

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**JOURNAL OF THE SENATE.**



**THURSDAY, JUNE 1, 2023**

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Thursday, June 1, 2023.

Met at thirteen minutes past eleven o'clock A.M. (Mr. Brownsberger 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. Brownsberger), members, guests and staff then recited the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of allegiance.

Distinguished Guests.

There being no objection, the Chair (Mr. Brownsberger) handed the gavel to Mr. Timilty for the purpose of an introduction. Mr. Timilty then introduced, in the rear of the Chamber, the Archbishop Williams High School boys basketball team. They are the 2023 Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association Division 3 Boys Basketball Champions. The team was accompanied by the President of Archbishop Williams, Dennis Duggan, Athletic Director Sean McDonagh, Head Coach Brian Holden, Assistant Coach Pete Curley Team Trainor Stephanie Adukonis, School Administrator Stephanie Mariano, and Principal Michael Volonnino. The Senate applauded their accomplishments and they withdrew from the Chamber. They were also the guests of Senator O'Connor and Senator Keenan.

Archbishop Williams High School boys basketball team.

There being no objection, the Chair (Mr. Brownsberger) handed the gavel to Mr. Moore for the purpose of an introduction. Mr. Moore then introduced, in the rear of the Chamber, the Millbury Memorial Junior/Senior High School 8th grade civics class. The Senate welcomed them with applause and they withdrew from the Chamber.

Millbury Memorial Junior/Senior High School 8th grade civics class.

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 Daniela G. Moreno (pursuant to Section 69 of Chapter 179 of the Acts of 2022) to the special commission established to investigate and make recommendations to remove barriers to the further development of agrivoltaic projects (received May 31, 2023);

Agrivoltaic projects commission.

Communication from the Department of Public Health relative to its plans of correction for the MCI Concord inspection on March 27 and 28, 2023 and Western Massachusetts Women's Correctional Center inspection on May 18, 2023 (received May 26, 2023);

DPH,-- plans of correction. SD2629

Communication from the Department of Transitional Assistance (pursuant to item 4401-1000 of Section 2 of Chapter 126 of the Acts of 2022) submitting its fiscal year 2022 Employment Services Program report (received May 31, 2023); and

DTA,-- FY22 ESP report. SD2631

Communication from the Department of Transitional Assistance (pursuant to item 4400-1001 of Section 2 of Chapter 126 of the Acts of 2022) submitting its Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) participation rate report (received May 31, 2023).

DTA,-- SNAP report. SD2634

Reports.

**UNCORRECTED PROOF.**

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

Report of the Department of Public Health (pursuant to Sections 5, 20 and 21 of Chapter 111 of the General Laws) relative to inspections of Old Colony Correctional Center, Middlesex County Jail and House of Correction, Bridgewater Complex Food Service and Hampden County Jail and House of Correction (received May 26, 2023);

DPH,-- facility inspections.  
SD2628

Report of The Property and Casualty Initiative, LLC (pursuant to Section 3(e) of Chapter 259 of the Acts of 1998) submitting its 2022 annual report (copies having been forwarded as required to the Senate Committee on Ways and Means and joint committees on Financial Services and Revenue) (received May 31, 2023); and

PCI,-- annual report.  
SD2630

Report of the Massachusetts Life Insurance Community Investment Initiative (pursuant to Section 2(e) of Chapter 259 of the Acts of 1998) submitting its 2022 annual report and statement of financial condition (copies having been forwarded as required to the Senate Committee on Ways and Means and joint committees on Financial Services and Revenue) (received June 1, 2023).

MLICII,-- annual report.  
SD2633

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3879) of Paul McMurtry and Michael F. Rush (by vote of the town) that the town of Westwood be authorized to create the appointed positions of town treasurer and tax collector in said town;

Westwood,-- town treasurer and tax collector.

**To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.**

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3877) of David Paul Linsky (by vote of the town) that the town of Natick be authorized to exempt police superior officers in said town from certain provisions of the civil service law; and

Natick,-- superior police officers.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3878) of David Paul Linsky (by vote of the town) that the town of Natick be authorized to exempt police patrol officers in said town from certain provisions of the civil service law;

Natick,-- patrol police officers.

**Severally to the committee on Public Service.**

A Bill to use more inclusive language for the Lanesborough board of selectmen (House, No. 2029,-- on petition) [Local approval received],-- **was read and, under Senate Rule 26, placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session.**

Lanesborough,-- board of selectmen.

