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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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**JOURNAL OF THE SENATE.**



**MONDAY, MARCH 13, 2023**

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Monday, March 13, 2023.

Met at five minutes past eleven o'clock A.M. (Ms. Friedman in the Chair).

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The Chair (Ms. Friedman), members, guests and staff then recited the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

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Pledge of allegiance.

### *Distinguished Guests.*

There being no objection, the Chair (Ms. Friedman) handed the gavel to Mr. Fattman for the purpose of an introduction. Mr. Fattman then introduced, in the rear of the Chamber, Cub Scout Pack 1 from Hopedale. The pack was accompanied by their parents and were touring the State House with Senator Fattman.

Cub Scout Pack 1  
from Hopedale.

### *Communication.*

Communication from the Department of Public Health relative to its plans of correction for the Northeastern Correctional Center inspection on January 30, 2023, Bristol County Jail and House of Correction inspection on January 24 and 25, 2023 and Dartmouth Women's Center, Dartmouth I.C.E. Facility and Bristol County Modular Building inspections on January 24, 2023 (received March 10, 2023),-- **was placed on file.**

DPH,-- plans of  
correction.  
SD2503

### *Report.*

Report of the Department of Public Health (pursuant to Sections 5, 20 and 21 of Chapter 111 of the General Laws) relative to inspection of Plymouth County Correctional Facility (received March 10, 2023),-- **was placed on file.**

DPH,-- facility  
inspection.  
SD2502

### *Petitions.*

Petitions were severally presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Cyr, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 468) of Julian Cyr and Dylan A. Fernandes (by vote of the town) for legislation to prohibit the application of fertilizer used in the town of Nantucket except for farming purposes [Local approval received];

Nantucket,-- fertilizer  
application.

**Under Senate Rule 20, to the committee on Environment and Natural Resources.**

By Ms. Gobi, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2371) of Anne M. Gobi and Kimberly N. Ferguson (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the town of Rutland to increase the membership of the board of selectmen from 3 members to 5 members [Local approval received];

Rutland,-- select  
board.

**Under Senate Rule 20, to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.**

By Ms. Jehlen, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2370) of Patricia D. Jehlen (with approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to authorize the city of Somerville to continue the employment of Charles J. Femino as acting Chief of Police [Local approval received]; and

Somerville,-- chief of  
police.

By Mr. Velis, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2369) of John C. Velis (with approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation relative to the retirement of

Westfield,-- Heath  
retirement.

**UNCORRECTED PROOF.**

Greg Heath, a former firefighter of the city of Westfield [Local approval received];

**Severally, under Senate Rule 20, to the committee on Public Service.**

By Mr. Pacheco, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2368) of Marc R. Pacheco, Carol A. Doherty, Patricia A. Haddad and Norman J. Orrall (with approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation relative to property tax deferral for seniors in the city of Taunton [Local approval received];

Taunton,-- property tax.

**Under Senate Rule 20, to the committee on Revenue.**

**Severally sent to the House for concurrence.**

*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.

Time of meeting.

On motion of the same Senator, at eighteen minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., the Senate adjourned to meet again on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.