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Thursday, July 3, 2025.

Met at seven minutes past eleven o'clock A.M. (Mr. Collins in the Chair) (having been appointed by the President, under authority conferred by Senate Rule 4, to perform the duties of the Chair).

The Chair (Mr. Collins), 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 Department of Public Health submitting its Arbovirus weekly report for the week of June 30, 2025 (received July 2, 2025); and

Communication from the Department of Public Health submitting its Arbovirus weekly report for the week of June 23, 2025 (received June 26, 2025).

DPH,-- arbovirus
6/30/25 weekly
report. SD3033
DPH,-- arbovirus
6/23/25 weekly
report. SD3034

Reports.

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

Report of the Executive Office for Administration and Finance (pursuant to Chapter 77 of the Acts of 2023 and Chapter 88 of the Acts of 2024) submitting its Emergency Housing Assistance Program bi-weekly report (a copy having been forwarded to the Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means) (received June 30, 2025);

A&F,-- EA Housing
bi-weekly report.
SD3020

Report of the Executive Office for Administration and Finance (pursuant to Section 22 of Chapter 88 of the Acts of 2024) submitting its monthly approved and authorized training programs report as of June 30, 2025 (a copy having been forwarded to the Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means) (received June 30, 2025);

A&F,-- Monthly
Work Training for
EA Residents
report.
SD3021

Report of the Department of Public Health (pursuant to 105 CMR 451.403) submitting the inspection report for Hampden County Jail and House of Correction, 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 July 1, 2025);

DPH,-- Hampden
County Jail and
HOC Inspection
report.
SD3022

Report of the Department of Public Health (pursuant to 105 CMR 451.403) submitting a report on the inspection of Franklin County Jail and House of Correction on January 27 and 31, 2025, the Plan of Correction (POC) from the facility and the POC acceptance letter from the Division of Environmental Health Regulations and Standards (EHRS) (received July 1, 2025);

DPH,-- Franklin
County Jail Jan
2025 Inspection
report.
SD3023

Report of the Department of Public Health (pursuant to 105 CMR 451.403) submitting the inspection report for Hampshire County Jail and House of Correction on October 18, 2024, 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 July 1, 2025);

DPH,-- Hampshire
County Jail
October 2024
Inspection report.
SD3024

Report of the Department of Public Health (pursuant to 105 CMR 451.403) submitting the inspection report for Hampshire County Jail and House of Correction, Pre-lease Center, the Plan of Correction from the facility and the Plan of Correction acceptance letter from

DPH,-- Hampshire-
Northampton-Pre-
Release Inspection
report.

the Division of Environmental Health Regulations and Standards (EHRS) (received July 1, 2025);

Report of the Department of Public Health (pursuant to 105 CMR 451.403) submitting a report on the inspection of Hampshire County Jail and House of Correction on March 18, 2025, the Plan of Correction (POC) from the facility and the POC acceptance letter from the Division of Environmental Health Regulations and Standards (EHRS) (received July 1, 2025);

Report of the Department of Public Health (pursuant to 105 CMR 451.403) submitting a report on the inspection of Franklin County Jail and House of Correction on May 29, 2025, the Plan of Correction (POC) from the facility and the POC acceptance letter from the Division of Environmental Health Regulations and Standards (EHRS) (received July 1, 2025);

Report of the Massachusetts Gaming Commission (pursuant to Section 70 of Chapter 23K of the General Laws) submitting its 2024 annual 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 Economic Development and Emerging Technologies) (received July 1, 2025);

Report of the Department of Children and Families (pursuant to line item 4000-0051 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting its Family Resource Center (FRC) 2024 annual evaluation 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 Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities) (received July 1, 2025);

Report of the Department of Public Health (pursuant to 105 CMR 451.403) submitting the inspection report for Essex County Women in Transition, 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 July 1, 2025);

Report of the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities (pursuant to Section 12 of Chapter 1 of the Acts of 2025) submitting its Emergency Assistance Family Shelter Program Background Check Feasibility Study (a copy having been forwarded to the Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means) (received July 2, 2025); and

Report of the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (pursuant to Section 152 of Chapter 135 of the Acts of 2024) submitting its legislative report on the Live Firearm Training Component of the Basic Firearms Safety Certificate Requirement (copies having been forwarded to the Senate Chairs of the Joint Committee on the Judiciary and the Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security) (received July 2, 2025).

Petition.

By Mr. Collins and Mr. Holmes of Boston, a joint petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Nick Collins and Russell E. Holmes for legislation to direct the department of state police to waive the maximum age requirement for Jonathan Lewis,-- **and the same was referred, under Senate Rule 20, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.**

Reports of a Committee.

By Ms. Rausch, for the committee on Environment and Natural Resources, on petition, a Bill to require producer responsibility for collection, reuse and recycling of discarded electronic products (Senate, No. 653);

Read and, under Senate Rule 29, referred to the committee on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

SD3025

DPH,-- Hampshire County Jail March 2025 Inspection report.
SD3026

DPH,-- Franklin County Jail May 2025 Inspection report.
SD3027

MGC,-- FY24 annual report.
SD3029

DCF,-- FRC 2024 report.
SD3030

DPH,-- Essex-Salisbury Inspection report.
SD3031

EOHLC,-- Background Check Feasibility Study.
SD3032

EOPSS,-- Live Firearms report.
SD3036

Jonathan Lewis,-state police.
SD3028

Recycling,-- discarded electronic products.

