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Thursday, May 18, 2023.

Met at eleven minutes past eleven o'clock A.M. (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.

Distinguished Guests.

There being no objection, the Chair (Mr. Collins) handed the gavel to Mr. O'Connor for the purpose of introducing several guests.

Mr. O'Connor introduced, in the rear of the Chamber, the Norwell High School boys hockey team. The Norwell Clippers were recognized for winning the MIAA Division 4 State Championship this past March, and for having a remarkable 25 win season that allowed them to clinch their first championship in program history. The team was led by Coach Jim Casagrande, who was recognized for his 15 years of coaching, knowledge of the game, and commitment to his players. The Senate applauded their accomplishments and they withdrew from the Chamber.

Norwell High School boys hockey team.

Mr. O'Connor then introduced, in the rear of the Chamber, a group of students from the Scituate High School AP U.S. Government class. Among the group were: Anna Kelly, Kelly Granatino, Annika McCanne, Emma Reidel, Andrew Belsan, Michael Johnson and Victor Bowker. The students were on a field trip to the State House learning about the different aspect of state government. The class was led by teacher Heather Willinger. The Senate welcomed them with applause and they withdrew from the Chamber.

Scituate High School AP U.S. Government class.

Communications.

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

Communication from the Honorable Karen E. Spilka, President of the Senate, announcing the appointment of Warren Shaw and Nick d'Arbeloff (pursuant to Section 69 of Chapter 179 of the Acts of 2022) to the commission on removing barriers to future agrivoltaic projects (received May 15, 2023);

Agrioltaic projects. SD2615

Communication from the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (pursuant to Section 10F(g) of Chapter 118E of the General Laws) submitting its quarterly report on the Children's Medical Security Plan (CMSP) for the third quarter of fiscal year 2023 (received May 16, 2023); and

EOHHS,-- FY23 Q3 CMSP report. SD2611

Communication from the Department of Public Health relative to its plan of correction for the Massachusetts Treatment Center inspection on April 12 and 13, 2023 (received May 16, 2023).

DPH,-- plan of correction. SD2614

Reports.

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

Report of the State Retiree Benefits Trust Fund Board of Trustees (pursuant to Section 24(f) of Chapter 32A of the General Laws) submitting its budget for fiscal year 2024 (received May 11, 2023);

SRBTF,-- FY24 budget. SD2610

Report of the Department of Economic Research (pursuant to Section 14F of Chapter

DER,-- UI trust fund

151A of the General Laws) submitting the April 2023 Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund report (received May 16, 2023);

report.
SD2612

Report of the Dukes County Registry of Deeds (pursuant to Section 2KKK(a) of Chapter 29 of the General Laws) submitting its plan for expenditure from the County Registers Technological Fund (copies having been forwarded as required to the Senate Committees on Ways and Means and Post Audit and Oversight) (received May 16, 2023);

Dukes ROD,-- tech
fund report.
SD2613

Report of the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program (pursuant to 45 CFR 1324.13(g)(2)) submitting its federal fiscal year 2022 annual report (received May 16, 2023); and

LTCOP,-- annual
report.
SD2616

Report of the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (pursuant to Section 2(c) of Chapter 35 of the Acts of 2021) submitting its Sexual Assault Evidence Collection Kit (SAECK) quarterly report (received May 16, 2023).

EOPSS,-- SAECK
quarterly report.
SD2617

Petition.

Mr. Cronin presented a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of John J. Cronin for legislation relative to retroactive sun credit transferability,-- **and the same was referred, under Senate Rule 20, to the committees on Rules of the two branches acting concurrently.**

Sun credit
transferability.
SD2618

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

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

Representative Paul Schmid of Westport has been appointed to serve as his designee (under Section 4 (e) of Executive Order Number 535) to the Public Market Commission.

Public Market
Commission.

The following petitions, having been timely filed by 5 o'clock P.M. on January 20, 2023, were referred in concurrence as follows:

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3853) of Shirley B. Arriaga and Pavel M. Payano for legislation to establish an anti-bullying officer pilot program to assist schools experiencing significant bullying incidents;

Anti-bullying
policies,-- schools.

To the committee on Education.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3854) of Christopher Richard Flanagan that the Department of Environmental Protection provide certain variances to municipalities with comprehensive wastewater management plans;

DEP,-- watershed
regulations.

To the committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3855) of Christopher Richard Flanagan that the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities establish and operate a program to provide assistance to seniors and persons with disabilities to make accessibility modifications to primary residences;

Seniors,-- home
remodeling.

To the committee on Housing.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3856) of Meghan Kilcoyne relative to coercive control occurring between family or household members;

Family,-- coercive
control.

To the committee on the Judiciary.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3857) of Carmine Lawrence Gentile for legislation to provide retirement incentives in public higher education;

Public higher
education,--
retirement.

To the committee on Public Service.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3858) of Christopher Richard Flanagan and James C. Arena-DeRosa for legislation to provide tax credits for certain certified rural housing redevelopment projects;

Multi-family
housing,-- incentives.

To the committee on Revenue.

UNCORRECTED PROOF.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3859) of Marjorie C. Decker relative to clean fuel standards; and

Fuel standards.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3860) of Christopher Richard Flanagan and James C. Arena-DeRosa relative to the cost burdens of certain incentives for statewide greenhouse gas emissions limits;

Net zero standards,-- tax incentives.

Severally to the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3861) of Manny Cruz for legislation to establish a junior operator's license fund to be administered by the Registrar of Motor Vehicles;

Junior operators,-- license.

To the committee on Transportation.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Cronin) "congratulating Reverend Edmond M. Derosier on the fiftieth anniversary of his ordination as a priest.";

Reverend Edmond M. Derosier.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Lovely) "congratulating Victoria Mccoy on receiving the Gold Award of the Girl Scouts of America"; and

Victoria Mccoy.

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Pacheco and Timilty) "commending all Emergency Medical Services workers in the Commonwealth on their recognition of May 21, 2023 through May 27, 2023 as Emergency Medical Services Week."

Emergency Medical Services workers.

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 Senate Bill changing the name of the board of selectmen of the town of Hanover to select board (Senate, No.1302) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.**

Hanover,-- select board.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

Report of a Committee.

By Mr. Brady, for the committee on Public Service, on petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Matt Blazes, an employee of the Worcester County Sheriff's Office (Senate, No. 2386);

Matt Blazes,-- sick leave.

The bill was read. There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. O'Connor, and the bill was read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE.

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3863) of Susan Williams Gifford and Joseph D. McKenna relative to the maintenance of records on the transfer of firearms, rifles, shotguns, machine guns and ammunition,-- **was referred, in concurrence, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security.**

Firearms,-- records maintenance.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. O'Connor,--

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 of a calendar.

Time of meeting.

UNCORRECTED PROOF.

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