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Met at sixteen 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.

Report.

Report of the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner (pursuant to Section 14 of Chapter 38 of the General Laws) submitting its Cremation Fee Increase report (received July 3, 2025),-- **was placed on file.**

OCME,--
Cremation Fee
Increase report.
SD3037

Petition.

Mr. Moore presented a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Michael O. Moore for legislation relative applied behavioral analysis reimbursement rates,-- **and the same was referred, under Senate Rule 20, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.**

Applied behavioral
analysis,--
reimbursement.
SD3035

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Collins, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on petition, a Bill relating to public access to historical records (Senate, No. 2102);

Public records,--
access.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on Senate, Nos. 2174 and 2177, a Bill establishing an office of unsolved homicides (Senate, No. 2174);

Office of unsolved
homicides.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Resolve providing for the creation of a commemorative memorial portrait in the Massachusetts State House in honor of State Representative Doris Bunte (Senate, No. 2176);

Doris Bunte,--
portrait.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill to promote public payroll transparency (Senate, No. 2220);

Payroll
transparency.

By Mr. Crighton, for the committee on Transportation, on petition, a Bill relative to traffic regulation using road safety cameras (Senate, No. 2344);

Traffic safety,--
road cameras.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill facilitating better interactions between police officers and persons with autism spectrum disorder (Senate, No. 2348);

Police officer
interactions,-- ASD.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to affordable car rentals (Senate, No. 2367);

Car rentals,-- miles
traveled.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill modernizing and expanding availability of motor vehicle titling and registration services (Senate, No. 2371);

Motor vehicle,--
registrations.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill authorizing electronic signatures with motor vehicle title and registration transactions (Senate, No. 2374); and

Electronic
signatures,--
registration.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2352), a Bill relative to the Move Over Law (Senate No. 2547);

Move Over Law,--
utility vehicle.

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

By Mr. Collins, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on petition, a Bill establishing Building Trades Recovery Week (Senate, No. 2110);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill designating January 30 of each year as Fred Korematsu Day of Civil Liberties and the Constitution in Massachusetts (Senate, No. 2132); and

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill designating veterans suicide awareness and remembrance day (Senate, No. 2189);

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

Committee Discharged.

Mr. Velis, for the committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery, reported, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1403) of Cindy F. Friedman, Joanne M. Comerford, Mike Connolly, Adam Gómez and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to reducing administrative burden,-- and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Health Care Financing.

Under Senate Rule 36, the report was considered forthwith and accepted.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE

Emergency Preamble Adopted; Engrossed Bill Enacted.

An engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Steven Forget, an employee of the Worcester county sheriff's office (see House, No. 4103), 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.

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

Subsequently, the bill, which originated in the House, came from the House with the endorsement that it had been enacted in that branch.

The Senate then passed the bill to be enacted; and it was signed by the Acting President (Mr. Collins) and laid before the Governor for her approbation.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Tarr,--

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.

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

Building Trades Recovery Week.

Fred Korematsu Day

Suicide awareness, - veterans.

Administrative burden.

Steven Forget,-- sick leave.

Time of meeting.