Reports

Of the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, asking to be discharged from further consideration

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1299) of Patricia D. Jehlen, Adam Gomez, Susannah M. Whipps, Jack Patrick Lewis and other members of the General Court for legislation to enable cities and towns to stabilize rents and protect tenants; and

Rent stabilization,-- municipal limitations.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2103) of David M. Rogers, Samantha Montaño and others relative to enabling cities and towns to stabilize rents and protect tenants;

Id.

And recommending that the same severally be referred to the committee on Housing.

**Were severally considered forthwith, under Senate Rule 36, and accepted, in concurrence.**

*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 Senate Bill authorizing the city of Somerville to continue the employment of

Somerville,-- chief of police.

**UNCORRECTED PROOF.**

Charles J. Femino as acting Chief of Police (Senate, No. 2370),-- **was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading as follows: “An Act authorizing the city of Somerville to continue the employment of Charles J. Femino as acting chief of police”.**

**Sent to the House for concurrence.**

*Resolutions.*

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. O’Connor) “congratulating Chase Janes on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout”;

Chase Janes.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Rush) “congratulating Adam Benoit on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout”;

Adam Benoit.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Rush) “congratulating William Bierden on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout”;

William Bierden.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Rush) “congratulating Cole Clare on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout”;

Cole Clare.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Rush) “congratulating Benjamin Hallahan on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout”;

Benjamin Hallahan.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Rush) “congratulating Dylan Mullen on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout”; and

Dylan Mullen.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Rush) “congratulating Charles Resker on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout.”

Charles Resker.

*Communication.*

The following communication, which was received in the Office of the Clerk of the Senate at twenty-eight minutes past nine o’clock A.M. on Thursday, June 1, 2023, was read and placed on file to wit:

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
MASSACHUSETTS SENATE

Senator Anne M.  
Gobi,-- resignation.

June 1, 2023

The Honorable Karen E. Spilka  
Senate President  
24 Beacon Street – Room 332  
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Senate President Spilka,

Please accept this communication as formal notice of my resignation from my position as State Senator for the Worcester and Hampshire District as of 11:59 pm on Sunday, June 4, 2023.

It has been my pleasure serving under your leadership.

Sincerely and with gratitude,  
Anne M. Gobi  
State Senator

Worcester and Hampshire

Cc: Michael D. Hurley, Clerk of the Senate

**On motion of Mr. O'Connor, the above communication was ordered printed in the Journal of the Senate.**

Ordered printed.

*Matters Taken Out of the Orders of the Day.*

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

The Senate Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Amelia Alex, an employee of the department of children and families (Senate, No. 2383) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.**

Amelia Alex,-- sick leave.

**Sent to the House for concurrence.**

The House Bill to extend the time for the issuance of alcoholic beverage licenses in the city of Woburn (House, No. 316),-- **was read a second time and ordered to a third reading.**

Woburn,-- liquor licenses.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3887) of James K. Hawkins and Tram T. Nguyen for legislation to include climate education in the elementary and secondary school curriculum;

Climate education,-- school curriculum.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3888) of Kenneth I. Gordon that the Massachusetts Teachers' Retirement Board be directed to grant creditable service to Abby Levin for certain service rendered at the Northampton Center for Children and Families;

Abby Levin,-- creditable service.

**Under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Public Service.**

The House Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2024 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. 3901),-- came from the House with the endorsement that the House had NON-concurred in the Senate amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 2400, and had asked for a committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches; and that Representative Michlewitz of Boston, Ferrante of Gloucester and Smola of Warren have been appointed the committee on the part of the House.

General appropriations bill.

**On motion of Mr. Timilty, the Senate insisted on its amendment and concurred in the appointment of a committee of conference; and Senators Rodrigues, Friedman and O'Connor were appointed on the part of the Senate.**

**The bill was returned to the House endorsed accordingly.**

*Engrossed Bill.*

An engrossed Bill authorizing the city of Somerville to continue the employment of Charles J. Femino as acting chief of police (see Senate, No. 2370) (which originated in the Senate) **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. Brownsberger) and laid before the Governor for her approbation.**

Bill laid before the Governor.

**UNCORRECTED PROOF.**

*Order Adopted.*

On motion of Mr. O'Connor,--

*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 Mr. Moore, at eight minutes before twelve o'clock noon, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.