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Monday, June 16, 2025.

Met at five 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.

Reports.

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

Report of the Executive Office for Administration and Finance (pursuant to Section 225(e) of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024 submitting its Department of Revenue Tax Amnesty 2024 report (copies having been forwarded to the Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means, the Senate Chair of the Joint Committee on Revenue and Ranking Minority Member of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means) (received June 12, 2025);

DOR 2024 Tax Amnesty report. SD2971

Report of the Department of Public Health (pursuant to 105 CMR 451.403) submitting the inspection report for Suffolk County Jail, the Plan of Correction (POC) from the facility and the POC acceptance letter from the Division of Environmental Health Regulations and Standards (EHRS) (received June 12, 2025);

DPH,-- Suffolk County Jail Inspection report. SD2973

Report of MassHealth (pursuant to Section 2SSSS of Chapter 29 of the General Laws) submitting its Fiscal Year 2025 Quarter 2 Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment (DSRIP) Trust Fund report (a copy having been forwarded to the Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means) (received June 12, 2025); and

MassHealth,-- DSRIP Trust Fund FY25 Q2 report. SD2976

Report of the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (pursuant to line-item 7010-0005 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting its Assessment on the Education Workforce 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 Education) (received June 13, 2025).

DESE,-- Assessment Education Workforce FY25 report. SD2977

Petition Returned by State Secretary.

A communication was received from the Secretary of State on the Senate petition of Lydia Edwards (accompanied by bill, Senate No. 584) for legislation to modernize the governance of Port Authority parks in East Boston (having been transmitted, under the provisions of Joint Rule 9 and Section 5 of Chapter 3 of the General Laws, to the Secretary of State), stating that the petitioners had failed to file proof of notice of publication with the Secretary's office,-- was placed on file.

East Boston,-- Port Authority parks.

Petitions.

Petitions were severally presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Rush, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2532) of Michael F. Rush, Edward R. Philips, Marcus S. Vaughn, John H. Rogers and others (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the town of Walpole to grant up to 2 additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises [Local approval received];

Walpole,-- liquor license.

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

Sent to the House for concurrence.

By Mr. Cyr and Ms. Luddy of Orleans, a joint petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Julian Cyr and Hadley Luddy relative to inspections of buildings or structures occupied in short-term rentals; and

By Mr. Payano, a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Pavel M. Payano for legislation to expand access to the Family Self-Sufficiency Program in the commonwealth;

Severally, under Senate Rule 20, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Reports of Committees.

By Ms. Friedman, for the committee on Health Care Financing, on Senate, Nos. 857 and 842, a Bill to ensure uniform and transparent reporting of medical debt data (Senate, No. 857) [Estimated cost: greater than \$100,000];

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Resolve relative to pharmacy deserts (Senate, No. 858) [Estimated cost: greater than \$100,000];

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to primary care for you (Senate, No. 867) [Estimated cost: greater than \$100,000];

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on Senate, Nos. 851, 868, 875, 895 and 904, a Bill enhancing health care market oversight and pharmaceutical access (Senate, No. 868) [Estimated cost: greater than \$100,000];

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill to promote graduate medical education (Senate, No. 882) [Estimated cost: greater than \$100,000];

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill to promote primary care through Medicaid graduate medical education funding (Senate, No. 900) [Estimated cost: greater than \$100,000];

By Ms. Edwards, for the committee on the Judiciary, on petition, a Bill relative to fentanyl test strips (Senate, No. 1057);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill establishing medical panels for the probate and family court department (Senate, No. 1102);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill requiring clean slate automated record sealing (Senate, No. 1114);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill concerning furnishing transcripts of notes and fees (Senate, No. 1168);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill standardizing consideration of pets in divorce and separation (Senate, No. 1206);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill related to educational programming for incarcerated emerging adults (Senate, No. 1241);

By Mr. Driscoll, for the committee on the Public Health, on petition, a Bill requiring automated external defibrillators at sporting events (Senate, No. 1489); and

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to athletic training (Senate, No. 1541);

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

By Ms. Edwards, for the committee on the Judiciary, on petition, a Bill repealing the criminalization of blasphemy (Senate, No. 1251); and

By Mr. Driscoll, for the committee on the Public Health, on petition, a Bill relative to student safety in interscholastic athletic activities (Senate, No. 1533);

Short-term rental,--
inspections.
SD2972

FSS Program,--
accessibility.
SD2975

Medical debt,--
reporting.

Pharmacy deserts,--
study.

Primary care.

Health care,--
oversight.

Graduate medical
education,--
payments.
Primary care,--
Medicaid.

Fentanyl test strips.

Probate and family
court,-- medical
panels.
Record sealing,--
access.

Trials,-- transcripts.

Divorce,-- pet
custody.

ED,-- incarcerated
emerging adults.

AED,-- sporting
events.

Athletic trainers,--
schools.

Blasphemy,--
repeal.

Interscholastic
athletic activities.

Severally read and, under Senate Rule 26, referred to the committee on Rules.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

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. 4216) of Brandy Fluker-Reid and others relative to hair care for children in state custody;

Foster children,--
hair care.

To the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4217) of Alyson M. Sullivan-Almeida relative to special education dispute;

Special education,--
dispute resolution.

To the committee on Education.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4218) of Russell E. Holmes relative to reforming the parole board;

Parole board,--
reform.

To the committee on the Judiciary.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4219) of Michelle L. Ciccolo for legislation to establish a transportation excise tax for large employers;

Employers,-- excise
tax.

To the committee on Revenue.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Brownsberger) "honoring the Honorable David T. Donnelly for his decades of service to the commonwealth"; and

Honorable David T.
Donnelly.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Tarr) "commending Amateur Radio Operators in the commonwealth on their recognition of June 23 through June 29 as amateur radio week and June 28 through June 29 as American Radio Relay League Field Day."

Amateur Radio
Operators.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

A Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Daniel Yender, an employee of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (House, No. 4104),-- was read.

Daniel Yender,--
sick leave.

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.

A Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Mark Kratman, an employee of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (House, No. 4161),-- was read.

Mark Kratman,--
sick leave.

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.

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4226) of James J. O'Day relative to access and continuity of care to specialist and hospital services for dually eligible individuals,-- **was referred in concurrence, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Public Health.**

Health care,--
coverage.

Report of a Committee.

By Ms. Edwards, for the committee on the Judiciary, on petition, a Bill strengthening health care protections in the Commonwealth (Senate, No. 2522).

Health care access
rights.

The bill was read. There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Durant, and the bill was referred to the committee on Senate Ways and Means.

UNCORRECTED PROOF.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Durant,--

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn to meet again on Wednesday next at one o'clock P.M., in a full formal session with a calendar.

Time of meeting.

On motion of the same Senator, at nine minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., the Senate adjourned to meet again on Wednesday next at one o'clock P.M.