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

Pledge of allegiance.

Communications.

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

Communication from the Department of Transitional Assistance (pursuant to Section 2(B)(g) of Chapter 18 and Section 2 of Chapter 118 of the General Laws) submitting its fiscal year 2023 report on standard budgets of assistance for Transitional Aid to Families with Dependent Children (received June 8, 2023); and

DTA,-- standard budgets report. SD2650

Communication from the Department of Transitional Assistance (pursuant to item 4401-1003 of Section 2 of Chapter 126 of the Acts of 2022) submitting its 2-Gen economic mobility programs report (received June 8, 2023).

DTA,-- 2-Gen program report. SD2652

Report of a Committee.

By Mr. Crighton, for the committee on Transportation, on petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2271), a Bill improving rail service on the Fairmount commuter rail line (Senate, No. 2402);

Fairmount commuter rail,-- improvements.

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 appointment by the Speaker:

Representative Blais of Deerfield has been appointed to serve as his designee (under Section 66 of Chapter 23A of the General Laws) to the Rural Policy Advisory Commission.

Rural Policy Advisory Commission.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3893) of Susannah M. Whipps, Mathew J. Muratore and F. Jay Barrows relative to eliminating residency requirements for fortune tellers;

Fortune tellers,-- residency requirement.

To the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3894) of Manny Cruz for legislation to establish a municipal education fund to be administered by the commissioner of the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education;

Public schools,-- state aid.

To the committee on Education.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3895) of Christopher Richard Flanagan relative to authorizing redivision of merger lots in municipalities adopting NetZero code;

Municipal lots,-- zoning.

To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3896) of James Arciero relative to mobile amusement equipment restraints; and

Mobile amusement,--
equipment restraints.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3897) of Mindy Domb that the Department of State Police be authorized to establish a voluntary assault weapon buyback program;

Assault weapons,--
buyback program.

Severally to the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3898) of Jack Patrick Lewis relative to creditable service for retirement purposes for certain employees who served in more than one retirement group;

Retirement,--
creditable service.

To the committee on Public Service.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3899) of Edward R. Philips (by vote of the town) that the town of Sharon be authorized to grant local voting rights for permanent resident aliens in said town;

Sharon,-- voting
rights.

To the committee on Election Laws.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3902) of Kate Donaghue, Meghan Kilcoyne and Robyn K. Kennedy (by vote of the town) that the town of Northborough be authorized to change the name of the board of selectmen in said town to select board;

Northborough,--
select board.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3903) of Kate Donaghue, Meghan Kilcoyne and Robyn K. Kennedy (by vote of the town) that the town of Northborough be authorized to amend the charter of said town;

Northborough,--
town charter.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3904) of Carmine Lawrence Gentile and James B. Eldridge (by vote of the town) that the town of Sudbury be authorized to establish a fee for retail establishment checkout bags in said town; and

Sudbury,-- checkout
bag fee.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3905) of Edward R. Philips (by vote of the town) that the town of Sharon be authorized to increase the membership of the select board in aid town;

Sharon,-- select
board.

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3906) of Hannah Kane and Michael O. Moore (by vote of the town) that the town of Shrewsbury be authorized to grant abatement of certain real estate taxes for the daughter of fallen firefighter Christopher Roy;

Shrewsbury,--
firefighter benefits.

To the committee on Revenue.

Bills

Authorizing the town of Berlin to grant up to two additional all alcoholic beverages licenses not to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 345,-- on petition) [Local approval received]; and

Berlin,-- liquor
licenses.

Creating the offices of select board and town manager in the town of Sandisfield (House, No. 3907,-- on House, No. 2100, changed) [Local approval received on House, No. 2100];

Sandisfield,-- select
board and town
manager.

Were severally read and, under Senate Rule 26, placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session.

Emergency Preamble Adopted.

An engrossed 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 (see House, No. 3862), 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

Bonds,-- terms.

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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 2 to 0.

The bill was signed by the Acting President (Mr. Collins) and sent to the House for enactment.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Brownsberger) “congratulating Fran Yuan on her retirement as co-chair of The Belmont LGBTQ+ Alliance”;

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Friedman) “commending The Arlington Friends of the Drama, Inc. on its one hundredth anniversary”; and

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Oliveira, DiDomenico, Eldridge, Gomez, Keenan, and Kennedy, Ms. Lovely, Mr. Moore, Ms. Moran, Mr. O’Connor, Ms. Rausch, and Mr. Timilty) “congratulating Massachusetts Association of Public Health Nurses, Inc. on its twenty-fifth anniversary.”

Fran Yuan.

Arlington Friends of the Drama, Inc.

Massachusetts Association of Public Health Nurses, Inc.

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 House Bill extending the time for the issuance of alcoholic beverage licenses in the city of Woburn (House, No. 316) (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.**

Woburn,-- liquor licenses.

The House Bill authorizing the town of Wakefield to establish a means tested senior citizen property tax exemption (House, No. 3807),-- was read a third time.

Wakefield,-- senior property tax exemption.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Lewis presented an amendment adding the following section:-

“SECTION 7. This act shall take effect upon its passage.”

The amendment was adopted.

The bill, as amended, was then passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with the amendment.

Sent to the House for concurrence in the amendment.

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 Nick Collins for legislation relative to the employment of persons with disabilities.

Persons with disabilities,-- employment. SD2451

Senate Rule 36 was 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 State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

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 Mark C. Montigny for legislation to authorize the city of New Bedford to grant a utility easement to the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth.

New Bedford,-- easement. SD2567

Senate Rule 36 was 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 State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

Severally sent to the House for concurrence.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3915) of Andres X. Vargas and Ryan M. Hamilton relative to expanding licensure opportunities for school counselors,-- **was referred, in concurrence, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.**

School counselors,--
licensure.

Engrossed Bill.

An engrossed 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 (see House, No. 3862) (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 signed by the Acting President (Mr. Collins) and laid before the Governor for her approbation.**

Bill laid before the
Governor.

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. in a full formal session with a calendar.

Time of meeting.

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