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Thursday, April 18, 2024.

Met at thirteen minutes past eleven o'clock A.M. (Mr. Timilty in the Chair).

The Chair (Mr. Timilty), 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. Timilty) introduced, in the rear of the Chamber, Jill Sabin, Pierce Sabin and Aubrey Sheehan from Braintree. They were 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.

Jill Sabin, Pierce Sabin and Aubrey Sheehan.

Communications.

Communication from the Department of Public Health relative to its plan of correction for the Souza-Baranowski Correctional Center, Shirley inspection on February 13, 2024 (received April 16, 2024),-- was placed on file.

DPH,-- plan of correction. SD3170

Reports.

The following reports were severally received and placed on file, to wit: Report of the Office of the Child Advocate (pursuant to Section 10 of Chapter 18C of the General Laws) submitting its fiscal year 2023 annual report (received April 16, 2024); and

OCA,-- annual report. SD3171

Report of the Office of the Child Advocate (pursuant to line item 0930-0100 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting its report entitled "Family Resource Centers: Recommendations for Increasing Access and Improving Service Delivery" (received April 16, 2024).

OCA,-- FRC report. SD3173

Petition.

By Ms. Moran, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2732) of Susan L. Moran (by vote of the town) for legislation relative to wastewater treatment and disposal in the town of Sandwich [Local approval received];

Sandwich,-- wastewater treatment.

Under Senate Rule 20, to the committee on Environment and Natural Resources. Sent to the House for concurrence.

Reports of a Committees.

By Ms. Lovely, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that the Senate Bill to establish an acquired brain injury advisory board (Senate, No. 89);

Brain injury,-- advisory board.

Ought to pass. Referred, under Senate Rule 27, to the committee on Ways and Means.

By Ms. Friedman, for the committee on Health Care Financing, that the Senate Bills Relative to preventing overdose deaths and increasing access to treatment (Senate, No.

Injection sites,--

1242) [Estimated cost: greater than \$100,000];

Regarding consistent care for addiction rooted in evidence (Senate, No. 1252) (also based on House No. 1967) [Estimated cost: greater than \$100,000];

To update postural screenings in schools (Senate, No. 1350) [Estimated cost: greater than \$100,000];

Regarding the pediatric palliative care program (Senate, No. 1359) [Estimated cost: greater than \$100,000];

To increase access to blood donation (Senate, No. 1372) (also based on House No. 3611) [Estimated cost: greater than \$100,000]; and

Relative to diabetes prevention (Senate, No. 1394) [Estimated cost: greater than \$100,000];

Severally ought to pass;

Severally referred, under Senate Rule 27, to the committee on Ways and Means.

By Ms. Rausch, for the committee on Environment and Natural Resources, on petition, a Bill preserving public trust rights in land affected by ocean erosion (Senate, No. 463);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill to overcome coastal and environmental acidification and nutrient pollution (Senate, No. 467);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to further testing after a CSO event (Senate, No. 489); and

By Mr. Oliveira, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1309), a Bill to increase kennel safety, aka Ollie’s Law (Senate, No. 2731);

Severally read and, under Senate Rule 27, referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

Notice was received from the House of Representatives announcing the following appointments by the Speaker:

Representative Holmes of Boston and former Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court Roderick Ireland of Milton have been appointed to serve as his designees (under Section 72 of Chapter 3 of the General Laws) to the Commission on the Status of African Americans.

A Bill authorizing the town of Deerfield to continue the employment of police department members Michael W. Habel, Robert A. Thrasher, and Mark Jacques (House, No. 4557,-- on House, No. 3843) [Local approval received on House, No. 3843],-- **was read and, under Senate Rule 26, placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session.**

Emergency Preamble Adopted.

Mr. Collins in the Chair, an engrossed Bill financing improvements to municipal roads and bridges (see House, No. 4529), having been certified by the Senate Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage and containing an emergency preamble,-- was laid before the Senate; and, a separate vote being taken in accordance with the requirements of Article LXVII of the Amendments to the Constitution, the preamble was adopted in concurrence, by a vote of 3 to 0.

The bill was signed by the Acting President (Mr. Collins) (having been appointed by the President, under authority conferred by Senate Rule 4, to perform the duties of the Chair) and sent to the House for enactment.

pilot program
Prisoners,-- opioid treatment.

Schools,-- postural screenings.

Palliative care,-- pediatrics.

Blood donation,-- access.

Diabetes,-- prevention.

Ocean erosion,-- trust rights.

Ocean acidification.

Water quality,-- sewage overflow.

Kennels,-- safety regulations.

Commission on the Status of African Americans.

Deerfield,-- police department.

Roads and bridges.

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. Collins) and laid before the Governor for her approbation, to wit:

Establishing a department of public works in the town of Tyngsborough (see House, No. 2052); and

Bills laid before Governor.

Authorizing the town of Lynnfield to continue the employment of Glenn Davis as fire chief (see House, No. 4146).

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 authorizing the town of Sutton to grant real property tax abatements for certain active duty military personnel (Senate, No. 2493) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.**

Sutton,-- military tax abatements.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

The House Bill authorizing the town of Lunenburg to establish a means tested senior citizen property tax exemption (House, No. 3911),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Lunenburg,-- senior property tax exemption.

The House Bill further regulating the housing partnership committee in the town of Westborough (House, No. 4202) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Westborough charter.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Durant:--

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 a calendar.

Time of meeting.

Adjournment in Memory of Ross Alameddine.

The Senator from Essex, Mr. Crighton, presented a request that when the Senate adjourns today it do so in memory of Ross Alameddine of Saugus.

Seventeen years ago, on April 16, 2007, Ross Alameddine and 31 others were tragically taken by gun violence on the campus of Virginia Tech.

Ross was an English major with minors in French and business.

He attended St. Mary's Grammar School in Melrose and was a 2005 graduate of Austin Preparatory School in Reading.

Ross loved rollerblading, movies and music. He played piano and sang at the coffee house at Austin Preparatory.

He was an intelligent, kind, and musically talented young man with a dry wit who loved languages, technology, and building computers.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect to the memory of Ross Alameddine, at twenty-five

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minutes before twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mr. Durant the Senate adjourned to meet again on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.