By Ms. Rausch, for the committee on Environment and Natural Resources, on petition, a Bill establishing memorial markers in the towns of Milton and Canton in memory of certain law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty (Senate, No. 574);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill providing transparency for the Blue Hills Reservation Trust Fund (Senate, No. 575);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on Senate, Nos. 586 and 662, a Bill relative to maintaining adequate water supplies through effective drought management (Senate, No. 586);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to the Douglas State Forest Maintenance Trust Fund (Senate, No. 592);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill providing for the ownership and maintenance of the Town Line Brook and Linden Brook culverts and dams (Senate, No. 620);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill to update the Middlesex Fells Reservation Fund (Senate, No. 623);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill ensuring safe drinking water in schools (Senate, No. 631);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to paint recycling (Senate, No. 647);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill advancing water access equity through utility reporting requirements (Senate, No. 655);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to Stony Brook Reservation (Senate, No. 657); and

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to the Salisbury Beach Preservation Trust Fund (Senate, No. 663);

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

By Ms. Rausch, for the committee on Environment and Natural Resources, on petition, a Bill relative to Admiral David G. Farragut Park (Senate, No. 545);

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

Committee Discharged.

Mr. Lewis, for the committee on Education, reported, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 404) of Joan B. Lovely and John F. Keenan for legislation relative to supporting survivors of child sexual abuse,-- and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

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. 4241) of Natalie M. Blais and Paul W. Mark (by vote of the town) that the town of Whately be authorized to provide legal voting rights in municipal elections for town of Whately residents aged 16 and 17 years old; and

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4242) of Leigh Davis (by vote of the town) relative to recall elections in the town of Dalton;

Severally to the committee on Election Laws.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4243) of Kristin E. Kassner (by vote of the town) relative to the town manager residency requirement in the town of Ipswich;

Milton and Canton,
-- memorial
markers.

Blue Hills,-- Trust
Fund.

Drought
management,-- task
force.

Douglas State
Forest Trust Fund.

Town Line/Linden
Brook,-- flooding.

Middlesex Fells
Reservation Fund,--
update.

Schools,-- safe
drinking water.

Paint recycling.

Water utilities,--
reporting.

Dedham,-- Stony
Brook Reservation.

Salisbury Beach,--
trust fund.

Admiral David G.
Farragut Park.

Sexual abuse,--
children.

Whately,--
municipal elections.

Dalton,-- recall
elections.

Ipswich,-- charter.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4244) of Joan Meschino (by vote of the town) that the town of Hingham be authorized to utilize alternative methods for publication of legal notices; and

Hingham,-- legal notices.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4245) of Mark D. Sylvia and Mark C. Montigny (by vote of the town) relative to the membership of the select board of the town of Mattapoisett;

Mattapoisett,-- select board.

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4246) of Christopher J. Worrell (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Boston be authorized to appoint Gissell Melo a police officer notwithstanding the maximum age requirement;

Boston,-- Gissell Melo.

To the committee on Public Service.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4247) of Joan Meschino (by vote of the town) that the town of Hull be authorized to establish a schedule of fines for parking violations;

Hull,-- parking fines.

To the committee on Transportation.

Emergency Preamble Adopted.

An engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Jato Charlotin, an employee of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (see House, No. 4182), having been certified by the Senate Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage and containing an emergency preamble,-- was laid before the Senate; and, a separate vote being taken in accordance with the requirements of Article LXVII of the Amendments to the Constitution, the preamble was adopted in concurrence, by a vote of 2 to 0.

Jato Charlotin,-- sick leave.

The bill was signed by the Acting President (Mr. Collins) and sent to the House for enactment.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Comerford, Messrs. Oliveira and Gomez, Ms. Kennedy, Messrs. DiDomenico, Tarr and Crighton, Ms. Creem, Messrs. Keenan, Brady and Eldridge, Ms. Rausch, Messrs. Kennedy and Cronin, Ms. Edwards, Messrs. Fattman, Barrett, Velis and Cyr, Ms. Lovely, Ms. Miranda and Messrs. Brownsberger, Moore, Collins and Durant) "honoring the life and legacy of His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama, Tenzin Gyatso";

14th Dalai Lama, Tenzin Gyatso.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. O'Connor) "congratulating Jack Geisler on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout"; and

Jack Geisler.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. O'Connor) "congratulating Winsor Shepler on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout."

Winsor Shepler.

Matter Taken Out of the Orders of the Day.

There being no objection, the following matter was taken out of the Orders of the Day and considered as follows:

The House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Steven Forget, an employee of the Worcester county sheriff's office (House, No. 4103) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Steven Forget,-- sick leave.

Report of Committees.

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 Pavel M. Payano for legislation to expand access to the Family Self-Sufficiency Program in the commonwealth.

FSS Program,--
accessibility.
SD2975

Senate Rule 36 was suspended, on motion of Mr. Durant, and the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Housing.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

A Bill establishing a sick leave bank for James Caruso, an employee of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (House, No. 4230,-- on petition) [Local approval received],-- was read.

James Caruso,--
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.

Engrossed Bill.

An engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Jato Charlotin, an employee of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (see House, No. 4182) (which originated in the House), **having been certified by the Senate Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be enacted and signed by the Acting President (Mr. Collins) and laid before the Governor for her approbation.**

Bill laid before the
Governor.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Durant,--

Ordered, that when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn to meet again on Monday 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-eight minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., the Senate adjourned to meet again on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.