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Met at ten 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.

Communication.

Communication from the Department of Public Health relative to its plan of correction for the MCI Shirley inspection on June 30, July 3 and 5, 2023 (received August 25, 2023),-- **was placed on file.**

DPH,-- plan of correction.
SD2737

Petition.

Mr. Timilty presented a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Walter F. Timilty for legislation to further regulate the priority of claims of cities or towns for payment of municipal liens,-- **and the same was referred, under Senate Rule 20, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.**

Cities or towns,--
municipal liens.
SD2738

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Engrossed Bills.

The following engrossed bills (both of which originated in the House), having been certified by the Senate Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, were severally passed to be enacted and were signed by the Acting President (Mr. Brownsberger) and laid before the Governor for her approbation, to wit:

Authorizing the town of Lanesborough to continue the employment of Daniel Bologna, Charles Garrity, Peter Pannesco, Peter Oakley, David Rolle, Donald Whalen and Michael Wooliver as firefighters (see House, No. 2435); and

Authorizing the town of Hancock to continue the employment of firefighters and the police chief (see House, No. 2437, amended).

Bills laid before the Governor.

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 validating the annual town meeting for the town of Blandford (House, No. 661),-- **was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Blandford,-- town meeting.

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 Michael O. Moore for legislation to allow temporary door-locking devices in public buildings.

Public buildings,--
door-locking devices.
SD2709

The rules were 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 Safety and Homeland Security.

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 Michael F. Rush and William F. MacGregor for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Erin Keel, an employee of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services.

Erin Keel,--
sick leave.
SD2732

The rules were 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.

Severally sent to the House for concurrence.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4068) of Julie Mejia relative to health insurance coverage for diabetic products;

Diabetic financial
protection,--
coverage.

Under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Financial Services.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4069) of Marc T. Lombardo relative to retiree work hours and pay limits;

Retirees,-- work
hours.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4070) of Kristin E. Kassner, Bruce E. Tarr and others for the issuance of an annual proclamation by the Governor to designate April 5 as Okur-Chung Neurodevelopmental Syndrome awareness day;

Okur-Chung
Neurodevelopmental
Syndrome Awareness
Day.

Under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

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 fourteen minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., the Senate adjourned to meet again on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.