayoral
term.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4202) of Shirley B. Arriaga (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to the recall of any holder of elective office in the city of Chicopee;

Chicopee,-- recall
elections.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4203) of Andres X. Vargas (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to the election of candidates in the city of Haverhill; and

Haverhill,--
elections.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4204) of Andres X. Vargas (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to preliminary election of candidates in the city of Haverhill;

Haverhill,-- elected
and appointed
officials.

Severally to the committee on Election Laws.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4205) of Steven Owens (with the approval of the city council) that the city of Watertown be authorized to lease space at the former Parker school in said city;

Watertown,--
property lease.

To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

A Bill modernizing the commonwealth's cannabis laws (House, No. 4206,-- on House, No. 4160),-- **was read and, under Senate Rule 27, referred to the committee on Ways and Means.**

Cannabis laws,--
modernizing.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Fernandes) “commending the Arc of Plymouth and upper cape cod on the fiftieth anniversary of its incorporation”; and

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Rush, Ms. Miranda, Mr. Collins, Ms. Rausch, Mr. Crighton, Ms. Jehlen, Ms. Lovely, Mr. DiDomenico, Ms. Creem and Messrs. Barrett, Feeney, Lewis, Tarr, Eldridge and Keenan) “congratulating Marc D. Draisen on his retirement from the Metropolitan Area Planning Council.”

The Arc of
Plymouth.
Marc D. Draisen.

Report of Committee.

By Mr. Collins, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on petition, a Bill providing for the disposition of certain property in the town of Upton (Senate, No. 2135).

Upton,-- land.

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.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4207) of Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr. for legislation relative to school library standards;

Library standards,--
schools.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4208) of Jangelo J. Puppolo, Jr. for legislation relative to damages for employees aggrieved by violations of the Massachusetts Wage Act;

Wage Act,--
violations.

Under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Labor and Workforce Development.

Recess.

There being no objection, at a quarter past eleven o'clock A.M., the Chair (Mr. Collins) declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair; and, at twenty-nine minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., the Senate reassembled, Mr. Collins in the Chair.

Recess.

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.

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