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Met at nine minutes past eleven o'clock A.M. (Ms. Jehlen 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 (Ms. Jehlen), members, guests and staff then recited the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of allegiance.

Distinguished Guest.

There being no objection, the Chair (Ms. Jehlen) handed the gavel to Mr. Payano for the purpose of an introduction. Mr. Payano then introduced, in the rear of the Chamber, Alfredo Cruz. Alfredo was recognized for his outstanding leadership and steadfast commitment to the Latino community and for being a key asset in the establishment of the Greater Lawrence Family Health Clinic. He was welcomed with applause, presented a Senate Citation on the Rostrum and he withdrew from the Chamber. He was accompanied by Lawrence City Councilor Ana Levy, retired teacher Pedro Payano, and Representatives Estela Reyes of Lawrence and Francisco Paulino of Methuen.

Alfredo Cruz.

Communication.

Communication from the Department of Public Health relative to its plan of correction for the Worcester County Jail and House of Correction inspection on April 5 and 6, 2023 (received May 25, 2023),-- was placed on file.

DPH,-- plan of correction. SD2626

Reports.

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

Report of the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (pursuant to Section 85(b) of Chapter 179 of the Acts of 2022) submitting its clean energy markets report (received May 24, 2023);

EEA,-- clean energy markets report. SD2624

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 MCI Framingham (received May 25, 2023); and

DPH,-- facility inspection. SD2625

Report of the Massachusetts Health Connector (pursuant to Section 3(s) of Chapter 176Q of the General Laws) submitting proposed amendments to the regulations defining minimum creditable coverage (956 CMR 5.00) (copies having been forwarded to the Senate Committee on Ways and Means and joint committees on Health Care Financing and Public Health) (received May 26, 2023).

Health Connector,-- CMR amendments. SD2627

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

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

Representative Bud L. Williams of Springfield has been appointed to serve as his designee (under Section 72 of Chapter 3 of the General Laws) to the position of Chair of the Commission on the Status of African Americans.

Commission on the Status of African Americans.

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Notice was received from the House of Representatives announcing the following appointment by the Elder Affairs Chair Thomas M. Stanley of Waltham:

Representative Kate Lipper-Garabedian of Melrose has been appointed to serve as his designee (under Section 71 of Chapter 3 of the General Laws) to the LGBT Aging Commission.

LGBT Aging
Commission.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3873) of Mike Connolly and Lindsay N. Sabadosa relative to the development of mixed income social housing to be administered by the Massachusetts Housing Finance Authority;

Social housing
program.

To the committee on Housing.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3874) of Kate Donaghue (by vote of the town) that the town of Southborough be authorized to provide voting rights in municipal elections in said town for residents aged 17 years old;

Southborough,--
municipal elections.

To the committee on Election Laws.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3875) of Christopher Richard Flanagan and Julian Cyr (by vote of the town) that the town of Brewster be authorized to transfer a certain parcel of land in said town to the conservation commission of said town for conservation and open space purposes;

Brewster,-- land.

To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3876) of Rodney M. Elliott and Simon Cataldo (by vote of the town) that the town of Chelmsford be authorized to restrict certain motor vehicles from traveling on Ledge Road in said town;

Chelmsford,-- Ledge
Road.

To the committee on Transportation.

A Bill providing for the terms of certain bonds to provide for a program of housing, community development, economic opportunities, support for local governments, increased innovation and job creation to be issued by the Commonwealth (House, No. 3862,-- on House, No. 3737),-- **was read and, under Senate Rule 27, referred to the committee on Ways and Means.**

Housing,-- terms of
bonds.

Bills

Authorizing the town of Raynham to grant additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 283,-- on petition) [Local approval received];

Raynham,-- liquor
licenses.

To extend the time for the issuance of alcoholic beverage licenses in the city of Woburn (House, No. 316,-- on petition) [Local approval received]; and

Woburn,-- liquor
licenses.

To amend special legislation to pursue 5 additional alcohol pouring licenses in Hudson's C-1 Zoning District (House, No. 320,-- on petition) [Local approval received];

Hudson,-- liquor
licenses.

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:-

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Crighton, Barrett, Brady and Brownsberger, Ms. Comerford, Ms. Creem, Messrs. Cronin, Cyr and DiDomenico, Ms. Edwards, Messrs.

National Brain
Tumor Society, Inc.

Eldridge, Fattman and Feeney, Ms. Gobi, Mr. Gomez, Ms. Jehlen, Messrs. Keenan, Kennedy and Lewis, Ms. Lovely, Mr. Mark, Ms. Miranda, Messrs. Montigny and Moore, Ms. Moran, Messrs. O'Connor, Oliveira, Pacheco and Payano, Ms. Rausch, and Messrs. Rush, Tarr, Timilty and Velis) “commending the National Brain Tumor Society, Inc. for its recognition of May 2023 as Brain Tumor Awareness Month”;

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Spilka and Mr. Mark) “commending Doctor Erwin A. Stuebner, Jr. for his many years of dedicated service to the field of medicine in the commonwealth”; and

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Velis) “commending the Pioneer Valley Lupus Support Group on their recognition of the month of May 2023 as Lupus Awareness Month.”

Doctor Erwin A. Stuebner, Jr.

Pioneer Valley Lupus Support Group.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

A Bill authorizing the town of Wakefield to establish a means tested senior citizen property tax exemption (House, No. 3807,-- on petition) [Local approval received],-- was read.

Wakefield,-- senior property tax exemption.

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.

A Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Tanya Pizzi, an employee of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (House, No. 3836, amended,-- on House, No. 3829),-- was read.

Tanya Pizzi,-- sick leave.

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.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3880) of Tackey Chan and Michael D. Brady relative to dental hygienist reciprocal licensure;

Dental hygienist,-- reciprocal licensure.

Under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3881) of Marcus S. Vaughn relative to public schools' emergency alert systems;

Public schools,-- alert systems.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3882) of Tackey Chan and others relative to increasing interest rate deductions;

Interest rates,-- deductions.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3883) of Jack Patrick Lewis for legislation to designate a certain bridge in the town of Ashland as the Harold Wadhams Gates memorial bridge;

Ashland,-- Harold Wadhams Gates memorial bridge.

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

Bill relative to city council elections in the city of Boston (House, No. 3872,-- on petition) [Local approval received],-- was read.

Boston,-- city council elections.

There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. O'Connor, 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 relative to city council elections in the city of Boston (see House, No. 3872) (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**

Bill laid before the Governor.

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signed by the Acting President (Ms. Jehlen) and laid before the Governor for her approbation.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. O'Connor,--

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