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**MONDAY, JUNE 5, 2023**

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Monday, June 5, 2023.

Met at twenty-nine minutes before twelve o'clock noon (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.

Communications.

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

Communication from the Massachusetts Cultural Council (pursuant to item 1599-2043 of Section 2A of Chapter 102 of the Acts of 2021) submitting its June 2023 pandemic recovery funds grant program annual report (received June 1, 2023);

MCC,-- pandemic recovery report. SD2636

Communication from the Honorable Nick Collins, in compliance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 268A (received in the Office of the Clerk of the Senate on Friday, June 2, 2023); and

Senator Nick Collins,-- Chapter 268A.

Communication from the Department of Public Health relative to its plan of correction for the Suffolk County Jail inspection on April 17, 2023 (received June 2, 2023).

DPH,-- plan of correction. SD2639

Reports.

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

Report of the Department of Transitional Assistance (pursuant to Section 32 of Chapter 158 of the Acts of 2014) submitting its 2022 report on agency paper reduction efforts (received May 31, 2023);

DTA,-- paper reduction report. SD2635

Report of the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women (pursuant to Section 66(3) of Chapter 3 of the General Laws) submitting its fiscal year 2023 annual report (received June 2, 2023); and

MCSW,-- annual report. SD2640

Report of the Office of the Comptroller (pursuant to Section 12(c) of Chapter 7A of the General Laws) submitting its Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022 (received June 2, 2023).

CTR,-- FY22 ACFR. SD2641

Petitions.

Petitions were severally presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Rodrigues, a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Michael J. Rodrigues for legislation relative to the conveyance of a certain parcel of land in the city of Fall River; and

Fall River,-- land conveyance. SD2637

By Mr. Tarr, a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Bruce E. Tarr, Patrick M. O'Connor and Ryan C. Fattman for legislation to promote public payroll transparency;

Payroll transparency. SD2638

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

Committee Discharged.

Mr. Crighton, for the committee on Transportation, reported, asking to be discharged

Motor vehicle,-- safety.

**UNCORRECTED PROOF.**

from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2294) of Bruce E. Tarr for legislation to promote motor vehicle safety,-- 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.

The following petitions, having been timely filed by five o'clock P.M. on January 20, 2023, were referred in concurrence as follows:

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3885) of Manny Cruz relative to minimum gratuity while dining;

Dining,-- minimum gratuity.

**To the committee on Labor and Workforce Development.**

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3886) of Carmine Lawrence Gentile relative to the cost of electric vehicle charging services;

EV charging services,-- costs.

**To the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.**

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3884) of Margaret R. Scarsdale (by vote of the town) relative to merging certain voting precincts in the town of Groton,-- **was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Election Laws.**

Groton,-- voting precincts.

*Bills*

Authorizing the town of Rochester to grant an additional license for the sale of alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 393,-- on petition) [Local approval received]; and

Rochester,-- liquor license.

To amend the Williamstown town charter by making all gender references therein gender neutral (House, No. 2030,-- on petition) [Local approval received];

Williamstown,-- charter.

**Were severally read and, under Senate Rule 26, placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session.**

*Resolutions.*

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

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Lovely) "congratulating Ella Luongo on receiving the Gold Award of the Girl Scouts of America."

Ella Luongo.

*Reports 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 John C. Velis, Daniel R. Carey and Jacob R. Oliveira for legislation to ensure transparent ticket pricing.

Ticket pricing,-- transparency. SD2454

**Senate Rule 36 was suspended, on motion of Mr. Fattman and the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.**

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 Nick Collins for legislation relative to pension parity.

Francis J. Doyle,-- retirement. SD2450

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

By Ms. Lovely, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently,

Raymond Steele,--

that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the Senate petition of Joanne M. Comerford and Susannah M. Whipps for legislation to provide veteran annuity benefits to Raymond Steele.

veteran benefits.  
SD2592

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

**Severally 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. 3892) of William M. Straus that the Massachusetts Teachers' Retirement Board be directed to grant creditable service to Eileen Mullen for certain service rendered at the Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School; and

Eileen Mullen,--  
retirement.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3891) of Mark J. Cusack, Walter F. Timilty and others relative to the retirement benefits of Brian Murphy, a uniformed member of the Department of State Police;

Officer Brian  
Murphy,-- retirement.

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

*Order Adopted.*

On motion of Mr. Fattman,--

*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-seven minutes before twelve o'clock noon, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.