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Met at nine 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) recognized Mr. Fattman for the purpose of an introduction. Mr. Fattman then introduced, in the rear of the Chamber, a group of citizens from Worcester county. The group was on a tour of the State House learning about the different aspects of state government. The Senate welcomed them with applause and they withdrew from the Chamber.

Worcester county citizens.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

The following petition, 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. 3941) of Mike Connolly and Bud L. Williams for legislation to authorize supplemental financing of housing first programs, state public housing renovations, and other housing programs and to make related changes in certain laws;

Housing,-- program financing.

To the committee on Housing.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3938) of Susannah M. Whipps and Joanne M. Comerford (by vote of the town) relative to authorizing the town of Northfield to continue the employment of Floyd Dunnell, III, as fire chief of said town notwithstanding the maximum age requirement;

Northfield,-- Dunnell employment.

To the committee on Public Service.

Bills

Authorizing the town of Lanesborough to continue the employment of Daniel Bolognia, Charles Garrity, Peter Pannesco, Peter Oakley, David Rolle, Donald Whalen and Michael Wooliver as firefighters (House, No. 2435,-- on petition) [Local approval received]; and

Lanesborough,-- firefighters.

Authorizing the town of Conway to continue the employment of police officer Randall Williams (House, No. 2448, amended,-- on petition) [Local approval received];

Conway,-- Williams employment.

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 severally considered forthwith and adopted, as follows:-

UNCORRECTED PROOF.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Comerford) “congratulating Dean Cycon on his retirement as owner of Dean’s Beans, Inc. after 30 years of dedicated service”;

Dean Cycon.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Miranda) “honoring the memory of Mukiya Baker-Gomez”; and

Mukiya Baker-Gomez.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Oliveira, Ms. Creem, Messrs. Crighton, DiDomenico, Eldridge, Fattman and Kennedy, Ms. Lovely, and Messrs. Moore, Pacheco, Timilty and Velis) “commending the Polish-American Veterans of Massachusetts, Inc. on serving the communities of the commonwealth for 75 years.”

Polish-American Veterans of Massachusetts, Inc.

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 Michael Grant, an employee of the department of correction (House, No. 3821, amended),-- was read a third time.

Michael Grant,-- sick leave.

Mr. DiDomenico, for the committee on Bills in the Third Reading, reported, recommending that the bill be amended, as follows, and when so amended it be correctly drawn: by adding the following sentence:- “The employee must exhaust all accrued leave time before accessing time from the sick leave bank.”.

The report was accepted.

The bill, as amended, was then passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with the amendment.

Sent to the House for concurrence in the amendment.

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A Bill making certain appropriations for Fiscal Year 2024 before final action on the General Appropriation Bill (printed in House, No. 3936,-- being a message from Her Excellency the Governor),-- was read.

1/12th Budget.

There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Fattman, and the bill was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Engrossed Bill.

An engrossed Bill making certain appropriations for Fiscal Year 2024 before final action on the General Appropriation Bill (see House Bill, printed in House, No. 3936) (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. Brownsberger) and laid before the Governor for her approbation.**

Bill laid before the Governor.

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